

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014

Present: Ald. Crossley (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Gentile, Danberg, Laredo and Lappin; 1 vacancy

Also present: Ald. Ciccone, Rice, Blazar, and Fuller

City staff present: Lou Taverna (City Engineer), Ronald Mendes (Business Manager; Public Works Department), Josh Morse (Commissioner of Public Buildings), Maureen Lemieux (Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer), and David Wilkinson (Comptroller)

Chairman's Note: The Committee met jointly with the Finance Committee to discuss Docket Items #205-14, 206-14, 207-14, #203-14, #204-14, and #138-13(3). Please refer to the May 28, 2014 Finance Committee Report for the notes on those items

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#205-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to use up to one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000) in sewer operating reserve funds to implement the construction of the Project Area 2 portion of the sewer improvements as outlined in the Water/Sewer Strategic Plan. [05/12/14 @ 4:49 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 on 05/28/14

ACTION: APPROVED 7-

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#206-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to borrow up to one million two hundred sixty-two thousand dollars (\$1,262,800) from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and authorization to expend an MWRA grant of one million thirty-three thousand dollars (\$1,033,200) as part of the MWRA interest free loan/grant program for the purpose of funding construction of the Project Area 2 portion of the sewer improvements as outlined in the Water/Sewer Strategic Plan. 05/12/14 @ 4:49 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 on 05/28/14

ACTION: APPROVED 7-

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#207-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) within the Snow & Ice Control Accounts from Line Item 0140110, Account No. 513001 into Line Item 0140110, Account No. 5273 for the purpose of covering the final invoices for the 2013-2014 snow season. [05/12/14 @ 4:49 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 on 05/28/14

ACTION: APPROVED 7-

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#203-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the following year-end housekeeping items:

- A. Rescind the sum of \$90,000 voted under Board Order #109-12 for the repair of the windows at Fire Station #4 and appropriate \$50,000 from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the final solution
- B. Rescind the sum of \$1,000,000 voted under Board Order #255-13 for the Zervas Elementary School Feasibility Study and appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund/Override Sub Fund
- C. Rescind the sum of \$416,000 voted under Board Order #252-13 for the architectural design of Station 10/Wires Division and appropriate \$416,000 from the capital Stabilization Fund/Override Sub Fund. [05/12/14 @ 4:47 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 on 05/28/14

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#204-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$465,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of replacing a staircase at the Bigelow Middle School in accordance with the City's Capital Improvement Plan. [05/12/14 @ 4:48 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 on 05/28/14

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#138-13(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to reallocate the Carr Elementary School Renovation Project Budget to replenish funds for Mayor's Contingency Budget Line, as well as to cover the costs of various project related expenses as follows:

- \$40,000 from Electricity to Public Property Repair & Maintenance
- \$5,000 from Building Systems Commissioning to Mayor's Contingency
- \$5,120 from building System Commissioning to Consultants
- \$87,800 from Board of Aldermen Contingency to Mayor's Contingency [05/16/14 @10:08 AM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 on 05/28/14

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0 (Albright, Danberg not voting)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#141-14 CAROLINE WILSON, 39 Beethoven Avenue, Waban appointed to the Design Review Committee as the Community Representative for the Zervas Elementary School Project. (60 days 06/21/14) [04/01/14 @ 2:18 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0 (Danberg, Gentile, Lappin not voting)

NOTE: Caroline Wilson joined the Committee to discuss her appointment to the Design Review Committee as the community representative for the Zervas Elementary School project. Ms. Wilson is very involved in the Zervas School Community. She is currently involved in the Zervas School Council, and the PTO Council Executive Board. Ms. Wilson has also served on the Zervas Elementary School PTO and was the co-president and served as the Communications Chair. In addition she is a member of the Newton Girls Softball Board. Ms. Wilson is very interested in City government and community work. She is looking forward to representing the Zervas community with its varied opinions on the project throughout the Zervas Elementary School Project. The Committee members thanked Ms. Wilson for her willingness to serve the community in this capacity. Ald. Albright moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#161-14 **KENNETH WHITE**, 30 Murray Road, West Newton, appointed as a member of the **DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE** for term to expire on December 31, 2017. (60 days 07/04/14) [04/23/14 @ 4:09 PM]

ACTION: **HELD 4-0 (Danberg, Gentile, Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: Mr. White was unavailable to meet with the Committee; therefore, the Committee held his appointment for future discussion.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#162-14 **ERIC BOBBY**, 334 Auburndale Avenue, Auburndale, appointed as a member of the **SOLID WASTE COMMISSION** for a term to expire on April 30, 2017. (60 days 07/04/14) [04/23/14 @ 4:09 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 4-0 (Danberg, Gentile, Lappin not voting)**

NOTE: Eric Bobby joined the Committee for discussion of his appointment to the Solid Waste Commission. Mr. Bobby has a varied background in buildings, accounting and software. He currently is involved in energy software. He has always been interested in environmental sustainability types of issues. Mr. Bobby has spent time in the Newton Schools and with Green Decade trying to teach and develop environmental leaders for the future. The Solid Waste Commission was looking for new members and Mr. Bobby is a good fit for the Commission. He is excited to become involved with the Commission and feels his expertise can add value to the Commission's work.

The Committee thanked Mr. Bobby for his willingness to serve on the Solid Waste Commission. Ald. Lennon moved approval of the appointment, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Crossley, Chairman