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## Finance Committee Budget Agenda

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The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

<https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/82392894944> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 823 9289 4944

### Items scheduled for discussion:

- #184-24 Appointment of Marcia Tabenken to John C. Chaffin Educational Fund**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Marcia Tabenken, 11 North Street, Newton as a trustee of the John C. Chaffin Educational Fund for a lifetime appointment.
- #185-24 Appointment of Rabbi Allison Berry to John C Chaffin Educational Fund**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Rabbi Allison Berry, 42 Clarendon Street, Newtonville as a trustee of the John C. Chaffin Educational Fund for a lifetime appointment.
- #188-24 Authorization to accept and expand a Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Grant**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from a Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Grant, to complete the funding for the replacement of the Newton Free Library's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.
- Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**
- #193-24 Requesting authorization to transfer \$100,000 for library computers and technology**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Account # 0160110-511001 Main Library, Full Time Salaries to a Library Project Account for the purpose of replacing aging computers and technology at the Newton Free Library.  
**Programs & Services Approved 7-0 on 04/18/24**

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**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#187-24

**Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1 million for the DPW Vehicle Replacement Program**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2023, Certified Free Cash as part of the Vehicle Replacement Plan for the purpose of replacing one 2008 and two 2007 6-wheel dump trucks with two 6-wheel dump trucks and one 10-wheel swap loader truck for the Streets Division operations.

**Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 04/17/24****Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#196-24

**Authorization to appropriate and expend \$615,000 for hydro vacuum excavator trailer**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of six hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$615,000) from Water Fund Surplus Acct# 6000-3599 three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000) and from Sewer Fund Surplus Acct # 6100-3599 for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purchase of a hydro vacuum excavator trailer to enhance digging safety measures.

**Public Facilities Approved as Amended to truck 8-0 on 04/17/24****Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#199-24

**Authorization to appropriate and expend \$500,000 for the water hydrant flushing program**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Water Fund Surplus -- Available for Appropriation, Account # 6000-3599 to Account # 60A40106-530203 Water Hydrant Inspections, Engineering Services to fund a water hydrant flushing program to ensure proper water circulation and water quality within the water main system.

**Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 04/17/24****Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#198-24

**Authorization to expend grant and city funding for the Stormwater Asset Management Plan**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the State's Revolving Fund Grant of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to update the Stormwater Asset Management Plan, and to appropriate and expend the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Stormwater Management Operating Reserve - 2024 Budget to provide the City share of matching funds for this program. The grant also includes a twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000) additional match of in-kind services from city- staff.

**Public Facilities Approved 8-0**

- #172-24 Requesting a discussion regarding a contract for audit services**  
COUNCILOR GENTILE AND THE COMPTROLLER requesting a discussion with the Finance Committee regarding a new contract or extension for audit services.  
**Finance Held 7-0 on 04/08/24**

*Please Note: Budget materials can be found on the City's website at the following link:*

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/comptroller/budget>

**DEPARTMENT BUDGET & CIP DISCUSSIONS:**

**Comptroller/Retirement**

**Treasurer**

**Purchasing**

**HR**

**Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees**

- #8-24 Submittal of the FY2025 to FY 2029 Capital Improvement Plan**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2025 to 2029 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.
- #194-24 Submittal of the FY2025-FY2029 Supplemental Capital Improvement**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY25 – FY29 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan.
- #195-24 Submittal of the FY25 Municipal/School Operating Budget**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter the FY25 Municipal/School Operating Budget, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY25-FY29 Capital Improvement Program (#8-24). EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 04/16/24; LAST DATE TO PASS THE BUDGET 05/31/24

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Leonard Gentile, Chair**