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ACTION REPORT (MINUTES) OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE – (AMENDED AGENDA)

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 at the Government Center Board of Finance Conference Room on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm of the Board of Finance for the specific purpose of providing an:

Advisory Opinion – M.A.A. Contract

Pursuant to **Section C6-20-7(d)** of the City of Stamford Charter, there is a request for an Advisory Opinion to the Board of Representatives on the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Stamford and AFSCME Local #2657 (M.A.A.) for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018.

The proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement was presented by Clemon Williams, Director of Human Resources. The modified points in the contract were discussed, including: health insurance premiums; life insurance; pensions; revised terms for new hires including elimination of longevity. *As this was a lengthy discussion, please refer to the meeting video for a full transcript.*

Chairman Freedman called for a motion to recommend approval of this contract. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kooris to provide a favorable Advisory Opinion of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Stamford and the AFSCME Local #2657 (M.A.A.) union to the Board of Representatives. **The Board agreed, by a vote of 4-1-1** (Mr. Gabriele dissenting and Ms. Michelson abstaining), **to issue a positive advisory.**

In conclusion, the Board of Finance believes this agreement meets the fiscal requirements for approval.

ITEMS REQUESTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES (Added 09/22/2016)

Mayor David Martin respectfully asked that Item 5 be heard by the Board at this time.

Additional Appropriation – 6050 – Community Centers

Item 5	<p>Approval of an Additional Appropriation of \$100,000 to support three separate, though interrelated and cooperative programs. All three recognize the relationship between youth disengagement and unhealthy behaviors, including drug use and an increased propensity for violence. As set forth in more discrete detail below, in the aggregate they provide: outreach; a venue for recreational activities; comradery; support; guidance; access to mentoring; and help in identifying/increasing access to educational and vocational opportunities.</p> <p>1. \$50,000 will allow the Boys & Girls Club of Stamford to continue its successful summer night program. The program began on Monday, September 12, 2016. It is housed at the Yerwood Center and operates three nights per week (M/W/F) from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Recreational activities, which include basketball, ping pong, football, dance and board games, keep participants busy in a safe zone. Snacks, drinks and music are provided. Staff members hold discussion sessions to address youth violence and offer mentoring to work on job skills, education, health, and values clarification. The program incorporates the Con-Vo (Community Fund for Non-Violence) initiative. Moving forward, Boys & Girls, the City and their de facto partners (see below) will continue to explore ways to grow their programs, honing in on documented needs of individual participants – incorporating vocational development plans, tutoring and job skills training.</p> <p>2. \$35,000 will support DOMUS’ historically successful “Project Hope” program. Essentially an anti-crime program, Project Hope began in 2006. Its overarching goal is to prevent youth crime by identifying kids who have been involved in a youthful crime and/or kids who appear to be prone to violence, and connecting them and their families to appropriate remedial community resources. Funds will support increased hours for Program Hope outreach workers whose efforts are essential to initiating the trusting relationships with youth and their families that lead to buy-in and participation in Project Hope.</p> <p>3. \$15,000 will support the Stamford Police Department’s Boys Leadership Program. This program builds on the Police Department’s award-winning Girls Leadership Program which is being recognized by the US Attorney’s Office. The Boys Program will assign veteran male police officers to mentor teenage boys, who are deemed to be, or are, border-line at risk.</p>	
	Action Requested: Approval of Additional Appropriation	<p>Approved 6-0-0 Motion by: S. Gabriele Second by: S. Michelson</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued...</i></p>
	Amount: \$100,000	
	Fund/Budget: Contingency	
	Submitted by: David Martin, Mayor	
	Presented by: Ted Jankowski, Director, Public Safety, Health and Welfare	
	Video: 00:33:03 Mayor Martin stated that Stamford is the safest city (cities with populations over 100,000), in the Northeast. The second safest is Lowell, MA where the serious crime rate is 70% higher than Stamford. He explained however, that we have had some violence with shots fired and spoke about the three programs that are associated with this request for an additional appropriation: (1) Last summer the City started the Boys & Girls Club Open Gym Night at the Yerwood Center. It has been running six (6) nights per week from shortly after July 4, and has been “hugely successful.” He added that on some nights there have been as many as 125-140 young people who are high school age to 25 years old. The Mayor would like to continue this program, perhaps three nights per week - with the same people - through approximately June 1 and then possibly six (6) days per week, with flexibility depending upon attendance and demand.	

