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## **BOARD OF FINANCE**

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## **BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

#### **MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Richard Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIR RICHARD FREEDMAN; VICE CHAIR MARY LOU RINALDI AND MEMBERS GEOFF ALSWANGER, FRANK CERASOLI, DAVID MANNIS AND KIERAN RYAN

OTHERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID MARTIN, RALPH BLESSING, GARRETT BOLELLA, ELLEN BROMLEY, SANDY DENNIES, KATHRYN EMMETT, JAY FOUNTAIN, CINDY GRAFSTEIN, TAMU LUCERO, KEVIN MCCARTHY, TARA PETROCELLI, JIM TRAVERS, DAVID WOODS

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

A. Contingency Update – FY 19-20

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was none.

1. MINUTES: Request for approval of minutes of the following February 2020 meetings:

Regular Monthly Meeting – March 16, 2020 (Rescheduled from March 12, 2020)

Special Budget Meeting – March 30, 2020

Special Budget Meeting – April 2, 2020

Special Budget Meeting – April 6, 2020

Submitted by: Clerk, Board of Finance

Motion to approve by Mr. Alswanger, second by Ms. Rinaldi passed unanimously (6-0-0).

### 2. DISCUSSION – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent of Schools Tamu Lucero was present to discuss Board of Education issues going forward.

### 3. MOLD UPDATE - STAMFORD ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP

Superintendent Lucero and Facilities Manager Kevin McCarthy gave an update on activity relating to the mold project.

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT - (RFP 779) - STAMFORD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

Request for approval of an Agreement between the City of Stamford and HR&A Advisors, Inc. (HRA) to update (from 2001) and develop the Stamford Affordable Housing Plan for the City of Stamford.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Agreement **Amount:** Not to exceed \$237,500

**Fund/Budget:** 20% grant CP46580: Affordable Housing/Zoning Initiative

**Submitted by:** Mayor David Martin

Attending: Ellen Bromley, Director of Social Services; Ralph Blessing, Land Use Bureau

Chief; David W. Woods, FAICP, Deputy Director of Planning

Motion to HOLD by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Alswanger passed unanimously (6-0-0).

# 5. <u>APPROVAL – CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR YEAR 46: 7/1/20 – 6/30/21 AND HOME INVESTMENT PROGRAM FUNDS</u>

Request for approval of the Annual Action Plan for Year 46: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 for use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds totaling \$1,395,730.

Action Requested: Approval of plan

**Amount:** CDBG: \$977,241/ HOME: \$418,489

Fund/Budget: US Department of Housing and Urban Development: 100% Grant Funded

**Submitted by:** Tara Petrocelli, Community Development Administrative Officer

Attending: Ms. Petrocelli

Motion to approve by Ms. Rinaldi, second by Mr. Freedman passed unanimously (6-0-0).

#### 6. TRANSFER – PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS – LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Request for additional funds to cover outside counsel and other professional consultants' expenses.

Action Requested: Approval of transfer

Amount: \$400,000 Fund/Budget: Contingency

Submitted by: Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs

Attending: Ms. Emmett

Motion to approve by Mr. Mannis, second by Mr. Freedman passed unanimously (6-0-0).

### SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Chair Freedman called for a motion to hear Items A and B under Suspension of the Rules. A motion made by Mr. Freedman, second by Ms. Rinaldi passed unanimously (6-0-0).

# A. <u>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION - COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS - PUBLIC HEALTH</u> EMERGENCY

Request for an appropriation for anticipated City-wide expenses related to COVID-19 Corona Virus (this is in addition to the \$500,000 request).

**Action Requested:** Approval of additional appropriation

Amount: \$900,000 Fund/Budget: Contingency

Submitted by: Mayor David Martin

Attending: Jay Fountain, Director of OPM and Sandy Dennies, Interim Director of

Administration

Motion to approve Items A and B made by Mr. Alswanger, second by Mr. Freedman passed unanimously (6-0-0).

### B. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO GRANTS FUND – CORONA VIRUS

Request for a transfer of City funds for COVID-19 Corona Virus into Grants fund.

**Action Requested:** Approval of transfer

**Amount:** \$900,000

Fund/Balance: From: Contingency

To: 01480809024 Grants Fund

**Submitted by:** Mayor David Martin

Attending: Mayor Martin, Ms. Dennies

Motion to approve Items A and B made by Mr. Alswanger, second by Mr. Freedman passed unanimously.

Chair Freedman called for a motion to hear Item C under Suspension of the Rules. A motion made by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Mannis passed unanimously (6-0-0).

# C. <u>APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION – LAND USE MATTER - WASHINGTON BOULEVARD AND PULASKI STREET WIDENING PROJECT</u>

Request for approval of acquisition by negotiated agreement or eminent domain of property located at 4 Pulaski Street, 21 Pulaski Street, 256 Washington Boulevard and 274 Washington Boulevard in connection with the Washington Boulevard and Pulaski Street Widening Project.

**Action Requested:** Approval of Acquisition

Amount: -Fund/Budget: -

**Submitted by:** Mayor David Martin

Attending: Mayor Martin; James Travers, Transportation Bureau Chief; Garrett

Bolella, Traffic Engineer

Motion to HOLD made by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Ryan passed unanimously (6-0-0).

Chair Freedman called for a motion to hear Item D under Suspension of the Rules. A motion made by Mr. Freedman, second by Mr. Alswanger passed unanimously (6-0-0).

D. TRANSFER – HIRE SEASONAL – ADMINISTRATION

Request for a transfer of funds to hire a seasonal until a full-time position is filled.

**Action Requested:** Approval of transfer

**Amount:** \$18,000

Fund/Budget: From: Operations Admin/Salaries

To: Operations Admin/Seasonal

Submitted by: Mark McGrath, Director of Operations

Motion to REJECT by Ms. Rinaldi, second by Mr. Mannis passed unanimously (6-0-0)

The next Regular Meeting of the Board: Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.

7. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Motion to adjourn by Mr. Alswanger, second by Ms. Rinaldi passed unanimously (6-0-0).

This meeting is on video

Cynthia R. Winterle

Cynthia R. Winterle Clerk of the Board