Commission Meeting

of

COMMISSION ON CAPITAL BUDGETING AND PLANNING

LOCATION: 33 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

DATE: January 20, 2017
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSION PRESENT:

B. Carol Molnar, Esq., Chair
Anthony F. Annese, Vice Chair
Senator Paul A. Sarlo
Assemblywoman Shavonda E. Sumter
Steven Petrecca
James M. Rutala
Beth Schermerhorn
Jerry Traino

ALSO PRESENT:

Brian E. Francz
Executive Director

Eugene Lepore
Senate Majority
Commission Aide

David F. Patella
Assistant Executive Director

Aaron Binder
Assembly Majority
Commission Aide

Brian Onda
Budget Specialist

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Open Public Meeting Act Notice
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of the Minutes of November 18, 2016 - Action
5. Fiscal 2018 Capital Recommendations - Action
   • Department of Agriculture
   • Department of Children and Families
   • Department of Corrections
   • Department of Education
   • Department of Environmental Protection
   • Department of Human Services
   • Department of Law and Public Safety
   • Juvenile Justice Commission
   • Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
   • Department of Transportation
   • Interdepartmental Accounts
   • The Judiciary
5. Other Business - Action may be taken
7. Adjournment
MR. FRANCZ (Executive Director): We now have a quorum.
So I will turn it over to the Vice Chair, Tony Annese, who is going to run the meeting today.

ANTHONY F. ANNESE (Vice Chair): Yes, good morning, everyone.

Just a short note before I run the meeting.
Carol Molnar is-- Carol Molnar just checked in; okay.
Are you feeling well enough for the meeting, Carol?

B. CAROL MOLNAR, Esq. (Chair): Yes.

MR. ANNESE: Okay, thank you. I will run the Chair, all things considered.

MS. MOLNAR: Thank you so much.

MR. ANNESE: Carol is a little bit under the weather, so I will run the Chair this morning.

First, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Commission has provided adequate notice of this meeting by giving written notice of the time, date, and location. The notice of the meeting has been filed at least 48 hours in advance by mail and/or fax to the Trenton Times and the Star-Ledger, and filed with the Secretary of State.

And now we will have the roll call.
MR. FRANCZ: Okay.

Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Present.

MR. FRANCZ: Senator Thompson. (no response)

Assemblywoman Sumter.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Here.

MR. FRANCZ: Assemblyman O'Scanlon. (no response)

Mr. Neff. (no response)

Mr. Petrecca.

MR. PETRECCA: Here.

MR. FRANCZ: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Here.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Traino.

MR. TRAINO: Here.

MR. FRANCZ: Ms. Cimiluca. (no response)

Mr. Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Here.

MR. FRANCZ: And Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Here.

MR. FRANCZ: And Ms. Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Here.

MR. FRANCZ: Thank you.

Chair, we have a quorum.

MR. ANNESE: Okay, thank you.

I will assume that you have all received the report about the recommendations. If anyone hasn’t, please let us now. (no response)
Hearing none, what I would like to do, then, is read off the names of the Departments, one at a time. If anyone has a question, then that’s the time to ask the question about the allocations and the recommendations.

Okay; first, the Department of Agriculture. (no response)
Next, Children and Families. (no response)
Next, Corrections. (no response)
Next, Education. (no response)
Next, State funds for Environmental Protection. (no response)
Next, Human Services. (no response)
Next, Law and Public Safety. (no response)
Next, Juvenile Justice. (no response)
Next, State funds for Military and Veterans Affairs.

SENATOR SARLO: (Indiscernible).

MR. ANNESE: Did someone have a question about Military and Veterans Affairs?

SENATOR SARLO: No, I’m okay. That was me; I’m okay.

MR. ANNESE: Thank you.

Next, Transportation. (no response)
Next, Interdepartmental. (no response)
Next, New Jersey Building Authority. (no response)

And finally, the Judiciary. (no response)

Okay; hearing no questions, I think I would like to vote on the recommendations as a total, as a whole.

MS. MOLNAR: I just have one question.
In light of this gas tax, what will this do to the Transportation Trust Fund?

MR. FRANCZ: We anticipate it will increase the size of the Transportation program. We don't yet know the details of that; they are still being hammered out.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay.

MR. FRANCZ: So the Transportation recommendation, in that instance, may change between now and the time the budget is released in late February.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR SARLO: That program may get bigger. It’s a $1.2 billion program here, if the revenue generates as per estimates. That program may get larger in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

MS. MOLNAR: Wonderful; thank you.

