

**FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020**

PRESENT: Timothy J. Sargeant, At-Large Chairman
Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner, Providence District, Vice Chairman
Mary D. Cortina, Braddock District
Julie Strandlie, Mason District
Walter C. Clarke, Mount Vernon District
Peter F. Murphy, Springfield District

ABSENT: None

OTHERS: John C. Ulfelder, Dranesville District
John A. Carter, Hunter Mill District
Daniel G. Lagana, Lee District
Evelyn S. Spain, Sully District
Candice Bennett, Commissioner At-Large
Andres Jimenez, Commissioner At-Large
Martha Reed, Capital Programs, Department of Management and Budget
Michelle Stahlhut, Planning Division, Department of Planning and Zoning
Dennis Holder, Capital Facilities, Department of Public Works and
Environmental Services (DPWES)
Tiya Raju, Capital Facilities, DPWES
Jacob Caporaletti, Planning Commission Clerk, Department of Clerk Services
Keisha Strand, Planning Commission Senior Deputy Clerk, DCS

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Boards, Authorities, and Commissions Emergency Ordinance
- B. Preliminary Motions For Conducting a Virtual Meeting
- C. FY 2021 through FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program: Revised Proposal
- D. Q&As from the Capital Improvement Program Workshop
- E. Capital Improvement Program Draft: Opening Remarks
- F. Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner's Recommended Revisions

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The Planning Commission Capital Improvement Committee conducted a wholly electronic meeting using Fairfax County's videoconferencing system because the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The meeting was accessible to the public via Channel 16, live online video stream, and live audio over the phone. Testimony from the public could be provided through a phone call, recorded video, or submission of written testimony by mail or electronic means.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Chairman Timothy J. Sargeant.

The attending Commissioners attended the meeting from the following locations:

- John C. Ulfelder participated from the Dranesville District office, 397 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 110, Herndon, VA 20170;
- Timothy J. Sargeant participated from the Mount Vernon District office, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon, VA 22306;
- Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner participated from the Providence District office, 3001 Vaden Drive, 2nd Floor, Fairfax, VA 22031;
- Mary D. Cortina participated from the Braddock District office, 9002 Burke Lake Road Burke, VA 22015;
- Walter C. Clarke, Mount Vernon District participated from the Mount Vernon District office, 2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon, VA 22306.
- Julie Strandlie participated from the Mason District office, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.
- Peter F. Murphy participated from the Springfield District office, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152;
- Daniel G. Lagana participated from the Lee District office, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310;
- John A. Carter participated from the Hunter Mill District office, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston, VA 20190;
- Evelyn S. Spain participated from the Sully District office, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard Chantilly, VA 20151;
- Andres Jimenez participated from the Mason District office, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.
- Candice Bennett participated from the Lee District office, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310; and

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Chairman Sargeant relinquished duties of the virtual Chair and the virtual gavel to Vice Chairman Niedzielski-Eichner.

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Commissioner Sargeant MOVED THAT EACH MEMBER'S VOICE MAY BE ADEQUATELY HEARD BY EACH OTHER MEMBER OF THIS COMMISSION.

Commissioner Strandlie seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Lagana voted as a Committee alternate since Commissioner Clarke was absent from the vote.

Commissioner Sargeant MOVED THAT THE STATE OF EMERGENCY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC MAKES IT UNSAFE FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO PHYSICALLY ASSEMBLE FOR UNSAFE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND ANY SUCH MEETING. AND THAT AS SUCH, FOR AS USUAL PROCEDURES WHICH REQUIRE THE PHYSICAL ASSEMBLY OF THIS COMMISSION AND THE PHYSICAL PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC, CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED SAFELY OR PRACTICALLY. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY CONDUCT THIS MEETING ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE COUNTY'S VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM AND THAT THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY WATCHING CHANNEL 16, OR ITS LIVE-STREAM, OR LISTENING TO ITS LIVE AUDIO.

Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Lagana voted as a Committee alternate since Commissioner Clarke was absent from the vote.

Commissioner Sargeant MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA TODAY CONCERN THE EMERGENCY, OR ARE NECESSARY FOR CONTINUITY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT, OR BOTH.

Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 6-0. Commissioner Lagana voted as a Committee alternate since Commissioner Clarke was absent from the vote.

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Martha Reed, Department of Management and Budget, gave a presentation on the FY 2021 through FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program Revised Budget Proposal, a copy of which is included in Attachment C, which covered the following topics:

- Changes made to self-supporting programs;
- Changes made to the general fund that supported capital program;
- A review of the County's bond referendum plan;
- Changes made to the upcoming bond referenda; and
- A review of next steps and important dates for the CIP.

