

**STAMFORD PLANNING BOARD
APPROVED MINUTES - MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023
SPECIAL MEETING
VIA THE INTERNET & CONFERENCE CALL
12:30 P.M.**

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- 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.

Stamford Planning Board Members present were: Voting Members: Theresa Dell, Chair; Jay Tepper, Vice Chair; Jennifer Godzeno, Secretary. Alternates: Stephen Perry. Absent: Michael Buccino and Michael Totilo, Voting Members and William Levin, Alternate. Present for staff: Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau Chief/City Engineer and Lesley Capp, Assistant to the Planning Board.

Ms. Dell called the meeting to order at 12:37 p.m.

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

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

Lou Casolo, Engineering Bureau Chief/City Engineer, provided comments and answered questions from the Board on each of the following items:

1. **CAPTIAL PROJECT CLOSEOUT RECOMMENDATION:** Pursuant to Stamford City Code Section 8-2, partial closeout of the following capital projects is being recommended:

Project No.	Project Name	Closeout Amount	Funding Source
CP1471	Westhill High School Replacement Project	\$200,775,758.00	Bond (City)

After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper recommended approval of the Capital Project Closeout Recommendation for Westhill High School Replacement Project - Project #CP1471 with a Total Request of \$200,775,758.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and the City Charter Section C6-30-13 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, 4-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

2. **WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PROJECT #CP1471 - TOTAL REQUEST \$241,041,110.00:** The State recently approved a project escalation cost for the construction of the new Westhill High School at 125 Roxbury Road. Total authorization or project is \$301,313,888.00. Funding will be an 80/20 split with \$241,041,110.00 from a grant fund and \$60,262,778.00 from bond funds.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Perry recommended approval of the Westhill High School Replacement Project - Project #CP1471 with a Total Request of \$241,041,110.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and the City Charter Section C6-30-13 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, 4-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

3. **DAVENPORT RIDGE - LONG TERM FACILITY PLAN - DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/ ASSET RENEWAL - PROJECT #CP4000007 - TOTAL REQUEST \$770,930.00:** Increase grant appropriation to support Davenport roof application for school construction.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Godzeno recommended approval of the Davenport Ridge - Long Term Facility Plan - Deferred Maintenance/Asset Renewal - Project #CP4000007 with a Total Request of \$770,930.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and the City Charter Section C6-30-13 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. Tepper seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 4-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

4. **EV INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT - PROJECT #001348 - TOTAL REQUEST \$860,565.20:** The purchase and installation of twenty (20) dual-port Level 2 chargers and two (2) dual-port DC fast chargers to be located at the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper recommended approval of the EV Infrastructure Grant - Project #001348 with a Total Request of \$860,565.20 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and the City Charter Section C6-30-13 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. Perry seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 4-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

5. **STREET LIGHTING INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE - PROJECT #CP0114 - TOTAL REQUEST \$2,000,000.00:** Per the Department of Energy's (DOE) Pending Grant Award letter dated July 12, 2023, the application reflects a DOE funding amount of \$2,000,000.00 and the City's non-Federal cost share amount of \$2,000,000.00 for a total project amount of \$4,000,000.00. In the request for FY23/24 Capital Budget, the Engineering Department request was \$2,000,000.00 along with a Federal Grant request of \$2,000,000.00. This was reduced to \$1,000,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 for FY23/24 and \$1,000,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 for FY24/25 after the request was submitted by the Department. To comply with the DOE's Item No. 9 request, an additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 is being submitted to show the City's commitment to this project prior to the grant award.

After a brief discussion, Ms. Godzeno recommended approval of the Street Lighting Infrastructure Upgrade - Project #CP0114 with a Total Request of \$2,000,000.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and the City Charter Section C6-30-13 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. Perry seconded the motion and passed unanimously with eligible members present voting, 4-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

6. CITYWIDE DREGDING - PROJECT #CP0231 - TOTAL REQUEST \$3,095,520.00: The Cove Island Park marina and channel requires dredging, particularly after Superstorm Sandy, when the channel was substantially filled in and rendered barely navigable. Based on available grant and capital funding, the City ultimately split the dredging into two projects. Because of the nature of the dredge materials, each dredge requires different disposal protocols and permitting. The first dredge, funded with State Bonding money, was completed last winter.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Tepper recommended approval of the Citywide Dredging - Project #CP0231 with a Total Request of \$3,095,520.00 and this request has been reviewed pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 8-24 and the City Charter Section C6-30-13 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, 4-0 (Dell, Godzeno, Perry and Tepper).

The Board had a brief discussion regarding an article in the Stamford Advocate, mentioned by Mr. Tepper, about the possibility of the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Shippan Avenue, Harbor Drive and Magee Avenue.

Ms. Dell stated she would ask Ms. Capp and/or Lindsey Cohen, Assistant Planner, to speak with Frank Petise, Transportation Bureau Chief, about attending the August 15, 2023 meeting to discuss this issue.

Next regularly scheduled Planning Board meetings are:

- August 15, 2023 (Regular Meeting)
- August 29, 2023 (Regular Meeting & Public Hearing)

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Dell adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
August 8, 2023

Theresa Dell, Chair
Stamford Planning Board

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