



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, August 12, 2024

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers . To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/84500476811> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 845 0047 6811

Items scheduled for discussion:

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#272-24

Request for salary increase for City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

COUNCILORS LAREDO and KALIS requesting an increase in the salary of the City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council to \$139,310 effective July 1, 2024 to match the percentage increase included in the FY25 budget for H-grade employees.

Programs & Services Approved as Amended to Change “\$139,310” to “\$138,776” 6-0 (Councilor Micley Not Voting) on 07/10/24

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#263-24

Appropriate \$31,578,632 for the construction of the Horace Mann Project

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of thirty-one million five-hundred seventy-eight thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$31,578,632) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the construction of the Horace Mann project and authorization to apply any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes to the costs of the project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount. The amount authorized to be borrowed by and under this order shall be reduced to the extent that any grants are received by the City from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for this project.

[Schematic Design Package](#)

[Horace Mann Project Website](#)

Public Facilities Approved 7-0 on 07/10/24

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Gentile, Chair

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Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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June 10, 2024

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

Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of thirty-one million five-hundred seventy-eight thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$31,578,632) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the Horace Mann Elementary School project.

Further, I request that your Honorable Council authorize any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes be applied to the costs of the project being financed by the bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by a like amount.

These funds will complement the previously authorized \$100,000 of ARPA funding, \$1,160,684 of funds from docket item #1-23, and \$1,160,684 approved from docket item #195-24, to yield a total project budget of \$34,000,000 as shown in the attached backup.

The Horace Mann Elementary School Project includes a renovation of the existing building and a new addition.

The new 26,698 square foot addition will include 6 new classrooms, project areas, student and staff support spaces, restrooms, a music room, a stage, and a cafetorium.

The renovation will include interior space reconfigurations that will align the space sizes and quantities to align with the guidelines provided by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). This work will also include floor plan adjustments to improve the space adjacencies and grade level clustering. Lastly, the renovation will include a conversion of the existing cafeteria to the new home of the media center/library, and modifications to the connecting spaces from the existing building to the new addition.

In addition to the renovation and addition, the project will include a new playground, field improvements, landscaping, and site accessibility upgrades.

Information for the project can be found at <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/public-buildings/capital-projects-investing-now-for-newton-s-future/school-projects/horace-mann>.

Commissioner of Public Buildings Josh Morse will be available at the committee meetings to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration of this important work at Horace Mann.

Sincerely,



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



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June 7, 2024

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

Re: Horace Mann School Project

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department requests \$31,578,632 to fund the Horace Mann Elementary School project through completion. These funds will complement the previously authorized \$100,000 of ARPA funding, \$1,160,684 of funds from docket item #1-23, and \$1,160,684 approved in the FY25 budget, to yield a total project budget of \$34,000,000 as shown in the attached backup.

For additional information please see the project page at:

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/public-buildings/capital-projects-investing-now-for-newton-s-future/school-projects/horace-mann>.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Buildings Commissioner

CATEGORIES OF THE BUDGET	ARPA Funding	#1-23	#195-24	Requested	Total Project Budget
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 609,431.00		\$ 2,073,069.00	\$ 2,782,500.00
OWNER'S PROJECT MANAGER		\$ 75,000.00		1,134,000.00	\$ 1,209,000.00
SITE/ENVIRONMENTAL		\$ 192,278.00		\$ 142,247.00	\$ 334,525.00
OTHER		\$ 283,975.00		\$ 565,000.00	\$ 848,975.00
PROJECT CONTINGENCY				\$ 237,500.00	\$ 237,500.00
CONSTRUCTION			\$ 1,160,684.00	\$ 25,589,316.00	\$ 26,750,000.00
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY				\$ 1,337,500.00	\$ 1,337,500.00
TECHNOLOGY				\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
FF&E				\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE BUDGET	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 1,160,684.00	\$ 1,160,684.00	\$ 31,578,632.00	\$ 34,000,000.00

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That the City of Newton appropriate the amount of thirty-one million five-hundred seventy-eight thousand six hundred thirty-two dollars (\$31,578,632) for the purpose of paying costs for the construction of the Horace Mann project, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which Project will provide for a school facility that has an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, said amount to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor of the City of Newton, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority.

Any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes shall be: (i) applied, if so provided in the loan authorization, to the costs of the project being financed by the bonds or notes and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount; or (ii) appropriated for a project for which the city has authorized a borrowing, or may authorize a borrowing, for an equal or longer period of time than the original loan, including any temporary debt.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Adopted
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(SGD) Carol Moore
City Clerk

(SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER
Mayor

Date: _____