

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

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

Absent: Ald. Rice, 1 vacancy

City staff present: Dave Turocy (Commissioner of Public Works), Bob DeRubeis (Commissioner of Parks and Recreation), John MacGillivray (Veteran's Agent), Maureen Lemieux (Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer), and David Wilkinson (Comptroller)

#149-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) within the Sewer Enterprise Fund from Line Item 27A10498, Account No. 5790 into Line Item 27A10781, Account No. 56301 to provide a sufficient appropriation to cover the payment of assessments from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority through the end of the current fiscal year. [04/14/14 @ 5:44 PM]

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

NOTE: Commissioner of Public Works Dave Turocy presented the request to transfer \$7,500 between line items in the Sewer Enterprise Fund to supplement the appropriation to cover the payment of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority sewer assessment. When the budget appropriation for the assessment is set, the appropriation is based on an estimated assessment. The actual sewer assessment was received and it is \$6,343 more than what was estimated. The Committee understood the need for the transfer and Ald. Ciccone moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#151-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Reserve to Veterans' Benefits Account to supplement that account. [04/14/14 @ 5:43 PM]

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

NOTE: Veterans' Agent John MacGillivray reviewed the request for an appropriation of \$25,000 from Budget Reserve to supplement the veterans' benefits account. This appropriation should provide enough funding for the rest of the fiscal year. Mr. MacGillivray added that the City receives a reimbursement from the State for 75% of the payments to veterans for benefits at the end of the year. The reimbursement from the State enters the City's general fund.

Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux explained that the Administration has increased the budget line item each fiscal year since 2011 in an effort to budget the actual amount needed. It is difficult to determine how many veterans' will require benefits each year but she believes that the Fiscal Year 2015 budget line items is appropriately funded. Ald. Lappin moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously. Ald. Gentile disclosed that the docket item may affect a family member. He is not positive that is the case and will investigate further.

#114-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from Parks and Recreation Full-time Wages - Public Grounds Maintenance to Parks and Recreation Public Property Repair & Maintenance to purchase fibar for additional playgrounds. [03-31-14 @ 3:59 PM]

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NOTE: Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Bob DeRubeis presented the request for a \$30,000 transfer to purchase wood carpet (fibar) and purchase parts to repair or replace playground sites. The money is available to transfer from the department's salary account due to a vacancy in the Department. The funding will be used for playground sites that need repair the most and once completed will bring all playground sites up to an appropriate standard.

This type of funding is not included in the Parks and Recreation Department as it has been funded through Boston Marathon money. Chief of Staff Maureen Lemieux explained that there was funding in the Fiscal Year 2014 budget but the Parks and Recreation Department has increased the number of sites that it is responsible for providing grass cutting and other maintenance requirements this year, which resulted in increased spending for maintenance. Ald. Ciccone moved approval of the item, which carried by a vote of five in favor and none opposed.

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NOTE: The Board of Aldermen received a letter from Mr. Siegel requesting withdrawal of the request, which was attached to the agenda. Therefore, Ald. Lappin moved no action necessary which carried unanimously.

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ORDERED:

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FROM:	Budget Reserve (0110498-5790).....	\$25,000
TO:	Veteran Benefits (0150301-5709).....	\$25,000

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date _____

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FROM:	Parks Salaries (01602010-511002).....	\$30,000
TO:	Parks Expenses (01602010-52409).....	\$30,000

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Date _____

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FROM:	Budget Reserve (011498-5790).....	\$5,000
TO:	Planning Expenses (0111401-5301).....	\$5,000

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

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City Clerk

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Date: _____

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