



## Newton City Council

### Committee of the Whole Agenda

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

The City Council will meet in a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, immediately following the Budget Meeting held by the Finance and Programs & Services Committees or at 7:00 pm.

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### Referred to a Committee of the Whole

**#136-23**

**Request to increase the retiree COLA base**

RETIREMENT BOARD requesting City Council approval of an increase to the retiree Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) base from twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) in FY24, from \$13,000 to \$14,000 in FY25, and from \$14,000 to \$15,000 in FY26 pursuant to Chapter 32, Section 103(j), such increase to be effective July 1, 2023.

**Item Held 24-0 on 5/03/23**

**#158-23**

**Discussion regarding use of non-recurring revenue in Newton**

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, GROSSMAN, LIPOF, MARKIEWICZ requesting a comprehensive discussion with the Mayor regarding all one-time funds, regardless of source, and possible upcoming requests to the Council in order to have an appropriate context in which to discuss the two existing docket items (125-23 and 127-23). The one-time money discussion should include free cash, overlay surplus as well as any other possible one-time funding source.

**Item Held 24-0 on 5/03/23**

**#125-23**

**Appropriate \$1,400,000 from FY22 Free Cash**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) from FY22 Free Cash to provide a "bridge grant" to Newton Public Schools for the expected significant increase in student out-of-district cost in FY24.

**Item Held 24-0 on 5/03/23**

**#127-23**

**Appropriate \$10,000,000 from FY22 Free Cash**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in FY22 Free Cash for the Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School construction project.

**Item Held 24-0 on 5/03/23**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Albright, President**

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