



Fiscal Committee - Board of Representatives

John Mallozzi, Chair Jay Fountain, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888
 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06905-2098

The Fiscal Committee met at the above time and place to review the 2011-12 budget. Present were Chair Mallozzi and Vice Chair Fountain and Committee Member Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Loglisci Mitchell, Rauh, Summerville and Sklover. Excused was Committee Member Rep. Figueroa. Also present were Pete Privitera, Director of OPM and Jim Hricay; Fred Flynn, Director of Administration; Frank Fedeli, Citizens Services Center; and Ray Whitbread of Turn of River Fire Department.

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

The Committee reviewed the Citizens Service Bureau budget with Frank Fedeli. Then the Committee heard from Ray Whitbread, who reviewed the history and budget of the two TOR stations.

The Committee reviewed the 2011-12 budget book page by page, and the following motions were made:

Controller’s Office

		Rationale
Maker	M. Fedeli	Vacant position not excepted to be filled for at least one month
Second	Many	
Budget Pg #	67	
Line	Salaries/Social Security	
Amount	\$11,100	
	\$849	

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Facilities Management/Maintenance

		Rationale

Maker	M. Fedeli	Not qualified for matching deferred compensation payments
Second	Many	
Budget Pg #	149	
Line	Deferred Comp/Social Security	
Amount	\$14,346	
	\$1,097	

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Facilities Management/Maintenance

		Rationale
Maker	M. Fedeli	Vacancy not expected to be filled immediately; new hire expected to be paid at a lower salary
Second	Many	
Budget Pg #	149	
Line	Salaries	
Amount	\$20,000	
	\$1,530	

The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-2 (Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Loglisci, Mitchell, Rauh, Sklover and Summerville in favor; Reps. Mallozzi and Fountain opposed).

Turn of River Fire

		Rationale
Maker	J. Fountain	Has been operating with only one station; SFR maintains an operation nearby
Second		
Budget Pg #	179	
Line	TOR	
Amount	\$140,000	

The motion **FAILED** by a vote of 2-0-7 (Reps. Mallozzi and Fountain in Favor; Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Loglisci, Mitchell, Rauh, Sklover and Summerville opposed).

Emergency Communications Center

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

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Stamford Fire & Rescue

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

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Social Services Administration

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

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Social Services Administration

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

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Legal Affairs/Employee Benefits

		Rationale
Maker	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.
Second	Many	
Budget Pg #	273	
Line	OPEB	
Amount	\$2,163,000	

The motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

Chair Mallozzi announced that the total cuts to the City Budget are: \$2,324,181.

The Committee took a fifteen-minute break.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rep. Rauh did not participate during the Board of Education discussion.

Board of Education/OPEB

		Rationale
Maker	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.
Second	Many	
Budget Pg #	314	
Line	OPEB	
Amount	\$450,000	

The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0-0.

Board of Education

		Rationale
Maker	M. Fedeli	Savings related to 1) superintendent vacancy/ lower salary; 2) 6 new principals at lower salary than incumbents; 3) vacancies created by 5 promotions to principal; 4) eliminate raises for upper level employees
Second		
Budget Pg #	314	
Line	n/a	
Amount	\$250,000	

The motion **FAILED** by a vote of 4-0-5 (Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli and Loglisci in favor; Reps. Mallozzi, Fountain, Mitchell, Sklover and Summerville opposed).

Total City & BOE Budget Cuts: \$2,774,181

CAPITAL BUDGET

A motion to accept the capital budget as presented, in the amount of **\$45,810,124** was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0.

WPCA BUDGET

A motion to reject the WPCA budget was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 10-0-0. The Committee voted 10-0-0 to recommend the WPCA submit a new budget in the amount of **\$22,386,761**, that reflects a \$344,464 reduction in electricity and a \$53,000 reduction to OPEB.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Mallozzi, Chair

