



## Public Facilities Committee Report

### City of Newton In City Council

**Thursday, May 4, 2023**

Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Kalis, Crossley, Kelley and Laredo

Absent: Councilors Norton, Gentile and Danberg

Also Present: Councilors Downs, Albright, Ryan, Humphrey and Malakie

City Staff: Jim McGonagle, Commissioner of DPW, Shawna Sullivan Deputy Commissioner of DPW, and Jonathan Yeo Chief Operating Officer

#### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

##### **#156-23      Transfer \$1,500,000 to improve the City's roadways, sidewalks and ramps**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from DPW Admin-Full Time Salaries (0140121-511001 to DPW Admin-Paving Supplies (0140121-553300) to allow DPW to reach the target spending of \$9.5 million for FY23, with the goal of continuing to improve the city's roadways, sidewalks, and ramps.

**Finance Approved 6-0 on 05/08/23**

**Action:      Public Facilities Approved 5-0**

**Note:** Jim McGonagle, Commissioner of DPW presented the request to transfer \$1,500,000 to improve the City's roadways, sidewalks and ramps. Commissioner McGonagle explained that this will bring the budget of the Transportation Network Improvement Plan to \$9.5 million. He also noted that the Department has had an all time high for vacancies over the winter months at 54 and now there are 44 vacancies. The Chair noted that the City recently received an update on the Transportation Network Improvement Plan.

Councilors thanked the Commissioner and his team for the work they do. Councilor Crossley motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

#### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

##### **#157-23      Appropriate \$1,000,000 to DPW's Vehicle Equipment Account**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash to the Department of Public Works Vehicle Equipment Account to fund the vehicle replacements per the City's Vehicle Replacement Schedule as detailed in the FY24-FY28 C.I.P

**Finance Approved 6-0 on 05/08/23**

**Action:      Public Facilities Approved 5-0**

**Note:** Jim McGonagle, Commissioner of DPW presented the request to appropriate and expend \$1,000,000 from certified free cash to the City's vehicle replacement schedule as detailed in the FY24-FY28 CIP.

Commissioner McGonagle explained that when the pandemic hit, they were not able to spend as much on vehicle replacement and they are trying to reinstate the pre-pandemic numbers through this request. This will allow the City to purchase 2 street sweepers, a utility truck for the traffic division, 2 asphalt rollers, a work van for the Public Building's Department and a backhoe for the streets division. He noted that most of this equipment is overdue for replacement.

It was noted that the free cash was FY22 funds.

Councilors asked the following questions:

Q: Are the replacements necessary now?

A: Commissioner McGonagle explained that these are necessary. For example, after owning the street sweepers for six years there is a significant increase in downtime and repair costs. The goal is to replace this at or before 6 years; the current machines are 10 years old.

Q: What is the prediction for next year's free cash?

A: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer explained that it is too early to determine this figure. He noted that the Comptroller or the Chief Financial Officer may have a better idea.

Q: How much free cash is available this year?

A: Mr. Yeo explained that the number was at approximately \$28 million but there a number of free cash items that have been recently docketed with the City Council.

Q: Is there an updated version of the City's vehicle replacement plan?

A: A version of the plan can be found attached to this report.

Q: How far behind is the City's vehicle replacement plan?

A: Commissioner McGonagle explained that it depends on the vehicle. There are still that are up to date and some that are about a year behind. They are working on electric vehicles but do not want to adopt brand new technology too soon.

Councilors made the following comments:

Concerns were raised on whether this was the best use for the \$1,000,000 from free cash because

of the spending needs throughout the City.

It was noted the importance of staying on track with the vehicle replacement program.

It was requested that the CFO or the Comptroller provide an estimate on free cash for next year.

Councilors thanked Commissioner McGonagle and his team for their work on the vehicle replacement plan.

