

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
FOR AMENDED CAPITAL PROGRAM AND CAPITAL BUDGET

MEETING VIA ZOOM

MINUTES JUNE 16, 2022

PRESENT:

Joseph Syrnick, Vice Chair

Cheryl L. Gaston

Ximena Valle

Michael Johns

Marisa Waxman

Anne Nadol

Charlotte Castle

Garlen Capita

Patrick Eiding

Martine DeCamp

NOT PRESENT:

Maria Gonzalez

*Chair Fadullon called the Philadelphia City Planning Commission to order at 1:00 p.m.*

*Nathan Grace, 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](mailto:Planning@phila.gov). This meeting will be recorded and posted to our website.*

*Mr. Grace turned the meeting over to the Commission Chair, to begin the meeting.*

**1. Action Item: Amended Bill No. 220284: An Ordinance to adopt a Capital Program for the six Fiscal Years 2023-2028 inclusive and Amended Bill No 220285: An Ordinance to adopt a Fiscal 2023 Capital Budget. Introduced by Councilmember Parker for Council President Clarke. (Presented by Jametta Johnson)**

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 assets throughout Philadelphia. The first year of this plan is the Capital Budget.

On March 24th, the City Planning Commission approved the Recommended Fiscal Year 23-28 Capital Program and Fiscal Year 23 Capital Budget. The Recommended Program and Budget were, as per the City Charter, subsequently submitted to the Mayor and presented by the Administration to City Council.

On May 10th, City Council proposed and sent to the Mayor amendments to both the Recommended Program (Bill No. 220284) and Budget (Bill No. 220285). Per the City Charter, "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 amendments proposed on May 10th would restore to pre-pandemic levels the amounts of Improvements to Existing Infrastructure (ITEF) funding budgeted and programmed under Finance and Parks and Recreation to each of the ten City Council districts, to use at the discretion of the Councilmember.

At the City Planning Commission meeting on May 19th, the Commission approved the Staff's general recommendation to encourage the Administration and Council to continue to collaborate on project identification and implementation, consistent with City capital program guidelines.

Subsequent discussions resulted in a fuller set of Council and Administration amendments, which include the previously proposed restoration to pre-pandemic levels of Improvements to Existing Infrastructure (ITEF) lines under Finance and Parks and Recreation.

Overall, the full set of amendments introduced on June 14th would:

- Increase the amount of new general-obligation bond funds (CN) appropriated in the FY23 Capital Budget from \$180.785 million CN to \$202.835 million CN
- Increase the amount of Operating Revenue (CR) appropriated to the FY23 Capital Budget from \$253.716 million CR to \$258.716 CR
- Increase the total amount of general-obligation bond funds (CN) in the six-year FY23-28 Capital Program from \$1,032.816 million CN to \$1,094.616 million CN

Increase the total amount of Operating Revenue (CR) in the six-year FY23-28 Capital Program from \$299.466 million CR to \$304.466 million CR

**Staff recommendation is for approval.**

*Questions and comments from the Commission at the minute mark in video (00:09:20).*

Commissioner Syrnick inquired about the recreation center and specific reason for three-million dollars raised for the one rec center. Commissioner Waxman addressed the inquiries.

Commissioner Gaston asked about the difference between traffic calming and traffic control, which Commissioner Waxman responded.

Seeing no further questions and comments from the Commission, Chair Fadullon asked for a motion at the minute mark in video (00:12:06).

*Motion duly made by Commissioner Eiding and seconded by Commissioner Johns to accept staff recommendation for approval on both Amended FY23-28 Capital Program, Bill No. 220284 and Amended FY23 Capital Budget, Bill No. 220285.*

Council for the Commission, Leonard Reuter confirmed the combined approval and explained the Charter Provision and vote for the program to the Commission (00:13:25).

*Questions and comments from the Public at the minute mark in video (00:14:23).*

Ms. Bell requested a copy of the amended details on the Capital Budget. Martine DeCamp sent Ms. Bell the link for City Council Legistar website: <https://phila.legistar.com/> re: Bill No. 220284. Ms. Bell also inquired about funding for other recreation centers to help with the violence. Ms. DeCamp and Chair Fadullon addressed the inquiry.

Mr. Greg Palmier asked about advantages for tax payers regarding improvements to public facilities fund, and how it is spent. Chair Fadullon responded that the funds are required to go to city facilities and suggested to advocate with district council person about getting a specific list or specific facility. Further comments continued, which were out of control and purview of the Commission (00:22:31).

*With a standing motion made and properly seconded, Chair Fadullon polled the Commission for the vote: Commissioner Gaston, Commissioner Valle, Commissioner Johns, Commissioner Waxman, Commissioner Eiding, Commissioner Capita, Commissioner Nadol, Commissioner Castle, and Commissioner Syrnick.*

*Motion carried unanimously to approve staff recommendation for approval on both Amended FY23-28 Capital Program, Bill No. 220284 and Amended FY23 Capital Budget, Bill No. 220285 (9-0).*

*Chair Fadullon asked for a motion to adjourn at the minute mark in video (00:23:17).*

*Motion duly made by Commissioner Eiding and seconded by Commission to adjourn the June Special Capital Program and Budget meeting.*

## SUMMARY

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL ON BOTH AMENDED FY23-28  
CAPITAL PROGRAM, BILL NO. 220284 AND AMENDED FY23 CAPITAL BUDGET,  
BILL NO, 220285 WAS APPROVED**

Attended	User Name (Original Name)	Email	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)	Is Guest	Country/Region Name
Yes	Linda Bell		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Jonathan Goins		6/16/2022 13:21	6/16/2022 13:30	10	Yes	United States
Yes	Ron Bednar (PCPC Staff)		6/16/2022 13:13	6/16/2022 13:30	18	Yes	United States
Yes	Billy Collins PCPC Staff (he/him)		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:31	25	Yes	United States
Yes	Peter Barnard (PCPC CDIP)		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	12158435555		6/16/2022 13:08	6/16/2022 13:30	23	Yes	United States
Yes	Bruce Bohri		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Ian Litwin		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Karen Guss# DPD		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Ben Schmidt# PCPC		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Leonard F. Reuter# Senior Attorney# City of Philadelphia		6/16/2022 13:09	6/16/2022 13:21	12	Yes	United States
Yes	Dee Moore		6/16/2022 13:17	6/16/2022 13:30	13	Yes	United States
Yes	greg		6/16/2022 13:17	6/16/2022 13:30	13	Yes	United States
Yes	Dawn Summerville		6/16/2022 13:16	6/16/2022 13:30	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Letitia McNeil (Staff)	letitia.mcneil@phila.gov	6/16/2022 13:11	6/16/2022 13:30	20	Yes	United States
Yes	Vanessa Hunter		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:29	23	Yes	United States
Yes	Vanessa Hunter		6/16/2022 13:30	6/16/2022 13:30	1	Yes	United States
Yes	Kaylen Phillips (they/them)		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	John Haak		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Kacie Liss		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Russell Zerbo		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Brian Wenrich		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	23	Yes	United States
Yes	Patrick Eiding		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:09	3	Yes	United States
Yes	Aaron Holly		6/16/2022 13:08	6/16/2022 13:30	23	Yes	United States
Yes	Sarah Banh (she/her)# PCPC		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Samantha		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Brianna Thornhill		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Lisa Thomas		6/16/2022 13:07	6/16/2022 13:30	24	Yes	United States