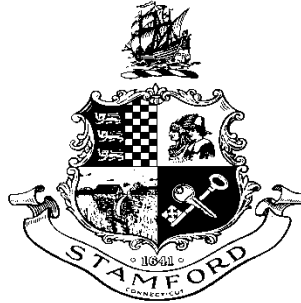


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ACTION REPORT (MINUTES) OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

A special meeting to approve the Mayor's Proposed FY 2020-21 Operating, Special Fund, and Capital and the Board of Education Budgets of the City of Stamford was held by the Board of Finance on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 via webinar. The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM. Members present were Chair Richard Freedman, Vice-Chair Mary Lou Rinaldi, Geoff Alswanger, Frank Cerasoli, David Mannis and Kieran Ryan. Also present were Mayor David Martin, Sandy Dennies, Interim Director of Administration, Jay Fountain, Director of OPM, Lee Berta, Assistant Director, OPM, Anthony Romano, OPM Management Analyst and Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board of Finance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Speakers: Melissa Farrow, Drew Denbaum, Karen Liberti, Heather Stramandinoli, Alexandra Martinez, Jill Matturro, Antonia Better-Wirz, Aishawarya Sivasubramanian, Maria DeVito, James Darling and Jamar Greene.

Mr. Freedman gave a short update on the current state of some of the key economic indicators that had been used to set revenue estimates in April and summarized the Board of Finance's process leading to this evening's meeting. He went through the order of the meeting.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:20 PM after passing the following motions:

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce the Board of Education budget (Program 9000) \$15,217,561 passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0-0.

CITY BUDGET

Mr. Freedman provided the following Consent Agenda for the City Budget, asking that members take off items that require discussion and will be voted on separately.

CONSENT AGENDA (CITY BUDGET)

Program	Program Title	Reduction Amount
1040	Purchasing	(23,362)
1011	Office of Policy & Management	(35,878)
1020	Assessor	Move to Review Agenda – Mr. Cerasoli
1026	Property Revaluation	(30,000)
1022	Revenue Services	(1,883)
1023	Taxation Services	(48,038)
2111	Road Maintenance	(54,923)
2113	Leaf Collection	Move to Review Agenda - Mr. Cerasoli
2114	Snow Removal	(20,574)
2116	Storm Water Management	(5,332)
2121	Vehicle Maintenance	Move to Review Agenda - Mr. Cerasoli
2123	Police Vehicle Maintenance	(6,000)
2127	Forestry	(6,792)
2135	Facilities Maintenance	(4,121)
2141	Transfer Station	(29,749)
2142	Recycling	(65,065)
2143	Collection	Move to Review Agenda - Mr. Cerasoli
2144	Haulaway	Move to Review Agenda - Mr. Cerasoli
2210	Transportation Planning & Engineering	Move to Review Agenda - Mr. Cerasoli
2137	Building Department	(53,740)
2200	Engineering	(2,582)
2201	Construction Management	(111,064)
2202	Regulatory Compliance	(-)
2300	Land Use Administration	(62,000)
2310	Planning	(5,500)
2340	Environmental Protection	(40,186)
2528	Star Center	(15,630)
2529	Special Needs Recreation	(49,604)
2530	Leisure Services Administration	(3,000)
2534	Fee-Supported Programs	(47,407)
2535	Self-Sustaining Programs	(-)
2600	Operations Administration	Move to Review Agenda - Mr. Cerasoli
3960	Stamford EMS	(3,190)
3302	Special Teams	(9,826)
3303	Police Training	(21,478)
3304	Criminal Investigations	(282,203)
3410	Volunteer Fire	(6,588)
3521	Suppression	(77,598)
3533	Fire Training Center	(6,989)
3540	Fire Marshal	(2,294)
3550	Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance	(56,494)
3820	Public School Health	(73,044)
3822	Community Nursing	(89,163)
3910	Social Services	(-)
1200	Economic Development	(62,984)
5011	Professional Organizations & Activities	(25,000)
5050	Town and City Clerk	(30,976)
5060	Probate Court	(2,800)
5070	Registrar of Voters	(45,000)
5092	Patriotic and Special Events	(-)
8080	Transfer to Other Funds	(500,000)
	TOTAL	(2,018,057)

On a motion by Mr. Mannis, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, a total reduction of \$2,018,057 was made to all programs remaining on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously on a vote of 6-0-0.

Mr. Cerasoli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to accept a reduction of \$63,431 in the Assessor's Office (Program 1020) as it is a vacant position. The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

REVIEW AGENDA (CITY BUDGET)

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce the Director of Administration (Program 1010) by \$18,612 failed to pass with a vote of 3-3-0 with Messrs. Freedman, Mannis and Alswanger opposed.

A second vote was taken with a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Alswanger, to accept the Mayor's cuts of \$7,753, which passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Mr. Mannis, to reduce Financial Processing and Reporting (Program 1032) by \$90,830 passed with a vote of 4-2-0 with Ms. Rinaldi and Mr. Ryan opposed.