Ms. Reed and Commissioner Niedzielski-Eichner discussed the Elementary School buildings in response to a review of the Q&As from the CIP Workshop, a copy of which is included in Attachment D.

There was a discussion between Ms. Reed and multiple Committee members on the draft motions for the CIP, a copy of which is included in Attachment E, which included the following topics:

- Efforts by staff to update to the Public Facilities Plan to ensure that it aligned with the Comprehensive Plan;
- The addition of pedestrian sidewalks and safety to the primary motion; and
- The issues associated with further deferral of major maintenance programs in the fourth motion.

Further discussion ensued between Ms. Reed; Dennis Holder, Capital Facilities, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES); Tiya Raju, Capital Facilities, DPWES; and multiple Committee members on the funding and construction plans for the Tysons Fire Station, as referenced in the draft amendment to the fifth preliminary motion, a copy of which is included in Attachment F.

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Chairman Sargeant MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE CONSIDERATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE PUBLIC FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE POLICY PLAN. DURING THAT REVIEW, STAFF SHOULD REVIEW THE ALIGNMENT OF THOSE UPDATES WITH THE CIP. SECOND, RECOMMEND THAT STAFF FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, DURING ANY FUTURE UPDATE OF THE PUBLIC FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE POLICY PLAN, EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ENSURING THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLE PREEMPTION EQUIPMENT IS CONSIDERED DURING THE REVIEW OF LAND USE CASES. NEW POLICY PLAN LANGUAGE WOULD MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE THE STRATEGIC PLACEMENT OF EVPS TO MAKE THEM MORE OF A PRIORITY. IN ADDITION, FIRE AND RESCUE STAFF SHOULD LOOK FOR OTHER POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT PRIORITIZED EVP INSTALLATIONS. THIRD MOTION, TO RECOMMEND THAT STAFF CONSIDER REPRIORITIZING THE FALL 2020 BOND REFERENDUM PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR IDENTIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADE PROJECTS IF FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE PROJECTS AT YEAR END. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE COUNTY'S EXISTING FACILITIES AND ADDRESS CATEGORY F RATED INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS, BOND FUNDING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT IS UNAVAILABLE. AND FINALLY, MOTION TO SUPPORT THE DEFERRAL OF THE 25 MILLION DOLLARS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FACILITIES FROM THE FALL 2020 BOND REFERENDUM TO THE FALL 2022 REFERENDUM BASED ON THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE OPERATIONAL DOLLARS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS WITHIN THESE FACILITIES. THE PLANNING COMMISSION FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT STAFF REEVALUATE THE PROPOSED FALL 2020 BOND REFERENDUM PLAN TO INCLUDE THE REPRIORITIZATION OF LIBRARY, HUMAN SERVICES AND PARK PROJECTS, IF REQUIRED, TO ALIGN WITH THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AT THE TIME.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke, which carried by a vote of 6-0.

Chairman Sargeant MOVED THAT WE RECOMMEND THAT STAFF IDENTIFY OPTIONS FOR FUNDING THE TYSONS FIRE STATION IF PROFFER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE

DELAYED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIES THIS FUTURE STATION AS ITS NUMBER ONE CIP PRIORITY, YET PROFFER FUNDING HAS ONLY BEEN RECEIVED TO SUPPORT THE DESIGN OF THIS STATION. IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL THAT HOPED FOR PROFFER FUNDING BE RECEIVED IN A TIMELY MANNER IN ORDER TO PROCEED TO THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE. CONTINGENCY FUNDING STRATEGIES SHOULD BE DEvised SHOULD TIMELY PROFFER MONIES NOT BE REALIZED. ONE CONTINGENCY IS FOR STAFF FROM THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT TO REPRIORITIZE THEIR FUTURE CIP PROJECTS IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE PACE OF RECEIPT OF THE PROFFERED CONTRIBUTIONS WILL DELAY THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE STATION. ANOTHER CONTINGENCY IS TO CONSIDER A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FUNDING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE CURRENT FIRS STATION AT SPRINGHILL ROAD REMAINS IN PLACE AND OPERATIONS CAN CONTINUE FROM THAT STATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE REPLACEMENT STATION IS CONSTRUCTED.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clarke, which passed by a vote of 6-0.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.
Timothy Sargeant, Chairman

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Commission Office,
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Minutes by: Keisha Strand

Approved: April 7, 2021

Jacob Caporaletti

Jacob Caporaletti, Clerk
Fairfax County Planning Commission

County of Fairfax
Commonwealth of Virginia

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 29 day of March 2022, by
Jacob Caporaletti.

Timothy M. Sargeant

Signature of Notary

Notary registration number: 7114113

Commission expiration: January 31, 2024

