

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2003

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chair), Gerst, Linsky, Salvucci, Stewart, Yates, Mansfield and Lappin

City personnel present: Sandy Pooler (Chief Budget Officer), Brian Connolly (Director of Administration, Public Works Department), Nick Parnell (Commissioner of Public Buildings), Jeffrey Young (Superintendent of Schools) and Anne Larner (Chair of School Committee)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#251-03 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting that the following transfer of funds from within the Public Works Department operating budget be made in order to correct a misestimate and allow the department to pay its outstanding contractor invoices:

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| FROM: Snow and Ice Overtime | |
| 0140110-5130..... | \$35,000 |
| TO: Rental Vehicles and Equipment | |
| 0140110-5273..... | \$35,000 |

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0 (Yates not voting)**

NOTE: Brian Connolly and Sandy Pooler were present for discussion of this item. The item is a request for a transfer between two snow and ice accounts. When the Public Works Department requested additional funds for the various snow and ice Accounts in February, the amounts needed in the two accounts were miscalculated. The transfer will allow the Public Works Department to pay the last of the contractor invoices. The Committee had no problems with the transfer and Ald. Lappin moved approval, which was voted unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#252-03 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting that the following transfer of funds from within the Public Works Department operating budget to be made in order to replace six plows that have been damaged or have worn out:

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| FROM: Snow and Ice Overtime | |
| 0140110-5130..... | \$29,000 |
| Snow Plow Damage | |
| 0140110 5783 | \$8,000 |
| Salt and Sand | |
| 0140110-5532..... | \$5,700 |
| Parts and Lube | |
| 0140110-5484..... | \$1,500 |
| TO: Construction Equipment | |
| 0140110-58502..... | \$44,200 |

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0 (Yates not voting)**

NOTE: Brian Connolly and Sandy Pooler were present for discussion of this item. This is a request to transfer funds from various snow and ice accounts to the construction equipment account for the purchase six new snowplows. It was decided to transfer the funds rather than turn the funds back to free cash and wait for free cash to be certified. Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the item, which was voted unanimously.

REFERRED TO PROG&SERV; PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#253-03 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting a RESOLUTION from the Board of Aldermen supporting the expenditure of up to \$100,000 from the proceeds of the bond authorization for Newton North High School to pay for professional services the School Committee will need to analyze the Newton North High School Task Force recommendation for renovating Newton North High School.

ACTION: **APPROVED 5-0-3 (Gerst, Linsky and Yates abstaining)**

NOTE: Nick Parnell, Sandy Pooler, Jeffrey Young and Anne Larner were present for discussion of this item. The funds are needed for the School Committee to study the High School Task Force recommendation for a \$84,000,000 addition to Newton North High School. The money will be used for professional services to evaluate the educational merits of the recommendation. The funds are within the scope of the original bond authorization and do not require a Board approval but the Mayor would like to give the Board an opportunity to express their opinions through a resolution.

The "Newton North High School Citizens' Task Force Executive Summary", which was received by the Board on May 30, 2003 includes a description of the recommended addition and renovations and the criteria used in making the recommendation. Several Committee members asked if the project would proceed without SBAB funds. The project is predicated on receiving the funding from the SBAB. Mr. Pooler explained that the SBAB is amenable to including the addition as part of the original request if the City can make a case that it is the best possible solution. The School Committee's study will provide this information to the SBAB. Ald. Salvucci asked if there are time constraints for getting the information to the SBAB. Mr. Pooler responded that there are no constraints but the study does need to move forward. Ald. Salvucci wanted some assurance that this will not be rushed. Mr. Pooler explained that there would be time for review during the entire process.

Ald. Linsky and Lappin asked who would be doing the study. Mr. Parnell responded that DRA, as the current architect would be doing the study, as they are familiar with all aspects of the project so far. If a new architect were to do the study, there would be an eight to ten week learning curve. Several Aldermen requested that Turner Construction provide oversight during the study.

Ald. Linsky felt that it was unnecessary for the Board to act on this item, therefore, he moved no action necessary. The motion failed to carry by a vote of two in favor (Linsky and Stewart), three opposed (Schnipper, Lappin and Salvucci) and 3 abstentions (Mansfield Yates and Gerst). Ald. Salvucci moved approval of the item with an amendment that the docket item language includes architectural services and oversight by the project management team. A vote was taken on the motion, which carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman