

# 28<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE 28<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

President Skigen 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:

Monday, May 14, 2012

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 2012/2013, as transmitted by the Board of Finance on April 17, 2012, pursuant to provisions of Section C8-30-7 of the Stamford Charter; and RESOLUTIONS associated therewith."

### AGENDA

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 32 members present and 8 members excused (Reps. Caterbone, DePina, Layton, Lombardo, Raduazzo, Taylor, Wallace and Young).

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

Chair Mallozzi reported on the Fiscal Committee's recommendations as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Account No.</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Emergency Director	01143301100	\$55,220	APP 9-0-0
- Benefits	01143302200	\$911	APP 9-0-0
Fire Dept. Salaries	01435101100	\$122,000	APP 10-1-0
- Benefits	01435102200	\$1,342	APP 10-1-0
Fire Dept. Overtime	01435101301	\$200,000	APP 9-2-0
- Benefits	01435102200	\$2,200	APP 10-1-0
Police Dept. Overtime	01433661301	\$300,000	APP 6-5-0
Debt Service	01433662200	\$300,000	APP 11-0-0
Board of Education		\$50,000	FAILED 6-3-2
WPCA		\$90,000	APP 11-0-0

Mr. Privitera confirmed that the budget cuts total \$985,393, plus \$90,000 for the WPCA.

#### Emergency Director

A motion to cut the Emergency Director account by \$55,220 was made, seconded and approved by voice vote (Rep. Franzetti abstaining).

A motion to cut the Benefits Line by \$911 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### Fire Department Salaries

A motion to cut the Fire Department salary line by \$122,000 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 24-6-2 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Giraldo, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Uva, Velishka and White in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Frazis and Kaufman abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1275](#)).

A motion to cut the Benefits Line by \$1,342 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 25-6-1 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Frazis, Giraldo, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Uva, Velishka and White in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Kaufman abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1276](#)).

A motion to cut the Fire Department Overtime Account by \$200,000 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 24-6-2 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman,

Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Frazis, Gabriele, Giraldo, Heaphy, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Uva and White in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Giordano, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Fountain and Kaufman abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1277](#)).

A motion to cut the Fire Department Benefits line by \$2,200 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 23-7-2 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Frazis, Heaphy, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Uva and White in favor; Reps. Franzetti, Gabriele, Giordano, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka and Zelinsky opposed; Reps. Fountain and Kaufman abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1278](#)).

#### Police Department Overtime

A motion to cut the Police Department Overtime Account by \$300,000 was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 21-10-1 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, Figueroa, Fountain, Frazis, Giraldo, Heaphy, Kaufman, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Uva, Velishka and White in favor; Reps. Coppola, DeLuca, Fedeli, Gabriele, Giordano, Loglisci, Pia, Sklover, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1279](#)).

A motion to cut the Benefits Line in the Police Department by \$3,720 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 22-9-1 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Day, DeLuca, Figueroa, Fountain, Frazis, Giraldo, Heaphy, Kaufman, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Uva, Velishka and White in favor; Reps. Coppola, Fedeli, Gabriele, Giordano, Loglisci, Pia, Sklover, Summerville and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1280](#)).

#### Debt Service

A motion to cut the Debt Service line by \$300,000 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Skigen called for motions from the floor. No motions were proposed.

#### Capital Budget

President Skigen called for motions from the floor.

Rep. White moved to cut \$2,000,000 from the Stamford Urban Transitway line. Said motion was seconded.

Rep. Uva stated she would support this reduction for the current year. Phase I has not been completed in accordance with the original plan. Specifically, the Jefferson Street segment does not have sidewalks, does not comply with the ADA. There is a bus stop and people have to wait in the bicycle lane. Despite several complaints, nothing has been done. Until this is addressed, she feels it is ill-advised to begin Phase II.

