

The 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford held a Special Meeting on **Tuesday, May 3, 2011**, at 8:00 p.m., in the Legislative Chambers, Government Center, 4th Floor, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

## **MINUTES**

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m., and read the call of the meeting:

"I, Randall M. Skigen, President of the 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, and pursuant to Section C2-10-4 of the Stamford Charter, hereby call a Special Meeting of said Board of Representatives at the following time and place:

Tuesday, May 3, 2011  
8:00 p.m.  
Legislative Chambers, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06904-2152

to consider and act upon the following:

1. Operating (including Board of Education budget), Capital, E.G. Brennan Fund, Grant Funded Programs Fund, Police Extra Duty Fund, Risk Management Fund, Marina Fund, WPCA Fund and Parking Fund, and WPCA Capital Budget for the fiscal year 2011/2012, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 13, 2011, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter; and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith."

**INVOCATION:** Led by Clerk of the Board Summerville

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:** Led by President Randall M. Skigen

**ROLL CALL:** Conducted by Clerk of the Board Annie M. Summerville. There were thirty-three members present, one vacancy and six members excused (Reps. Caterbone, DeLuca, DePina, Kaufman, McGarry and Raduazzo). (Note that Rep. DePina was initially present at the meeting; Rep. Caterbone arrived after Roll Call.)

**COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION:** John Mallozzi, Chair, Fiscal Committee

[Committee Report](#)

Chair Mallozzi moved acceptance of the Fiscal Committee Report; said motion was seconded.

**OPERATING BUDGET**

Chair Mallozzi reviewed the recommended cuts of the Fiscal Committee in the Operating Budget as listed below:

**Facilities Management/Maintenance**

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	M. Fedeli	Not qualified for matching deferred compensation payments
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	149	
<b>Line</b>	Deferred Comp/Social Security	
<b>Amount</b>	\$14,346	
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**Emergency Communications Center**

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	M. Fedeli	4 vacancies not expected to be filled as of July 1, 2011.
<b>Second</b>	R. Loglisci	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	198	
<b>Line</b>	Salaries/Social Security	
<b>Amount</b>	\$59,470	
	\$4,549	

**Stamford Fire & Rescue**

		<b>Rationale</b>

<b>Maker</b>	M. Fedeli	Budgeted salary increase reduction
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	207	
<b>Line</b>	Salaries	
<b>Amount</b>	\$4,766	

#### Social Services Administration

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	M. Fedeli	Vacancy not expected to be filled immediately; cessation of stipend
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	259	
<b>Line</b>	Salaries/Social Security	
<b>Amount</b>	\$29,909	
	\$2,288	

#### Social Services Administration

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	M. Fedeli	Former employee no longer collecting unemployment compensation
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	259	
<b>Line</b>	Unemployment	
<b>Amount</b>	\$11,277	

#### OPEB - Legal Affairs/Employee Benefits

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	M. Fedeli	Expected reduction to OPEB contribution for city budget (does not include WPCA or Board of Education). This vote was approved contingent upon the BOR approving an ordinance on 5/2/11.
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	273	
<b>Line</b>	OPEB	
<b>Amount</b>	\$2,163,000	

President Skigen called for motions from the floor.

Rep. Figueroa moved to reduce the Volunteer Fire Support line (Page 179 of the Budget Book) by \$140,000, with the intention that the cut be used toward support for Turn of River.

Said motion was seconded and failed by a machine vote of 15-17-1 (Reps. Adams, Coleman, Figueroa, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Savage, Wallace, White and Young in favor; Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Pia, Skigen, Sklover, Taylor, Uva and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Summerville abstaining.) (See [Vote Record No. 1197.](#))

Rep. Cerasoli moved to restore \$541,000 of the \$2,163,000 cut (recommended by the Fiscal Committee) to the OPEB Account:

**OPEB - Legal Affairs/Employee Benefits**

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	F. Cerasoli	Intent is to amend the Ordinance No. 1125 (enacted 5/2/11) to provide for a 60% minimum annual contribution (as opposed to the 55% minimum currently mandated).
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	273	
<b>Line</b>	OPEB	
<b>Amount</b>	+\$541,000.00	

