



Public Facilities Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Thursday, April 28, 2016

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Lappin, Albright, Lennon, Danberg, Laredo.

Absent: Councilors Gentile, Brousal-Glaser.

Also Present: Councilors Fuller, Leary, Sangiolo.

City staff present: Jim McGonagle (Commissioner of Public Works), Lou Taverna (City Engineer), Shane Mark (Director of Operations), Brian Zaniboni (Director of Highway Services), Ted Jerdee (Director of Utilities), Rob Symanski (Finance Manager).

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#143-16 Funding to supplement DPW accounts for snow and ice removal

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR , requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred seventy six thousand one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$276,135) from Budget Reserve – Snow and Ice Removal Account and to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from Free Cash to the following accounts:

Personnel Costs – Overtime	
(0140110-513001).....	\$276,135
Rental Vehicles	
(0140110-5273-5273)	\$500,000
[04/11/16 @ 11:32 AM]	

Action: Public Facilities Approved 4-0 (Lennon, Laredo not voting)

Note: Commissioner of Public Works Jim McGonagle presented the request for funds to supplement the department’s snow and ice removal accounts. There were two unanticipated snow events in April. As a result, the City spent \$3,597,486 on snow and ice operations this season. Commissioner McGonagle confirmed that the magnesium chloride brine that was used this year worked well to combat ice bonding with the pavement and assist ice and snow removal. Commissioner McGonagle noted that the brine is more environmentally friendly. The Committee had questions about the cost effectiveness of using the brine. Commissioner McGonagle stated that he can get the salt/brine comparison figures for the Committee.

Councilor Lappin moved for approval which carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Crossley, Chair