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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Budget Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 7, 2014 Lenox Hill Hospital 130 East 77th Street, Room 201 A & B

Members Present: Barbara Chocky, A. Scott Falk, Elaine Walsh

Member of the Public: Jean Pamphile

1. Discussion and Preparation of FY2016 Capital and Expense Budget Requests. Those present reviewed CB8's FY2015 priorities for FY 2016 budget requests.

Capital Budget Priorities

- 1) Increase funding for permanent housing for homeless people.
- 2) Provide funding for a ramp at the Yorkville Branch Library.
- 3) Provide funding to repair, restore and design the entire Esplanade including the pilings on the lower level between 63rd and 96th Streets.
- 4) Fund repair of roof at 67th Street Library to protect recently restored millions spent on this branch
- 5) Provide funding for an elevator at the Yorkville Branch Library.
- 6) Fund full renovation of Carnegie Hill Library located at 112 East 96th Street
- 7) Provide funding for a new HVAC system at the Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 8) Upgrade electrical system at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 9) Fund exterior rehabilitation of windows and replace where needed at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 10) Fund the installation of pedestrian countdown timers at remaining intersections in our district
- 11) Increase funding for audible accessible crossings signals for intersections in our district
- 12) Request for kitchen renovation including an industrial dishwasher for Stanley Isaacs
- 13) Request curb cut throughout the district
- 14) Install historic lamppost in historic districts
- 15) Fund the installation of newsracks for East 86th Street that meet NYC regulations
- 16) Fund the installation of Big Bellies in our district
- 17) Provide funding for a new boiler for the 67th Street Library
- 18) Provide funding for new windows, exterior façade repair and exterior lighting for the East 67th Street library
- 19) Provide funding for new windows and front façade repair at the Yorkville Branch library
- 20) Install tree guards where missing from or when new trees go in and where needed extend the tree pit where needed
- 21) Fund the NYC Department of Sanitation for the placement of "rat-proof" garbage containers with lids in Community Board 8 preferably solar powered compactor baskets.

Continuing Support/Capital:

CS Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch of the New York City Public Library

- CS Provide funding for air conditioning in all homeless shelters
- CS Provide funding to construct additional public school seats to accommodate current and projected overcrowding

CS Provide funding to repair or reconstruct the 81st Street Bridge over the FDR Drive

CS Fund the installation of Fire Alarm system for the Yorkville and Webster Branch libraries

CS Fund a Fully Built Park along the East River between 60th and 63rd Streets on the Esplanade

VOTE: 3 In Favor, (Chocky, Falk, Walsh) 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

Expense Budget Priorities

- 1) Fund Pre-K, Out of School Time and Daycare Programs for all children who go to school in Community District 8 or who have parents that work in Community Board 8.
- 2) Increase funding for youth programs in Community Board 8.
- 3) Increase funding for Rodent Extermination on city streets especially locations within the Second Avenue Subway construction area.
- 4) Preserve funding for year round workers at NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
- 5) Provide funding for exterminators of all parks within Community Board 8.
- 6) Increase funding for services to Older Adults, including Personal and Home Care; Transportation Services; Meals-On-Wheels; Senior Congregate Care Meal Programs and Case Managers.
- 7) Increase funding for additional Park maintenance staff, tree pruners and tree climbers.
- 8) Increase funding for Homeless Services Outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours and provide the Department of Homeless Services with updated Information Technology equipment.
- 9) Provide funding to the NYC Department of Transportation for the necessary materials and personnel to repair potholes and repave avenues and major cross-town streets more frequently than every 10 years within Community Board 8.
- 10) Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair and preserve the Department of Transportations infrastructure-(Bridges and Roads)
- 11) Provide additional Department of Buildings inspectors for signage compliance and code enforcement
- 12) Provide additional funding for Children's Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.
- 13) Provide funding to maintain current numbers of Traffic Control Agents
- 14) Provide funding for enforcement personnel in agencies dealing with general vendors
- 15) Provide additional funding for Eviction Prevention Services for At-Risk Senior Citizens.
- 16) Increase funding for the Department of Health enforcement of all Food Vendor rules and regulations.
- 17) Restore Sunday Service to one library in CB8 without cutting a weekday hours
- 18) Provide funding to all NYPL to maintain six-day service, increase hours, materials, resources and programs.
- 19) Restore funding for all staffing of FDNY Fire Marshalls.
- 20) Fund additional PEP officers for all Community District 8 Parks.
- 21) Increase recycling program including solid waste.
- 22) Increase funding to insure all NYCHA community and senior centers remain open.
- 23) Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk café and compliance permits regulation enforcement.
- 24) Fund additional NYPD Police Officers

VOTE: 3 in Favor, (Chocky, Falk, Walsh) 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

2. Review of CB8 Internal Budget.

The amended budget was approved to comply with mandated City Negotiated union raises.

VOTE: 3 in Favor, (Chocky, Falk, Walsh) 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.