Said motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 33-0-1 (Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Frazis, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo, heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, White, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Franzetti abstaining.) (See [Vote Record No. 1198.](#))

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*(Note: Reps. Rauh, Pia and White left the floor and did not participate in this discussion or any vote.)*

Chair Mallozzi reported that the Fiscal Committee recommended the following cut to the Board of Education budget:

**Board of Education/OPEB**

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	M. Fedeli	Expected reduction to OPEB contribution for Board of Ed budget This vote was approved contingent upon the BOR approving an ordinance on 5/2/11.
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	314	
<b>Line</b>	OPEB	
<b>Amount</b>	\$450,000	

Rep. Fedeli moved to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$250,000. Said motion was seconded and failed by a vote of 12-18-1 (Reps. Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Franzetti, Gabriele, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Taylor and Uva in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Wallace, Young and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Frazis abstaining.) (See [Vote Record No. 1199.](#))

Rep. Cerasoli moved to restore \$111,000 of the \$450,000 OPEB cut (recommended by the Fiscal Committee) to the OPEB Account:

**Board of Education/OPEB**

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	F. Cerasoli	Intent is to amend the Ordinance No. 1125 (enacted 5/2/11) to provide for a 60% minimum annual contribution (as opposed to the 55% minimum currently mandated).
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	314	
<b>Line</b>	OPEB	
<b>Amount</b>	+\$111,000	

Said motion was approved by a machine vote of 30-0-1 (Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, Young and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Frazis abstaining.) (See [Vote Record No. 1200.](#))

### **WPCA BUDGET**

Chair Mallozzi reported that the Committee recommended a reduced budget for WPCA in the amount of \$22,386,761, which reflects a \$344,464 reduction in electricity and a \$53,000 reduction to OPEB.

Rep. Cerasoli moved to restore \$13,000 of the \$53,000 cut for the WPCA OPEB account.

### **WPCA/OPEB**

		<b>Rationale</b>
<b>Maker</b>	F. Cerasoli	Intent is to amend the Ordinance No. 1125 (enacted 5/2/11) to provide for a 60% minimum annual contribution (as opposed to the 55% minimum currently mandated).
<b>Second</b>	Many	
<b>Budget Pg #</b>	n/a	
<b>Line</b>	WPCA/OPEB	
<b>Amount</b>	+\$13,000	

Said motion was seconded and approved by a machine vote of 33-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, White and Zelinsky in favor.) (See [Vote Record No. 1201.](#))

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**Operating Budget:** President Skigen read the [Operating Budget resolution](#), and after a motion and second for approval, the resolution approving the Operating Budget, in the amount of \$237,036,346, was approved by a machine vote of 32-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Frazis, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage,

Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, White and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Gabriele opposed.) (See [Vote Record No. 1202.](#))

**Board of Education Budget:** (*Note: Reps. Rauh, Pia and White did not participate in this vote.*) President Skigen read the [Board of Education Budget resolution](#), and after a motion and second for approval, the resolution approving the Operating Budget, in the amount of \$229,275,948, was approved by a machine vote of 30-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace and Zelinsky in favor.) (See [Vote Record No. 1202.](#))

**Special Funds Budget:** President Skigen read the [Special Funds Budget resolution](#), and after a motion and second for approval, the resolution approving the Operating Budget, in the following amounts:

E. G. Brennan Fund - \$1,402,301.00; Grants Funded Programs Fund - \$8,486,307.00; Police Extra Duty Fund - \$8,027,252.00p Risk Management Fund - \$81,969,844.00; Marina Fund - \$432,942.00; WPCA Fund - \$22,399,761.00; and Parking Fund - \$6,091,000.00,

was approved by a machine vote of 31-0-0 (Reps. Adams, Caterbone, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Layton, Loglisci, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Taylor, Uva, Wallace, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Franzetti and Frazis abstaining.) (See [Vote Record No. 1202.](#))

**Capital Budget:** President Skigen read the [Capital Budget resolution](#), and after a motion and second for approval, the resolution approving the Operating Budget, in the amount of \$45,810,124.00, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Capital Budget/WPCA:** President Skigen read the [Capital Budget/WPCA resolution](#), and after a motion and second for approval, the resolution approving the Operating Budget, in the amount of \$45,810,124.00, was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

*This meeting is available on [videotape.](#)*