



Programs & Services Committee Budget Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

7:00 PM

Room 211

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/82201171368> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID: 822 0117 1368.

Items scheduled for discussion:

#226-24 Resolution to declare June 9, 2024 George Mansfield Day
COUNCILORS BAKER AND LAREDO requesting a resolution to declare June 9, 2024 George Mansfield Day in the City of Newton.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committee

#192-24 Requesting authorization to transfer \$85,000 for HHS nursing staffing
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$85,000 from Account # 0150103-511001 Health & Human Services Clinical Health, Full Time Salaries to Account # 0150103-531300 Temporary Staffing.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committee

#197-24 Requesting authorization to transfer \$125,000 for Law Department legal services
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from Account # 0110851-511001 Law Department, Full Time Salaries to Account # 0110851-530900 Legal Services.

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:

City Solicitor

Veterans Services

Health and Human Services

Senior Services

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Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

#8-24 **Submittal of the FY 2025 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 FY25 – FY29 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan**
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

Chair's Note: *After the conclusion of the budget item the Committee will discuss the following item.*

#200-24 **Appointment of Donald Siegel to the Newton Housing Authority**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Donald Siegel, 82 Paulson Road, Waban as a member of the Newton Housing Authority for a term of office set to expire on May 20, 2029. (60 Days: 06/15/2024)

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GEORGE E. MANSFIELD

WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield served the people of the City of Newton for more than a quarter century as a member of its City Council, then known as the “Board of Aldermen,” having been first elected in November, 1983 and serving thirteen consecutive terms from 1984 through 2009;

AND WHEREAS, throughout his time as a member of the Board of Aldermen, George E. Mansfield represented Newton’s Ward 6, which includes Newton Highlands and Newton Centre, as its “Ward Alderman,” fielding and responding to thousands of constituent phone calls and emails from Ward 6 and throughout Newton;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield held numerous leadership positions during his time on the Board of Aldermen, including serving as its Vice President for eight years from 1996 through 2003 and chairing almost every major committee of the Board of Aldermen, serving at various times as its Finance Committee Chair, Public Facilities Committee Chair and, most recently, Land Use Committee Chair;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield worked tirelessly to preserve, protect, and enhance the quality of life for all Newton residents, including through his work to improve municipal infrastructure and to support the City’s fiscal and environmental sustainability;

AND WHEREAS, among George E. Mansfield’s environmental sustainability accomplishments was his work on requiring environmental sustainability in Newton development projects, such as the use of permeable surfaces for driveways and walkways;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield’s responsiveness and attention to the concerns of Newton residents earned him a reputation for providing excellent constituent services;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield earned a reputation as a consummate gentleman whose polite and thoughtful input was often insightful and was always welcome;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield brought his professional expertise as a City Planner to his work as an Alderman, providing insight and understanding that would not otherwise have been available;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield's service to the City of Newton began before his election to the Board of Aldermen and continued after it, his record of service to his community including years of service as a member of the Newton Highlands Area Council before he was first elected to the Board of Alderman and as Vice President of the Newton Conservators after the conclusion of his time in office;

AND WHEREAS, George E. Mansfield passed away on December 5, 2023, leaving behind his beloved wife Margaret, known to all as "Meg," and his beloved daughter Julia, who carries on his legacy of community service with her work in the very same Newton Free Library main branch on Homer Street that her father played a role in approving and planning during his time on the Board of Aldermen,

AND WHEREAS, the members of the City Council see it proper and fit to thank George E. Mansfield for his many years of service to the City of Newton and to honor him for his many valuable contributions to his beloved City of Newton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council joins with the Mayor in declaring June 9, 2024 to be GEORGE MANSFIELD DAY in the City of Newton and invites all Newton residents to celebrate George Mansfield's years of service and his many contributions to our community.



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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April 8, 2024

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$85,000 from Acct # 0150103-511001 Health & Human Services Clinical Health, Full Time Salaries to Acct # 0150103-531300 Temporary Staffing.

