



Public Facilities Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Albright, Brousal-Glaser, Gentile, Lappin, Danberg, Lennon.

Absent: Councilor Laredo

City staff present: Joshua Morse (Commissioner of Public Buildings)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#141-16

Appropriation from Free Cash for operation and maintenance of Aquinas

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the costs of operation and maintenance of the Aquinas facility for Fiscal Year 2016.
[04/11/16 @ 11:32 AM]

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 5-0. (Danberg, Lennon not voting)**

Note: Commissioner Morse presented a breakdown of funds (attached) to appropriate for the purpose of funding the costs of operation and maintenance of the Aquinas Facility. Commissioner Morse stated that the FY 2016 budget was set prior to the purchase of the Aquinas school, therefore; expenses (utilities, unexpected repairs) were not included for Aquinas. Commissioner Morse indicated that the Public Buildings Department has been absorbing the costs of these utilities and repairs with the expectation that the funds would be replenished based on a prior conversation with Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux. The funds requested will cover the anticipated costs of the utilities for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Morse noted that the size and condition of the appliances and systems in Aquinas had an impact on the high utility expenses. Commissioner Morse also indicated that there were some unforeseen repairs necessary to prevent damage to the building including the heating system, roof and one boiler. The addition of a new security system (VISCOR), lock changes and custodial services have been necessary while occupying Aquinas

Councilor Albright motioned for approval which the Committee voted 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Crossley, Chair

3/16/2016

Funds Spent

Aquinas Breakdown of Funds

Water	1,500.00
Roof Leaks	7,336.00
Utilities	65,190.00
Asbestos	19,640.00
Viscom	4,934.00
HVAC	37,000.00
Plumbing	2,600.00
Custodial	3,800.00
Additional	18,000.00

Current Request 160,000.00