

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

Present: Ald. Coletti, Chair; Ald. Gerst, Ciccone, Bullwinkle, Bryson, Parker and Schnipper

Absent: Ald. R. Lipof

Also Present: Ald. Baker and Lipsitt; David Wilkinson (Comptroller), Mike Rourke (Chief Administrative Officer), Dolores Hamilton (Director, Human Resources), Sandy Pooler (Chief Budget Officer), Donnalyn Kahn (Assistant City Solicitor), Officer Paul Bianchi (Police), John Daghlian (Engineering Dept.),

#295-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$89,833 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the AFSCME, Local 2913, the Newton Police School Traffic Supervisors. This settlement also includes the Parking Control Officers and two Detention Attendants.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

#296-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$140,000 from the Liability Insurance Fund for the purpose of settling a claim against the City of Newton under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) by the members of the Newton Patrolmen's Association. This appropriation will fund the first of two payments to be made (the second payment in the amount of \$110,000 is to be paid before 2/1/02). The claim relates to overtime payment and work week rules.

NOTE: in accordance with Section 2-9 of the City Charter, the Mayor has declared this item to be an emergency measure (since payment is required to be made prior to 10/01/01.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0; EMERGENCY MEASURE APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

#193-01(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$12,000 be appropriated from Budget Reserve and expended for the purpose of funding professional services to conduct an assessment center to test and evaluate the administrative and technical skills of candidates for the position of Chief of Police.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

#297-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of settling the claim of Silverman v. City of Newton.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#277-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$23,000 be transferred from the Public Buildings Department Administrative Salary account to the Inspectional Services Department Administrative Salary account in order to fund an additional full-time plumbing inspector position in ISD.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

#274-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$15,000, received as a contribution from Michael S. Fields, Trustee of the 74 Longwood Road Realty Trust, to the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

#226-01(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$267,000, received from the Avalon Bay Company for the purpose of completing design plans for the reconstruction of Needham Street. Said funds were received in accordance with condition #22 of ZBA variance #16-01.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

#275-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$96,618.83 be transferred from the Federal Grant Fund to the Capital Stabilization Fund. This amount represents the final reimbursement to the City of Newton from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for costs from severe storms last winter.

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#276-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$110,000 be appropriated from Overlay Surplus and that the sum of \$95,000 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund in order to fund the following capital projects:

| <u>DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>PROJECT</u> | <u>COST</u> |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|
| a) Conservation Commission | Marty Sender Path | \$ 5,000 |
| b) Parks & Recreation | Tree Planting | \$ 50,000 |
| c) Parks & Recreation | Field Renov/Water Control | \$ 25,000 |
| d) Parks & Recreation | Turf Control | \$ 50,000 |
| e) Public Works | Sidewalk Betterments | \$ 50,000 |
| <u>PUBFAC APPROVED 4-0-1 (MANSFIELD ABSTAINING; GERST NOT VOTING) ON 9/5/01</u> | | |
| f) Veterans/Licensing | Veterans Graves | \$ 25,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$205,000 |

ACTION: **ITEM APPROVED 6-0; ALL OTHER ITEMS HELD**

NOTE: The Committee discussed this item and without debate, the item was approved 7-0.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#266-01 JOSEPH MICHAEL ALBANO, 260 River Street, West Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#267-01 LORETTA M. BACCARI, 104 Los Angeles Street, Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#268-01 MARIA G. BIANCHI, 41 Aspen Avenue, Auburndale, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on May 1, 2003 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#269-01 FRANK M. CARUSO, 262 River Street, West Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#270-01 MARC EPSTEIN, 18 Travis Drive, Chestnut Hill, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on December 1, 2003 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#271-01 EDWARD W. GOURDEAU, 81 Dalby Street, Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on November 1, 2003 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#272-01 DANIEL T. MARZILLI, 38 Farquhar Road, Newtonville, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#273-01 JEFFREY SILTON, 120 Cherry Street, West Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: Bonds have been submitted for all of the above Constable reappointments. The Committee approved the items 7-0.

All other items were held.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman