

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Norton, Rice, Blazar, Fuller, and Lappin; 1 vacancy

City staff present: Lou Taverna (City Engineer) and David Turocy (Commissioner of Public Works)

#150-14      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend up to three hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred nineteen dollars (\$348,919) from a one-time contract received from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Winter Rapid Recovery Program for the purpose of repairing roadway damage as a result of the severe Winter of 2013-2014. [04/14/14 @ 5:43 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 5-0 (Ciccone, Fuller not voting)**

**NOTE:**              City Engineer Lou Taverna presented the request to expend \$348,919 on repairing roadway damage caused by the severe winter. Governor Patrick has approved \$40 million for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Winter Rapid Recovery Program. Newton's share of the funding is \$348,919; therefore, the City will be reimbursed by the State for its expenditures up to that amount. The program requires obligation of funds for specific projects no later than June 30, 2014 and that the projects and all expenditures are complete by September 30, 2014.

Mr. Taverna reviewed possible projects that could be funded through the program with the Committee. Projects include \$50,000 of infrared patching around potholes at castings, potholes on arterial/collector roads and potholes in village centers. The Public Works Department would also like to undertake micro-surfacing Commonwealth Avenue between Valentine and Washington Streets and several cold-planing and paving projects around the City.

Ald. Rice moved approval of the item, which carried by a vote of five in favor and two not voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman