

# CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

May 20, 2020

Harry Rilling, Mayor  
Members of the Common Council  
Members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation  
Members of the Planning Commission

I am pleased to present the approved fiscal year 2020-21 Capital Budget.

## CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS

Section 30-1 to 30-14 of the City Code governs the capital budget approval process. This process starts in December when each department, board or agency requesting capital budget funds is required to submit by the first of January its estimates of capital projects for each of the five succeeding fiscal years to the Finance Director. The Finance Director is required to compile these requests along with his recommendations and an estimate of the effect of such expenditures upon the current budget and future bonded indebtedness by the first of February. These requests are then forwarded to the Planning Commission, Mayor, Board of Estimate and Taxation and Common Council.

On or before February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission is required to hold public hearings on the proposed five-year capital plan, and subsequently is charged with preparing a capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year and transmitting its recommendations to the Mayor no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor then has ten days to review the recommendations of the Planning Commission, and develop his own recommendations. By March 15<sup>th</sup>, the proposed capital budget must be transmitted to the Board of Estimate and Taxation. The Board of Estimate and Taxation is charged with making a recommendation on the proposed capital budget and expressing its judgment on the effect such expenditures will have on the City's operating expenses and credit. The Board is also permitted to transfer capital items from the capital budget to the operating budget.

On or before April 1<sup>st</sup>, the capital budget is forwarded to the Common Council for final approval. The Common Council may approve, reject, reduce, or reinstate any item in the capital budget. Final approval of the capital budget must take place on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April each year.

## SUMMARY OF THE APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET

The task of deciding which projects should receive funding is difficult since all of the requested projects have considerable merit. The Common Council based its final decisions after considering input from the public and reviewing the recommendations from the Director of Finance, Planning Commission, Mayor, Board of Estimate and Taxation, and the Planning Committee of the Common Council. Ultimately the development of the capital budget is guided by the following objectives:

1. Address the critical health and safety needs of the community;
2. Preserve the City's investment in its infrastructure;
3. Enhance the City's tax base and residential property values;
4. Promote projects where local funds are reimbursed or leveraged through matching grants or private investment;
5. Maintain the City's superior credit rating.

The approved capital budget for FY 2020-21 totals \$153,832,356. Offsetting revenues total \$24,830,400 for a net total to be bonded of \$129,001,956. Approved appropriations by department are summarized below:

DEPARTMENT SUMMARY	FYE 2020 Approved	FYE 2021 Approved (Net of Revenue)	FYE 2021 Expected Revenue	FYE 2021 Approved (Gross Appropriation)
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 943,000	\$ 14,124,575	\$ 0	\$ 14,124,575
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,830,000	\$ 425,866	\$ 0	\$ 425,866
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 13,084,000	\$ 20,895,000	\$ 5,358,400	\$ 26,253,400
WPCA	\$ 5,700,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 3,750,000
ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ 5,596,000	\$ 4,249,000	\$ 1,162,000	\$ 5,411,000
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 319,000	\$ 319,000	\$ 0	\$ 319,000
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$ 23,569,000	\$ 88,154,655	\$ 14,560,000	\$ 102,714,655
REDEVELOPMENT	\$ 875,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 0	\$ 400,000
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 592,000	\$ 433,860	\$ 0	\$ 433,860
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 52,508,000</b>	<b>\$ 129,001,956</b>	<b>\$ 24,830,400</b>	<b>\$ 153,832,356</b>

The Common Council made the following changes to the Mayor's capital budget recommendations:

- o Transportation Mobility and Parking transferred \$40,000 from its Master Plan project to its fleet replacement under project number C0650. This change did not affect the Capital Appropriation cap set by the Board of Estimate and Taxation.

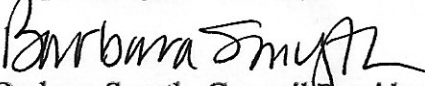
#### FINANCING THE CAPITAL BUDGET

The Council approved capital budget of \$153,832,356; the City anticipates receiving \$24,830,400 in offsetting revenue. The remaining \$129,001,956 will be financed through general obligation bonds that will be repaid from the general fund. The Council approved budget does not increase the overall amount to be bonded from the Mayor's recommended budget.

#### CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all of the departments, boards, agencies and citizens who contributed to the development of the FY 2020-21 capital budget. I also extend my appreciation to my fellow Council Members for a thorough review of the proposed projects. With the presentation of the 2020-21 capital budget concluded, I wish continued success to the departments and agencies in carrying out their capital plans.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Barbara Smyth, Council President

**CITY OF NORWALK  
 FYE 2021 APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
<b>WATER POLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY</b>		
PUMP STATION UPGRADE	\$ 3,000,000	
WWTP REHABILITATION	\$ 750,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL WPCA</b>		<b>\$ 3,750,000</b>
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>		
NEW CRANBURY SCHOOL	\$ 45,000,000	
NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 50,279,655	
CAFETERIA/KITCHEN RENOVATIONS	\$ 3,500,000	
FUEL TANK REPLACEMENT	\$ 1,250,000	
SILVERMINE DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 80,000	
AIR CONDITIONING PROGRAM	\$ 855,000	
BOE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROGRAM	\$ 500,000	
CURRICULUM MATERIALS & TEXTBOOKS	\$ 450,000	
BMHS AIR QUALITY RECOMMENDATIONS	\$ 100,000	
EHNACEMENT TO SCHOOL SECURITY	\$ 200,000	
INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 500,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL BOARD OF EDUCTION</b>		<b>\$ 102,714,655</b>
<b>RECREATION &amp; PARKS</b>		
SCHOOL & PARK PLAYGROUNDS	\$ 300,000	
BASEKTBALL & TENNIS COURTS	\$ 575,000	
ATHLETIC FIELDS	\$ 85,000	
CRANBURY PARK	\$ 580,000	
CALF PASTURE BEACH	\$ 325,000	
VEHICLES	\$ 275,000	
WEST ROCKS SOCCER COMPLEX	\$ 900,000	
BROAD RIVER BASKETBALL COMPLEX	\$ 2,500,000	
TURF SOFTBALL	\$ 1,000,000	
BACKSTOPS AND FENCING	\$ 50,000	
TREE PLANTING	\$ 50,000	
OPEN SPACE FUND	\$ 50,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL RECREATION &amp; PARKS</b>		<b>\$ 6,690,000</b>
<b>POLICE / COMBINED DISPATCH</b>		
CARS AND VANS	\$ 624,575	
COMMUNICATION CONSOLE	\$ 13,500,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL POLICE / COMBINED DISPATCH</b>		<b>\$ 14,124,575</b>

**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**FYE 2021 APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET**

**FIRE**

BATTERY POWERED EXTRICATION EQUIP.	\$	110,000	
MOBILE RADIO UPGRADE	\$	177,402	
SCBA AIRPACKS, FACEPIECES	\$	48,000	
POWER WASHER	\$	10,964	
TRAINING TOWER	\$	19,000	
BUILDING REPAIRS VARIOUS STATIONS	\$	35,000	
UTILITY VEHICLES	\$	25,500	
<b>SUBTOTAL FIRE</b>			<b>\$ 425,866</b>

**OPERATIONS & PUBLIC WORKS**

BRIDGE REPAIRS	\$	100,000	
SRUCTURAL INSPECTION & REPAIR	\$	35,000	
WEST CEDAR BRIDGE	\$	1,800,000	
PAVEMENT MGMT PROGRAM	\$	5,000,000	
SIDEALKS & CURBS	\$	2,800,000	
FOOTPATH REPLACEMENT	\$	100,000	
GENERAL DRAINAGE	\$	250,000	
WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE	\$	4,000,000	
NORWALK RIVER FLOOD CONTROL	\$	150,000	
TREE PLANTING	\$	65,000	
EAST AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION	\$	1,500,000	
TEA21 LOCAL MATCH	\$	1,983,400	
FLEET REPLACEMENT	\$	900,000	
COMPACTOR REPLACEMENT	\$	25,000	
CITY HALL REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENT	\$	230,000	
VARIOUS CITY BLDG REPAIRS	\$	50,000	
HEALTH DEPARTEMENT	\$	90,000	
PUBLIC WORKS CENTER	\$	210,000	
NATHAN ELY - VARIOUS REPAIRS	\$	20,000	
NORWALK MUSUEM	\$	50,000	
VAR BLDGS-ENVIRNMENTAL	\$	20,000	
BEN FRANKLIN-VARIOUS	\$	135,000	
SIDEWALK & CURB BLDG MGMT	\$	50,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONS &amp; PUBLIC WORKS</b>			<b>\$ 19,563,400</b>