There was no motion on Internal Audits (Program 1034) and no action was taken.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Technology Management Services (Program 1060) by \$79,217 passed with a vote of 4-2-0 with Mr. Alswanger and Mr. Freedman opposed.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, second by Mr. Ryan, to reduce Leaf Collection (Program 2113 and 2144) by \$306,420 failed to pass (no cut) with a vote of 1-5-0 with Ms. Rinaldi and Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger, Mannis and Ryan opposed.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, second by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce Vehicle Maintenance (2121) \$67,632 (vacant position) failed to pass with a 3-3-0 vote with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A second motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Alswanger, to reduce Vehicle Maintenance (2121) \$9,277, passed with a vote of 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Mannis to reduce Non-City Managed Leased Facilities (Program 2125) by \$50,000 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

There was no motion on Police Headquarters (Program 2130) and no action was taken.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce Government Center (Program 2133) \$5,000 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Ryan to reduce Parks Maintenance (Program 2134) by \$22,441 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce Traffic Maintenance (Program 2112) \$9,579 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Collection (Program 2143) \$161,009 (vacant position) failed to pass with a vote of 3-3-0 with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A second motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Collection (Program 2143) \$67,747 passed with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to reduce Transportation (Program 2210) \$96,692 failed to pass with a vote of 3-3-0 with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A second motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Transportation (Program 2210) \$8,678 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce the Special Events by \$280,937 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce Aquatics (Program 2531) \$5,608 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Mannis to reduce Subsidized Programs (Program 2533) \$19,470 passed unanimously.6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Operations/Administration (Program 2600) (vacant position) \$238,820 failed to pass with a vote of 3-3-0 with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A second motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce Operations/Administration (Program 2600) \$190,006 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to reduce the PSHW Administration (Program 3101) \$143,612 failed to pass with a vote of 3-3-0 with Messrs Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A second motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to reduce the PSHW Administration (Program 3101) \$132,752 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce the Emergency Communications Center (Program 3350) \$110,700 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Police Administration (Program 3300) \$550,907 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli to reduce Patrol (Program 3301) \$124,528 passed unanimously.6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce Fire Administration (Program 3510) \$64,107 passed with a vote of 4-2-0 with Messrs. Alswanger and Ryan opposed.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli to reduce the Director of Health (Program 3810) \$231,710 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A second motion by Ms. Rinaldi to cut an additional \$63,606 from Director of Health (Program 3810) was withdrawn.

A further motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan to reduce the Director of Health (Program 3810) \$31,803 failed to pass with a vote of 2-4-0 with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger, Cerasoli and Mannis opposed.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce the Legal Department a combined amount of \$242,059, but he withdrew his motion.

A second motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce the Legal Department (Program 4010) \$150,715 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Alswanger to reduce Human Resources (Program 4020) \$18,692 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A second motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan to reduce Human Resources (Program 4020) \$80,712 failed to pass with a vote of 2-4-0 with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger, Cerasoli and Mannis opposed.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Mannis to reduce the Mayor's Office (Program 5010) \$35,752 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion made by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce the Youth Services Bureau (Program 5081) \$72,986 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to reduce the Board of Representatives (Program 5020) \$2,200 passed with a vote of 4-2-0 with Messrs. Freedman and Alswanger opposed.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce the Board of Finance (Program 5030) \$42,446 passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce BOE City Support Services (Program 8999) \$375,000, one month's rent at Elmcroft, passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Mr. Freedman provided the following Consent Agenda for Program 6050 - Community Centers, Program 6055 – Non-City Social Services and Program 6056 – Cultural & Environmental, asking that members take off items that require discussion and will be voted on separately.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Line Item Name</u>	<u>Reduction Amount</u>
	Program 6050 - Community Centers	(180,000)
8882	Chester Addison	(-)
8884	Glenbrook Community Center	(180,000)
8884	East Side Community Center (Domus)	(-)
	Program 6055 - Non-City Social Services	(63,000)
8837	Liberation Programs	(-)
8887	Senior Center	(8,000)
8892	Pacific House	(2,000)
8893	Inspirica	(8,000)
8894	Charter Oak Communities	(4,000)
8930	Domus Project New Hope	(-)
8932	Community Night Program	(6,000)
8938	Community Social Services Program	(35,000)
8940	New Coventry Soup Kitchen	(-)
	Program 6056 - Cultural and Environmental	(593,139)
8605	Stamford Museum & Nature Center	(38,000)
8606	Ferguson Library	(260,000)
8611	Stamford Historical Society	(1,000)
8613	Bartlett Arboretum	(10,000)
8617	DSSD	(6,000)
8890	Multicultural Council	Move to Review Agenda – Mr. Ryan
8891	Old Town Hall Redevelopment Agency	(39,639)
8895	Early Childhood Program Support	(44,000)
8896	United Way	(2,000)
8897	Boys & Girls Club – Yerwood Center	(25,000)
8904	Stamford Partnership	(51,000)
8919	Community Arts Partner Program	(-)
8921	Stamford Symphony	(500)
8924	Mill River Collaborative	Move to Review Agenda – Mr. Ryan
8925	Stamford Center for the Arts	(1,000)
8928	Community Youth Music Program	(-)
8929	Neighborhood Community Grants Program	(75,000)
8934	Access 4 All (A4A)	(-0)
8936	Curtain Call	(5,000)
8937	Sound Waters	Move to Review Agenda – Mr. Ryan
8939	Mary C Rich Clubhouse Teen Center	(10,000)
	TOTAL	(811,139)

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, a total reduction of \$811,139 was made to all programs remaining on the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously on a vote of 6-0-0.

