

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
March 2, 2010

PRESENT: Joseph Syrnick, Acting Chair
Brian Abernathy, representing Camille Cates Barnett
Duane Bumb
Christopher Donato, representing Rob Dubow
Bernard Lee
Nancy Rogo Trainer

ABSENT: Patrick J. Eiding
Natalia Olson Urtecho
Nilda Ruiz

Executive Director: Alan Greenberger
Deputy Executive Director: Gary J. Jastrzab

Acting Chair Joseph Syrnick convened the special City Planning Commission Meeting of March 2, 2010 at 1:07pm.

Mr. Greenberger stated the William Penn Foundation has agreed to fund a pilot program of the Citizens Planning Institute (CPI). The first year of funding will be for a Project Coordinator and Graphic Design Services to develop a pilot program for the CPI to work with our staff. This work will assist us with the Comprehensive Plan. The idea behind this is an educational program. We have put up on our website the request for qualifications for the Project Coordinator and the Graphic Design Services. Funded by the William Penn Foundation, the PCPC seeks a Project Coordinator and Graphic Design Services to develop a pilot program for the CPI. Working with agency staff, the Project Coordinator will help to create, develop, and evaluate a set of core instructional courses for the CPI. Graphic Design Services will be retained to develop a graphic identity for the CPI, and to develop templates and other materials for print and electronic products to be used by the CPI. This work will begin in April 2010.

1) Adoption of the Recommended FY2011-2016 Capital Program and Budget

Alan Urek, Division Director of the Strategic Planning Division, stated gave a summary of the FY2011-2016 Capital Program and Budget. He told the Commissioners that the handouts, the fact sheet and the copy of the Recommended FY2011-2016 Capital Program that were sent to you had an error. Therefore, there are revised copies at their places. The error was the sources in the category for funding, where the XT and XR have changed. Those funds were all accounted for; they were just in the wrong category. The purpose is the overview of the Capital Program. The Capital Program is a 6-year plan for investing in the city's physical and technology infrastructure, public facilities, and municipal buildings. The Capital Program supports the stated mission of City government, "To improve the lives of people in Philadelphia: people who live, work, learn, invent, and play here." More specifically, the Capital Program includes projects that promote economic recovery and jobs, enhance public safety, invest in youth and protect the most vulnerable, and reform city government to work better and cost less. The first year of this plan is known as the Capital Budget. As mandated by the City Charter, the Capital Program and Budget must be adopted by the City Planning Commission. Chris Donato from the Budget Office, as well as, the Capital Program Office worked we us on it and is here today to answer any questions. The process we do is a yearly process of call letters, open ended letters were sent this year. The request for Capital Program was in October. Program that we recommend today goes to the Mayor as an Ordinance. He will then present it to City Council on Thursday, March 4. City Council hearings will be held in March, After City Council approves it in June, and signed into law by the Mayor for July. Loan authorizations will be placed on the ballot, and once it is approved by voters either in the May or November elections it will become available. Safety always rises to the top. The Recommended FY2011-2016 Capital Program proposes spending nearly \$8.0 billion over a six-year period to renew the City's extensive physical plant. For the FY2011 Capital Budget, the total budget for the 73 projects recommended for funding is over \$2.4 billion. Of this total, \$102.6 million is to be funded through new general-obligation bonds issued by the City. This amount (as well as the \$555.0 million in CN funds for the six-year program) is calculated based on the City's debt limit established by the Pennsylvania Constitution, as well as by the City's financial capacity.

Sources of Funds we are most concerned with are:

CN, XN – New City tax supported funds, new loans are financed either through tax-supporting general obligation bonds (CN) or through revenue bonds (XN).

CA, XA – Prefinanced Loans are funds that the electorate or City Council has already authorized.

CT, XT – Carried- Forward Loans are funds for the same or equivalent project carried forward from FY2010 to FY2011.

CR, XR – Operating Revenue appropriated to the Capital Budget from the Operating Budget.

A – Previously Authorized PICA (Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority) Funds are provided through loans obtained on behalf of the City by PICA.

Z – Revolving Funds are replenished through proceeds from the sale of property acquired in the past through the use of Capital funds.

First align projects that support economic recovery and jobs to help strengthen fiscal integrity and stability now, and help to avoid unnecessary costs in the future:

- More than \$1 billion of Federal, state, private and City new and carried-forward self-sustaining funds are recommended for Philadelphia International Airport.
- The Commerce Department has recommended \$3.9 million for the Navy Yard infrastructure improvements to support public and private development at this important employment center.
- More than \$8.8 million for plans and improvements along the Central and North Delaware River waterfronts; and an additional \$4.3 million for Schuylkill Riverfront improvements.
- For SEPTA bridge, track, signal and infrastructure improvements help to enable access to work and other destinations, \$95.3 million in combination of State, Federal and City funds and other monies is recommended for these projects.

