

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

**CITY OF NORWALK
PLANNING COMMISSION AND
LAND USE COMMITTEE
February 26, 2008**

SPECIAL MEETING

ATTENDANCE: Torgny Astrom, Chairman; Frances DiMeglio (Land Use Committee Chair); Walter McLaughlin, Walter Briggs; Steven Ferguson

STAFF: Mike Greene; Mike Wrinn; Frank Strauch, Planning & Zoning; Thomas Hamilton, Director of Finance

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

I. CAPITAL BUDGET

a) Review and recommend Capital Budget

Mr. Hamilton discussed Finance's recommendations for the 2008-09 capital budget and the five-year capital plan. He went into some detail regarding specific allocations of the budget, including the WPCA's \$144 million dollar upgrade to the water treatment plant. This included an explanation on 'nitrogen credits'. Mr. Hamilton also mentioned the Board of Education's 'refresh program' and the need to update in FY '10-'11 the BOE's master plan for capital projects

Fran DiMeglio asked how Planning Commissioners can make this happen and Mr. Hamilton's response was to support Finance's initiative to request this update of BOE.

In summary, Mr. Hamilton gave a further breakdown of the graphs pertaining to debt service.

Mr. Hamilton left the meeting.

The Planning Commission had a discussion regarding the need to replace firearms for the Police Department.

The Planning Commission had a discussion regarding grants and matching funds specific to the Fire Departments item for rescue equipment.

Mr. Astrom had some questions about any assessment of the condition of DPW's Indian River Culvert Lining project.

The Planning Commission had a discussion regarding Redevelopment's Urban Connectivity Project, its importance and how it should be funded.

At this point in the meeting the committee and staff members went through each line item of the capital budget and the following suggestions were made:

Under the Police Department, move up funding from FY '09 - '10 request to FY '08 - '09 and increase the amount from \$52,738 to \$70,000.

Under the Fire department, allocate the \$19,000 requested for funding 20% Match AFG Grant - Rescue Equipment.

Under Recreation and Parks, allocate the \$45,000 for the Ben Franklin Gym project.

Under Historical Commission, allocate funding for the following:

1. Mill Hill Buildings - \$30,000
2. Lockwood Mathews Mansion- \$35,000 for FY '09 - '10
3. Historic Resource Inventory - \$20,000
4. HVAC & Humidity Control for Museum Archives -\$5,000
5. HVAC System for the Mill Hill Town House - \$16,500

Under Redevelopment Agency - allocate \$100,000 for the Urban Connectivity project.

Capital Budget Total - \$29,580,500

End of committee meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION

I. CAPITAL BUDGET

a) Action on Capital Budget

The Planning Commission took action on all of the budget recommendations and the capital budget total of \$29,580,500.

**** MS. DIMEGLIO MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF NORWALK FOR FY '08'-09 THROUGH FY '12-13.**

**** MR. FERGUSON SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- ** MR. MCLAUGHLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- ** MS. DIMEGLIO SECONDED.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