SENATOR SARLO: I have one other question.

There are no monies proposed for capital projects for the State House in any of these Department requests; there are no monies tucked away? I just want to confirm that.

MR. FRANCZ: Confirmed.

SENATOR SARLO: Okay.

MR. FRANCZ: There are no monies for that project here.

SENATOR SARLO: There are no monies for State House renovations of any type.

MR. FRANCZ: That’s correct.
SENATOR SARLO: Okay. Has there been a request to the Capital Commission by the Administration for any monies in the capital for the State House, or no?

MR. FRANCZ: Not at this time.

SENATOR SARLO: Thank you.

MS. MOLNAR: Doesn’t the Building Authority have some projects going, pertaining to the State House?

MR. FRANCZ: I believe the Building Authority does have the project that’s putting in place the temporary fire escapes. That’s the only one I know of at the moment.

MS. MOLNAR: Okay; thank you.

SENATOR SARLO: No further questions.

MR. ANNESE: Any other comments or questions?

MS. MOLNAR: No.

MR. ANNESE: Okay.

Then let’s vote on the recommendations as a total, as you have before you.

Will someone move that, please?

MS. MOLNAR: So moved.

MR. ANNESE: And a second?

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Second.

MR. ANNESE: Okay, thank you.

So it’s been moved and seconded that we vote on the recommendations as a total.

May I have a roll call, please?

MR. FRANCZ: Yes.
On the -- to approve the recommendations, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Assemblywoman Sumter.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Yes. And thank you, Senator Sarlo, for that question on the State House renovations.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Petrecca.

MR. PETRECCA: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Traino.

MR. TRAINO: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Rutala.

MR. RUTALA: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Annese.

MR. ANNESE: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: And Ms. Molnar.

MS. MOLNAR: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Chair, the motion moves.

MR. ANNESE: Okay, thank you.

The next item on the agenda is any other business. Does anyone have any new business to bring up?

MS. MOLNAR: When is the date of the next meeting; the Treasurer’s Report?

MR. PATELLA (Assistant Executive Director): The next meeting is scheduled for February 23.

MS. MOLNAR: That’s a Friday?
MR. PATELLA: It’s a Friday (sic).

MS. MOLNAR: Okay, thank you.

MR. ANNESE: Okay; I forgot one item on the agenda. I skipped over it by mistake; I apologize.

We have to go back and approve the minutes of November 18, 2016.

Do I hear a motion to approve those minutes?

MS. MOLNAR: So moved.

MR. ANNESE: Any seconds?

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Second.

MR. ANNESE: And is there any discussion on those minutes?

(no response)

Okay; hearing none, it’s time for a roll call vote.

MR. FRANCZ: Okay.

On the approval of the minutes from November 18, Senator Sarlo.

SENATOR SARLO: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Assemblywoman Sumter.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Petrecca.

MR. PETRECCA: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Ms. Schermerhorn.

MS. SCHERMERHORN: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Traino.

MR. TRAINO: Yes.

MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Rutala.
MR. RUTALA: Yes.
MR. FRANCZ: Mr. Annese.
MR. ANNESE: Yes.
MR. FRANCZ: And Ms. Molnar.
MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
MR. FRANCZ: Chair, the motion moves.
MR. ANNESE: All right; thank you.

And I believe that concludes everything we had to do today.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: I have a question.
And I don’t know if it’s an off-line question, or if you can direct me to someone. But for the Education requests for the HVAC systems, do those requests come directly from the school districts, or from the Department of Education to the Commission?

MR. PATELLA: I believe the financial staff in the Department of Education reach out to the school districts and compile the requests on their behalf.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Can we verify that, and let me know?

MR. PATELLA: We can do that.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Thank you. And an e-mail will be sufficient.

MR. PATELLA: Okay.

MS. MOLNAR: Perfect.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMTER: Thank you.

MR. PATELLA: Carol, you had asked about the date, February 23. That’s actually a Thursday.
MS. MOLNAR: Oh, okay. Thank you.
MR. PATELLA: Just checking the calendar there.
MR. ANNESE: Does anyone else have any questions or comments? (no response)
    Okay, hearing none, then the meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.
MS. MOLNAR: Thank you.
MR. FRANCZ: Thank you, everyone.

(MEETING CONCLUDED)