



## Programs & Services Committee Report

### City of Newton In City Council

**Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

Present: Councilors Rice (Chair), Baker, Krintzman, Albright, Greenberg, Brousal-Glaser, Schwartz and Kalis

Also Present: Councilors Downs and Norton

City Staff Present: Jonathan Yeo (Chief Operating Officer), Alissa Giuliani (City Solicitor), Maura O'Keefe (Assistant City Solicitor), Marie Lawlor (Deputy City Solicitor), Jayne Colino (Director, Senior Services), Alice Bailey (Senior Services), Deborah Youngblood (Commissioner, Health and Human Services), David Olson (City Clerk/Clerk of the Board), Mitch Baker (Inspector, Weights & Measures), Karyn Dean (Committee Clerk)

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

**#150-19**

#### **Transfer of \$100,000 to the Law Department's Claims & Settlements Account**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Law Department's Full-time Salaries Account to the Law Department's Claims & Settlements Account for future claims settlements.

#### **Finance to Meet**

**Action:** Programs & Services Approved 8-0

**Note:** Alissa Giuliani, City Solicitor, explained that some savings have occurred due to personnel departures, so this is a request to move \$100K from the Salaries account into the Claims and Settlements account. This is not to cover current claims or settlements, but to have a reserve for future use to be cautious.

A Councilor was concerned that the Claims and Settlements account may not be sufficiently funded. Mr. Yeo said the CFO does not like to over fund these accounts, but monies can be made available through supplemental requests as needed. The City is self-insured against losses as outside insurance costs were prohibitive.

The Committee voted to approve this item, unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**John B. Rice, Chair**