

28TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

President
RANDALL M. SKIGEN
Clerk of the Board
ANNIE M. SUMMERVILLE

Majority Leader
ELAINE MITCHELL
Minority Leader
ROBERT "GABE" DELUCA

MINUTES

President Skigen called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m., and read the call of the meeting:

"I, Randall M. Skigen, President of the 28th 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 7, 2013

8:00 p.m.
Legislative Chambers, 4th 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 2013/2014, as transmitted by the Board of Finance, 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: There were 37 members present and 3 members absent/excused (Reps. Caterbone, Kaufman and McMullen).

COMMITTEE/BUDGET PRESENTATION: Jay Fountain, Chair, Fiscal Committee

Chair Fountain read into the record all the dates that the Committee met: March 18, a public hearing was held on March 19, March 21, April 4, April 8, April 9, April 15, 18, 25 and 29.

Chair Fountain also stated that a subcommittee of outside agencies, consisting of himself and Rep. DeLuca, met on the following dates: March 22, April 5, April 15, April 18 and April 19.

Chair Fountain recognized and thanked his committee members who worked very diligently. He especially thanked Gabe DeLuca for sitting on the subcommittee.

Operating Budget

Chair Fountain reviewed the Fiscal Committee's [recommended cuts](#) for the City's Operating Budget below:

		Committee Action
Page 46 Assessor's Office	\$50,000 – Contracted Services	APPROVED 10-0-0
Page 91 Operations	\$50,000 – Salt & Sand	APPROVED 10-0-0
Page 152 Planning	\$15,000 – Salaries \$1,148 – Social Security	APPROVED 10-0-0
Page 191 Leisure Services Admin.	\$1,500 – Conferences & Training	APPROVED 10-0-0
Page 239 Big Five*	\$77,000 – TOR VFD \$353,375 – Long Ridge \$38,500 - Springdale	COMMITTEE APPROVED 8-1-1 (Rep. Loglisci opposed; Rep. Day abstained)

President Skigen called for motions regarding the Operating Budget; hearing none, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Fiscal Committee's Report was accepted unanimously.

Capital Budget

Chair Fountain stated the Committee had no recommendations regarding the Capital Budget budget.

President Skigen called for motions regarding the Capital Budget.

- A motion to reduce the following item by \$800,000 was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote:

- Rep. White moved to reduce the New Cummings Park Phase I project (page 66) by \$200,000; said motion was seconded. Rep. White stated that before any design is done, the Master Plan should be completed. Rep. White stated that the design of a pavilion should not be undertaken before the location of the pavilion is determined. He wants this to be a neighborhood/community park. The Master Plan should be settled on first, and then design work can be done. The design also includes a miniature golf course design.
- Rep. Fountain stated that the committee considered this. The Master Plan will be done first, and they want to have funds available to start design at the appropriate time.
- Rep. Uva stated that she supports Mr. White. She submitted the Master Plan funding last year. That process has not even begun, so they are quite a way away from designing any facilities.
- The motion FAILED by a vote of 11-25-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Franzetti, Frazis, Giraldo, Loglisci, Mallozzi, McGarry, Taylor, Uva, White and Zelinsky in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Figueroa, Fountain, Gabriele, Giordano, Heaphy, Layton, Lombardo, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Moore, Pia, Rauh, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka and Wallace opposed) (See [Vote Record No. 1380](#)).

Board of Education

Clerk Summerville noted that Reps. White and Rauh left the floor of the Board and were not participating in the discussion or any votes on the Board of Education budget.)

Chair Fountain reviewed the Committee's recommendations regarding the Board of Education budget.

President Skigen called for motions regarding the Board of Education Budget.

- Rep. Layton moved to reduce the Board of Education budget by an additional \$1 million. Said motion was seconded.
- Rep. Layton stated that after substantial discussion, the tax increase anticipated is simply too high. They felt this was a place to cut expenses and an appropriate cut to the School Board.
- The motion FAILED by a vote of 10-25-0 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, Day, Fedeli, Franzetti, Layton, Loglisci, Pia, Taylor and Uva in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, DeLuca, DePina, Figueroa, Fountain, Frazis, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo,

Heaphy, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McGarry, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Moore, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka, Wallace and Zelinsky opposed) (See [Vote Record No. 1381](#)).

A motion to accept the Committee's recommendation was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

WPCA Operating Budget

Chair Fountain reviewed the Committee's recommendations regarding the WPCA Operating Budget.

General Budget Reduction \$150,000

**COMMITTEE
APPROVED 7-0-3**

President Skigen called for motions from the floor; hearing none, the Committee's recommendation was approved by a vote of 30-1-5 (Reps. Adams, Cerasoli, Coleman, Coppola, Day, DeLuca, DePina, Fedeli, Fountain, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Loglisci, Lombardo, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Moore, Pia, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Summerville, Velishka, Wallace, White and Zelinsky in favor; Rep. Uva opposed; Reps. Figueroa, Mallozzi, McGarry, Sklover and Taylor abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1382](#)).

WPCA Capital Budget

Chair Fountain reviewed the Committee's recommendations regarding the WPCA Capital Budget.

Page 153 \$2,000,000

APPROVED 10-0-0

WPCA-Perna Lane

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee's recommendation was approved by unanimous voice vote.

President Skigen called for any further motions.

Rep. Fedeli moved that the Board of Representatives *recommend* to the Board of Finance that the \$4,182,256 proposed to be designated to the Rainy Day Fund be reduced to \$2,182,526. Said motion was seconded.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the motion FAILED by a vote of 12-24-1 (Reps. Cerasoli, Coppola, DeLuca, Fedeli, Franzetti, Frazis, Gabriele, Layton, Loglisci, Pia, Taylor and Uva in favor; Reps. Adams, Coleman, Day, DePina, Figueroa, Fountain, Giordano, Giraldo, Heaphy, Lombardo, Mallozzi, McNeil, Merritt, Mitchell, Moore, Rauh, Savage, Skigen, Sklover, Summerville, Velishka, Wallace, White and Zelinsky opposed; Rep. McGarry abstaining) (See [Vote Record No. 1383](#)).

RESOLUTIONS

- Chair Fountain moved the Operating Budget [Resolution](#) in the amount of \$248,052,564; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Chair Fountain moved the Board of Education Budget [Resolution](#) in the amount of \$245,072,959; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Chair Fountain moved the Special Funds Budgets [Resolution](#) in the amounts of:

\$1,578,129 – E. G. Brennan Fund
\$9,067,023 – Grants Funded Programs Fund
\$8,515,642 – Police Extra Duty Fund
\$87,647,053 – Risk Management Fund
\$436,373 – Marina Fund
\$21,950,705 – WPCA Fund
\$6,145,500 – Parking Fund

Said motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. (Rep. Sklover abstaining on the Risk Management Fund; Rep. Moore abstaining on the Grants Funded Program Fund Budget; Rep. Franzetti abstaining on the Police Extra Duty Fund Budget; Reps. Figueroa, Uva, McGarry, White, Mallozzi and Merritt abstaining on the WPCA Fund.)

- Chair Fountain moved the Capital Budget [Resolution](#) in the amount of \$38,065,098; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Chair Fountain moved the WPCA Capital Budget [Resolution](#) in the amount of \$5,300,000; said motion was seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

This meeting is on [video](#).