

30TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President
MATTHEW QUINONES
Clerk of the Board
SUSAN NABEL

Majority Leader
RODNEY PRATT
Minority Leader
MARY L. FEDELI

MINUTES

President Quinones called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

President Quinones read the call of the meeting: "I, Matthew Quinones, President of the 30th 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 4, 2021

8:00 p.m.

By Webinar at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85347949698>

Or Telephone at:

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Webinar ID: 853 4794 9698

to consider and act upon the following:

1. General Fund Operating (including Board of Education budget), Capital, E.G. Brennan Golf Course Fund, Debt Service Fund, Risk Management Fund, Parking Fund, Active Medical Fund, Anti-Blight Programs Fund, Grant Funded Programs Fund, Police Extra Duty Fund, Harbor Commission Fund, Marina Fund, Terry Conners Ice Rink Fund and Water Pollution Control Authority Fund Budgets for the fiscal year 2021/2022, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 19, 2021, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter as extended by State of Connecticut Executive Order 7C; and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith."

AGENDA

INVOCATION: Led by Eileen Swerdlick.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by President Matthew Quinones

ROLL CALL: Conducted by Clerk of the Board Susan Nabel. There were 34 members present and 6 members absent or excused (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lion, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Pendell, Policar, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Summerville, Watkins, and Zelinsky were

present; Reps. Lee and Liebson were excused; Reps. Patterson, Pratt, Stella, and Wallace were absent). Reps. Patterson, Stella and Wallace joined the meeting immediately after roll call, resulting in 37 members present and 3 members absent or excused. Rep. Lee joined the meeting at 9:45 p.m. resulting in 38 members present and 2 members absent or excused.

COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Monica Di Costanzo, Chair, Fiscal Committee

¹Chair Di Costanzo reported on the Fiscal Committee Budget deliberations as follows:

There were no cuts recommended by the Committee to the Capital or Special Funds budgets.

There were no cuts recommended by the Committee to the Board of Education Committee Budget. Chair Di Costanzo read the following into the record:

The Committee first considered the Board of Education Budget. Committee members discussed the proposed use of the ARP funds with the invited guests. The expectation is that SPS will receive \$37 million, but there has been no confirmation of this figure. None of these funds will be spent on Operations. 20% will be spent, as required by the program, on learning loss. It is possible that some of the funds will be spent on HVAC/air quality. It will be clear that any additional positions to address learning loss will be limited to a 2-3 year period. The district may also choose to use outside consultants.

Chair Di Costanzo then reviewed the Fiscal Committee's [recommended cuts](#) to the City's Budget (including proposed cuts which the Committee did not recommend) below::

	<u>Proposed Cut</u>	<u>Committee Action</u>
<u>Operating Budget</u>		
Page 49 – Administration / Office of Policy & Management / Mail & Duplicating	\$5,000 – Other Salary	WITHDRAWN
Page 93 – Operations / Facilities & Parks Maintenance	\$50,000 – Old Town Hall	APPROVED 7-1-0
Page 125 – Operations / Transportation, Traffic & Parking	\$57,600 – Special Events	FAILED 4-4-0
Page 189 – Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Police Department	\$500,000 – Overtime	FAILED 0-7-1
Page 189 – Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Police Department	\$200,000 – Overtime	MOTION TO AMEND TO \$100,000 APPROVED 5-2-1
Page 189 – Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Police Department	\$100,000 – Overtime	APPROVED 7-0-1
Page 208 – Public Safety, Health & Welfare / Fire Department	\$150,000 – Overtime	APPROVED 6-2-0

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	<u>Proposed Cut</u>	<u>Committee Action</u>
Page 296 – Community Grants / Non City Agencies	\$150,000 – Mill River Park	FAILED 3-5-0
Page 296 – Community Grants / Non City Agencies	\$50,000 – Mill River Park	FAILED 3-5-0

OPERATING BUDGET

Chair Di Costanzo moved to approve the City’s Operating Budget as cut by the Committee, which motion was seconded.

Mr. Fountain stated that the amount of the City’s Operating Budget, as cut by the Committee, including City support to the Board of Education, was \$615,215,211.

President Quinones called for any motions to amend the report, beginning with the Operating Budget.

²Rep. Zelinsky made a motion to restore the \$100,000 cut from Page 189 – Program 0330 – Public Safety, Health & Welfare – Police Department - Overtime, which motion was seconded by Rep. Stella and failed by a roll call vote of 14-22-1 (Reps. Aquila, Curtis, de la Cruz, DePina, Giordano, Morson, Patterson, Quinones, Roqueta, Sandford, Stella, Summerville, Wallace, and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Cottrell, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Florio, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lion, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Nabel, Palomba, Pendell, Policar, Saftic, Sherwood, and Watkins opposed; Rep. Figueroa abstaining).

³Rep. Zelinsky made a motion to restore the \$150,000 cut from Page 208 – Program 0351 – Stamford Fire Department – Purchased Professional Services, which motion was seconded by Rep. Curtis and failed by a roll call vote of 6-30-1 (Reps. Curtis, Giordano, Morson, Roqueta, Stella, Summerville in favor; Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lion, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Pendell, Policar, Quinones, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Wallace, and Watkins opposed; Rep. Zelinsky abstaining).

⁴Rep. Sherwood made a motion to cut \$50,000 from Page 248 - Program 4010 – Legal Affairs – Legal Department – Stamford Fire Department – Purchased Professional Services, which motion was seconded by Rep. Stella and approved by a roll call vote of 24-11-2 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Moore, Pendell, Policar, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, Wallace, and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Lion, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Quinones, and Watkins opposed; Reps. Figueroa and Jacobson abstaining).

