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April 26, 2023

Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459

## **Dear Councilors:**

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two-hundred-fifty-thousand dollars (\$250,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash, to Acct # 0110162-585170 Clerk of the Council – Elections Equipment.

This funding will provide for the replacement of 32 current machines, as well as one high-speed tabulator to address the increase in vote by mail processing.

Please see the attached request from Clerk of the Council, Carol Moore for further details.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller Mayor

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April 25, 2023

Mayor Fuller:

The City Clerk respectfully requests the approval to award a contract for the purchase of Electronic Voting Tabulators, High-speed Tabulator and associated software and equipment.

The discussion regarding new tabulator purchases began in 2019, I am pleased to announce that the bidding process has begun. The Request for Proposals opened on April 27, 2023 with an award date of May 26, 2023. This has been planned and discussed for several years and will replace 32 current machines in use. The purchase will also include one high-speed tabulator to address the increase in vote by mail processing. Approximately 50% of our voters participate by mail, the need to perform advance tabulation in an efficient manner is important for high turnout elections.

I look forward to implementing these new machines during our Municipal elections this fall. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Moore City Clerk/Clerk of the Council