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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Sec. 6-20-2 of the *City of Stamford Charter*, Chairman Richard Freedman and Vice-Chair Mary Lou T. Rinaldi called a special meeting of the Board of Finance on **Tuesday, February 27, 2018**, for the specific purposes of: Litigation and Contract Negotiation Updates and Hiring of Seasonal to Full-Time Custodians.

Call to Order: Chair Richard Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. (*Video 00:00:21*)

Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Freedman, Chair

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Litigation and Contract Negotiation Updates

<i>Item 1</i>	The Mayor will provide the Board with litigation and contract negotiation updates in Executive Session.	Motion to enter Executive Session Approved 6-0-0 Motion by: D. Williams Second by: M. L. Rinaldi
Action Requested:	Updates	
Amount:		
Fund/Budget:		
Submitted by:	Mayor David Martin	
<i>Video: Part 1 - 00:00:34</i>	Mayor Martin requested that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss litigation and contract negotiations.	

A motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Rinaldi to enter Executive Session 1 to discuss litigation and contract negotiations. The motion passed unanimously. *(Video: Part 1 - 00:00:52)*

At 7:04 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session 1. Present were: Board Members Freedman, Rinaldi, Gabriele, Kooris, Ryan and Williams; Mayor Martin; Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs; and Jay Fountain, Director of OPM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 1

On a motion by Dudley Williams and seconded by Sal Gabriele, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session 1 at 7:20 p.m. Board Chair Freedman noted that there were no votes taken and no actions taken.

(Video: Part 2 – 00:00:09) Mr. Freedman moved to Item 2 below at which time Director of Legal Affairs Kathryn Emmett called for Executive Session 2 to discuss the request for an additional appropriation – Hiring of Seasonal to Full-time Custodians. A motion was made by Mr. Gabriele and seconded by Mr. Kooris to enter Executive Session 2 to discuss this matter, which passed unanimously.

At 7:21 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session 2. Present were: Board Members Freedman, Rinaldi, Gabriele, Kooris, Ryan and Williams; Mayor Martin; Ms. Emmett; Mr. Clemon Williams, Director of Human Resources; Jay Fountain; and Shipman Goodwin Attorney Gabriel Jiran, who represents the City in labor negotiations. *(Video: Part 2 - 00:00:53)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2

At 7:55 p.m. Board Chair Freedman noted that, on a motion by Sal Gabriele and seconded by David Kooris, the Board voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session 2. He said that there were no votes taken and no actions taken. At this point Mayor Martin left the meeting.

(Video: Part 3 – 00:00:01) Mr. Freedman then moved on to a discussion of Item 2. (See below.)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Additional Appropriation – Hiring of Seasonal to Full-time Custodians

<i>Item 2</i>	<p>This is a request for approval of an additional appropriation in accordance with a Settlement Agreement dated May 30, 2017 wherein certain seasonal custodian positions were upgraded to full-time.</p> <p>This item was held by Board members at the October 12, 2017 meeting of the Board of Finance (BOF) until November so input from Human Resources and the Legal Department could be heard.</p> <p>The item was again discussed at the November 14 meeting of the Board and a vote to approve the appropriation failed with a vote of 2-4-0. Members Rinaldi, Gabriele, Kooris and Michelson dissented. A related request for a transfer of \$200,000 also failed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued...</i></p>	<i>WITHDRAWN – TO BE RESUBMITTED AT THE MARCH MEETING.</i>
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<i>Item 2 Cont'd.</i>	<p>At the December 14, 2017 meeting of the BOF the Board approved the request for a transfer of \$200,000. The vote passed 3-2-0 with Board Members Rinaldi and Ryan dissenting. The request for the \$86,842 additional appropriation is again being brought before the Board at this time. <i>It is possible that some portion of this discussion may require executive session.</i></p>		<p>WITHDRAWN – TO BE RESUBMITTED AT THE MARCH MEETING.</p>
	Action Requested:	Approval of Appropriation	
	Amount:	\$86,842	
	Fund/Budget:	Contingency	
	Submitted by:	Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	
	<i>Video: Part 3 - 00:00:17</i>	<p>Following Executive Session 2, Mayor David Martin left the meeting and Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs was present to answer questions. OPM Director Jay Fountain said that Item 2 was to be withdrawn with the understanding that it will again be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Finance as a request for a transfer within the Department of Operations rather than an additional appropriation. A discussion followed in which Board Members Rinaldi, Gabriele and Ryan spoke of their concerns with the way this matter has evolved and it being contrary to the Board's efforts to hold down costs within the City.</p>	

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Second Quarter Financial Projections: FY 17-18

<i>Item 3</i>	<p>Update: Review of Q2 Financial Projections for FY 2017-18. This item was held at the February 8, 2018 meeting of the Board of Finance.</p>		<p>UPDATE</p>
	Action Requested:	Update	
	Amount:		
	Fund/Budget:		
	Submitted by:	Jay Fountain, Director of OPM	
	<i>Video: Part 3 - 00:32:45</i>	<p>Mr. Fountain provided an update on the Q2 Projections. He said they are projecting a budget shortfall of \$1,127,000, which will be covered by slowing down hiring, among other things. He discussed State grant monies coming in less than budgeted, contingency funds, possible advantages from refinancing TIF debt triggering lower interest rates, and answered Board member questions. <i>Please view video Part 3 of this meeting for more detailed information.</i></p>	

This meeting is on video.

- [Part 1](#)
- [Part 2](#)
- [Part 3](#)

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gabriele and seconded by Ms. Rinaldi. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Cynthia R. Winterle

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Clerk of the Board**