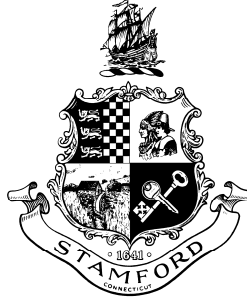


Minutes: March 13, 2014

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2014: 7:00 PM
Board of Finance Meeting Room, 4th Floor

Call to Order: (Video:Hours/Minutes): 00:00) Performed by Chairman Louizos at 7:05 PM, noting all Members were present

Pledge of Allegiance: Video:00:01; Led by Chairman Louizos

Approval of Minutes: Video:00:03 February 13, 2014: 7:00 PM: Regular Meeting	Approved
	5-0-1
	Motion by
	S. Gabriele
Mr. Bosak abstained from voting on the February minutes, as he could not attend due to a previously scheduled meeting.	Second
	R. Freedman

Public Participation: None

Reports to the Board: None

Note: Items are Shown in Order of Consideration

ITEMS HEARD UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Review- Fire Service

Item 12	Update: Status of the Negotiations regarding Consolidation of the Fire Service	No Action Taken
	<i>Action Requested:</i> Update	
	<i>Amount:</i> \$	
	<i>Fund/Budget:</i>	
	<i>Submitted by:</i> Mayor David Martin	
Video: 00:01	On a motion by Mr. Williams, which was seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board agreed by unanimous vote to hear this item under suspension of the rules. On a motion by Mr. Williams, which was seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the Board also agreed by unanimous vote to hear this item in executive session which; recommended by Mayor Martin; due to on- going legal proceedings, active negotiations and discussion of legal strategy. The participants who took part in executive session included Board of Finance Members John J. Louizos, Mary Lou Rinaldi, Richard Freedman, Dudley Williams, Gerald Bosak, Jr. and Sal Gabriele. Also included were Mayor David Martin, Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Director of Legal Affairs Kathryn Emmett, Director of Public Safety Ted Jankowski, Fire Chief Peter Brown, and Asst. Fire Chief Trevor Roach. After approximately 1hour and twenty minutes, the Board exited executive session, with Chairman Louizos stating that no action was taken on either Item # 12 or Item # 13 which were discussed consecutively.	

Review: Urban Redevelopment Commission & Developer Negotiations

Item 13	Update: Review: URC- Developer Negotiations	No Action Taken
	<i>Action Requested:</i> Update	
	<i>Amount:</i>	
	<i>Fund/Budget:</i>	
	<i>Submitted by:</i> Mayor David Martin	
Video: 00:01	On a motion by Mr. Gabriele, which was seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the Board agreed by unanimous vote to hear this item under suspension of the rules. On a motion by Mr.	

	Williams, which was seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board also agreed by unanimous vote to hear this item in executive session due to on- going legal proceedings, active negotiations and discussion of legal strategy as cited by Mayor Martin. The participants in executive session included Board of Finance Members John J. Louizos, Mary Lou Rinaldi, Richard Freedman, Dudley Williams, Gerald Bosak, Jr. and Sal Gabriele. Also taking part were Mayor David Martin and Chief of Staff Michael Pollard. After approximately 1 hour and twenty minutes, the Board exited executive session, with Chairman Louizos stating that no action was taken on either Item # 12 or Item # 13 which were discussed consecutively.	
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GRANTS

TB & Pulmonary Disease Grant

Item 1	Request for Approval of Transfer in the amount of \$3,031 from the Overtime & Training Accounts to the Salaries Account to prevent a deficit in the latter due to the settlement of the Nurses contract after the budget was approved.	Approved
	<i>Action Requested:</i> Transfer	6-0-0
	<i>Amount:</i> \$3,031	Motion
	<i>Fund/Budget:</i> Grant funded (50%)/City Special Revenue Funded (50%)	M. Rinaldi
	<i>Submitted by:</i> Anne Fountain, Director of Health	Second
	Video: 00:02 Dir. Jankowski explained that this transfer was necessary to avoid a deficit in the Salaries account after the settlement of the Nurse’s contract. The Board approved this item by unanimous vote. (After this item, the Board acted on the minutes for the February 13 meeting.)	G. Bosak