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

SMALL BUSINESS/MAIN ST. PROGRAM	\$	150,000	
LIBRARY EXPANSION ARCHITECHTURAL	\$	1,570,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL ECONOMIC &amp; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</b>			<b>\$ 1,720,000</b>

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM**

BUSINESS INCENTIVE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND PLAN	\$	50,000	
TOURISM BRANDING & MARKETING INITIATIVE	\$	100,000	
BUSINESS OUTREACH & MARKETING STRATEGY	\$	50,000	
<b>SUBTOTAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT &amp; TOURISM</b>			<b>\$ 200,000</b>

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**ARTS COMMISSION**

MLK BLVD ART \$ 50,000

**SUBTOTAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT \$ 50,000**

**TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING**

TRAFFIC SIGNALS \$ 550,000  
 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN \$ 210,000  
 PROJECTED CROSSWALKS \$ 30,000  
 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL \$ 225,000  
 FLEET EQUIPMENT \$ 40,000  
 STRIPING & SIGNING \$ 150,000  
 ARTISTIC CROSSWALK SIGNS \$ 25,000  
 NEW SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION \$ 100,000  
 ROWAYTON AVENUE SIDEWALK \$ 30,000  
 HUNT STREET/WICTCH LANE SIDEWALKS \$ 50,000  
 GEORGE AVE SIDEWALKS \$ 40,000  
 NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL \$ 50,000  
 PAVEMENTMARKINGS FOR BIKING \$ 50,000

**SUBTOTAL TRANSPORTATION, MOBILITY AND PARKING \$ 1,550,000**

**PARKING AUTHORITY**

PARKING FACILITIES \$ 912,000  
 RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS \$ 150,000  
 PARKING WAYFINDING SIGNAGE \$ 100,000

**SUBTOTAL PARKING AUTHORITY \$ 1,162,000**

**LIBRARY**

LAPTOP DISPENSERS \$ 70,000  
 NOREWALK NEWSPAPER DIGITIZATION \$ 50,000  
 AUDITORIUM REFRESH \$ 68,000

**SUBTOTAL LIBRARY \$ 188,000**

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

ADA ACCESS MILL HILL \$ 134,000  
 LOCKWOOD HOUSE ADA ACCESS \$ 314,000  
 SMITH STREET BUILDINGS \$ 21,000  
 LM MANSION CODE & REPAIRS \$ 50,000  
 MUSEUM COLLECTION ARCHIVE / CATALOGING \$ 10,000

**SUBTOTAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION \$ 529,000**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

HEALTH BUILDING UPGRADES \$ 31,000

**SUBTOTAL HEALTH \$ 31,000**

**CITY OF NORWALK  
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**REDEVELOPMENT**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING \$ 250,000

FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS \$ 150,000

**SUBTOTAL REDEVELOPMENT** \$ 400,000

**PLANNING & ZONING**

UPDATE OF ZONING REGULATIONS \$ 200,000

**SUBTOTAL PLANNING & ZONING** \$ 200,000

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITYWIDE TECHNOLOGY PROECTS \$ 433,860

**SUBTOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** \$ 433,860

**HUMAN RELATIONS AND FAIR RENT**

ADA COMPLIANCE \$ 100,000

**SUBTOTAL HUMAN RELATIONS AND FAIR RENT** \$ 100,000

\$ 153,832,356