



Public Facilities Committee Report

City of Newton

In City Council

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Leary, Kelley, Gentile, Danberg, Laredo and Lappin

Absent: Councilor Norton

City Staff Present: Commissioner of Public Works Jim Mcgonagle

#284-19 President's appointment of David Gillespie to Design Review Committee

DAVID GILLESPIE, 41 Woodlawn Drive, Chestnut Hill, appointed as a member of the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

Note: David Gillespie was present to explain his interest in and what he would bring to this committee. Mr. Gillespie has been a 10-year resident of the city, his daughters go to Newton Public Schools and he is a real estate developer. He also has a Bachelor of Science in engineering, went to business school and was a construction manager for four years. Mr. Gillespie wanted to find a way to use his experiences to serve and was recommended to be a member on the Design Review Committee (DRC). Committee members thanked him for his willingness to serve and explained the importance of the DRC to Newton. This position is to fill a short term vacancy and will be revisited once the term expires. President Laredo moved approval which passed unanimously.

#115-19 ExteNet Systems petition for wireless grant of location on Beacon Street

EXTENET SYSTEMS, LLC petitioning for a grant of location to install a small cell wireless facility on an existing utility pole located in the right-of-way in the vicinity of 262 Beacon Street. The installation will include an antenna, radio equipment, an electric meter, and cabling for fiber and power to enhance wireless coverage in the area.

Action: **Public Facilities Voted No Action Necessary 7-0**

Note: As stated in the attached notice Extenet is no longer pursuing their request to place wireless equipment on the utility pole located at 262 Beacon Street. Councilor Gentile moved no action necessary which passed unanimously.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#291-19 Appropriate \$70,000 to install surveillance cameras in DPW buildings

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy thousand (\$70,000) from FY2020 Budget Reserve to install surveillance cameras at the Rumford Ave Recycling Center, Eliot Street and Craft Street yards.

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 6-0-1 (Gentile abstaining)**

Note: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle presented the request for \$70,000 from Budget Reserve to install surveillance cameras at the Rumford Ave Recycling Center, Eliot Street, and Craft Street yards. Commissioner McGonagle explained that this was not originally budgeted in the FY20 Capital Investment Plan (CIP). This quote is just for the exterior of the buildings and the yards. The Commissioner stated that generators have been stolen and damage has been done to the property, which is why these cameras are necessary. Additionally, there are external fuel tanks on the property that are at risk to be vandalized. A committee member asked if there will be signage on the property. The Commissioner stated that there will be signage and his hope is that this would also deter vandalism and theft. The cameras will not be audio capable. A committee member asked if these cameras would be on a live feed. Commissioner McGonagle explained that these cameras are capable of live feed, but that the plan will not necessarily be using that feature. The Commissioner explained that the DPW has been working on making all of its areas more secure and these projects should be finished by this winter. Councilor Gentile was concerned about the source of the money and abstained from voting. The source will be discussed in the Finance Committee. Councilor Lappin moved approval which passed with a vote of 6-0 with Councilor Gentile abstaining.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#292-19 **Appropriate \$175,000 for a modular trailer used by Public Work employees**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purchase of a modular trailer at the Rumford Avenue Recycling Center.

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

Note: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle presented the request for \$175,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purchase of a modular trailer at the Rumford Avenue Recycling Center. This project was not budgeted in the FY20 CIP. All public buildings now fall under Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) oversight and have now been inspected in order to meet OSHA requirements. The inspection revealed that there are no working facilities at Rumford Ave nor is there running water on site. A sewer extension has been added in Rumford Ave which project was finished sooner than expected. These funds are for a modular trailer to be installed on the property, that will have a bathroom, eyewash station and two offices. Director of Sustainability, Waneta Trabert, will move to this office with her staff person full time. There are also volunteers that will be using the space. The trailer will be outfitted with fiber for the computer, water and electrical services. Councilors agreed that it makes sense to have Waneta Trabert in office space in the yard full time. When asked what the timeline for the project is, The Commissioner explained that the trailer itself has a 3- to 4- month lead time and then they will have to wait for Eversource to hook up the power. When asked whether the trailer will have AC and heat, The Commissioner explained that there will be AC and heat. The heat is electric, and the trailer will be insulated. The sewer extension for Rumford is complete and came in within budget. Also, the Commissioner noted that the trailer will have to meet the stretch building code. Councilor Lappin moved approval which passed unanimously.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#289-19 **Appropriate \$496,000 for a Vactor combination truck for sewer cleaning**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend four hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars (\$496,000) from the Sewer Fund Surplus to purchase a Vactor combination cleaner truck to be used by Public Works Department during sewer cleaning operations.

