

Vote that Removed Traffic Signal on High Ridge at Bradley from City of Stamford's 2016-17 Budget

BOR Special Budget Meeting, Monday 5/9/16 @ 7:00 PM
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1:02:46 B.O.R. President Randall Skigen: "Ms. Di Costanzo, let's do the Capital Budget. Did the Committee make any recommendations as to the Capital Budget?"

1:03:00 Fiscal Committee Chair Monica Di Costanzo: "The Committee did not make any recommendations for the Capital Budget. It was approved as submitted."

1:03:07 President Skigen: "And that's for a total of \$77,568,740?"

1:03:12 Fiscal Committee Chair Di Costanzo: "Correct."

1:03:15 President Skigen: "Thank you. Mister Quinones?"

1:43:16 16th District Representative Matthew Quinones: "Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a motion referring to the city project listed in the Capital Book on Page 95, City Project C56174, Citywide Signals. The motion I'd like to make is to remove the language underneath 'Reasons for Project (if new)' to include 'a new signal at High Ridge Road at Bradley Place.' The motion, again, is to remove that."

1:03:44 14th District Representative Robert "Gabe" DeLuca: "Second."

1:03:45 President Skigen: "There's a motion and a second to remove the language in the description in 'Reason for Project' that refers to a new signal at High Ridge Road at Bradley Place. You're not looking to remove any funding from this account?"

1:04:00 Representative Quinones: "No, Mr. President. And, just to give justification for my reasoning behind this: This project has not been approved by the Connecticut DOT. And, with High Ridge being a state road, at this time it's unclear whether that's going to go forward. So, I think it's appropriate to remove this from the other replacement/rehabilitation of signal equipment. And, should this be approved by the State, then they can come forward to this Board and to the Board of Finance to explain and receive the necessary appropriation."

1:04:43 President Skigen: "OK. Mr. Kolenberg?"

1:04:45 16th District Representative Steven Kolenberg: "I concur with my co-representative on this. I'm sure that we've all experienced—we have to experience—a variety of constituent issues where there are two very distinct sides. And, when we make a decision to support whatever we support, we're disparaging the other side in some way. This is pretty unique in that, in the last three years, I haven't heard one person who's in favor of this light—not one. It literally benefits only one individual, who hasn't spoken to any of us. So I urge all my colleagues to vote in favor of this change, and it's something that we really need to be taken care of. Thank you."

1:05:25 President Skigen: "Thank you. Any further speakers? I see none.... Let's try this language change on a voice vote: If you're in favor of removing the reference to a new signal at High Ridge at Bradley Place, please say 'Aye'."

1:05:39 [numerous Board members]: “Aye.”

1:05:42 President Skigen: “Opposed?”

1:05:42 [silence]

1:05:44 President Skigen: “Abstaining?”

1:05:45 [silence]

1:05:45 President Skigen: “That carries unanimously.”