

PHILADELPHIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING VIA ZOOM

MINUTES JUNE 13, 2024

PRESENT:

Joseph Syrnick, Chair

Tavare Brown

Cherly Gaston

Salim Wilson

Patrick Eiding

Maria Gonzalez

Ximena Valle

Adam Thiel

Labaron Palmer

NOT PRESENT:

The Philadelphia City Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Syrnick at 1:00 p.m.

John LaVaccare ,of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission, (PCPC) – introduced the Zoom platform and remote City Planning Commission process. We are hosting this meeting on Zoom. We may also have some people join us by phone.

During today’s meeting, each agenda item will be presented by a member of the staff. Following each presentation, the Chair will ask the Commissioners for questions or comments. The Chair will then ask the audience for questions and comments. After that, the Commissioners will finish their discussion and vote.

Those of you who are joining us on Zoom will have two options to ask questions and comments. If you would like to speak, click, or tap on the “RAISE HAND” button on the menu bar on the bottom of your screen at any time during the agenda item. You will be called on and will have the opportunity to speak to the Commission and the audience.

If you prefer to type your question or comment, click, or tap on the “Q&A” button on the menu bar at the bottom of your screen at any time during the agenda item. Once all attendees have had an opportunity to speak, I will read out loud any written questions and comments that have have been posted to the Q&A.

For those joining by phone, we’re unable to take spoken testimony, however, you can email your questions and/or comments to the Commission at Planning@phila.gov. This meeting will be recorded and posted to our website.

John LaVaccare turned the meeting over to the Commission Chair, to begin the meeting. Chair Syrnick to roll at (00:02:13).

1. Action Item: Capital Budget Bill Nos 240181 and 240182

Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget and Fiscal Year 2025- 2030 Capital Program Amendments. Introduced by Councilmember Gilmore Richardson on March 14, 2024. Presented by Peter Barnard.

- a. Bill No. 240181: “An Ordinance To adopt a Fiscal 2025 Capital Budget,” by revising various appropriation amounts and totals, all under certain terms and conditions.*
- b. Bill No. 240182: “An Ordinance To adopt a Capital Program for the Six Fiscal Years 2025-2030 Inclusive,” by revising various appropriation amounts and totals to conform to amendments to the FY2025 Capital Budget Ordinance, all under certain*

Background

On June 6th, City Council proposed and sent to the Mayor amendments to both the Recommended Program (Bill No. 240182) and Budget (Bill No. 230181). Per the City Charter, "Council may delete projects from the capital program as submitted to it, but it shall not otherwise amend the capital program until it has requested through the Mayor the recommendations of the City Planning Commission." The amendments proposed on June 6th would

- Increase the FY2025 appropriation under Commerce by \$2,000,000 CN for Master Planning and General Site Improvements to the Central Delaware River Waterfront.
- Appropriate a \$400,000 CN increase in Administrative and District City Council Improvement to Existing Facilities (ITEF) lines under Finance and Parks and Recreation in FY2025. This is split into an additional \$400,000 in FY2025 for Administrative ITEF, \$150,000 CN in FY2025 for each Council District under Finance, and an additional \$250,000 CN in FY2025 for each Council District under Parks and Recreation. The total increase to ITEF is \$4,400,000 for FY2025.
- Increase the FY2025 appropriation to the Free Library by \$8,500,000 CN for improvements to the McPherson Library.
- Increase the FY2025 appropriation under Parks and Recreation by \$11,350,000 CN for Buildings, Courts, Play Areas, Athletic Fields. This change will support PPR building improvement needs at the Shepard, John Anderson, Martin Luther King, Granahan, Eastwick, and Cecil B Moore Recreation Centers.
- Increase the FY2025 appropriation under Parks and Recreation by \$857,000 CN for Improvements to Neighborhood Parks. This change will support PPR improvement to Marconi Plaza.
- Increase the FY2025 appropriation under Parks and Recreation by \$2,700,000 CN for Parks and Recreation Projects. This change will support PPR improvement to Commerce Street.
- Increase the FY2025 appropriation under Streets by \$1,00,000 CN for Avenue of the Arts. This change will support greening, street furniture, and pavement improvements.
- Increase the FY2025 appropriation under Zoo by \$2,000,000 CN for Facility and Infrastructure Improvements. This change will improve City-owned facilities.
- Decrease the FY2025 appropriation under Police by \$45,000,000 (CR) for Police Forensics Facility. This funding was included in the Spring FY24-29 Mid-Year Transfer.
- Adjust carryforward (CT spending amount in Parks and Recreation for Buildings, Courts, Play Areas, Athletic Fields to reflect available appropriations.
- Adjust carryforward spending amounts in Streets for Street Lighting in CD10 to reflect available appropriations.

