

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
February 8, 2008

PRESENT: Duane Bumb, Acting Chair  
Camille Cates Barnett  
Rob Dubow  
Alan Greenberger  
Bernard Lee  
Natalia Olson de Savyckyj  
Nilda Ruiz  
Joseph Syrnick

ABSENT: Patrick J. Eiding

Acting Executive Director

Gary J. Jastrzab

Acting Executive Director Gary Jastrzab convened the City Planning Commission Meeting of February 8, 2008 at 1:12PM.

Mr. Jastrzab welcomed all of the new Commissioners. He stated that he looked forward to working with them. He explained the material that was located at their places. They were the Philadelphia Ethics Code booklet, the Philadelphia City Planning Commission Briefing Book, and the Political and Community Service Boundaries of Philadelphia. He further explained that one of the requirements of the Home Rule Charter is that they get sworn-in.

1) Swearing-in of new City Planning Commission Members.

Henry Schwartz, of the Philadelphia Law Department, read the oath to them and they agreed to it. Mr. Schwartz swore them in.

Mr. Jastrzab officially welcomed the Philadelphia City Planning Commissioners.

2) Election of an Acting Chairperson

Mr. Dubow nominated Duane Bumb as Acting Chairperson. Mr. Greenberger seconded the motion.

3) Adoption of the Recommended FY2009-2014 Capital Program and Budget.

Mr. Jastrzab introduced Alan Urek, Division Director of the Strategic Planning and Policy Division of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, and stated that he worked closely with the Budget Office, and the Capital Program Office on the Recommended FY2009-2014 Capital Program and Budget.

Mr. Urek welcomed the new Commissioners. He stated the Mayor's Budget Address is next week. He explained that the Capital Program is the 6-year plan for investing in the City's physical infrastructure, public facilities, and municipal buildings. The first year of the plan is the Capital Budget. We do this annually, it takes the better part of a year to do this. We work closely with the Budget Office, and Capital Program Office, the Managing Director's Office, and the Mayor's Office. He introduced Tina Ginnetti from the Budget Office, and Chris Donato from the Capital Program Office, who he worked closely with.

He explained that the Capital Program's mission is to advance the Mayor's initiatives to ensure public safety, promote economic development, positively impact neighborhoods, facilitate constituent services, and enable high-performing government.

He explained that the process starts in the summer with fiscal guidance from the Budget Director; then a call letter goes out to departments in September; there are departmental meetings to discuss "requested" program in October and November; the analysis leads to the "recommended" program in December and January; the Philadelphia City Planning Commission approves it in February; the Mayor presents it to

City Council in February; there are City Council hearings in March; in the spring when enacted by City Council and signed into law by the Mayor, the Capital Budget provides the legal authorization to spend City funds to implement this plan; and then the loan authorization goes on the spring or fall ballot for the voters approval.

Mr. Urek further described several key planning considerations that staff use to evaluate projects:

- Address life-safety needs
- Are consistent with facilities studies or master plan
- Promote sustainability
- Leverage other funds
- Result in operating-cost savings
- Preserve unique resources

The 6-year program highlights are as follows:

- \$7.34 billion total of all sources of funds
- 80 projects and hundreds of subprojects
- establishes priorities over time
- conforms to Finance Director's 6-year City-funds limit (\$320 million)

For the FY2009 Capital Budget, the total cost of the 80 projects recommended for funding is \$853.6 million. Of the total, \$50.8 million, or 6 percent, is to be funded through new General Obligation (GO) bonds issued by the City. GO bonds are repaid from the City's General Fund tax revenues. Prior-year and other tax-supported funds equal \$74.3 million, or 9 percent. The largest single source of FY09 funding is "self-sustaining" loan funds. Self-sustaining loans, issued as Philadelphia Airport and Water Department revenue bonds, account for 38 percent of proposed spending (\$325.2 million). Self-sustaining operating revenue (\$35.7 million) accounts for another 4 percent of the total. Federal, state, and other government sources supply \$360.6 million in funds (42 percent), and lastly, private sources provide \$7.1 million, or about 1 percent.

The Capital Program's key projects, by initiative, include the following:

1. Ensure Public Safety: SWAT/Bomb Facility, Police Tactical Facility and Warehouse, Fire Facilities and Communications Improvements, Certified-juvenile Detention Facility, and Prisons Facilities and Communications Improvements;
2. Promote Economic Development: Philadelphia Naval Yard, Riverfronts, Museum of Art, Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia's Airports, and Neighborhood Commercial Corridors;
3. Positively Impact Neighborhoods: Street Reconstruction and Resurfacing, Bridges, Lighting, Traffic and Pedestrian Signals, Sanitation Facilities, SEPTA Market El Reconstruction and "SOGR" projects, and GreenPlan Philadelphia Initiatives;
4. Facilitate Constituent Services: Recreation Facilities, Central and Branch Libraries, Fairmount Park Improvements, Health Facilities, and City Hall Exterior and Life-safety Improvements;

5. Enable High-performing Government: Energy-efficiency Projects, Emergency Management and Backup Facilities, and Triplex (City Hall, MSB, One Parkway) Improvements.

The City Planning Commission staff recommendation is approval.

Mr. Greenberger questioned why the budget year was substantially greater than other years in the program.

Mr. Urek replied that only the budget year includes projects and associated budget amounts carried forward from past years.

Mr. Greenberger asked if all carry forward projects would be completed this year.

Mr. Dubow replied not likely.

Dr. Barnett complimented the work of the staff and organizing projects around the Mayor's priority areas. She thinks that we will do an even better job in the future years. She looks forward to working with this. She wanted to know how did we come up with \$180 million as the annual capital spending need for the City.

Mr. Urek replied that the City Planning Commission and the Capital Program Office did a calculation based on life-cycle costs for departments' facilities and improvements.

Rick Tustin, Executive Director of the Capital Program Office, explained the process in more detail.

Dr. Barnett asked about a carried-forward GIS project in the Water Department, to make sure that the City is using GIS to the best of it's ability.

Upon motion by Mr. Greenberger, seconded by Mr. Synchron, the City Planning Commission approved the Adoption of the Recommended FY2009-2014 Capital Program and Budget.

Mr. Bumb adjourned the City Planning Commission Meeting of February 8, 2008 at 1:50PM.

## SUMMARY

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FY2009-2014 Capital Program &  
Budget (Alan Urek). Approval