

**CITY OF NORWALK
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
CAPITAL BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
January 19, 2024**

PRESENT: Tammy Langalis, Chair; Nick Kantor (left at the lunch break); Louis Schulman; Darius Williams; Chapin Bryce (on Zoom)

STAFF: Steve Kleppin; Bryan Baker

OTHERS: Chief James Walsh; Brian Bidolli; James Travers; Sherelle Harris; David Westmoreland; AnaVivian Estrella; Brian Kaspr; Sabrina Godeski; Alexis Cherichetti; Lunda Asmani; Sandra Faioes; David Hopp; Fire Chief Gino Gatto; Assistant Fire Chief Mark Conte; Joyce Liu; Deanna D'Amore; Neil Rennie; Vanessa Valadares; Chris Torre; Ralph Kolb; Robert Stowers, Ken Hughes; Jim Meehan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Langalis began introductions of the Planning & Zoning, Capital Budget Subcommittee members. It should be noted that this meeting was held on Zoom.com with participants calling in, separately, as well as at the Planning & Zoning Department, City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.

II. ROLL CALL

There was no roll call.

III. REVIEW OF CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS

a. Police Department & Combined Dispatch (9:00-9:30am)

Chief James Walsh began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Cars & Vans
2. Motorcycles
3. Safe Boat Repair

b. Economic & Community Development (9:30-11:00am, in any order)

i. Redevelopment

Brian Bidolli, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Urban Core Infrastructure
2. Community Development Block Grant Consolidated
3. West Ave./Quincy/Orchard/Butler Streets

ii. Transportation, Mobility & Parking

James Travers, Director Transportation, Mobility and Parking introduced Garrett Bolella, Assistant Director who began the presentation the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Roadway Design & Reconstruction
2. Traffic Signal Equipment
3. New Sidewalk Construction
4. Traffic System Enhancement
5. Safe Routes To School
6. Wall Street Corridor Improvements
7. Pavement Markings & Signage
8. West Rocks Road Sidewalks
9. East Avenue Corridor Improvements
10. Street Lights
11. George Avenue Sidewalks
12. Traffic Safety Data
13. Protected Crosswalks
14. Pedestrian Crosswalk - 40 Cross St.

iii. Parking Authority

James Travers, Director Transportation, Mobility and Parking began the presentation the following Capital Budget request:

1. Parking Garages

iv. Library

Sherelle Harris, Executive Director of the Norwalk Public Library, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Main Library Ada-Compliant Door Handles
2. Sono Library Ada-Compliant
3. Parking Lot/Pavement
4. Library Van
5. Sono Library Security Alarm System And Intercom System
6. Sono Library Security Cameras
7. Main Library Security Cameras
8. Norwalk Newspaper Digitization

9. Tech. Upgrades
10. Main Library Outdoor Furniture

v. Historical Commission

David Westmoreland, Norwalk Historical Commission, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Lockwood Mathews Mansion Code & Repair
2. Smith Street Buildings
3. Museum Collection
4. Cemetery Site Work

At this point, the commissioners took a 5 minute break until 11:10 am.

vi. Community Services

AnaVivian Estrella, Human Services Director, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget request. She then introduced Bill Haddock, who continued the presentation about the specific projects.

1. ADA Compliance

vii. Arts Commission

Brian Kaspr, Chair of the Arts Commission, along with Sabrina Godeski, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Arts In Public Places Program
2. Public Art Inventory
3. Public Art Maintenance
4. Arts And Culture Plan

viii. Code Enforcement

Sabrina Godeski, Director of Business Development & Tourism, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget request:

1. Streetscape Improvements

ix. Economic & Community Development

Sabrina Godeski began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Small Business Main Street Program
2. Main Library Expansion Project
3. Welcome Center/Transient Facility/Marine Unit

x. Planning & Zoning

Alexis Cherichetti, Senior Environmental Officer/Assistant Director, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget request:

1. Open Space Plan

c. BREAK (11:00-11:15am)

d. Board of Education (11:15am-1:15pm)