- Reprogram \$13,597,000 in loans authorized in previous fiscal years – Prefinanced Loans (CA) – to FY2025 so the funding is available for new projects. These reappropriations include:

- o \$1,365,000 (CA) for Fire
- o \$2,247,000 (CA) for Parks and Recreation
- o \$2,394,000 (CA) for Police
- o \$1,124,000 (CA) for Public Property
- o \$1,764,000 (CA) for Streets
- o \$4,703,000 (CA) for OIT

The line-item amendments for City New (CN) General-Obligation Bonds are, in order:

- Line #12 – Commerce – Central Delaware River Waterfront
 - o Increase from \$19,800,000 CN to \$21,800,000 CN in FY2025.
- Lines #15-24 – Finance – Administrative and City Council ITEF – CD1 – 10.
 - o Increase from \$650,000 CN to \$800,000 CN in FY2025.
- Line #30 – Free Library – Improvements.
 - o Increase from \$3,000,000 CN to \$11,500,000 CN in FY2025.
- Line #37 – Parks and Recreation – Buildings, Courts, Play Areas, Athletic Fields.
 - o Increase from \$4,250,000 CN to \$15,600,000 CN in FY2025.
- Line #39 – Parks and Recreation – Neighborhood Parks and Facilities.
 - o Increase from \$900,000 CN to \$1,757,000 CN in FY2025.
- Line #40 – Parks and Recreation – Natural Lands/Large Manicured Parks/Buildings.
 - o Increase carryforward from \$6,550,000 CT to \$8,550,000 CT in FY2025.
- Line #41 – Parks and Recreation – Parks and Recreation Projects.
 - o Increase from \$1,000,000 CN to \$3,700,000 CN in FY2025.
- Lines #42-51 – Parks and Recreation – Improvements to Existing Recreation Facilities – CD 1-10.
 - o Increase from \$950,000 CN to \$1,200,000 CN in FY2025.
- Line #66 – Streets – Improvements to City Highways.
 - o Increase from \$2,000,000 CN to \$3,000,000 CN in FY2025.
- Line #79 – Zoo – Facility and Infrastructure Improvements
 - o Increase from \$2,000,000 CN to \$4,000,000 CN in FY2025

Staff recommendation is for Approval.

Questions and comments from the Commission (00:09:56).

Questions and comments from the Public (00:10:06).

Seeing no further questions and comments from the Commission or Public, Chair Syrnick asked for a motion for Bill 240181 Capital Budget (00:11:08).

Motion duly made by Commissioner Gaston and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to accept staff recommendation for approval.

Chair Syrnick polled the Commission for the vote: Commissioner Eding,

Commissioner Gaston, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Valle, Commissioner Theil, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Willson, and Commissioner Palmer

Motion carried to approve staff recommendation for approval (7-0).

Chair Syrnick asked for a motion for Bill 240182
(00:12:10).

Staff recommendation is for Approval.

Motion duly made by Commissioner Gaston and seconded by Commissioner Eiding to accept staff recommendation for approval.

Chair Syrnick polled the Commission for the vote: Commissioner Eiding, Commissioner Gaston, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Valle, Commissioner Theil, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Willson, and Commissioner Palmer

Motion carried to approve staff recommendation for approval (8-0).

Chair Syrnick asked for a motion to adjourn at the minute mark in video (00:13:25).

Motion duly made by the Commission to adjourn the June Planning Commission.

