

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Salvucci, Rice, Danberg, and Fuller

Absent: Ald. Freedman

Also present: Ald. Albright, Crossley, and Merrill

City staff present: Ouida Young (Associate City Solicitor), Candace Havens (Director of Planning), Maureen Lemieux (Chief Financial Officer), and Mayor Warren

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#269-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$200,000 for the purpose of funding additional appropriations in the School Department. This amount reflects an increase in the State Chapter 70 Education Funding. [09/12/11 @4:39 PM]

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2nd CALL 5-0
(Baker not voting) on 10/05/11**

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux explained that when the State's budget was presented it included an increase in the State's Chapter 70 Education Funding to \$13,504,221. The Executive Office took a conservative approach and presented the School Department's budget with a \$200,000 decrease in the State's proposed Chapter 70 funding. It was the Executive Office's intent to restore the \$200,000 if the State's projected Chapter 70 funding remained unchanged when the State budget was set. The State's Chapter 70 funding did not change and the City received the full \$13,504,221; therefore, the Mayor is requesting the restoration of the \$200,000 to the School Department's budget.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that during budget discussions a resolution was passed by the Board of Aldermen requesting that any additional money be given to the School Department. The Committee had no concerns regarding the request and Ald. Ciccone moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#268-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$470,292 from FY12 Free Cash for the purpose of funding additional appropriations in the School Department. The amount reflects an increase in the Medicaid Direct Services reimbursements. [09/12/11 @4:39 PM]

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED SUBJECT TO 2nd CALL 5-0
(Baker not voting) on 10/05/11**

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

NOTE: The State created a new type of Medicaid Direct Services reimbursement for municipalities in FY11. The City received \$543,000 in reimbursement on June 16, 2011 but due to the close of the fiscal year, the funds were posted to Free Cash instead of to the School Department. The intention was to transfer the funds to the School Department once Free Cash was certified as reflected in the docket item.

The request for transfer is for \$470,292 instead of the full amount of \$543,000 because some of the School Department's other reimbursements did not meet budget expectations. The \$470,292 is the net amount that School Department revenues exceeded School Department budgeted revenues. With that, Ald. Danberg moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#214-10(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the approval of the Economic Development Proposal for the Chestnut Hill Square Project and authorization of the final joint City of Newton and New England Development Corporation application for funding through the Infrastructure Investment Incentive Program (I-Cubed) of the Economic Development Proposal once the developer has received preliminary approval and settled all outstanding issues. [06/13/11 @ 6:05 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The item is not being reported out at the Board of Aldermen meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011; therefore, the report will be provided at a later date.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES, PROG&SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#312-10 ALD. LENNON, LAPPIN, SCHNIFFER, SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the School Committee on its plans to address space needs in the Newton public schools. [10-27-10 @11:07 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee voted no action necessary on the item with the understanding that if the Programs and Services Committee and/or Public Facilities Committee took a different action on the item, it would come back before the Finance Committee.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#130-11 PAUL COLETTI, ALD. SANGIOLO, DANBERG, & JOHNSON requesting Home Rule Legislation to create a Capital Preservation Fund for the City of Newton modeled on the Community Preservation Fund to address the capital needs of the City. [04/11/11 @9:42 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee voted no action necessary on the item with the understanding that if the Programs and Services Committee and/or Public Facilities Committee took a different action on the item, it would come back before the Finance Committee.

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#391-09(2) ALD. DANBERG, MANSFIELD, VANCE & HESS-MAHAN requesting the establishment of a municipal parking mitigation fund whose proceeds, derived from payments-in-lieu of providing off-street parking spaces associated with special permits, will be used solely for expenses related to adding to the supply of municipal parking spaces, improving existing municipal parking spaces, or reducing the demand for parking spaces.

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee voted no action necessary on the item with the understanding that if the Zoning and Planning Committee took a different action on the item, it would come back before the Finance Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and all other items before the Committee were held without discussion. Draft Board Orders for the above items that are recommended for Board of Aldermen action are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Programs and Services and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Amy Mah Sangiolo and Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of four hundred seventy thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$470,292) to be appropriated from Free Cash, be and is hereby appropriated, granted, and expenditure authorized under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools to supplement the FY12 School Budget:

From:	Free Cash (01-3497)	\$470,292
To:	NPS SPED Tuition Reserve (C301057-532202)	\$470-292

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor

Date: _____

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Programs and Services and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Amy Mah Sangiolo and Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to be appropriated from Estimated Revenue 2011, be and is hereby appropriated, granted, and expenditure authorized under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools to supplement the FY12 School Budget:

From:	Estimated Revenue - 2011 (0130101-433001).....	\$200,000
To:	Newton Public Schools (98643190-532202).....	\$200,000

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

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Mayor

Date: _____