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

Transfer

Item 2	Request for Approval of Transfer in the amount of \$5,000 from the Seasonal Account to the Part-time Elections Account in order to provide sufficient funds through the end of the fiscal year.	Approved
	<i>Action Requested:</i> Transfer	6-0-0
	<i>Amount:</i> \$5,000	Motion
	<i>Fund/Budget:</i> Operating	G. Bosak
	<i>Submitted by:</i> Donna Loglisci, Town Clerk	Second
	Video: 00:03 OPM Asst. Director Berta explained that the funds for the March 4 primary were not included in the budget, but primary funds would be included going forward.	R. Freedman

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

Citizen Services- Transfer

Item 3	Request for Approval of Transfer in the amount of \$16,000 from the Leisure Services Salaries Account to the Citizen Services Salaries Account in order to cover a deficit in the latter.	Approved
	Action Requested: Transfer	4-2-0
	Amount: \$16,000	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Operating	G. Bosak
	Submitted by: Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
	Video: 00:04 Mr. Fedeli stated that the reason for this transfer was to restore funding in the Citizen Services salary account as funds were cut during the budget process and they did not want to lay off staff. In response to a question from Mr. Freedman as to how they located the funds, Asst. Budget Director Berta stated that there were payroll savings realized from a vacancy. Mr. Bosak made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Williams, and approved by a vote of 4-2-0, with Mr. Bosak & Ms. Rinaldi dissenting. Mr. Louizos made the point that he supported the transfer since savings were located elsewhere.	D. Williams

Additional Appropriations- Storm Account

Item 4	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriations totaling \$1,036,244 for shortages in various accounts due to winter storms including Storm: Salt & Sand: \$330,600; Storm: Overtime: \$380K, Storm: Equipment Maintenance:\$15K; Traffic & Road: Vehicle Maintenance: \$50K; Building Maintenance: \$5K; Grounds Maintenance: \$10K; Traffic & Road Maintenance-Land \$125K; Gasoline \$11.357; Diesel Fuel: \$109,287.	Approved
	Action Requested: Additional Appropriation	6-0-0
	Amount: \$1,036,244	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Fund Balance (prior year designation)	G. Bosak
	Submitted by: Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
	Video: 00:07 Mr. Orgera explained that due to the harsh winter season, funds were needed in all areas to take care of items such as vehicle maintenance, and to replenish funds in the overtime, salt & sand and fuel accounts.	M. Rinaldi

Capital Project Closeout Recommendation

Item 5	Notification of Capital Project Closeout recommendation for CP9241 in the amount of \$70,000 as funds are not needed at this time for this project, and are more urgently needed for the Scale Upgrade Project (see agenda item # 6, following).	No Action Taken
	Action Requested: Capital Project Closeout recommendation	
	Amount: \$70,000	
	Fund/Budget: Capital	
	Submitted by: Mayor David Martin	
	Video: 00:09 In response to a question from Mr. Freedman, City Engineer Casolo advised that funds were being closed out of the Transfer station floor project as they were more urgently needed to replace the scale at the solid waste facility (also see Item # 6, following). The Board took no action on this item.	

