

Planning Commission Meeting
March 25, 2015
Verbatim Excerpt

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
– FY 2016 - 2020 (w/Future Fiscal Years to 2025)

Decision Only During Commission Matters
(Public Hearing held on March 11, 2015)

Commissioner Litzenberger: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. CIP Workshop Committee completed their deliberations last week and we've come up with a motion and there were several amendments. Basically, we focused on the CIP and the budgets as it relates to land use and will – I know there's been – there are two commissioners who would like to propose additions to our motion, so I'll let them go ahead. Commissioner Hurley.

Commissioner Hurley: Thank you. As brought up in the –

Chairman Murphy: Maybe we should make a motion to approve the CIP and then add the motions to that. I think we – go ahead.

Commissioner Litzenberger: All right. I MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE ADVERTISED FAIRFAX COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 THROUGH 2020, WITH FUTURE FISCAL YEARS TO 2025.

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Is there a discussion of the motion? Ms. Hurley.

Commissioner Hurley: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As brought up in the Planning Commission's CIP discussions, the Northern Virginia Training Center is scheduled to close next March, but as yet no solid plan is in place to re-house all the current residents. Intermediate care facilities address the need for homes within which highly intense residential services are provided but are not slated to appear in the bond referenda until 2024. I therefore wish to introduce a small amendment, after which if it is seconded I will ask staff from assisted and community residential services to provide a brief explanation of the Department of Justice's mandate to the Commonwealth of Virginia and how Fairfax County plays a role in this evolving issue. I therefore MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT FEASIBILITY STUDY FUNDING BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEAR TERM TO ADDRESS THE LONG-TERM REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES AS A RESULT OF THE IMPENDING CLOSURE OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER AND THE OTHER CENTERS ELSEWHERE IN THE STATE THAT CURRENTLY HOUSE AND SUPPORT FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENTS IN THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY PROGRAM.

Commissioner Migliaccio: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Seconded by Mr. Migliaccio. Is there a discussion of the motion and the amendment? All those in favor –

Commissioner Hurley: I would just briefly like to invite Ms. Cummins Eisenhower and Ms. Hartman, to come down and explain. Supposedly, the state is supposed to fix this – why it is suddenly needed – that we need some sort of feasibility study.

Commissioner Lawrence: And Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Murphy: Remember, we're on verbatim and I would ask you to be brief, okay.

Commissioner Lawrence: Mr. Chairman, while they're coming down, point of parliamentary order: this is an amendment to the motion, so the maker of the motion and the seconder need to accept the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Litzenberger: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Okay.

Commissioner Hart: If it's a friendly –

Chairman Murphy: Well, we just did it as a motion, so that will be fine. Okay.

Jean Hartman, Assistant Deputy Director, Community Services Board: Thank you. As you know, the State of Virginia entered into a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice in 2012. As part of that settlement agreement, the state made certain decisions that have significant impact on the citizens of Fairfax County who are residing at the Northern Virginia Training Center, as well as their families, who are also in the county. As part of that settlement agreement, they had decided to close all but one training center in the State of Virginia. The Northern Virginia Training Center is slated to close in March of 2016. Individuals then need to move out into the community into other settings, other homes that can support them in more integrated settings. Our challenge is that there is not sufficient capacity to do that in Fairfax County, so as a result many families are having to move their individuals far, far away. We have - since this started 38 individuals from Fairfax County have moved out of the Training Center, but of those 38, 22 have been discharged to placements outside of Fairfax County. Of those 22 individuals, only 3 have been within an hour's drive of their families' homes. Most of these individuals, again, have lived in the Training Center most of their lives. Their family members, their parents, now are in their 70s and 80s. Siblings there have been taking care of them, so we – they visit their individuals once a week, sometimes daily, and now individuals are moving to places like Goochland and Petersburg and Newport News and so forth. So we are hoping to move this feasibility study up to make some other options available to them in a way that would not be a cost burden for the county.

Chairman Murphy: Okay, thank you very much. All those in favor, say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries. Let's make this a friendly amendment and I would just ask the maker of the motion and the seconder to approve it. Ms. Strandlie. Thank you very much, ladies.

Ms. Hartman: Thank you.

Commissioner Strandlie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SERIOUSLY CONSIDER RAISING THE ANNUAL BOND SALE LIMIT FROM \$275 MILLION TO \$300 MILLION. THIS INCREASE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE ADHERENCE TO THE COUNTY'S TEN PRINCIPLES OF SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND DEBT CAPACITY RATIOS AND HAVE NO NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S TRIPLE-A BOND RATING.

Chairman Murphy: Does the maker of the motion and the seconder agree with that?

Commissioner Flanagan: Second.

Chairman Murphy: Okay. All right. Thank you very much. All right, thank you. Are there any other friendly amendments or otherwise? Okay, all those in favor of the motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it approve the FY16 - FY 2020 Advertised Capital Improvement Program, with future fiscal years to 2025, as amended by Ms. Strandlie and Ms.

Commissioners: – Hurley.

Chairman Murphy: Hurley, yes. Say aye.

Commissioners: Aye.

Chairman Murphy: Opposed? Motion carries.

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(The motion carried by a vote of 10-0. Commissioners de la Fe and Sargeant were absent from the meeting.)

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