Lunda Asmani, Chief Financial Officer for the Board of Education, City of Norwalk, along with members of his team, including Sandra Faioes, the deputy superintendent, David B. Hopp, Director of Technology, and began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Curriculum Materials & Textbooks
2. Band /Strings Instrument Replacements
3. Brookside-Montessori Program Expansion
4. Enhancement To School Security
5. Instructional Technology
6. Air Conditioning Program
7. Capital Repairs And Replacement
8. BOE Asbestos Abatement Program
9. Heating Systems Replacements
10. District Vehicles
11. Fuel Tank Replacement
12. School District Paving & ADA Compliance
13. Replacement Of Middle School Lockers
14. Sono Land Acquisition
15. Air Conditioning Program
16. West Rocks MS Renovation
17. Nathan Hale MS Renovation

e. BREAK (1:15-2:00pm)

f. Fire Department (2:00-2:30pm)

Gino Gatto, Fire Chief and Mark Conte, Assistant Chief, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Station 4 Addition/Renovation
2. Ladder Truck Replacement
3. Replace Shift Commander Vehicle Car
4. Station Overhead Door Replacement
5. Building Repairs-Various
6. Upgrade EOC Media Equipment
7. Fire Marshal Office Staff Vehicles
8. SCBA Vehicle Compressor

g. Information Technology (2:30-3:00pm)

Joyce Liu, the Director of Information Technology, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Information Technology Projects which include the following:
 1. Fiber extension installation - Extend fiber optic to Fire station 1,3, 4, 5, police marine base, Calf Pasture road, and Vets park. est 35,000 ft fiber
 2. Police Data Center Data Storage Server Upgrade - Refresh 2nd storage server on a 5 year schedule plus installation and maintenance.
 3. Police Mobile Devices Installation - 10 Police Cars plus 4 motorcycles.
 4. Continuing Technology Refresh - Continuing Technology Upgrade: City Hall, Library, PD/FD Server, Desktop, Laptops, Misc hardwares
 5. Network access switches upgrade - 30 Access switches, 3 network distribution switches and misc accessories

h. Health Department (3:00-3:15pm)

Deanna D'Amore, the Director of Health, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Data Migration
2. Painting
3. Building Renovations

i. BREAK (3:15-3:30pm)

j. Department of Public Works (3:30pm-END, in any order)

Neil Rennie, Building Management, and Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

i. Building & Facilities Maintenance

1. City Hall Repairs & Improvements
2. Roosevelt Center Improvements
3. Ben Franklin Improvements
4. Police Facilities
5. Public Works Center Improvements
6. Various City Bldg Repairs
7. Matthews Park New
8. Electric Vehicles / Sustainability Projects
9. Environmental Remediation
10. Sidewalk & Curb Bldg Mgt

ii. Operations

Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works, and Chris Torre, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget request:

1. Electrical Upgrades /EV Charging Station
2. Transfer Station Improvements
3. Fleet Maintenance

iii. WPCA

Ralph Kolb, Senior Environmental Engineer, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget request:

1. Collections System Rehabilitation
2. WWTP Rehabilitation/Improvement

iv. Recreation & Parks

Robert Stowers, Director of Recreation and Parks, along with Ken Hughes, Superintendent of Parks & Public Property, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Calf Pasture Beach
2. S. Main Community Center
3. Broad River Baseball Complex

4. Veterans Park
5. School & Park Playgrounds
6. Vehicles
7. Cranbury Park
8. Parks Sustainability
9. Backstops And Fencing
10. Athletic Fields
11. Paving Sidewalk Projects
12. Tree Planting
13. Parks Garage Repairs
14. Taylor Farm
15. Open Space Fund

v. Engineering

Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works, and Jim Meehan, Principal Engineer, began the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Bridge Repairs
2. Structural Inspection / Repairs
3. Pavement Management Program
4. Sidewalks And Curbs
5. Footpath Replacement
6. General Drainage
7. Watercourse Maintenance
8. Stormwater Management Plan
9. Norwalk River Flood Control
10. New Canaan Avenue / Ponus Ave Storm Drainage
11. Glendenning Street And Cannon Street Area Storm Drainage
12. Lawrence Street Storm Drainage Pump Station Upgrade
13. Glenwood Ave Area Storm Drainage Improvements
14. Tree Planting DPW
15. East Avenue Roadway & Bridge Reconstruction
16. Grant Local Matching Funds
17. Elizabeth Street Streetscape & Underground Utility
18. Green Infrastructure

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Williams made a Motion to Adjourn.

Mr. Bryce seconded.

All in favor.

No one opposed.

No one abstained.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Palmentiero