

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR RECOMMENDED FY2024-2029 CAPITAL PROGRAM AND
FY2024 CAPITAL BUDGET
MEETING VIA ZOOM
MINUTES FEBRUARY 27, 2023

PRESENT:

Cheryl L. Gaston
Marissa Waxman
Michael Johns
Garlen Capita
Dawn Summerville
Patrick Eiding
Maria Gonzalez
Martine DeCamp – Deputy Executive Director

NOT PRESENT:

Joseph Syrnick, Vice Chair
Aubrey Powers

Chair Fadullon called the Philadelphia City Planning Commission to order at 1:01 p.m.

Peter Bernard, 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.

Mr. Bernard turned the meeting over to the Commission Chair, to begin the meeting.

1. Action Item: Approval of the Corrected Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2022

Seeing no questions and comments from the Commission, Chair Fadullon asked for a motion at the minute mark in video (00:02:29).

Motion duly made by Commissioner Summerville and seconded by Commissioner Johns to approve the corrected meeting minutes from the June 9, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion carried unanimously to approve the corrected June Meeting Minutes, with no nays (7-0).

2. Action Item: Approval of the Recommended FY2024-2029 Capital Program and FY2024 Capital Budget (Presented by John Haak).

The Capital Program is the City's six-year plan for investing in its physical and technology infrastructure, community facilities, and public buildings. The Capital Program aligns with the Mayor's priorities and reflects the City's and partners' long-term commitments and plans, through efforts such as the Philadelphia2035 comprehensive plan, to maintain and improve public facilities throughout Philadelphia. The first year of this plan is the Capital Budget.

Per the City Charter, a Recommended Capital Program and Budget must be submitted to the Mayor by the City Planning Commission.

§4-602. 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."

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. Fact Sheet Page 2 of 4 Staff Analysis

The Recommended, six-year, FY2024-2029 Capital Program proposes to invest \$13.206 billion from City, State, Federal, and private sources to advance City goals and make needed public improvements. The Recommended FY2024 Capital Budget includes new and carryforward projects that total \$4.718 billion. Excluding 'off-budget' amounts not appropriated by City Council, the Recommended FY2024 Capital Budget totals \$4.322 billion.

The Recommended FY2024-2029 Capital Program and FY2024 Capital Budget propose \$185 million in new tax-supported, general-obligation bond (CN) funding in FY2024. New CN funds from City borrowing are a relatively small but key part of the overall Capital Program and Budget.

Recommended uses and amounts of CN funds reflect a balancing of facilities' needs, policy priorities, opportunities to leverage funds from non-City partners, and the fiscal constraints of debt service.

The recommended \$185 million CN for FY2024 is in line with the CN amount programmed for FY2024 last year. An additional \$76 million in new Operating Revenues (CR) is also recommended for appropriation to the Capital Budget in FY2024.

The staff of the Budget Office and City Planning Commission reviewed capital requests from 20 City departments. Department requests were evaluated according to several criteria and for alignment with Mayoral priorities.

Criteria include:

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

For FY2024, the Recommended Capital Program and Budget call for:

- \$608.687 million in Carried Forward Loans (CT), appropriated in FY2024
- \$422.006 million in Operating Revenues (CR) devoted to capital needs, FY2024-2029
- \$1,105.220 million in City New general obligation loan (CN) funding, FY2024-2029
- \$5,857.150 million in Self-Sustaining funds (XT, XR, XN), PWD and Aviation, FY2024-2029
- \$228.000 million in Revolving Funds (Z), PIDC, FY2024-2029
- \$4,983.841 million in Federal, State, Private, and Other funding, FY2024-2029

Staff recommendation is for approval.

Questions and comments from the Public (00:16:33).

Timothy Reimer opposed the budget for the Cobbs Creek Restoration and Community Foundation and mentioned other deserving city projects such as, Libraries, health centers, and homeless shelters, that doesn't have the guaranteed financial support of a private entity.

Kitty D. agreed with Mr. Reimer comments (00:18:38).

Chair Fadullon noted for the record, that the emailed petition was received by Planning Commission staff and Planning Commissioners (00:19:35).

Robert Allen, of Parks & Recreation responded to public comments regarding funding and restoration of Cobbs Creek (00:20:02).

Seeing no further questions and comments from the Commission or Public, Chair Fadullon asked for a motion at the minute mark in video (00:21:48).

Motion duly made by Commissioner Eiding and seconded by Commissioner Johns to accept staff recommendation for approval for the Recommended FY2024-2029 Capital Program and FY2024 Capital Budget.

Chair Fadullon polled the Commission for the vote: Commissioner Gaston, Commissioner Waxman, Commissioner Johns, Commissioner Capita, Commissioner Summerville, Commissioner Eiding, and Commissioner Gonzalez.

Motion carried unanimously to approve staff recommendation for Recommended FY2024-2029 Capital Program and FY2024 Capital Budget (7-0).

Chair Fadullon asked for a motion to adjourn at the minute mark in video (00:22:40).

Motion duly made by Commissioner Johns and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to adjourn the Special Planning Commission Meeting Recommended FY2024-2029 Capital Program and FY2024 Capital Budget.

The next Planning Commission was scheduled for March 16, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

SUMMARY

1. Action Item: Approval of the corrected Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2022

APPROVED

2. Acton Item: Approval of the Recommended FY2024-2029 Capital Program and FY2024 Capital Budget (Presented by John Haak).

APPROVED

2/27 Special Meeting - Public Comment

Timothy Reimer <Timothy_Reimer@hotmail.com>

Mon 2/27/2023 9:17 AM

To: Planning <Planning@phila.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to implore you not approve the proposed FY2024 Capital Budget and FY2024-29 Capital Program. The Proposed Capital Budget contains the second of two \$1,500,000 appropriations for the restoration of the Cobbs Creek Golf Course; the first was in last year's budget. This is a massively irresponsible waste of taxpayer money. The millionaires and billionaires behind the Cobbs Creek Restoration and Community Foundation have more than enough money to complete this project without ANOTHER injection of public funds. The incredibly generous lease they signed with city, which gives them land valued at almost \$100,000,000 for the paltry sum of \$1 for the first 30 years, explicitly states that the city is NOT OBLIGATED to contribute any funding to this project. The expenditures are marked CN which means they're funded by general obligation bonds, so in addition to the initially wasted money we will be paying interest on the debt in subsequent years. There are any number of city departments that could put this money to better use. It is truly unconscionable to spend money in this way when there are hundreds if not thousands of city projects more deserving of money that don't have private backers committed to completing without city funding

Please take a moment to review this petition which as of today has over 1800 signatures from citizens asking that the city not waste our tax dollars on handouts for the ultra-wealthy. <https://www.change.org/p/no-3-million-handout-to-billionaires-who-cut-down-108-acres-of-trees-on-philly-parkland>

Respectfully

Timothy Reimer

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