	<p>(2) When a task force established to address gun violence in the City was meeting, it became obvious that there are basically no programs for individuals aged 18 to 25. What we had in the past was dismantled and there is no State funding to support this age group. The police are working with DOMUS and have come up with the New Project Hope program that targets a group of high at-risk individuals. It will be held at the DOMAS location near the Bedford Street Garage, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, having a lot of resources and providing mentors and counselors.</p> <p>(3) For several years the Mayor has encouraged police support for the Girls' Leadership Program for at-risk middle schoolers. It involves a small number (12-15) of participants and is expected to be expanded to include a Boys' Leadership Program (also middle school).</p> <p>In answer to Ms. Rinaldi's question as to whether these programs will be funded in next year's budget, Mayor Martin responded that they will, depending on how successful they are.</p> <p>Mr. Jankowski explained that DOMAS Project New Hope was modeled off a program previously run as Project Hope (see Item 2 above) and provides two (2) counselors, two (2) mentors, and operates 24/7. It is an intervention program for individuals involved in minor crimes - or moving in that direction.</p> <p>There were comments from the Board on the importance of work being done at these programs and suggested that the programs be measured as to their success and outcomes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>As this was a lengthy discussion, please refer to the meeting video for a full transcript.</i></p>
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Agreement – Quality Data Service, Inc.

Item 2	<p>Approval of an Agreement with Quality Data Service, Inc. to provide replacement software and services for the City's HTE Assessment/Tax system as outlined in the attached Agreement. Appropriations for this expenditure were approved by the Board of Finance at its August 11, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting. <i>(See related Item #3 below.)</i></p>	
	Action Requested: Approval of Agreement with Quality Data Service, Inc.	<p>Approved 6-0-0 Motion by: S. Gabriele Second by: D. Williams</p>
	Amount: \$334,975	
	Fund/Budget: Contingency Fund	
	Submitted by: David Martin, Mayor	
	Presented by: Greg Stackpole, Assessor	
	<p>Video: 01:00:10 (Video: 01:00:10) At this point in the meeting, Mr. Fountain stated that as there is a bid waiver item on this agenda, and since there have been a number of questions associated with bid waivers in the past, he had invited Director of Legal Affairs, Kathryn Emmett, to speak on the requirements associated with them. She gave a short talk on this topic.</p> <p>(Video: 01:09:51) Mr. Stackpole initially spoke about the reasons for the need for a bid waiver and then answered questions posed by Board members regarding this agreement, including annual support fees, cancellation notification, modifications, updates/upgrades (average of two (2) per year). In response to a question by Chairman Freedman, he said that this is the assessment package for the Assessor's Office which handles personal property-motor vehicle. It also handles the administrative part of the real estate side as well as interfaces and has its own tax billing application and interfaces with HTE's general INFYSIS system. Mr. Stackpole mentioned Quality Data Service, Inc. as being well established and impressive as to what it can do.</p> <p>Ms. Rinaldi suggested that an entire transfer from the antiquated HTE program be considered rather than in a piecemeal manner.</p>	

**Bid Waiver No. 831 – Software License and Support Services Agreement
Quality Data Service, Inc.**

Item 3	Approval of Bid Waiver #831 for Quality Data Service, Inc., for replacement of HTE Assessment/Tax Software. The Bid Waiver is being requested pursuant to Section 23-18-3.B(2) of the Purchasing Ordinance. Quality Data is a software provider for over 90% of Connecticut cities and towns. They are the only provider who has experience with HTE software applications.		Approved 6-0-0 Motion by: D. Williams Second by: D. Kooris
	Action Requested:	Approval of Agreement with Quality Data Service, Inc.	
	Amount:	\$334,975	
	Fund/Budget:	Contingency Fund	
	Submitted by:	David Martin, Mayor	
	Presented by:	Greg Stackpole, Assessor	
Video: 01:23:47	Ms. Rinaldi reiterated that if HTE is becoming an antiquated system we should think about making an entire transfer of data rather than piecemeal. Mr. Fountain responded that the Mayor has asked for an assessment of our HTE system and what the plans are for the next ten (10) years.		

Additional Appropriation – Fire Retro Wage Payout – FY11/12 to FY15/16

Item 4	Approval of an Additional Appropriation of \$7,093,110 from Fund Balance to fund the Fire Retro Wage increase obligations from FY11/12 to FY15/16 per a recent contract settlement.		Approved 6-0-0 Motion by: M. L. Rinaldi Second by: S. Gabriele
	Action Requested:	Approval of Additional Appropriation	
	Amount:	\$7,093,110	
	Fund/Budget:	Fund Balance	
	Submitted by:	David Martin, Mayor	
	Presented by:	Jay Fountain, Interim Executive Director of OPM	
Video: 01:24:47	Director Williams updated the Board on the status of this matter, explaining that some cases are still under review, i.e. retirements, transfers, etc. His department made an estimate after the contract was approved and years 2011-12, 12-13, 13-14, 14-15 to 15-16 have been taken out of the fund balance, which was already estimated at \$7,093,110, so sufficient funds have been set aside for this purpose.		

This meeting is on video.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 7:15 p.m. (note change in date and time)

Adjournment: (Video: 01:28:25) On a motion by Mr. Williams, which was seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn this meeting at 8:36 p.m.