⁵Rep. Sherwood made a motion to cut \$130,500 from Page 296 – Program 6056 – Non City Agencies – Cultural & Environmental – Mill River Collaborative, which motion was seconded by many individuals.

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⁶After extensive discussion, a motion to move the question on this motion was made, seconded and failed by a vote of roll call vote of 18-18-0 (Reps. Aquila, Cottrell, de la Cruz, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lion, Mahoney, Michelson, Moore, Nabel, Palomba, Wallace, and Watkins in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Curtis, Di Costanzo, Matherne, McMullen, Miller, Morson, Patterson, Pendell, Policar, Quinones, Roqueta, Sandford, Sherwood, Stella, Summerville, and Zelinsky opposed).

After further discussion, the original motion to cut \$130,500 from Page 296 – Program 6056 – Non City Agencies – Cultural & Environmental – Mill River Collaborative failed by a roll call vote of 11-24-2 (Reps. Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, Graziosi, Pendell, Policar, Roqueta, Sandford, Sherwood, and Stella in favor; Reps. de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Jacobson, Lion, Mahoney, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Quinones, Saftic, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins, and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Adams and Matherne abstaining).

⁷Rep. Sherwood made a motion to cut \$65,250 from Page 296 – Program 6056 – Non City Agencies – Cultural & Environmental – Mill River Collaborative, which motion was seconded by Rep. Curtis and failed by a roll call vote of 11-24-1 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, Pendell, Policar, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, and Sherwood in favor; Reps. de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lion, Mahoney, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Quinones, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins, and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Matherne abstaining).

⁸Rep. McMullen made a motion to lay the current motion on the table to take up the Board of Education Budget, which motion was seconded by Rep. Mahoney. After clarification from President Quinones that the item being discussed is the General Operating Budget excluding the Board of Education budget, this motion was withdrawn.

⁹The original motion to approve the City side of the Operating Budget (not including the Board of Education budget) as cut by the Board of Representatives, in the amount of \$321,579,065, was approved by a roll call vote of 33-4-0 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Jacobson, Lee, Lion, Matherne, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Pendell, Policar, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins, and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Graziosi, Mahoney, McMullen, and Sherwood opposed).

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

¹⁰Chair Di Costanzo moved to approve the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$293,586 146, which motion was seconded by Clerk Nabel and approved by a roll call vote of 35-0-2 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lee, Lion, Mahoney, Matherne, McMullen, Michelson, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Pendell, Policar, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Sherwood, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins, and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Moore and Quinones abstaining).

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CAPITAL BUDGET

¹¹Chair Di Costanzo moved to approve City Capital Budget in the amount of \$53,064,705 and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$43,666,451, which motion was seconded by multiple people.

¹²Rep. McMullen made a motion to cut \$200,000 from Page 79 in the Capital Budget book – CP8701 – John Boccuzzi Park @ Southfield, which motion was seconded by Rep. Mahoney and failed by a vote of 2-35-1 (Reps. McMullen and Sherwood in favor; Reps. Adams, Aquila, Cottrell, Curtis, de la Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lee, Lion, Mahoney, Matherne, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Pendell, Policar, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Stella, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins, and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Coleman abstaining).

¹³The original motion to approve the City Capital Budget in the amount of \$53,064,705 and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$43,666,451 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET

¹⁴Chair Di Costanzo made a motion to approve the following Funds Budgets:

\$1,720,285 – E. G. Brennan Golf Course Fund
\$55,680,721 – Debt Service Fund
\$15,962,883 - Risk Management Fund
\$6,346,000 – Parking Fund
\$35,554,477 – Active Medical Fund
\$310,191 – Anti-Blight Programs Fund
\$8,008,049 – Grant Funded Programs Fund
\$13,923,000 – Police Extra Duty Fund
\$53,994 – Stamford Harbor Management Fund
\$487,702 – Marina Operating Fund
\$1,242,886 – Terry Connors Ice Rink Fund
\$27,247,638 – WPCA Fund

which motion was seconded by Rep. Zelinsky and approved by unanimous voice vote
(*Rep. Mahoney abstaining*)

¹⁵RESOLUTIONS;

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the Board of Education Budget, in the amount of \$293,586,146, was made, seconded by Rep. Zelinsky and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the Operating Budget (including General Fund Support to the Board of Education Budget, in the amount of \$615,165,211 was made, seconded by Rep. Zelinsky and approved by voice vote of 33-5-0 (Reps. Adams, Aquila, Cottrell, de la

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Cruz, DePina, Di Costanzo, Fedeli, Figueroa, Florio, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Lee, Lion, Matherne, Michelson, Miller, Moore, Morson, Nabel, Palomba, Patterson, Pendell, Policar, Quinones, Roqueta, Saftic, Sandford, Summerville, Wallace, Watkins, and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Curtis, Mahoney, McMullen, Sherwood, and Stella opposed)

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the Capital Budget in the amount of \$53,064,705 and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$43,666,451 was made, seconded by Rep. Morson and approved by unanimous voice vote

A motion to approve a resolution adopting the Special Funds Budgets, in the amounts of:

\$1,720,285 – E. G. Brennan Golf Course Fund
\$55,680,721 – Debt Service Fund
\$15,962,883 - Risk Management Fund
\$6,346,000 – Parking Fund
\$35,554,477 – Active Medical Fund
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\$53,994 – Stamford Harbor Management Fund
\$487,702 – Marina Operating Fund
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\$27,247,638 – WPCA Fund

was made, seconded by Rep. Zelinsky and approved by unanimous voice vote (*Rep. Mahoney abstaining*).

ADJOURNMENT:

President Quinones adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).