Councilor Kalis motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Alison Leary, Chair**

**Vehicle Replacement Schedule, FY2021-2033**

5/12/2023

Priority #	Vehicle #	Year	Make	Model	Current Vehicle Type	Current Department	Sub-division	Replacement Vehicle Type	Reassignment	Funding Source	Status	Cost to Replace	FY22
1	92	2004	International	7400	HD 6 Whl Truck	Public Works	Streets	HD 10 Whl Swap+Epoke	Trade	Bond	Builder	\$ 430,000	\$ 430,000
2	103	2006	International	7600	HD 10 Whl Truck	Public Works	Streets	HD 10 Whl Swap+Epoke	Trade	Bond	Builder	\$ 430,000	\$ 290,000
3	41	2005	Ford	F350 -> F550	MD Truck	Public Works	Streets	F550 dump	Trade	General Funds	PO req'd	\$ 120,000	\$ 128,600
4	322	2013	Ford	F250	MD Truck	Utilities	Water	F550 dump	New#356; #322 to Traffic	Water/Sewer	PO req'd	\$ 120,000	\$ 128,600
5	308	2013	Ford	F250	MD Truck	Utilities	Sewer	F350 Foreman Utility	New#319; #308 to Traffic	Water/Sewer	Chip Hold	\$ 75,000	\$ 74,000
6	419	2009	Ford	F350	MD Truck	Parks & Rec	Maintenance	F350 pickup w/ spreader	Traded	General Funds	Builder	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
7	106	2009	Ford	E350	Van	Public Works	Transportation	Meier van w/ side lift	Trade	General Funds	Builder	\$ 75,000	\$ 71,000
8	405	2014	Ford	F150	Light Duty Truck	Parks & Rec	Maintenance	F350 Utility Truck	Trade	General Funds	Ordered	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,250
9	307	2014	Ford	F250	Light Duty Truck	Utilities	Sewer	F350 stake body	Trade	Water/Sewer	Ordered	\$ 90,000	\$ 78,500
10	357	2016	International	7600	HD 10 Whl Truck	Utilities	Water	HD 6 Whl Dump+Spreader		Water/Sewer	Ordered	\$ 400,000	\$ -
11	36	2008	Ford	F350 -> F550	MD Truck	Public Works	Streets	F550 dump	Trade	General Funds	PO req'd	\$ 120,000	\$ -
12	49	2012	Ford	F350 -> F550	MD Truck	Public Works	Streets	F550 dump	Trade	General Funds	PO req'd	\$ 120,000	\$ -
13	455	2012	Ford	F150	Light Duty Truck	Parks & Rec	Beautification		Trade	General Funds	PO req'd	\$ 80,000	\$ -
14	730	2011	Ford	E250	Van	Building Dept.		Transit 250	Trade	General Funds	PO req'd	\$ 65,000	\$ -
15	102	2005	International	7400	HD 6 Whl Truck	Public Works	Streets	HD 6 Whl Dump+Spreader				\$ 370,000	\$ -
16	93	2005	International	7400	HD 6 Whl Truck	Public Works	Streets	HD 6 Whl Dump+Spreader				\$ 370,000	\$ -
17	144	2013	Elgin	Pelican	Sweeper	Public Works	Sustainable Materials	Elgin Pelican	Trade			\$ 260,000	\$ -
18	143	2014	Elgin	Pelican	Sweeper	Public Works	Sustainable Materials	RegenX1	Trade			\$ 260,000	\$ -
19	172	1998	Trackless	MTS	Sidewalk Tractor	Public Works	Streets	Trackless	Trade			\$ 155,000	\$ -
20	122	2011	Volvo	BL70	Backhoe	Public Works	Streets	Case Backhoe	Trade			\$ 140,000	\$ -
21	362	2009	Ford	F350 -> F550	MD Truck	Utilities	Water	F550 Mason body				\$ 120,000	\$ -
22	363	2009	Ford	F350 -> F550	MD Truck	Utilities	Sewer	F550 Mason Body				\$ 120,000	\$ -
23	63	2008	Ford	F350	MD Truck	Public Works	Transportation	MD Utility	New #62			\$ 90,000	\$ -
24	727	2013	Ford	E250	Van	Building Dept.		Transit 250	Trade			\$ 70,000	\$ -
25	404	2014	Ford	F150	Light Duty Truck	Parks & Rec	Maintenance	F150 2WD				\$ 50,000	\$ -
26	445	2014	Ford	F150	Light Duty Truck	Parks & Rec	Beautification	F150 2WD				\$ 50,000	\$ -
27	403	2006	Ford	Econoline	Van	Parks & Rec	Maintenance	Passenger van	Trade			\$ 50,000	\$ -