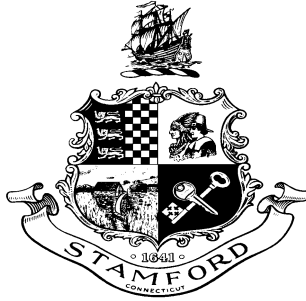


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### ACTION REPORT (MINUTES) OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2018  
Stamford Government Center  
Board of Finance Conference Room

A special meeting to approve the Mayor's Proposed FY 2018-2019 Operating, Special Fund, and Capital and the Board of Education Budgets of the City of Stamford was held by the Board of Finance on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Stamford Government Center in the Board of Finance Conference room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. *Members present* were Chair Richard Freedman, Vice-Chair Mary Lou Rinaldi, and Board members, Sal Gabriele, David Kooris, Kieran Ryan and Dudley Williams. Also present were Jay Fountain, Director of OPM, Lee Berta, OPM Assistant Director, David Villalva, OPM Management Analyst and Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board. Chair Freedman opened the meeting at 7:05 PM and invited all to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Freedman reviewed the budget process to this point and then asked all to turn to pages 300 and 301 of the budget book to start with the Board of Education.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM after passing the following motions:

#### BUDGET MOTIONS PASSED

##### OPERATING BUDGET

On a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, Mr. Williams stated that on behalf of the Education Committee, and after careful review, that he proposed to **cut \$1,826,000 from the Board of Education total budget (Program 9000)**. The motion was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board voted unanimously to **cut the Cost Reduction Analyst full-time salary line by \$94,261 (Program 1011)** and eliminate the position.

Mr. Kooris made a motion to **cut the Desktop Technician full-time salary line by \$61,062 (Application Support, Program 1061)**, and reduce one position. Ms. Rinaldi seconded the motion but withdrew her second pending a discussion. Following the discussion, Mr. Kooris amended his motion to **cut the Desktop Technician full-time salary line by \$61,281 (Application Support, Program 1061)** and reduce one position. The amended motion was seconded by Ms. Rinaldi and approved unanimously.

On a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Kooris opposing) to **cut the full-time salary line of the Transportation Traffic Analyst by \$53,922 (Transportation Planning and Engineering, Program 2210)** and eliminate the position.

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted unanimously to **cut the Operations Program Specialist II full-time salary line by \$80,971 (Engineering, Program 2200)** and eliminate the position.

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Kooris opposing) to **cut the Neighborhood Planner salary line by \$59,892 (Planning, Program 2310)** and eliminate the position.

On a motion by Mr. Gabriele, seconded by Mr. Kooris, the Board voted unanimously to **cut the Administrative Services Bureau Chief full-time salary line by \$140,184 (Operations Administration, Program 2600)** and eliminate the position.

On a motion by Mr. Kooris, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Gabriele opposing) to **cut the Assistant Director 911 full-time salary line by \$45,406 (Emergency Communications Center, Program 3350)** and eliminate the position.

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted unanimously to **cut \$50,000 from the Office Support Specialist and Police Aide full-time salary lines (Police Administration, Program 3300)**. The intent is to fund a partial year of one new Office Support Specialist position and a partial year of one new Police Aide position.

On a motion by Mr. Kooris, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Gabriele opposing) to **cut the Deputy Fire Marshal full-time salary line by \$198,142 (Fire Marshal, Program 3540)** and eliminate two positions.

On a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Gabriele opposing) to **cut the Health Inspector I full-time salary line by \$57,197 (Inspection Services, Program 3830)** and reduce one position.

Mr. Gabriele made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to make a **general reduction in the Legal Department in the amount of \$86,000 (Legal Department, Program 4010)**. The motion failed to pass on a 2-4-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing).

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted unanimously to **cut the Account Clerk II full-time salary line by \$50,675 (Human Resources, Program 4020)** and eliminate the position.

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Freedman opposing) to **cut the Human Resources Manager full-time salary line by \$124,892 (Human Resources, Program 4020)** and eliminate the position.

Mr. Gabriele made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to **cut the Citizen Service Manager full-time salary line by \$120,094 (Citizen's Service Center, Program 2520)** and eliminate the position, which failed to pass by a vote of 3-3 (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams opposing).

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freedman, to **cut the Citizen Service Manager full-time salary line by \$30,000 (Citizen's Service Center, Program 2520)**. Mr. Gabriele made an amended motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to **cut the Citizen Service Manager full-time salary line by \$60,000 (Citizen's Service Center, Program 2520)**. The amended motion failed to pass on a 2-3-1 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Mr. Kooris and Mr. Williams opposing and Ms. Rinaldi abstaining.) Mr. Gabriele made a second amended motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to **cut the Citizen Service Manager full-time salary line by \$45,275 (Citizen's Service Center, Program 2520)**. The second amended motion failed to pass on a 2-3-1 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Mr. Kooris and Mr. Williams opposing and Ms. Rinaldi abstaining.) Mr. Gabriele made a third amended motion, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to **cut the Citizen Service Manager full-time salary line by \$40,000 (Citizen's Service Center, Program 2520)**. The third amended motion failed to pass on a 2-3-1 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Mr. Kooris and Mr.

Williams opposing and Ms. Rinaldi abstaining.) The original motion made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Freedman to **cut the Citizen Service Manager full-time salary line by \$30,000 (Citizen's Service Center, Program 2520)** failed to pass on a 3-3-0 vote (Messrs. Gabriele and Ryan and Ms. Rinaldi opposing).

Mr. Gabriele made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to **cut the Special Assistant/City Information Manager full-time salary line by \$76,463 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)**. Mr. Freedman made an amended motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to **cut either the Special Assistant/City Information Manager or the Special Assistant/Legislative Affairs full-time salary line by \$76,463 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)** and allow the Mayor to decide which position to eliminate. The amended motion failed to pass on a 0-6-0 vote. Ms. Rinaldi made a second amended motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to **cut the Special Assistant/Legislative Affairs full-time salary line by \$76,463 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)** and eliminate the position. The second amended motion passed unanimously. The original motion by Mr. Gabriele and seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, to **cut the Special Assistant City Information Manager full-time salary line by \$76,463 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)** failed to pass on a 3-3 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams opposing).

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, to **cut the Chief of Staff full-time salary line by \$165,132 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)** and eliminate the position, which failed to pass on a 2-4-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing).

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, to **cut the Chief of Staff full-time salary line by \$75,000 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)** which failed to pass on a 2-4-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing). Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, to **cut the Chief of Staff full-time salary line by \$45,000 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)** and eliminate the position, which failed to pass on a 2-4-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing).

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, to **cut the Mayor full-time salary line by \$20,000 (Mayor's Office, Program 5010)** which failed to pass on a 2-4-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing).

On a motion by Mr. Gabriele, seconded by Mr. Kooris, the Board voted unanimously to **cut the Town and City Clerk Other Salary line by \$36,323 (Town and City Clerk, Program 5050)**.

Ms. Rinaldi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan to **cut the Town and City Clerk Overtime line by \$4,000 (Town and City Clerk, Program 5050)** which failed to pass on a 2-4 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Gabriele, Kooris, and Williams opposing.)

Mr. Gabriele made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to cut **the Board of Representatives Overtime line by \$4,000 (Board of Representatives, Program 5020)** which failed to pass on a 1-5-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Gabriele, Kooris, Ryan, and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing).

On a motion by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Gabriele opposing) to **cut the Stamford Museum & Nature Center line by \$21,000 (Program 6056)**.

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Gabriele opposing) to **cut the Bartlett Arboretum line by \$5,000 (Program 6056)**.

Mr. Gabriele made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to **cut the Mill River Collaborative line by \$22,000 (Program 6056)**. Mr. Williams left the floor. Mr. Ryan made an amended motion, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, to **cut the Mill River Collaborative line by \$11,000 (Program 6056)**. The amended motion failed to pass on a 2-3-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman and Kooris and Ms. Rinaldi opposing, Mr. Williams not present). Mr. Gabriele then withdrew his original motion.

Mr. Ryan made a motion, second by Mr. Gabriele, to **cut the Board of Ethics Purchased Property Services line by \$2,500 (Board of Ethics, Program 5040)** which failed to pass on a 1-5-0 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Gabriele, Kooris and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing).

#### GRANTS BUDGET

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi and seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted 5-1-0 (Mr. Gabriele opposing) to **cut the Health Risk Reduction Grant, Transfer from General Fund line by \$71,382 (Health Risk Reduction Grant, Program 0152).**

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi and seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted 4-2-0 (Messrs. Gabriele and Kooris opposing) to **cut the Public Health Preparedness & Response Grant, Transfer from General Fund line by \$68,326 (Public Health Preparedness & Response Grant, Program 0168).**

#### OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gabriele, to cut **the Beaches and Parks Enforcement, Purchased Property Services line by \$300,000 (Beaches and Parks Enforcement, Program 2536)** which failed to pass on 1-4-1 vote (Messrs. Freedman, Kooris and Williams and Ms. Rinaldi opposing, Mr. Gabriele abstaining).

#### CAPITAL BUDGET

On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi and seconded by Mr. Ryan, the Board voted unanimously to **cut the Old Town Hall Redevelopment Agency HVAC Upgrade by \$300,000.**

#### WPCA BUDGET

The Board took no action on the WPCA budget.

[This meeting is on video.](#)

*Cynthia Winterle*

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Cynthia Winterle, Clerk of the Board