Projects enhancing public safety help to increase the feeling of safety from crime, emergencies, and accidents at home, school, in the neighborhood, and at work and play:

- \$2 million for roof replacement at 7 Police facilities; and \$3 million to build a Crime Response Center at the Police Headquarters.
- \$2 million for automatic-lock security system at the House of Corrections detention facility.
- \$17.5 million for street reconstruction and paving across the City's neighborhoods improving the safety of our roads.
- Improving the quality of life in neighborhoods, \$1.5 million for GreenPlan Philadelphia initiatives through the Managing Director's Office, focusing on open space and greening projects citywide.

Investing in youth and protect the most vulnerable help to assure that these populations have the opportunity to thrive:

- \$2.5 million for Fairmount Park to plant new street trees and park trees throughout the City.
- \$1.3 million for Free Library improvements for heating, interior and exterior renovations at several branches.
- More than \$1.9 million of new City funds and operating revenue for health-facility improvements and renovations; \$6.9 million in operating revenue to fund the first phase of building an electronic health records system at the Health Department.

- Nearly \$13 million to fund improvements to Recreation Department facilities and infrastructure across City neighborhoods.

Projects that reform government help to create a high-performing public sector that works better and costs less:

- FY11 \$25 million for Division of Technology for City's government's information technology, to stabilize and enhance network infrastructure and to acquire software and licenses for broad citywide applications, as well as, specific departmental functions. This is a major investment.
- \$500,000 for the Office of Sustainability, that resides in the Managing Director's Office, to continue implementing energy-efficiency improvements across City facilities including boiler upgrades, HVAC equipment and controls, and lighting-technology improvements.
- \$5 million for the Department of Public Property to continue to make functional improvements to the quad-plex of City buildings, such as completing the multi-year renovations of the exterior of City Hall.
- In FY11 and FY12 new City funds of \$520,000 are recommended to leverage Federal grant funds of nearly \$2.1 million for Streets Department for a new Traffic Operations Center to improve citywide traffic management. Another \$400,000 of new City funds will leverage \$1.6 million in Federal grant funds for 50 additional traffic cameras throughout the City to complement the Traffic Operations Center.
- \$312,000 in new City funds is recommended to match and leverage more than \$13.6 million in other sources of funds to upgrade SEPTA's control center for operating its ADA and shared-ride programs.

Next steps are once adopted by the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, the adopted Capital Program and Budget are then presented by the Mayor to City Council, who conducts public hearings. Once finalized and enacted by City Council, and signed into law by the Mayor, the Capital Budget is then ready to be implemented in July. Staff recommendation is approval of the Capital Program and Budget.

Mr. Syrnick asked about the loan authorization that it has to be on the ballot.

Mr. Donato replied the City Commissioners need 6 weeks before an election to choose what goes on the ballot.

Mr. Syrnick replied it would never go on the May ballot unless we started early.

Mr. Alan Greenberger replied we see the FY10 in May of this year, and we see FY11 In November of this year.

Mr. Syrnick replied so that means that none of the money that was approved in FY10 can be accessed.

Mr. Greenberger asked how is the money made available.

Mr. Donato replied the City is on a 2 year cycle, where the money is made available.

Mr. Greenberger stated it is a fairly complicated cash system.

Mr. Donato replied generally most people want more money but they understand.

Mr. Greenberger replied most of them know and understand.

Mr. Donato replied the Department's prioritize their own Department's list.

Mr. Urek replied it was made clear that there was enough money for their priorities.

Ms. Rogo Trainer asked is it fair to say that most of it is maintenance.

Mr. Greenberger replied we need to keep up with safety issues and roof updates. City's technology system needs to be upgraded.

Mr. Donato replied \$25 million every year and then drops down.

Mr. Greenberger replied they understand what needs to be brand new. Every year there is an allotment in City Council. Some spend it all up every year and some like to save it for special uses. Mike DiBerardinis has some great suggestions for this allotment. He is excited.

Mr. Syrnick asked how closely were you able to stick with it.

Mr. Donato replied very closely.

Mr. Greenberger replied he didn't know of anyone's first priority was bumped down.

Mr. Bumb stated there is a big jump in new City bond plan. There is no total for 2012.

Mr. Urek replied there is a total on page 6. There is always something likely to change.

Upon motion by Mr. Donato, seconded by Ms. Rogo Trainer, the City Planning Commission approved the adoption of the Recommended FY2011-2016 Capital Program and Budget.

Mr. Syrnick adjourned the special City Planning Commission Meeting of March 2, 2009 at 1:39pm.

SUMMARY

- 1) Adoption of the Recommended FY2011-2016
Capital Program & Budget

Approved