



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

John Mallozzi, Chair Linda Cannady, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, December 28, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room; 888 Washington Boulevard;
Stamford, CT

The Fiscal Committee met at the above time and place. Present were: Chair Mallozzi and Vice Chair Cannady and Committee Member Reps. DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Kaufman, Mallozzi, Mirkin, Mitchell, Rauh and Sklover. Also present were Peter Privitera, Acting Director of Administration; Karen Cammarota, Grants Office and Joseph Tarzia, Chair of the Board of Finance.

Chair Mallozzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	COMMITTEE ACTION
1. F28.001 \$400,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Arrest Enforcement Program; U.S. Dept. of Justice grant; will fund various efforts to reduce violence against women.	COMMITTEE APPROVED 10-0-0

Ms. Cammarota stated that about \$215,000 of the funds go to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center. A joint program is operated with the Stamford Police Dept. to assist victims. This is the 3rd year of a 3-year grant; last year the City received \$395,000.

2. F28.002 \$10,000.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); Youth Service Bureau; CT Dept. of Education grant; to fund Pathways to Academic and Social Success (PASS) Program.	COMMITTEE APPROVED 10-0-0
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Ms. Cammarota stated that this program funds a truancy prevention program.

3. F28.006 \$19,760.00	ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (Grants Budget); DUI Enforcement Expanded; DUI Overtime; Police to perform DUI patrols on an overtime basis; 25% (\$4,940 city match required).	COMMITTEE APPROVED 10-0-0
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Ms. Cammarota stated that this program is responsible for DUI checkpoints on holidays. Rep. Fedeli stated that this is a very important effort by the police department; further, additional criminal activity can be identified via the use of these checkpoints.

4. [F28.003](#) GRANTS RESOLUTION; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the State of CT Dept. of Social Services for funding assistance regarding the Stamford Day Care Program. **COMMITTEE APPROVED 10-0-0**

Ms. Cammarota stated that this grant resolution needs to be resubmitted with the new administration. This grant refunds expenses paid by the City of Stamford; Ms. Cammarota confirmed that she is not aware of any anticipated failure to fund this by the State.

5. [F28.007](#) PROPOSED ORDINANCE; for publication; amending the OPEB ordinance to provide for 60% funding in 2010-11, 80% funding in 2011-12 and 100% funding in 2012-13 and thereafter. **COMMITTEE APPROVED 10-0-0 (as amended)**

Peter Privitera gave a background of the GASB requirement that requires Stamford to begin establishing a fund that will alleviate some of the current pay-as-you-go annual expenses related to OPEB costs (Other Post Employment Benefits). Last year, the Board of Reps provided for a 5-year funding program, with 40% funding being required in the first year. The ordinance under consideration provides for 60% in the upcoming fiscal year, 80% in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and full funding beginning July 1, 2012.

The amount of the contribution will be determined once the actuary's report is received; a 60% funding requirement is expected to be in the area of \$1.3 million.

Rep. Mirkin stated that it appears the purpose of this is to try and establish a substantial fund so that in the future, there will be lower annual requirements. However, this is an unusually difficult funding year, and the Committee may want to consider a lower annual contribution.

Mr. Tarzia stated he was present to support the ordinance, noting that \$4 million in extra costs equals a one percent tax increase for residents. Mr. Privitera noted that in 09-10, the City realized \$1.5 million in extra income due to refunding a bond issuance; most of this money was used to fund the current year's OPEB liability and it will not be available again in next year's budget.

Rep. Mirkin moved to amend the ordinance to provide for a 50% contribution starting on July 1, 2010; a 75% contribution beginning July 1, 2011; and full funding

beginning July 1, 2012. Said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

A motion to approve the ordinance for publication was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mallozzi, Chair