



School Board/ Planning Commission Joint CIP Meeting

September 24, 2020

Background

- **Board of Supervisors and School Board Retreat: February 3, 2020**
- **Recommendations included non-budget meetings between the School Board and the Board of Supervisors such as the Joint Environmental Task Force and the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team**
- **In addition, the Chairman of the Board asked for a joint meeting between the School Board and Planning Commission to discuss the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and work done by the Commission in its CIP Committee**

Background

- **Chairman McKay further defined that request on February 25, 2020:**
 - **Requested a joint County Board/School Board working group in order to discuss and plan for future CIP work. This group is intended to better allow for information sharing, prioritizations, and planning by both the County and FCPS**
 - **Two members from each Board will serve on this Committee**
 - **Supervisors Kathy Smith and John Foust have agreed to represent the Board of Supervisors**
 - **This Committee will be similar to the Infrastructure Financing Committee (IFC)**
 - **The Chairman has reached out to staff and indicated that the group has been charged with the topics of Pre-K classrooms and evaluating opportunities for joint-use space**

Infrastructure Financing Committee (IFC)

- **A joint School Board/County Board Committee, established in April 2013**
- **A working group to collaborate and review both the County and School's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and capital requirements**
- **Goals included a review of capital policies, requirements for major maintenance (including HVAC replacement, roof replacement and other essential building subsystem repairs), requirements for major renovations; and financing options**

IFC Recommendations/Successes

- Reviewed Capital policies, definitions, collaboration efforts
- County increased the transfer to the School Construction Fund by \$13 million per year, beginning in FY 2016 to redirect bond financing previously used for maintenance to School renovation projects
- County established a Capital Sinking Fund Reserve
 - ✦ 20% of funds that remain at year end after funding critical requirements
 - ✦ Since FY 2014, \$49.3 million has been allocated for capital reinvestment
 - ✦ BOS is scheduled to approve an additional \$15.5 million on September 29th for a total of \$64.8 million
 - ✦ This funding has provided for repairs and replacement of major building systems at County facilities (HVAC, roof, elevator replacement), as well as parks, walkways and revitalization area improvements (repairs/replacement of trails, pedestrian bridges, athletic courts)

Highlights of the Planning Commission Schools Committee Work Plan Recommendations include:

- **Develop a long-range school facility plan**
 - Collaborate with the county to review comprehensive plans and future growth
 - Identify resources to produce student membership projections beyond the five-year horizon
- **Examine a comparable replacement and renovation queue for county and school facilities**
 - Collaborate and review both the county and FCPS's CIP and infrastructure upgrade requirements
 - Review differences in renovation and replacement practices between county agencies and FCPS facilities
- **Collaborate to encourage co-location of school and county facilities**
 - Co-location with other compatible county facilities (county's Department of Planning and Development, Park Authority, and Neighborhood and Community Services)
 - Co-location with Park Authority may include fields, rec centers, telecommunications, stormwater, FAR
- **Notify county's Facilities Management Department (FMD) to include FCPS on notice of surplus property memorandum distributed to county agencies**

Potential for other partnerships, program expansions, and joint initiatives include:

- **Expansion of PreK and SACC program**
 - Continue the mandated responsibility
 - Requests for cooperative/joint grant and funding for facilities
 - Capital facilities funding
 - Program management (depending on location)
- **Partnership with county's Stormwater Management**
- **Solar energy purchase program (although OFM, D+C is involved in capital construction – solar panels, joint county contracts)**
- **FCPS programs in OMVHS, Reston Town Center North, Courthouse/Massey Redevelopment; recommend including FCPS in any large public-private or master plan areas**
- **Rates for self-supporting funds are developed (Stormwater, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Housing) as part of the county's Annual Budget and support projects in the CIP**

Recap



- **The new Board of Supervisors/School Board CIP committee will be established to discuss Pre-K and Opportunities for Joint Use**
- **Tonight's meeting gives Planning Commissioners and School Board members an opportunity to discuss ideas and make recommendations to be forwarded to the new CIP Committee**