PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING VIA ZOOM
MINUTES JUNE 16, 2021
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: CAPITAL PROGRAM AND BUDGET

PRESENT:       Anne Fadullon, Commission Chair
                Joseph Syrnick, Vice Chair
                Marisa Waxman
                Michael Rashid
                Charlotte Castle
                Maria Gonzalez
                Garlen Capita
                Eleanor Sharpe

NOT PRESENT:   Cheryl L. Gaston
                Michael Johns
                Patrick Eiding
                Catherine Lamb
Commission Chair, Anne Fadullon, called the Philadelphia City Planning Commission to order at 1:00 p.m.

Paula Burns, of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, (PCPC) – introduced the Zoom platform and remote City Planning Commission process. We are hosting this meeting on Zoom. We may also have some people join us by phone.

During today’s meeting, each agenda item will be presented by a member of the staff. Following each presentation, the Chair will ask the Commissioners for questions or comments. The Chair will then ask the audience for questions and comments. After that, the Commissioners will finish their discussion and vote.

Those of you who are joining us on Zoom will have two options to ask questions and comments. If you would like to speak, click, or tap on the “RAISE HAND” button on the menu bar on the bottom of your screen at any time during the agenda item. You will be called on and will have the opportunity to speak to the Commission and the audience.

If you prefer to type your question or comment, click, or tap on the “Q&A” button on the menu bar at the bottom of your screen at any time during the agenda item. Once all attendees have had an opportunity to speak, I will read out loud any written questions and comments that have been posted to the Q&A.

For those joining by phone, we’re unable to take spoken testimony, however, you can email your questions and/or comments to the Commission at Planning@phila.gov.

This meeting will be recorded and posted to our website.

Ms. Burns turned the meeting over to Chair Fadullon, the Commission Chair to begin the meeting.

1. **Action Item: Bills No. 210320 and 210321: Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022-2027 Capital Program and Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget.** Introduced by Councilmember Parker for Council President Clarke on April 14, 2021. (Presented by John Haak)

   **Staff recommendation is for approval.**

   §4-602 (c) Capital Program and Budget “... the City Planning Commission shall prepare and submit to the Mayor a recommended capital program for the six fiscal years next ensuing and a recommended capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year.”
§2-303(2) Capital Program and Budget “The Council may delete projects from the capital program as submitted to it, but it shall not otherwise amend the capital program until it has requested through the Mayor the recommendations of the City Planning Commission. The Council shall not be bound by such recommendations and may act without them if they are not received within thirty days from the date they were requested.”

Guidelines for Department Requests FY22-27

- Capital Eligibility
- Consistency with City Plans and Goals
- Increased Emphasis on Racial Equity
- Compliance with Mandates
- Operational Performance
- Implementation Performance

General Obligation (CN) borrowing capacity constrained by City’s ability to pay debt service.

Policy Themes

- Inclusive Economy & Thriving Neighborhoods
- Diverse, Efficient, and Effective Government
- Health Equity for All
- Quality Education for All
- Safer, More just Philadelphia

Recommended FY2022-2027 Capital Program and FY2022 Capital Budget


Amendments - Recommended FY2022-2027 Capital Program and FY2022 Capital Budget

The Capital Program establishes a six-year plan for investing in the City’s physical and technology infrastructure, neighborhood and community facilities, public buildings, and specialized vehicles. The Capital Budget appropriates funds in the first year of the six-year Capital Program. The City Planning Commission is required under the City Charter to review and forward a recommendation on capital program bills and amendments.

On April 8th, the City Planning Commission approved and forwarded to the Mayor a Recommended Six-Year FY2022-2027 Capital Program and FY2022 Capital Budget. [Recommended.FY2022.2027-Capital-Program.FY2022.Capital-Budget.pdf](https://phila.gov)
These were introduced into City Council on April 15th as Bills 210320 and 210321. On June 11th, City Council introduced amendments to Bills 210320 and 210321. These add $4,000,000 CN (City tax-supported general obligation bonds) to the Program and Budget.

- Line 1 Art Museum - Philadelphia Museum of Art – Building Rehabilitation Increase CN funding in FY2022 by $500,000 from $1,000,000 CN to $1,500,000 CN
- Line 12 Commerce – Waterfront Improvements – Central Delaware River Waterfront Increase CN funding in FY2022 by $2,000,000 from $10,000,000 CN to $12,000,000 CN
- Line 82 Zoo – Philadelphia Zoo Facility and Infrastructure Improvements Increase CN funding in FY2022 by $1,500,000 from $1,000,000 CN to $2,500,000 CN

These amendments would bring the total Six-Year FY2022-2027 Capital Program to $9.475 billion. The amendments would increase CN funding in the FY2022 Capital Budget to approximately $274 million and increase total FY2022 appropriations to $3.061 billion.

As per the City Charter, a Recommended Capital Program and Budget must be submitted to the Mayor by the City Planning Commission. The Recommended Capital Program and Budget are then presented by the Administration to City Council.

City Council then conducts public hearings. Once finalized and enacted by City Council, and signed into law by the Mayor, the Capital Budget serves as the legal authority to spend City funds to implement capital projects during the budget year.

Additional Information

Art Museum - Philadelphia Museum of Art – Building Rehabilitation. Additional funds would be used for expenses related to the Core Project.

Commerce – Waterfront Improvements – Central Delaware River Waterfront. Additional funds for may be used towards the Penn’s Landing Improvements, Master Plan Implementation, or General Site Improvements subprojects.

Zoo - Philadelphia Zoo Facility and Infrastructure Improvements. Additional funds may be used toward the Philadelphia Zoo Improvements and Major Zoowide Renewal subproject.

Overall, as amended, the FY2022-2027 Capital Program would consist of:

- $398.7 million in Carried-Forward Loans (CT) appropriated in the FY2022 Capital Budget
$246.1 million in Operating Revenues (CR) devoted to capital needs over FY2022-2027

$1.115 billion in City New general obligation loan (CN) funding over FY2022-2027

$21.4 million in Prefinanced Loans (CA) and PICA Prefinanced Loans (A) in FY2022

$4.546 billion in Self-Sustaining funds (XT,XR, XN) for PWD and Aviation over FY2022-2027

$130 million in Revolving Funds (Z) over FY2022-2027

$3.017 billion in Federal, State, Private, and Other funding over FY2022-2027

Seeing no questions and comments from the Commission or Public, Chair Fadullon asked for a motion at the minute mark in video (00:07:39).

**Motion by Commissioner Gonzalez and seconded by Commissioner Syrnick to accept staff recommendation for approval with amendments to the Capital Budget Bill No. 210320 and Bill No. 210321.**

Chair Fadullon polled the Commission for the vote. Approved by Commissioner Waxman, Commissioner Castle, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Capita, Commissioner Rashid, and Commissioner Syrnick. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

This concludes the Special Planning Commission Meeting.

Chair Fadullon asked for a motion to adjourn at the minute mark in video (00:08:30).

**Motion by Commissioner Capita and seconded by Commissioner Syrnick to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

The City Planning Commission Meeting ended at 1:08 p.m.

The next City Planning Commission Meeting will be **Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom platform.
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