A motion made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce the Multicultural Council (Line Item 8890) \$9,000 failed to pass with a vote of 2-4-0 with Ms. Rinaldi and Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A motion by Mr. Ryan to reduce the Mill River Collaborative \$100,000 failed to pass for the lack of a second.

A motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce Soundwaters (Line Item 8937) \$40,000 failed to pass with a vote of 3-3-0 with Messrs. Freedman, Alswanger and Mannis opposed.

A second motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Cerasoli, to reduce Soundwaters (Line Item 8937) \$25,000 passed with a unanimous vote 6-0-0.

WORKFORCE CONCESSIONS (CITY BUDGET)

Reductions by union attributable to salary reductions:

<u>Reductions are total by union, across all programs and all funds</u>	
Dental Hygienists	(12,000)
Fire Local 786	(1,330,000)
Assistant Corp. Counsels	(40,000)
MAA	(530,000)
Nurses Association	(120,000)
Police Association	(1,420,000)
IUOE Local 30 – Operations	(375,000)
UAW	(810,000)
IOUE Local 30 – WPCA	(90,000)
Total	(4,727,000)

Motion by Mr. Freedman, second Ms. Rinaldi, to reduce salary lines by \$4,727,000 passed unanimously 6-0-0. Reductions are across all lines under "Full Time Salary" and, as applicable, "Other Salary", as categorized in the General Fund on pg. 405 of the budget but applicable to all funds. Reductions are taken across all salaries and funds and are uniform across the unions.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Motion by Mr. Freedman, second by Ms. Rinaldi, reducing health insurance costs by \$6,400,000 million passed unanimously 6-0-0. The reduction is to be allocated proportionately, as applicable, across the General Fund, OPEB Trust Fund, Board of Education, WPCA and Special Revenue Funds.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to approve all special revenue funds as proposed by the Mayor, including WPCA but with the exception of Terry Connors Ice Rink Fund (Fund 0045), passed unanimously 6-0-0.

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to reduce the Terry Connors Ice Rink Fund (Fund 0045) budget lines as follows: Salary \$100,000 reduction, Seasonal \$40,000 reduction, Overtime \$15,000 reduction and Social Security \$15,000 reduction; passed with a vote of 5-1-0 with Mr. Ryan opposed.

FY 20-21 Summary of Reductions	
Board of Education budget reductions	(15,217,561)
BOE recommended changes:	
Health Insurance	(1,676,000)
Pension	+196,000
Bus Fuel	(115,400)
OPEB	(837,000)
Worker's Compensation	(88,465)
Risk Management Insurance	(196,696)
Board of Finance reduction to BOE	(12,500,000)
City budget reductions	(10,403,665)
BOF Reductions	(5,676,665)
Workforce Concessions	(4,727,000)
Health Insurance reductions	(6,400,000)
Allocate across: General Fund, OPEB, Board of Education, WPCA and Special Revenue funds	
Special Revenue Funds reductions	(170,000)
Total reductions across all funds	(32,191,226)

CAPITAL BUDGET

A motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to accept a consent agenda for the Capital Budget with a total budget of \$42,341,605 passed unanimously 6-0-0 and included the following reductions totaling \$1,760,000:

- Bartlett Arboretum, CP0120: Reduction of \$500,000
- Terry Conners Rink Upgrades, CP3695: Reduction of \$50,000
- Government Center Renovations, CP3038: Reduction of \$1,100,000
- Public Safety Security Cameras & Emergency Safety Poles, CP6817: Reduction of \$60,000
- Police Facilities & Upgrades – New Headquarters, 000721: Reduction of \$50,000

Before the meeting adjourned, Chair Richard Freedman thanked the many people who have assisted with this process. The work has been voluminous and he especially thanked members of the Board of Finance, Board of Representative liaison members who joined in the many budget meetings, Mayor Martin, members of OPM, and members of the public who took the time to write their concerns and comments, and speak at the Board of Finance's meetings. He assured each one has been read.

In turn, the members of the Board thanked Mr. Freedman for his leadership and dedication to the process and also their colleagues for their support and hard work.

The next and last Board of Finance meeting in the budget cycle is to set the Mill Rate on June 4, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Cerasoli, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

This meeting is on video.

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Cynthia Winterle

Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board