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April 26, 2023

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

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$750,000 from June 30, 2022, Certified Free Cash to a Public Buildings Department Capital Account to fund the replacement of the Newton Free Library's HVAC system as detailed in the FY24-FY28 C.I.P.

In FY23, \$100,000 was invested in the design of a new HVAC system to replace the aging 30+ year old systems at the Main Library. The project will replace the existing chiller, cooling towers and boilers with a heat pump chiller to provide reliable heating & cooling and simultaneously will convert the building to be fully electric.

In an effort to minimize debt service payments and free-up operating funds, and because the June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash was much higher than is customary, we are requesting Free Cash for these one-time expenditures.

Please see the attached memo from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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April 24, 2023

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
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Re: Library HVAC Replacement

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests \$750,000 to replace the HVAC system at the Newton Free Library. The existing system is beyond its useful life, needing increasing maintenance, and creating indoor climate challenges in the summer. The department is currently in design for the new system, which will be a conversion to an all-electric system.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Buildings Commissioner