

**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING - CAPITAL BUDGET
VIA THE INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
12:15 P.M.**

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Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Voting Members: Theresa Dell, Chair; Jay Tepper, Vice Chair (Arrived at 12:30 p.m.); Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary and Michael Buccino. Alternates: Stephen Perry. Absent: Michael Totilo, Voting Members and William Levin, Alternate. Present for staff: Anthony Romano, Management Analyst, Office of Policy & Management and Lindsey Cohen, Associate Planner.

Ms. Dell called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Ms. Dell introduced the members of the Board and staff present and introduced the first item on the agenda.

Ms. Dell introduced Mr. Romano.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

As per the Stamford Charter Section C8-20-6, Mayor Simmons added the three (3) projects listed below to the Capital Budget.

1. PROJECT #CP8711 - TRAFFIC/ROAD PAVING & DRAINAGE

Bonds - \$500,000.00

Presenter: Josie Carpanzano, Deputy Director of Operations

Ms. Carpanzano made a brief presentation and answered questions from the Board.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Godzeno made a motion to **approve** the addition of Project #CP8711 - Traffic/Road Paving & Drainage to the Capital Budget for FY2023-2024 and that this request is consistent with the 2015 Master Plan; Mr. Buccino seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 4-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno and Perry).

2. PROJECT #C56241 - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STUDIES

ARP - \$500,000.00

Presenter: Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief

Mr. Petise made a brief presentation and answered questions from the Board.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Godzeno made a motion to **approve** the addition of Project #CP56241 - Traffic Management Studies to the Capital Budget for FY2023-2024 and that this request is consistent with the 2015 Master Plan; Mr. Perry seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

3. PROJECT #CP8705 - BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES IMPLEMENTATION

ARP - \$500,000.00

Presenter: Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief

Mr. Petise made a brief presentation and answered questions from the Board.

Ms. Dell asked if the Board could recommend the balance of \$498,750.00 being funded by bonds be taken from the ARP fund instead.

Mr. Romano stated that it is at the discretion of the Mayor but yes, the Board could make that recommendation.

Barry Michelson (Stamford Resident - Idlewood Drive) made comments recommending more emphasis be placed on the Pepper Ridge area where the concerns are traffic, traffic safety, speeding and road conditions.

After some discussion, Mr. Tepper made a motion to **approve** the addition of Project #CP8705 - Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities Implementation to the Capital Budget for FY2023-2024 with the recommendations that the balance of \$498,750.00 possibly be funded through the ARP fund instead of through City bonds and the issues in the Pepper Ridge neighborhood be looked at more closely for better implementation of this project and that this request is consistent with the 2015 Master Plan; Mr. Buccino seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 5-0 (Dell, Buccino, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings are:

- March 7, 2023 (Public Hearing - Subdivision #4046 - Intervale & Turn of River Roads)
- March 28, 2023 (Public Hearing - Master Plan Amendment #MP-442 - 91 Hope Street)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

February 27, 2023

Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary
Stamford Planning Board

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