Rep. Day stated that he does not disagree with Rep. Uva's complaints, but this is not the right remedy. This would be a reckless step to take in that the \$2 million is a federal grant. Rep. Uva stated that she did not believe that the \$2 million would disappear; rather, it would sit for one year while the work is completed. \$65 million is a lot to spend for one mile of roadway without any sidewalks.

The motion FAILED by a machine vote of 11-19-1 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Loglisci, Sklover, Uva and White in favor; Reps. Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Kaufman, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Summerville, Velishka and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. Savage abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1281](#)).

#### WPCA Budget

Chair Mallozzi moved a \$90,000 cut to the WPCA Budget; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Uva moved to amend the motion to \$690,000; said motion was seconded.

Rep. Uva stated that the proposed cut should go to sludge processing and disposal, which has a total budget of \$2.4 million. Two years ago the WPCA Board discussed the pelletizing facility, and in an informal review determined the WPCA could save about \$600,000 by mothballing the facility and returning to wet-hauling. At that time, they were to undertake a study of the financial and technical options. The technical review was also going to address the odor problem caused by the pelletizer. Nothing has been done to date, and the contract expires in a year. This issue does not appear on the WPCA agenda. The savings is substantial, \$600,000.

Rep. Zelinsky stated that he would support the two representatives from the 1<sup>st</sup> District pertaining to this cut. He is aware of the odor problem there, and if the Board can help alleviate this situation and help the 1<sup>st</sup> District constituents, he will support this motion.

The motion to amend the proposed cut was approved by a vote of 19-11-2 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Giraldo, Loglisci, McGarry, McNeil, Pia, Uva, Velishka, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Coleman, Fountain, Giordano, Mallozzi, Merritt, Mitchell, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover and Summerville opposed; Reps. Heaphy and Kaufman abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1282](#)).

The motion to cut \$690,000 from the WPCA was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 18-12-2 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Giraldo, Loglisci, McGarry, McNeil, Pia, Uva, Velishka, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Fountain, Giordano, Heaphy, Mallozzi, Mitchell, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover and Summerville opposed; Reps. Kaufman and Merritt abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1283](#)).

President Skigen called for motions regarding the WPCA Capital Budget, the Board of Education, the E.G. Brennan, Grants, Police Department Extra Duty, Risk Management, Marina and Parking Funds. No motions were forthcoming.

## Resolutions

*Operating Budget* - A motion to approve the [resolution adopting the Operating Budget](#) (excluding the Board of Education) in the amount of \$243,095,340, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 31-1-0 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Franzetti, Frazis, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Kaufman, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Uva, Velishka, White and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Gabriele opposed (See [Vote Record No. 1284](#)).

*Board of Education Budget* - A motion to approve the [resolution adopting the Board of Education](#) Budget in the amount of \$236,717,158, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30-0-0 (Reps. Rauh and White left the floor for the discussion and vote) (See [Vote Record No. 1285](#)).

*Special Funds Budgets* – A motion to approve the [Special Funds Budgets](#) in the amounts of :

- \$1,528,425 – E. G. Brennan Fund
- \$8,736,525 – Grants Funded Programs Fund
- \$7,958,847 – Police Extra Duty Fund
- \$83,808,089 – Risk Management Fund
- \$398,932 – Marina Fund
- \$21,482,668 – WPCA Fund
- \$6,157,000 – Parking Fund

was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30-1-1 (Rep. Gabriele opposed; Rep. Franzetti abstaining on the Police Extra Duty Fund; Rep. Kaufman abstaining on the WPCA Vote) (See [Vote Record No. 1286](#)).

*Capital Budgets* – A motion to approve the [Capital Budget Resolution](#) in the amount of \$57,033,068, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 32-0-0 (See [Vote Record No. 1287](#)).

A motion to approve the [WPCA Capital Budget](#) in the amount of \$1,285,234, was made, seconded and approved by a machine vote of 29-2-1 (Reps. Gabriele and Uva opposed; Rep. Kaufman abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1288](#)).

## ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

*This meeting is on [video](#).*