

**CITY OF NORWALK
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
CAPITAL BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
January 19, 2023**

PRESENT: Tammy Langalis, Chair; Jacquen Jordan-Byron; Louis Schulman; Darius Williams

STAFF: Bryan Baker

OTHERS: Joyce Liu; Vanessa Valadares; Ralph Kolb; Chris Torre; Neil Rennie; Robert Stowers; Ken Hughes; Drew Berndlmaier; Paul Sotnik; Dan Stanton

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Langalis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She then explained how the meeting would be run.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Baker called the roll.

III. DEPARTMENT REVIEWS

a. Information Technology

Joyce Liu, the director of Information Technology, began the presentation. Her department's Capital Budget requests were to maintain, upgrade, and modernize the city's information technology infrastructure which was in line with the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Their Capital Budget request was for multiple City departments as follows:

1. Fixed assets such as monitors, servers and other IT equipment which were being purchased on a rotational basis.
2. Fire Department - Upgrade data storage server
3. Citywide network infrastructure upgrade
4. Citywide GIS upgrade for street level image
5. Urban City Planning module for Planning & Zoning Department to add to the GIS
6. Environmental Health Software for the Health Department
7. Refresh of mobile data terminals in police department vehicles.
8. Audio/video upgrade to conference/meeting rooms
9. Continuing technology refresh for various departments including for all city departments, library, etc.

b. Department of Public Works

Vanessa Valadares, Chief of Operations and Public Works, began the presentation for the department by explaining that she would like to revise the agenda to have those divisions with the least amount of Capital Budget requests to go first. The commissioners agreed with the revision.

i. WPCA

Ralph Kolb began with the following Capital Budget request:

1. Collection System rehabilitation.

ii. Operations

Chris Torre began with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Charging stations for electric/hybrid stations at the Operations center.
2. Fleet Replacement including Variable Message signs and sweepers
3. Scale at the Public Works Operation center

iii. Building Management

Neil Rennie continued the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. City Hall which included repair and replace the terrace in front of City Hall and electric vehicle charging stations
2. Roosevelt Center which included replacing the roof above the gym.
3. Ben Franklin Center which included a boiler replacement, and parking lot.
4. Nathaniel Ely which included a heating and cooling system.
5. Department of Public Works which included replacement of a burner unit.
6. Citywide building repairs which are requested every year.
7. Police Department which included men's locker room repairs.
8. Energy conservation including upgrading lighting, etc.
9. Main Library security system.
10. Environmental remediation including areas in the library that had asbestos.

iv. Recreation & Parks

Robert Stowers continued the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Department Garage repairs
2. Vehicle replacements
3. Calf Pasture beach restrooms
4. Basketball and tennis court repairs
5. Playground renovations
6. Veteran's Park repairs including the marina docks
7. Tree planting program
8. Parking lot and sidewalk maintenance program
9. Backstops and fencing maintenance program
10. Playground replacement at Cranbury Park
11. Sustainable infrastructure for the department including charging stations for leaf blowers, hybrids, etc.
12. Oyster Shell Master Plan
13. Open Space Fund

v. Engineering

Vanessa Valadares opened with a statement about why the Department's Capital Budget had increased significantly since last year. She, along with Drew Berndlmaier, Paul Sotnik and Dan Stanton continued the presentation with the following Capital Budget requests:

1. Bridge repairs
2. West Cedar Street Bridge
3. Perry Avenue Bridge Rail
4. Paving Management Program
5. Repair of sidewalks and curbs
6. Repair of existing footpaths
7. General drainage repairs
8. Watercourse maintenance
9. Dredging of marinas
10. Stormwater Management Plan
11. New Canaan Avenue Storm drainage
12. Heather Lane storm drainage
13. Cannon Street
14. Lawrence Street storm drainage and upgrade
15. East Avenue roadway bridge and road reconstruction
16. Grant local matching funds
17. Elizabeth St. streetscape and underground utility project
18. Green infrastructure

Mr. Schulman remarked how he thought this format for the meeting worked well. There was also a discussion about a list of roads on the city's website which showed the status of the repairs. Ms. Valadares said that the list was no longer there since it was difficult to keep up with the changes that would happen to it. However, they do intend to revise it and update it again.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Palmentiero