



## BOARD OF FINANCE

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### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 6-20-2 of the *City of Stamford Charter*, Chair Richard Freedman and Vice Chair Mary Lou Rinaldi called for a special meeting of the Board of Finance on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of:

### MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Freedman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Richard noted that items #3 and #4 are on agenda again as a result of a public notice issue impacting the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Meeting. (Video 00:00:08)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Freedman, Mary Lou Rinaldi, Geoff Alswanger and David Mannis. Frank Cerasoli and Kieran Ryan were not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor David Martin, Dr. Tamu Lucero, Jay Fountain, Lindsey Miller, Kevin McCarthy, Marc Jaffe, Dr. Joseph G. Ford, Cindy Grafstein, Sandy Dennies, Anthony Romano, Jackie Figueroa, Anita Carpenter, John Perna, Laura Burwick, Kelly Kultys, Kathryn Emmett and Donna Arcuri.

1. REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION – CAPITAL PROJECT 1239 – SCOFIELD HVAC EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT (Video 00:01:35)

Roof Top Unit Replacement. Replace existing roof top units which are past useful life. Design currently a City ARP Project. Install new unit at Café. Air/Water Balance System. Construction portion anticipated to be funded by FY22-23 City ARP Funds. (Automation Portion Funded City ARP FY 21-22)

<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approval of appropriation
<b>Amount:</b>	\$2,500,000.00
<b>Fund/Budget:</b>	ARP
<b>Submitted by:</b>	David Martin, Mayor; Anthony Romano, OPM
<b>Attending:</b>	Kevin McCarthy, Facilities Manager

Kevin McCarthy presented related items #1 and #2 simultaneously at the request of Chairman Freedman.

Motion to approve by Mary Lou Rinaldi, seconded by Geoff Alswanger. Vote passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

2. REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION – CAPITAL PROJECT 1240 - STILLMEADOW – HVAC EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT/AUTOMATION/VENTILATION

Roof Top Unit Replacement, Building Management System Upgrade. Replace 7 roof top units at end of useful life (20 years in 2023) and install new roof top unit for Café. Air/Water Balance System. Work includes install controls for 10 roof top units and BMS Control CO2 at VAV Boxes. Project is on list of City ARP Projects. Work will improve indoor air quality and increase energy efficiency.

<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approval of appropriation
<b>Amount:</b>	\$2,000,000.00
<b>Fund/Budget:</b>	ARP
<b>Submitted by:</b>	David Martin, Mayor; Anthony Romano, OPM
<b>Attending:</b>	Kevin McCarthy, Facilities Manager

Motion to approve by Mary Lou Rinaldi, seconded by Geoff Alswanger. Vote passed unanimously, 4-0-0.

3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STAMFORD AND STAMFORD ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSELS UNION LOCAL 1303-191, COUNCIL 4 AFSCME AFL-CIO (UNION) (Video 00:08:21)

<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approval of Agreement
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Alfred Cava, Director of Human Resources
<b>Attending:</b>	Alfred Cava

Motion to approve by Mary Lou Rinaldi, seconded by David Mannis. Vote passed unanimously, 4-0-0. For additional discussion on this item, please see the video of the Special Meeting of October 20, 2021.

4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE FOR THE SMITH HOUSE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND SCHOFIELD MANOR THE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AT 88 ROCK RIMMON ROAD, CITY OF STAMFORD, STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

*(Video 00:09:31)*

Approval of The Amended and Restated Lease is requested to enable Charter Oak Communities to transfer the operations of Scofield Manor to Center Management. This amends the original Lease for the Smith House Skilled Nursing Facility which became effective on May 2, 2017.

<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approval of Amended and Restated Lease
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Mayor David Martin; Laura Burwick, Special Assistant to the Mayor
<b>Attending:</b>	Laura Burwick

Motion to approve by Mary Lou Rinaldi, seconded by Geoff Alswanger. Vote passed unanimously, 4-0-0. For additional discussion on this item, please see the video of the Special Meeting of October 20, 2021.

5. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – EARLY CHILDHOOD – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS – EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIPS *(Video 00:10:32)*

This request is 100% eligible as an ARP project and would be completely funded through ARP dollars. Quality daycare is critical to Stamford's workforce and early childhood education helps children gain the necessary academic, emotional and social skills to prosper in elementary school and beyond. \$500,000.00 would provide scholarships to between 15 – 100 Stamford children ages 0 – 5 depending on tuition. This will be available to Stamford children enrolled in any Stamford licensed center-based daycare. The sliding fee scale ranges from \$8/week to \$270/week. Stamford does not offer many subsidized or State funded spots for children that are 0-3 years old. Stamford only has 48 available Early Head Start spaces for children 0 – 3 that are offered by CLC. 100% of the funds would support low-income families with childcare scholarships. The application process would be conducted similar to the established process, supported through the ongoing monitoring of sites conducted by the School Readiness Liaison.

<b>Action Requested:</b>	Approval of Appropriation
<b>Amount:</b>	\$500,000.00
<b>Fund/Budget:</b>	100% Grant Funded
<b>Submitted by:</b>	Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer
<b>Attending:</b>	Anita Carpenter

The Board invited public participation on this item. There was brief public participation from CEO Marc Jaffee of Childcare Learning Centers and Rev. Dr. Joseph G. Ford of the Mark of Excellence Preschool Academy. Both spoke on the financial difficulties of parents unable to afford daycare.

Motion to approve by Richard Freedman, seconded by David Mannis. Vote failed, 2-2-0. Mary Lou Rinaldi and Geoff Alswanger voted against.

6. ADJOURNMENT: *(Video 00:31:57)*

Motion to adjourn by David Mannis, seconded by Geoff Alswanger. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Tracy Donoghue  
Clerk of the Board

**This meeting is on video.**