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To be reported on
Monday, May 6, 2024

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 7:45 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link

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City of Newton In City Council Items to be Acted Upon

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Referred to Land Use Committee

04/23/2024

Present: Councilors Kelley (Chair), Block, Farrell, Leary, and Lucas; absent: Councilors Downs, Laredo, and Lobovits; also present: Councilor Greenberg

#202-24 Request to allow a series of retaining walls exceeding four feet in height in a setback at 21 Oakland Street, Unit 2

NEEL JOSHI petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to reconstruct the series of walls which exceed four feet in height within the side and rear setbacks at 21 Oakland Street, Unit 2, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 12 Block 17 Lot 3A, containing approximately 9,489 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Multi Residence 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.4.2.B of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Approved 5-0

#203-24 Request for an Administrative Site Plan Review to allow a day care use and a Special Permit to waive 6 parking stalls at 66 Needham Street

GJE & MJ & HM TRS, BROADWAY SAUGUS TRUST, AND SULLIVAN TRUST T/C petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to introduce a day care center into the space formerly occupied by a retail showroom, and to waive 6 parking stalls at 66 Needham Street, Ward 8, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 83 Block 11 Lot 18A, containing approximately 25,753 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Mixed Use 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 6.3.4.B.3.b, 6.3.4.B.3.c, 6.3.4.B.3.a, and 6.3.4.B.3.e of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Approved 5-0

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

04/30/2024

Present: Councilors Baker (Chair), Oliver, Albright, Wright, Krintzman, Getz, Danberg, and Kalis; also present: Councilors Downs, Block, Lucas, Greenberg, Bixby, and Farell

#170-24 Reappointment of Brooke Lipsitt to the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Brooke Lipsitt, 54 Kirkstall Road, Newton as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office set to expire on April 30, 2027. (60 Days: 05/31/2024)

Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Councilor Danberg Not Voting)

#171-24 Appointment of Edward J. Dailey to the Planning and Development Board
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Edward J. Dailey, 67 Maplewood Avenue, Newton as a full member of the Planning & Development Board for a term of office set to expire on February 1, 2029. (60 Days: 05/31/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0

#183-24 Appointment of Terrence Brown to the Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Terrence Brown, 183 Oka Street, Newton Upper Falls as an alternate member of the Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on May 20, 2025. (60 Days: 06/15/2024)
Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

04/18/2024

Present: Councilors Humphrey (Vice Chair), Oliver, Micley, Malakie, Lobovits, Baker, and Farrell; absent: Councilor Krintzman; also present: Councilors Albright, and Bixby

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#193-24 Authorization to transfer \$100,000 for library computers and technology
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of hundred thousand dollars (\$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.
Finance Approved 7-0 on April 29, 2024
Programs & Services Approved 7-0

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

04/17/2024

Present: Councilors Grossman, (Chair), Downs, Lucas, Wright, Block, Bixby, Greenberg and Lipof Also Present: Councilor Malakie and Kelley

#201-24 Requesting a policy discussion, review, and possible action related to parking on-street and in municipal lots
COUNCILORS GROSSMAN, DOWNS AND LAREDO requesting a discussion and review of parking policy related to on-street parking and parking in municipal lots, including possible action on related ordinances and permit programs.
Public Safety & Transportation Held 8-0

- #40-24** **Allow play on minor streets**
COUNCILORS DOWNS, GROSSMAN, BIXBY, WRIGHT, HUMPHREY, MICLEY AND LIPOF requesting to amend Chapter 26-19 of Newton Ordinances to allow play and other community activities on minor streets, as is the practice currently.
Public Safety & Transportation Held 6-0 (Councilor Wright Not Voting) on March 6, 2024
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0-1 (Councilor Block Abstained)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

04/17/2024

Present: Councilors Albright (Chair), Getz, Laredo, Kalis, Kelley, Leary, Gentile, and Danberg;
also present: Councilors Bixby, Humphrey, and Malakie

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.
Finance Approved 7-0 on April 29, 2024
Public Facilities Approved 8-0

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 \$615,000 for the purchase of a hydro vacuum excavator trailer to enhance digging safety measures.
Finance Approved as Amended to truck 7-0 on April 29, 2024
Public Facilities Approved as Amended to truck 8-0

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

Finance Approved 7-0 on April 29, 2024

Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on April 17, 2024

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.

Finance Approved 7-0 on April 29, 2024

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Finance Committee

04/29/2024

Present: Councilors Gentile (Chair), Malakie, Greenberg, Bixby, Lipof, Humphrey and Grossman; absent: Councilor Micley; also present: Councilors Block, Albright, and Wright

#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 April 8, 2024

Finance Approve as Amended to enter into a five year contract for audit services 7-0

#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.

Finance Approved 7-0

- #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.
Finance Approved 7-0
- Referred to Finance and Public Facilities Committees**
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Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on April 17, 2024
Finance Approved 7-0
- #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.
Finance Approved 7-0
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Finance Approved 7-0