

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Present: Ald. Coletti (Chair), Lennon, Linsky, Salvucci, Gentile, Parker, Schnipper and Lipof

Also Present: Re Cappoli (Chief Procurement Officer), Dolores Hamilton (Director, Human Resources), Sandy Pooler (Chief Administrative Officer), Susan Burstein (Chief Budget Officer), Chief Joe LaCroix (Fire)

**BUDGET REVIEW:**

PURCHASING – APPROVED 7-0 (PARKER NOT VOTING)

HUMAN RESOURCES – APPROVED 7-0 (PARKER NOT VOTING)

EXECUTIVE – APPROVED 8-0

**NOTE:** The Committee began this evening's meeting in review of the Purchasing, Human Resources and Executive Department budgets. The Committee was joined by Re Cappoli, Dolores Hamilton, Sandy Pooler and Susan Burstein, who presented information related to their respective departments, which included review of accomplishments for FY07 as well as goals and objectives for FY08.

*There were no significant changes to these budgets and, after review of each, the Committee voted 7-0 to approve the Purchasing and Human Resources budgets, and 8-0 to approve the Executive Department budget as presented.*

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#103-07 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$318,840 FROM Free Cash for the purpose of replacing the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department. [3-27-07 @5:08 PM]

**PS&T APPROVED 6-0 ON 4/18/07**

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 8-0**

**NOTE:** Chief LaCroix was present this evening. He explained the need to replace this equipment at this time, since the existing equipment has an expected useful lifetime of 15 years. He provided the Committee with the attached information that he had received from Industrial Protection Services company, which gives the details of the cost for each component for this safety equipment.

The Committee was in full support of replacing this equipment and, without debate, voted 8-0 to approve this request.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#104-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$49,565 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of hiring and equipping a class of fifteen new firefighters. [3-27-07 @5:09 PM]

**PS&T APPROVED 6-0 ON 4/18/07**

**ACTION: APPROVED 8-0**

**NOTE:** Chief LaCroix explained that there are currently 15 new firefighter recruits attending the fire academy. He stated that he looks forward to having a full complement of firefighters in the Department.

The Committee reviewed the backup information that was attached to this evening's agenda and, without debate, voted 8-0 to approve this request.

All other items were held. The Committee adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chair