As a result of nursing shortages, this year the City of Newton has seen a greater need to supplement our full-time complement of school nurses with "contracted nurses". We continue to aggressively recruit full-time school nurses.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

City of Newton



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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Linda Walsh, Commissioner

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April 5, 2024

Dear Mayor Fuller,

Please docket an item to transfer funds from personnel vacancies into the temporary staffing account.

0150103-511001 - \$85,000 to 0150103-531300

These funds will be used for utilizing temporary school nursing staff from an agency as we continue to recruit full-time nurses into our open positions.

Sincerely,

Linda Walsh
Commissioner
Newton Health and Human Services



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I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from Acct # 0110851-511001 Law Department, Full Time Salaries to Acct # 0110851-530900 Legal Services.

As you know, our Deputy City Solicitor, Jeff Honig, passed away suddenly in October 2022. Jeff was a vital contributor in our Law Department, handling and advising on all labor relations matters.

In March of 2023 we engaged the law firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane, LLP (MHTL) to provide legal services for labor related matters. While the Law Department continues its search for an experienced Assistant City Solicitor for Labor Relations to resume much of this work in-house, we continue to require the services of MHTL to assist us in accomplishing this work effectively and successfully.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

LAW DEPARTMENT



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April 5, 2024

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

RE: Request for Legal Services Funding

Dear Mayor:

Please allow this letter to serve as a formal request for additional funding to be added to the Law Department's FY2025 budget for legal services. As you know, in March of 2023 we engaged the law firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane, LLP (MHTL) to assist us in handling and advising on labor relations matters that were previously handled by our colleague Jeff Honig who passed away suddenly in October 2022.

Since their engagement, MHTL has assisted the City in its union contract integration project, advised the city on a number of labor matters and has represented the City at the bargaining table with multiple unions to negotiate renewal of expiring contracts as well as important interim agreements. Most significantly, MHTL will be representing the City through the upcoming Joint Labor-Management Committee process to come to terms on a new contract with the Newton Police Association.

The Law Department still continues its search for an experienced Assistant City Solicitor for Labor Relations to resume much of this work in-house; however, until such time as we identify a suitable candidate, we continue to require the services of MHTL to accomplish this work effectively and successfully.

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Therefore, in order to cover these outside legal costs, I respectfully request additional funding be added to the Law Department's budget for legal services.

Very truly yours,



Alissa Giuliani

cc: Maureen Lemieux, CFO



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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Donald Siegel of 82 Paulson Road, Waban as a member of the Newton Housing Authority. Donald Siegel's term of office shall expire on May 20, 2029 and the appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ruthanne Fuller".

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Application Form

Profile

Donald _____ J _____ Siegel _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

 Home Address

82 Paulson Road _____ Suite or Apt _____
 Home Address

Waban _____ MA _____ 02468 _____
 City State Postal Code

What Ward do you live in?

Ward 5

 Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Retired _____ Attorney _____
 Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Newton Housing Authority: Submitted

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Male

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have a strong interest in public housing and I know a lot about unions and workers.

Upload a Resume

Donald Siegel

Donald Siegel recently retired from Segal, Roitman LLP after fifty years as a union/benefit funds lawyer. While in private practice, Don negotiated and defended Project Labor Agreements with both public and private developers, and represented parties to those Agreements before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts and the United States Supreme Court. Don served as General Counsel of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, The Massachusetts Building Trades Council, and other Building Trades Councils. Don's employee benefit fund practice included both ERISA and non-ERISA funds, as well as public and privately-sponsored funds, that collectively contained more than a billion dollars of assets. In the course of his practice, Don negotiated scores of collective bargaining agreements and appeared in state and federal courts, administrative tribunals, and innumerable arbitrations.

After graduating from the University of Wisconsin and Harvard Law School, Don joined Segal & Flamm in 1971, and worked there and in successor firms until his retirement. Don received the Archdiocese of Boston Award for Excellence in Labor Relations as well as a Certificate of Merit from the Massachusetts AFL-CIO and has been elected to the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.