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

Note: Commissioner Jim McGonagle presented the request for \$496,000 for a Vactor combination truck. This truck is used by the Sewer and Stormwater Division and Utilities for cleaning catch basins and flushing sewer lines. The trucks are built to specifications and there is a 14-month lead time. The current truck is from 2008, and they should be replaced in the 10-12- year time frame. This truck and all of the following items requesting appropriations in this meeting was budgeted in the FY20 CIP. A Committee member referred to the Climate Action Plan stating that they would like to move all city vehicles to electric as soon as possible and asked if there is an electric option for this truck. The Commissioner explained that this size/type of truck are not electric yet but will be using clean diesel technology which is an improvement from the old truck. Public Works will move to electric vehicles when the technology becomes available. There are 2 Vactor trucks currently, one of which will be replaced with this one. The old one will be traded in. Councilor Kelley motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

#290-19 **Appropriate \$315,000 for a Vacuum Street Sweeper used for street cleaning**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred and fifteen thousand (\$315,000) from the Stormwater Management Fund Surplus to purchase a Vacuum Street Sweeper to be used by the Public Works Department for street cleaning operations.

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

Note: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle presented the request for \$315,000 from the Stormwater Management Fund Surplus to be used for a Vacuum Street Sweeper. The Commissioner explained that this will be different than the conventional street sweeper. It will allow for them to install permeable pavement in parking lots and other areas, which must be vacuumed. Also, the city will receive additional points toward the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) certificate. The Commissioner explained that he does not know what that will be worth yet, but they are valuing the vacuum sweeper at 3 times what the mechanical sweeper. Councilor Danberg motioned to approve the item which passed unanimously.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#293-19 **Appropriate \$150,280 for two trucks to be used by the Highway Department**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred fifty thousand two hundred and eighty dollars (\$150,280) from bonded indebtedness for the purchase of two Ford F550 4x4 trucks for the Department of Public Works for street and snow operations.

Action: Public Facilities Approved 7-0

Note: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle presented the request for \$150,280 from bonded indebtedness to replace one 2004 and one 2005 small dump truck. These dump trucks are to be used for snow plowing, salting and spraying brine. The old trucks were not capable of salting and spraying brine on the roads. A committee member asked if these would be diesel trucks. The Commissioner explained that this will be a gas truck which will be cleaner than the diesel truck. A committee member asked if this will be purchased through a state contract. The Commissioner noted these are usually purchased under state contract but if not, then it must be put out to bid. The Department of Public Works (DPW) does confirm it makes more financial sense to go through a state contract instead of bidding the project. A committee member asked if these would be pre-owned or new trucks. The Commissioner explained these will be new trucks. DPW does have a plan to update their fleet of trucks and the Committee will be receiving an update on Fleet Replacement Plan in the future. Councilor Kelley motioned to approve the item which passed unanimously.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#294-19 Appropriate \$739,059 for three 6-wheel trucks for the Highway Department

HER HONOR THE MAYOR is requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seven hundred thirty-nine thousand and fifty-nine dollars (\$739,059) from bonded indebtedness for the purchase of three 6-wheel trucks to be used by the Highway Department for street and snow operations.

Action: Public Facilities Approved 7-0

Note: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle presented the request for \$739,059 to replace three 6-wheel trucks to be used for construction and mainly for plow season. These trucks will be equipped with spreaders, plows and the new spreader technology. This technology allows the operator to control the amount of salt that is distributed. The new trucks will replace 2001, 2003 and 2004 trucks and the new trucks will have diesel engines. A committee member commented that there are parts of the city that are low salt areas and that these trucks will work well for that purpose. The Commissioner explained that the department is working towards having all trucks able to calibrate how much salt is being distributed in those areas. A committee member asked if they are using anything else besides salt to treat the roads. The Commissioner explained that brine will also be used. There will be tanks on the trucks for the brine and a hopper on them for the salt. A committee member asked what brine is and if they use magnesium chloride. The Commissioner explained that they are only using saltwater and will not be using magnesium chloride because it is corrosive. These trucks are under state contract and the city is getting a better price than if they went out to bid. Councilor Danberg motioned to approved and was passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Crossley, Chair



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September 3, 2019

City of Newton, MA
Ms. Nadia Kahn
Committee Clerk
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: 262 Beacon Street application set for the September 4th Public
Facilities Committee agenda.

Dear Ms. Kahn:

This letter shall serve as written notice that ExteNet Systems, Inc., is no longer pursuing its application to place wireless equipment on the utility pole located at 262 Beacon Street. Please remove this matter from the Public Facilities Committee agenda on September 4, 2019.

Thanking you in advance.

Sincerely,

Linda Rooney

Linda Rooney
Senior Counsel – Regulatory Affairs