

**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

EMERGENCY MEETING

GOVERNMENT CENTER - *BOARD OF FINANCE CONFERENCE ROOM*
888 WASHINGTON BLVD., STAMFORD, CT

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Voting Members: Theresa Dell, Chair; Jay Tepper, Vice Chair; and Michael Totilo. Alternates: Claire Fishman. Absent: Michael Buccino, Voting Member; Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary & Voting Member and William Levin, Alternate. Present for staff: David W. Woods, PhD, AICP, Deputy Director of Planning. Other City Officials: Michael Handler, Director of Administration; Kathryn Emmett, Director of Legal Affairs and Anthony Romano, Management Analyst, Office of Policy & Management.

Ms. Dell began by calling for a motion to hold the Emergency Meeting for the Supplemental Capital Project Appropriation Request for the WPCA Sludge Dryer and Building Repairs - Project #000712 in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

Mr. Tepper made a motion to hold the Emergency Meeting for Supplemental Capital Project Appropriation Request for the WPCA Sludge Dryer and Building Repairs - Project #000712 in the amount of \$10,000,000.00; Mr. Totilo seconded the motion, and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 4-0 (Dell, Fishman, Tepper and Totilo).

Ms. Dell called the Emergency Meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. and introduced the members of the Board and staff present.

Ms. Dell introduced the item on the agenda.

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION:

SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL PROJECT APPROPRIATION REQUEST:

WPCA - SLUDGE DRYER and BUILDING REPAIRS - PROJECT #000712 - \$10,000,000.00: The WPCA anticipates the sludge dryer and building repairs will cost up to \$10 million. It is also expected the cost will be covered by insurance but need Board approval for the Capital Expenditure. Time is of the essence as it costs \$13,000.00 to haul sludge until the dryer is back in service. There are also costs incurred a day for Engineering to design the repairs.

Ms. Dell requested that Mr. Handler, who is Director of Administration and Chair of the WPCA Board, outline the need to bring this item under the provisions of an Emergency Meeting. Mr. Handler explained the issues before the City were as follows:

1. A fire destroyed the building that processes and dries the sludge in August 2019, which was through no fault of the City. While the City has insurance to replace this building, the City gets reimbursed by making the repairs and then submitting a claim to the insurance company.
2. The City is paying \$13,000.00 a day to truck the sludge off-site for the drying process. These costs would represent considerable expense to the City which rebuilding this structure with WPCA contingency funds would address.

After a very brief discussion, Ms. Fishman recommended approval of the WPCA Sludge Dryer and Building Repairs - Project #000712 in the amount of \$10,000,000.00 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 Category #13 (Industrial - General); Mr. Totilo seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 4-0 (Dell, Fishman, Tepper and Totilo).

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary
Stamford Planning Board