

**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW
VIA THE INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
6:00 P.M.**

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- *The meeting shall be recorded and the video shall be posted on the City of Stamford website http://cityofstamford.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=8*
- *The Planning Board shall moderate the audio for attendees.*
- *Attendees shall be on mute and will be unmuted when called to speak by the Planning Board members.*
- *Applicants will have 20 minutes to make their presentation.*
- *Any applicant wishing to submit written testimony can send it prior to the meeting to lcapp@stamfordct.gov or submit through a Chat message to the Planning Board Chair during the meeting.*

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Voting Members: Theresa Dell, Chair; Jay Tepper, Vice Chair; Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary and Michael Totilo. Alternates: Claire Fishman. Absent: Michael Buccino, Voting member; and William Levin, Alternate. Present for staff: David W. Woods, PhD, FAICP, Deputy Director of Planning; Jay Fountain, Director, Office of Policy & Management; Anthony Romano, Management Analyst, Office of Policy & Management and Garrett Bolella, Traffic Engineer, Transportation, Traffic & Parking.

Ms. Dell called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m., introduced the members of the Board and staff present.

Ms. Dell introduced the first item on the agenda.

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION
SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:**

Garrett Bolella, Traffic Engineer provided explanation and answered questions on these three Appropriation Requests.

1. **SIDEWALK EXTENSIONS - PROJECT #CP8706 - TOTAL REQUEST \$15,000.00:** This appropriation is for the installation of a 5 ft. wide sidewalk connecting the southern access drive of 201 High Ridge Road to the crosswalk at Cross Road and High Ride Road per Zoning Application #220-11 & #220-12. This will support the Department's commitment to safe routes to school and complement the Department's pedestrian mobility improvements nearby.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper recommended approval of the Sidewalk Extensions - Project #CP8706 - Total Request \$15,000.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and Section C6-30-13 of the City Charter and finds this request to be consistent with CGS Section 8-24, and the City Charter Section C6-30-13, as well as consistent with the adopted 2015 Master Plan; Mr. Totilo seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

2. **CITYWIDE SIGNALS - PROJECT #C56174 - TOTAL REQUEST \$154,520.00:** The developer, LMC, is required to proportionally contribute to a new traffic signal at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Tresser Boulevard. We have asked that the developer pay for the relocation of the controller box and the design of the new traffic signal so it could be ordered and installed by their opening.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Totilo recommended approval of the City Signals - Project #C56174 - Total Request \$154,520.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and Section C6-30-13 of the City Charter and finds this request to be consistent with CGS Section 8-24, and the City Charter Section C6-30-13, as well as consistent with the adopted 2015 Master Plan; Ms. Fishman seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

3. **CITYWIDE SIGNALS - PROJECT #C56174 - TOTAL REQUEST \$19,000.00:** Per Zoning Board Application #220-05, Wendy's Site Plan Certificate of Approval, Site Specific conditions, Item #7:

As part of our TTP Site Plan Review, prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, the applicant shall submit: (a) a payment of \$19,000.00 towards the procurement of the GridSmart camera system at the West Main Street/Alvord Lane/Commerce Drive intersection per a letter from the Traffic, Transportation & Parking Bureau dated June 26, 2020; and (b) final site and architectural plans to the Traffic, Transportation & Parking Bureau for review and approval.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper recommended approval of the Citywide Signals - Project #C56174 - Total Request \$19,000.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and Section C6-30-13 of the City Charter and finds this request to be consistent with CGS Section 8-24, and the City Charter Section C6-30-13, as well as consistent with the adopted 2015 Master Plan; Ms. Godzeno seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

November 10, 2020: After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper moved to recommend approval of the Planning Board Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2020; Mr. Totilo seconded the motion, and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 4-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo). (Ms. Fishman was ineligible to vote as she was absent at the November 10, 2020 meeting.)

CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW:

The Planning Board will finalize the Public Hearing Draft Capital Budget to be posted on the City's website no later than December 28, 2020 for the Public Hearing scheduled for January 12, 2021. If the Planning Board adopts the Draft Capital Budget at this meeting, the Draft will be posted by Friday, December 11, 2020

Ms. Dell gave a brief explanation of the procedure for the review which would be conducted as in previous years and announced that the Mayor approved the request for \$30M. Ms. Dell stated, as previously discussed, the first \$5M would be dedicated to mold remediation and \$3 to \$5M would be provided to street paving but may lower that amount so there will be more funds for outside agencies due to impacts from the pandemic.

Ms. Dell lead the Planning Board through a detailed review of the Capital Budget book and Dr. Woods and Mr. Romano answered questions from the Board.

The Planning Board was able to review and finalize the Public Hearing Draft Capital Budget. Mr. Tepper recommended approval of the Public Hearing Draft Capital Budget FY 2021-2022; Ms. Godzeno seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Fishman, Godzeno, Tepper and Totilo).

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings are:

- December 15, 2020 - Regular Meeting & Public Hearing (Master Plan Amendments #MP-439 & #MP-440)
- January 12, 2021 - Regular Meeting & Public Hearing (Capital Budget)
- January 19, 2021 - Regular Meeting

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary
Stamford Planning Board

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