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Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton
In City Council



Monday, March 25, 2024

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Items scheduled for discussion:

#131-24 **Accept and expend an Emergency Management Preparedness Grant**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a reimbursement grant of twenty-five thousand, six-hundred dollars (\$25,600) from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for an Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) to improve operations of Newton's Emergency Operations Center.

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committee

#87-24 **Discussion and possible amendments to update project review fees**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion and possible ordinance amendments to update fees related to special permit, zone change and site plan review fees requested by the Planning Department, City Clerk's Office, and Law Department.

Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0

#129-24 **Update on plans for remaining ARPA funds**
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, LUCAS. OLIVER, FARRELL, GETZ, BIXBY, AND BLOCK requesting an update from the Mayor's Office on plans for utilizing remaining ARPA funds, opportunity for new public input and potential changes in anticipated uses, and the plan for the December 31, 2024 contracting deadline, including how subsequent cost overruns or underruns will be handled.

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Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

#157-24

Request for proposals from outside special counsel to ensure compliance and enforcement of applicable permits at the Turtle Lane site in Auburndale.
Councilors Gentile, Block, Laredo, and Krintzman requesting that the Mayor through the Law Department solicit proposals from outside special counsel to assist the City in the analysis of the City's rights and remedies to ensure compliance with, and enforcement of, applicable permits and approvals at the Turtle Lane site in Auburndale.

#37-24

Discussion and possible ordinance amendment concerning noticing requirements COUNCILORS MALAKIE, LAREDO, AND LUCAS requesting a discussion about change and/or policy change to include renters and tenants in addition to property owners when notification is required for special permits, Traffic Council items, and other proposed changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Gentile, Chair