The next Planning Commission is scheduled for August 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

SUMMARY

1. Action Item: **Capital Budget Bills No 240181 and 240182**

APPROVED

Attended	User Name (Original Name)	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)	Is Guest	Country/Region Name
Yes	John LaVaccare	6/13/2024 8:51	6/13/2024 9:15	24	Yes	United States
Yes	Madison Matera	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Adam Thiel	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	13	Yes	United States
Yes	Mary Costello	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:15	15	Yes	United States
Yes	Abigail Sobotka-Briner	6/13/2024 8:49	6/13/2024 9:15	27	Yes	United States
Yes	Martine Decamp	6/13/2024 8:50	6/13/2024 9:15	25	Yes	United States
Yes	Cheryl Gaston	6/13/2024 8:56	6/13/2024 9:15	19	Yes	United States
Yes	Ximena Valle	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Jametta Johnson	6/13/2024 8:31	6/13/2024 9:15	44	Yes	United States
Yes	Salim Wilson	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Pat eiding	6/13/2024 9:14	6/13/2024 9:15	2	Yes	United States
Yes	Maria Gonzalez	6/13/2024 8:59	6/13/2024 9:15	17	Yes	United States
Yes	Patrick Eiding	6/13/2024 9:00	6/13/2024 9:07	7	Yes	United States
Yes	Peter Barnard (PCPC Staff) (Peter Barnard)	6/13/2024 8:45	6/13/2024 9:15	30	Yes	United States
Yes	Tavare Brown	6/13/2024 9:00	6/13/2024 9:15	15	Yes	United States
Yes	Paula Brumbelow	6/13/2024 8:54	6/13/2024 9:14	20	Yes	United States
Yes	Joseph Syrnick	6/13/2024 8:54	6/13/2024 8:54	1	Yes	United States
Yes	Joseph Syrnick	6/13/2024 8:54	6/13/2024 9:15	21	Yes	United States
Yes	Labaron Palmer	6/13/2024 9:00	6/13/2024 9:15	16	Yes	United States

Attended	User Name (Original Name)	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)	Is Guest	Country/Region Name
Yes	Michael Gall	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Jack Conviser (PCPC)	6/13/2024 9:14	6/13/2024 9:15	1	Yes	United States
Yes	Cindy LaRue (PCPC Staff)	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Nina	6/13/2024 9:05	6/13/2024 9:09	4	Yes	United States
Yes	Nina	6/13/2024 9:14	6/13/2024 9:15	2	Yes	United States
Yes	Anthony Christinzio PCPC	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Calvin Williams	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Gregg Olmstead JACOBS	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Brian Wenrich	6/13/2024 9:05	6/13/2024 9:15	11	Yes	United States
Yes	Sonya L. Edwards	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Pat eiding	6/13/2024 9:06	6/13/2024 9:14	8	Yes	United States
Yes	Heather	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Dimka Braswell	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	al	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Billy Collins (staff)	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Aaron Holly	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Henry Felsman	6/13/2024 9:05	6/13/2024 9:15	11	Yes	United States
Yes	Amy Boyd (PCPC Staff)	6/13/2024 9:07	6/13/2024 9:15	8	Yes	United States
Yes	Jacque Sims	6/13/2024 9:12	6/13/2024 9:15	3	Yes	United States
Yes	Camilla Lizundia they/them	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	a weiss/SoLo	6/13/2024 9:11	6/13/2024 9:15	5	Yes	United States
Yes	Aaron T	6/13/2024 9:04	6/13/2024 9:15	11	Yes	United States
Yes	Emma Sonner (she/her)	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Ronald.Bednar	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:02	1	Yes	United States
Yes	Dan Powers (PCPC Staff)	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Brian Clinton	6/13/2024 9:03	6/13/2024 9:15	12	Yes	United States
Yes	bruce bohri	6/13/2024 9:13	6/13/2024 9:15	2	Yes	United States
Yes	Maeve Fogarty	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Rebekah L. Grimes	6/13/2024 9:06	6/13/2024 9:15	9	Yes	United States
Yes	Ronald.Bednar	6/13/2024 9:05	6/13/2024 9:05	1	Yes	United States
Yes	Cassandra Perry	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Macey Mento	6/13/2024 9:04	6/13/2024 9:15	11	Yes	United States
Yes	Jacqueline Harris	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Nate Dorfman	6/13/2024 9:01	6/13/2024 9:16	15	Yes	United States
Yes	Jaylene Gutierrez (She/Her)	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Stephanie Pennypacker	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Jimmy Stiving (he/him)	6/13/2024 9:02	6/13/2024 9:15	14	Yes	United States
Yes	Ashlei Tracy	6/13/2024 9:08	6/13/2024 9:15	7	Yes	United States

#	Question	Asker Name	Answer	Question Time	Answered Time	Answer Name	Answer Email
1	Good morning, Is there a plan to address the rotten problem in the Temple University area? Rats are roaming the streets during the day without fear.	Jacqueline Harris		6/13/2024 9:09			