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### REPORT OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID R. MARTIN, BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS RICHARD FREEDMAN, MARY LOU RINALDI, DUDLEY WILLIAMS, DAVID KOORIS AND KIERAN RYAN. BOARD MEMBER SALVATORE GABRIELE WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

Pursuant to Section 6-20-2 of the *City of Stamford Charter*, Richard Freedman and Mary Lou Rinaldi called for a special meeting of the Board of Finance on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Richard Freedman opened the meeting at 6:43 p.m. and welcomed new member Kieran Ryan. He then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### AGENDA

1. Administration of Oath by Mayor David Martin for new member Kieran Ryan. (Mayor Martin had previously administered the Oath of Office to Re-Elected Member Richard Freedman. Mr. Gabriele will be administered the Oath of Office in the near future.)

Mayor Martin congratulated the newly elected and re-elected members. He also congratulated Board Member Dudley Williams on being chosen *Citizen of the Year* in the City of Stamford.

2. Election of Chairperson Pursuant to Section 6-20-4 of the *City of Stamford Charter*, the Mayor called for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Mr. Williams enthusiastically nominated Richard Freedman to continue to serve as Chairman of the Board, adding that he has done a terrific job. Ms. Rinaldi seconded the motion. Mayor Martin then asked if there were any other nominations for Chair. Hearing none, the Mayor then called for a vote on the nomination, which resulted in Richard Freedman being elected as Chairman of the Board by unanimous vote. The Mayor congratulated Mr. Freedman and then turned the meeting over to the new Chairman.
3. Election of Vice Chairperson Chairman Freedman heartedly nominated Mary Lou Rinaldi to continue her service as Vice Chair, citing her knowledge and years of experience as invaluable benefits to the Board. Mr. Williams seconded this nomination and the Board then elected Mary Lou Rinaldi as Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.
4. Adoption of the Rules of the Board of Finance Chairman Freedman proposed one change to strike the following committees off the list:

Personnel  
Operations and WPCA  
Public Safety, Health and Welfare.

Mr. Williams seconded the change and the members voted unanimously to remove the committees.

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Mr. Ryan suggested that special meeting rules of order provide for public address. He asked that the rules be amended and made a motion to change the rules of Item 6 to add special meetings language as follows:

Item 6: There shall be a period of time, not to exceed thirty (30) minutes, for the public to address the Board at Regular *or Special* Meetings on items appearing on the Board Agenda and, subject to the discretion of the Chair, to address at any Regular Meeting of the Board any issue directly related to matters under supervision and control of the Board.

Mr. Ryan also proposed adding a new item number as follows:

Item 14: The Rules of the Board of Finance herein contained may be amended at any Special Meeting of the Board duly called for the purposes thereof upon the affirmative vote of not less than four members.

Following a short discussion, Mr. Kooris seconded Mr. Ryan's motion to change the Rules of the Board of Finance, with the Board voting unanimously (5-0-0) in favor.

5. Committee Assignments Chairman Freedman stated that he had assigned the following members to Chair committees and also to serve:

Board of Finance Committees

Audit Committee	David Kooris, Chair	Salvatore Gabriele, Member
Education Committee	Dudley Williams, Chair	Richard Freedman, Member

Other Committee Membership

CERF	Mary Lou Rinaldi
WPCA	Kieran Ryan
OPEB	Dudley Williams, Kieran Ryan
Investment Advisory Representative	Mary Lou Rinaldi
OTHRA	David Kooris
Property Revaluation	David Kooris

6. Schedule of Regular Meetings for 2018 The Chairman acknowledged the 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule as the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of the August meeting which is to be held on the third Thursday. He asked members to share any conflicts prior to the regular meetings.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Mr. Williams, which was seconded by Ms. Rinaldi, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

[This meeting is on video.](#)

*Cynthia R. Winterle*

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Clerk of the Board

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cc: Mayor David R. Martin  
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