

CITY OF NORWALK
SPECIAL MEETING - PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES
February 11, 2026

PRESENT: Chapin Bryce, Chair; Diana Lenkowsky; Louis Schulman; Richard Roina; Ana Tabachneck; Galen Wells; Jacquen Jordan-Byron (arrived at 6:21 pm)

STAFF: Bryan Baker

OTHERS: Tanner Thompson; Diane Lauricella

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bryce called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. It should be noted that this meeting was held on Zoom.com with participants calling in, separately.

II. ROLL CALL AND SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Mr. Baker called the roll. Mr. Bryce said that Ms. Tabachneck and Ms. Lenkowsky would be seated for this meeting.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. FY 2026-27 Capital Budget

Mr. Bryce opened the public hearing and explained what they would be discussing at this meeting for the Capital Budget. He thanked everyone for the letters that had been submitted. The commissioners would read them so that they could take action either at their February 18 or March 4 meeting. He then opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Tanner Thompson, 16 Hillside Place, K5, said he would speak on the Capital Budget requests, specifically those for the Norwalk River Valley Trail as well as those for walking and biking infrastructure and Complete Streets. He said that the Norwalk River Valley Trail was a separate and dedicated place for walking and biking, as well as a recreation and fitness resource for residents. He hoped that some of the funding would be used for snow maintenance since the trail has been out of commission the past couple of weeks. He was in support of Complete Streets especially for Main Avenue.

Diane Lauricella, 21 Little Fox Lane, said that she would ask the Mayor and the Common Council to once again allow the Planning and Zoning Commission to have oversight over the Capital Budget process. She explained how they could help prioritize the funding. She agreed with Mr. Thompson. She hoped that they could find grants for placards along the Norwalk River Valley Trail. She also asked that the Capital Budget be attached to the agenda for review. She also thought that the commission should be allowed to prioritize funding. The city should invest in clean energy infrastructure and explained different ways they could do that.

At this point, there were no other members of the public that spoke on this matter. Mr. Bryce noted that the Capital Budget had been uploaded to the city's website for both the commissioners and the public to review. He closed the public participation section of the meeting.

There was a discussion about the role of the Planning & Zoning Commission and the connection of the Plan of Conservation and Development to the Capital Budget. Mr. Baker said that the prioritized list of projects could change based upon public comment. Mr. Bryce encouraged members of the public to reach out to their council members to let them know what their priorities were, as well.

Ms. Langalis said she had a comment about City Hall, repairs and improvements. She said she had reached out to Mr. Lo, building and facilities manager, since she had a concern about the deterioration of the dome shaped ceiling on the north side of City Hall. Ms. Langalis thought it was getting worse and would cost more to repair the longer they waited. She also said that it is dripping on the floor. Mr. Baker asked her to send an email to him because he was not sure that Mr. Lo was the correct person to be contacted.

**** MR. SCHULMAN MOVED that the Planning & Zoning Commission move this item to their March 4, 2026 agenda.**

Ms. Tabachneck seconded.

Chapin Bryce; Diana Lenkowsky; Louis Schulman; Richard Roina; Ana Tabachneck; Galen Wells approved.

No one opposed.

Jacquen Jordan-Byron abstained.

IV. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR

There were no comments from Mr. Baker.

V. COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS

There were no comments from the commissioners.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Langalis made a Motion to Adjourn.

Ms. Wells seconded.

Chapin Bryce; Diana Lenkowsky; Louis Schulman; Richard Roina; Ana Tabachneck; Galen Wells; Jacquen Jordan-Byron approved.

No one opposed.

No one abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Palmentiero