



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

William Santos
Chairperson

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes February 25, 2021

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on February 25, 2021, at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Mike Wiedemer, Vice Chair; Orlando Rivera, citizen member; Andrew Hollister, citizen member; George Hebert, County Legislator; Robert Franklin, Director, Finance; Mike Garland, Director, Environmental Services;

Alternates Present: Don Crumb (for Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.)
Laura Smith (for Amy Grower, Chief of Staff)
Virginia Verhagen (for Richard Tantalio, Director, Public Safety)
Josette Mangieri (Finance)

Planning Staff Present: Rochelle Bell, Kim Hudson, Pat Gooch, Yixuan Lin

Others Present: Bill Daly (DES)

Bill Santos called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Mike Wiedemer made a motion to approve the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes. George Hebert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

ACTION ITEMS:

The following project was submitted for consideration by the Board:

Amend the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Frontier Field Major League Baseball Requirements" and Authorize Financing for the Project

Bill Daly, Chief of Engineering & Facilities Management for DES, presented on the above action item by beginning with a history of the franchise which has been in existence since 1899 and is currently affiliated with the Washington National ball club. The baseball club is privately owned but the facility is owned by the County. The franchise currently has a ten (10) year lease which it is approximately 2-3 years in to. The original financing for the stadium will end in a couple of years.

The Rochester Red Wings received notification, late fall/early winter, from the MLB that it needs to be in full compliance with all new MLB standards by April 1, 2025 as do all pro stadiums. However, some improvements are required to be completed sooner, by April 2023 and April 2024, with all requirements completed by April 2025. If the various facility elements are not completed by April 1, 2025, we could possibly lose the franchise. Mr. Daly, did state that a total field replacement had been done last year.

A question was asked by a board member as to whether the ball club is profitable? Also, how much does the stadium bring in? No one present was able to provide an answer at this time for either question. Board member George Hebert inquired whether there was any grant money to pay for the requirements. Bob Franklin from County Finance stated for fan amenities, but not likely for facility requirements. Mr. Hebert also asked about any funding sources, but according to Mr. Daly, there are none at this time. Don Crumb raised the question as to the Red Wings contributing any money. It was stated in response, that they would not be doing so as this is the County's obligation as facility owner.

Mr. Daly stated that the \$1,000,000 is for "soft cost" to include evaluation, throughout 2022 to determine deficiencies, and for design.

Related to the preceding information was a brief discussion on \$11,000,000 which the County is holding for the future construction work to be done. This is all County money. The large amount is due to the fact the work under this project is highly specialized.

Bob Franklin made a motion to recommend an Amendment to the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program and the 2021 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Frontier Field Major League Baseball Requirements", in the amount of \$1,000,000. Mike Wiedemer seconded the motion which passed with eight (8) affirmative votes and two (2) members, Andrew Hollister and Don Crumb voting Nay.

PRESENTATION:

Introduction of the Proposed 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Pat Gooch, Sr. Planner for the Department of Planning and Development, gave a timeline overview of the CIP process.

Mr. Gooch then presented the County Executive's proposed 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to the Board. The \$471 Million spending plan over six (6) years, by department, is as follows:

- Transportation, 30% of total funding
- Airport, 15.4% of total funding
- Pure Waters, 13.1% of total funding
- MCC, 11.7% of total funding
- Public Safety (including MedEx, Sheriff, and Public Safety), 10.1% of total funding
- Parks and Zoo, 3.9% of total funding
- Facilities, 6.4% of total funding
- Information Services, 4.9% of total funding
- Monroe Community Hospital, 3.4% of total funding
- Solid Waste, 1.0% of total funding
- Library, .2% of total funding

Although, still subject to change, the majority of the funding comes from the County (cash or bonds 57.5%); Other funding sources include District (Pure Waters, 12.8%); Enterprise (MCH, Airport, Solid Waste, 5.7%); Federal (Airport and DOT, 11.1%); State (MCC, Airport, Facilities, DOT, Sheriff, 7.6%); and private (Highways and Bridges, .4%). The report can be found at

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/files/planning/CIP/Proposed%202022-2027%20CIP%20report%20for%20MCPB.pdf>.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: March 11, 2021 at **3:00 pm** via Zoom (MCC Master Plan Update & Dept. Presentations)

ADJOURNMENT: George Hebert made a motion to adjourn, Bob Franklin seconded the motion which carried unanimously; the meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

RB/kmh