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## Programs & Services Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**7:00 PM**  
**Room 211**



The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 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/83414609135> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID: 834 1460 9135.

#### **Items Scheduled for Discussion:**

- #252-24 Appointment of Shin-Yi Lao as Commissioner of Health and Human Services**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing SHIN-YI LAO as COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES pursuant to Sec 3-3 of the City Charter. (30 Days: 07/03/24)
- #237-24 Requesting to set Early Voting Hours and location for the September 3rd State Primary Election**  
THE CITY CLERK requesting to set early voting hours for the September 3rd State Primary Election on the following dates, location, and times recommended by the Election Commission: A total of seven days; Saturday August 24th: 11am-5pm, Sunday August 25th: 11am-5pm, Monday August 26th: 8:30am-5pm, Tuesday August 27th: 8:30am-5pm, Wednesday August 28th: 8:30am-8pm, Thursday August 29th: 8:30am-5pm, Friday August 30th: 8:30am-5pm at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459.
- #238-24 Request to set Early Voting Hours and location for the November 5th State and Federal Election**  
THE CITY CLERK requesting to set early voting hours for the November 5th State and Federal Election on the following dates, locations, and times recommended by the Election Commission: A total of fourteen days; Saturday October 19th:

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11am-5pm, Sunday October 20th: 11am-5pm, Monday October 21st: 8:30am-5pm, Tuesday October 22nd: 8:30am-5pm, Wednesday October 23rd: 8:30am-5pm, Thursday October 24th: 8:30am-5pm, Friday October 25th: 8:30am-5pm, Saturday October 26th: 11am-5pm, Sunday October 27th: 11am-5pm, Monday October 28th: 8:30am-5pm, Tuesday October 29th: 8:30am-5pm, Wednesday October 30th: 8:30am-8pm, Thursday October 31st: 8:30am-5pm, Friday November 1st: 8:30am-5pm at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459; Saturday October 19th: 11am-5pm, and Sunday October 20th: 11am-5pm at Newton North High School, 457 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02460; and Saturday October 26th: 11am-5pm, Sunday October 27th: 11am-5pm at Newton South High School 140 Brandeis Street, Newton, MA 02459.

**#206-24 Requesting complete review and appropriate changes to the Rules of the City Council**

COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN AND LAREDO requesting the review of the Rules of the City Council, traditionally done through a Subcommittee of the Programs & Services Committee. The Committee should review the rules and make recommendations to the full Committee in time for the recommendations to be reviewed and adopted by the full Council prior to the Inauguration of the next term's City Council, when the Rules for that Council are formally adopted at Inauguration.

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

**#221-24 Appropriation of \$296,312 for student transportation**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred ninety-six thousand three hundred and twelve dollars (\$296,312.00) June 30, 2023 Certified Free Cash (0001-3240), to Newton Public Schools for student transportation for children who are homeless or in foster care.

**Chair's Note:** *The Chair will entertain Public Comment regarding the following item. Please click the raise hand button on the bottom of your screen if you would like to speak. There is a 5 second delay after you are promoted to panelist. After you're done speaking, the clerk will change you back to an attendee.*

**#165-24 Discussion regarding hoarding and refuse on private property**

COUNCILORS GREENBERG, LAREDO, LEARY, OLIVER, HUMPHREY, LUCAS, LIPOF, BIXBY, WRIGHT, MALAKIE, DOWNS, FARRELL, AND MICLEY requesting a discussion with the Inspectional Services, Health, and Law Departments to review how the city responds to issues of hoarding and other behaviors on private property that lead to pest infestation or potential injury to the occupants of the property and their nearby neighbors.

**#186-24 Reappointment of Marcela Merino to Community Education Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Marcela Merino, 66 Cloverdale Road, Newton as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office set to expire on May 31, 2026. (60 Days: 06/15/2024)

**#228-24 Reappointment of Karl Munger to the Biosafety Committee**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Karl Munger, 5 Nightingale Path, Newton as a member of the Biosafety Committee for a term of office set to expire on December 30, 2026. (60 Days: 07/19/2024)

**#229-24 Reappointment of Howard Birnbaum to the Urban Tree Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Howard Birnbaum, 36 Central Street, Auburndale as a member of the Urban Tree Commission for a term of office set to expire on April 30, 2027. (60 Days: 07/19/2024)

*Chair's Note: A motion for executive session may be entertained.*

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

**#245-24 Appropriate \$500,000 for IT infrastructure improvements**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (the "Fund") to Micro/Network Services - PC Hardware (0111154-585111), to make improvements to the City's IT infrastructure.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Josh Krintzman, Chair**