



Planning Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

William Santos
Chairperson

Monroe County Planning Board Meeting Minutes October 27, 2022

A meeting of the Monroe County Planning Board was held on October 27, 2022, at 3:30 in person and via Zoom.

Members Present: William Santos, MCPB Chair; Orlando Rivera, citizen member; Dave Watson, citizen member; Robert Barley, citizen member; Andrea Evans, citizen member; George Hebert, Co. Legislator; Rachel Barnhart, Co. Legislator; Richard Tantalo, Director, Public Safety; Robert Franklin, CFO, Finance

Alternates Present: Adrienne Green, Law Dept. (for Jeff McCann, Dep. Co. Exec.); Laura Smith, Law Dept. (for Amy Grower, Chief of Staff); Sean Murphy, DES (for Mike Garland, Dir. of DES)

Planning Staff Present: Ana Liss, Dept. Director; Rochelle Bell, Board Secretary; Kim Hudson, Asst. to Board Secretary; Lyrica Yanaway, Intern

Others Present: Michael Fowler, Chief Deputy, MCSO; Jennifer Curley, Sr. Police Planning Specialist, MCSO; Andy Moore, Director, Airport

Chairman Santos called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

Mr. Franklin made a motion to approve the September 29, 2022 meeting minutes; Ms. Green seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS:

The following projects were submitted for consideration by the Board:

- a) Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to Add a Project Entitled "Sheriff's Body Worn Camera and Less Lethal Weapon Project"**

Chief Deputy Michael Fowler, with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) to the board, providing information on the Taser, the body camera equipment, and how the two work together. Tasers and firearms equipped with Bluetooth technology, will, if either are drawn, automatically turn on the body camera. Additionally, the MCSO is in the trial phase for dash cams, also included in the budget request for the road patrol vehicles. CD Fowler stated that the MCSO has been trying for four years to implement body worn cameras. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to reach 100% deployment of body worn cameras within the operating budget. According to CD Fowler, MCSO has a

need for both the Tasers and body cameras. The presentation provides more detailed information on the equipment and current status within the MCSO.

A question was asked about the life of the equipment and budget for spares. CD Fowler stated that the technology does change, such as improving range and effectiveness. Regarding budgeting for spares, it is included, however, there is a three year warranty. Another question was asked regarding the breakdown on the spending of the \$800,000 and distribution of the equipment, including what Deputies won't get the Tasers. According to CD Fowler, an additional 240 body worn cameras and 171 Tasers are needed. MCSO has a five year plan/cycle to spread out the purchase/replacement of the equipment as it ages out. The Deputies that won't get the Tasers, because there is no need, are Lieutenants, Captains, and Deputies that do not have room on their belts. CD Fowler's answers to a couple additional questions were that retired devices would be returned to the vendor and the vendor stores the videos from the body cams.

Legislator Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to add a project entitled "Sheriff's Body Worn Camera and Less Lethal Weapon Project" in the amount of \$800,000. Mr. Tantalo seconded the motion, which then passed.

b) Amend the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to Add a Capital Project Entitled "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations" at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport

Mr. Andrew Moore, Director of Aviation, gave a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation provided a list of sixteen projects and visual depictions of how the projects should look when completed. A little more than a year ago, there was a grant competition for \$250 M for upstate airports; twenty-three airports qualified for the competition. In Sept. of this year, nine airports were selected, Rochester being one of them, receiving \$18M from State and other sources for a total package of \$31M to use for sixteen projects involving changes, replacements, upgrades/improvements, enhancements, and modernizations. The projects will focus on three main areas: 1) passenger amenities, 2) safety and security, and 3) "behind the walls." An example of one of the projects is the parking guidance system which was intended to be started pre-covid, was put on hold due to the pandemic, and is now a lot more expensive than in 2019. Also, some projects to be done at the TSA check points include: adding hearing loops, better signage, and a place to dump liquids. Outside there will be a canopy addition similar to the canopy on the upper level.

Legislator Hebert made a motion to recommend an amendment to the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program and the 2022 Capital Budget to add a capital project entitled "Airport Terminal Area Revitalization Airport/Campus Innovations" at the Frederick Douglass-Greater Rochester International Airport, in the amount of \$26,600,000. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

c) Adopt revisions to the MCPB Rules of Operation related to the use of videoconferencing MCPB meetings

At last month's meeting, the Planning Board adopted the "MODEL Procedures for Member Videoconferencing Pursuant to Public Officers Law Sec. 103-a". This current vote is to revise the Monroe

County Planning Board *Rules of Operation* related to the use of videoconferencing MCPB meetings by adding Section 2.80 "Use of Videoconferencing." There was no discussion or questions by board members.

Mr. Evans made a motion to recommend adopting revisions to the Monroe County Planning Board (MCPB) *Rules of Operation* related to the use of videoconferencing MCPB meetings. Mr. Watson seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: November 17, 2022 at 3:30 pm

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

RB/kmh