Supplemental Capital Appropriation- Scale Upgrade

Item 6	Request for Approval of Supplemental Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$70,000 to pay for removal and replacement of the outbound truck scale at the Solid Waste Facility.	Approved
	Action Requested: Additional Appropriation	6-0-0
	Amount: \$70,000	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Capital	M. Rinaldi
	Submitted by: Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
	Video: 00:11 Mr. Casolo explained that the scale at the Solid Waste Facility had exceeded its useful life and was 'on its last legs'. He said that if the funds were approved, they were ready to put the project out to bid as early as next week. The Board approved this item by unanimous vote.	G. Bosak

Bond Resolution

Item 6b	Request for Approval of Bond Resolution Amending the Capital Budget for FY2013-14 by adding an appropriation of \$70,000 for a capital project and Authorizing \$70,000 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Stamford to meet said appropriation.	Approved
	Action Requested: Bond Resolution Approval	6-0-0
	Amount: \$70,000	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Capital: CP6564	D. Williams
	Submitted by: Jim Hricay, Director of OPM	Second
	Video: 00:12 Ms. Berta explained that this resolution allowed for the funding of the scale upgrade project (Item # 6) through the use of bond proceeds.	S. Gabriele

Agreement

Item 7	Request for Approval of Lease Agreement between the City of Stamford and Sacred Heart University, Inc. for lease of a portion of Room 8-37 located on the 8 th floor of the Government Center for a period of five years commencing on date of contract.	Withdrawn
<i>Action Requested:</i>	Approval of Lease Agreement	
<i>Amount:</i>	\$150 month	
<i>Fund/Budget:</i>		
<i>Submitted by:</i>	Mayor Michael A. Pavia	
<i>Presented by:</i>	Chris Dellaselva, Asst. Corporation Counsel	
Video: 00:00	This item was withdrawn by the Law Department, as it had not yet been heard by the Planning Board.	

Stamford Fire Department

Item 8	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$74,400 to cover additional vehicle maintenance expenditures due to an increase in fire apparatus movements, mileage, & age of fleet.	Approved
<i>Action Requested:</i>	Additional Appropriation	6-0-0
<i>Amount:</i>	\$74,400	Motion
<i>Fund/Budget:</i>	Contingency	S. Gabriele
<i>Submitted by:</i>	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety/Chief Teitlebaum	Second
Video: 00:13	Mr. Jankowski explained that these funds were sought to pay for additional expenses incurred in vehicle maintenance due to covering more area in the City than before. Asst. Fire Chief Roach added that they economized where possible, but there were not sufficient funds in the account.	D. Williams

Long Ridge Volunteer Fire Department

Item 9	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$117,791.67 to cover funding for April, 2014.	Approved
<i>Action Requested:</i>	Additional Appropriation	6-0-0
<i>Amount:</i>	\$117,791.67	Motion
<i>Fund/Budget:</i>	Contingency	M. Rinaldi
<i>Submitted by:</i>	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety/Chief Teitlebaum	Second
Video: 00:14	Vice Chair Rinaldi made a motion to consider Items 9-11 together which was seconded by Mr. Bosak. After Public Safety Director Jankowski updated the Board on the status of the TOR Fire Stations 1 (staffed and running) and Fire Station 2 (not up and running), he explained that there was not sufficient manpower to maintain Station 2, but was advised by Chief Jacobellis that both stations would be at 100% full operation prior to the end of this fiscal year due to the recent receipt of a FEMA grant that allowed them to hire employees.	G. Bosak

Turn of the River Volunteer Fire Department

Item 10	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$25,666.67 to cover funding for April, 2014.	Approved
Action Requested:	Additional Appropriation	6-0-0
Amount:	\$25,666.67	Motion
Fund/Budget:	Contingency	M. Rinaldi
Submitted by:	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety/Chief Jacobellis	Second
Video: 00:00	See minutes in Item # 9.	G. Bosak

Springdale Volunteer Fire Department

Item 11	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$12,833.33 to cover funding for April, 2014.	Approved
Action Requested:	Additional Appropriation	6-0-0
Amount:	\$12,833.33	Motion
Fund/Budget:	Contingency	M. Rinaldi
Submitted by:	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety/Chief Fahan	Second
Video: 00:00	See minutes in Item # 9.	G. Bosak

Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Thursday, April 10, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Williams which was seconded by Mr. Bosak, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn this meeting at 8:47 PM

Lorraine C. Gilden

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Clerk of the Board