



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Present: Councilors Auchincloss (Chair), Malakie, Downs, Bowman and Markiewicz

Absent: Councilors Grossman, Ciccone and Lipof

Also Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Kelley, Danberg, Laredo, Crossley, Norton, Kalis and Gentile

City Staff: Assistant Chief, Michael Smith, Newton Fire Department; Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer; Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation, Planning & Development Department; Jason Sobel, Director of Transportation, Department Public Works and Shawna Sullivan, Chief of Staff, Department Public Works

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#87-20 Appropriate \$900,000 for Fire Rescue Full Time Salaries

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash to Acct# 0121022-511001 Fire Rescue Full Time Salaries.

Action: Public Safety & Transportation Approved 5-0

Note: Assistant Chief, Michael Smith, Newton Fire Department joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Assistant Chief Smith stated the City has negotiated a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 863 (Firefighters) through the end of this fiscal year, and a successor agreement covering the period FY2021 through FY2023. This funding is from the agreed contract retroactive to June 30, 2019. This appropriation will cover retroactive funds bringing the department from June 30, 2019 to today with full time salaries. If approved, Firefighters will be retroactively paid.

Without discussion, Councilor Downs made a motion to approve this appropriation. Council members agreed 5-0.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#81-20 Discussion on transportation priorities and public works

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE, PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND COUNCILOR LEARY requesting a discussion with the administration and school officials on transportation priorities and public works/streets/sidewalks etc.

Action: Public Safety & Transportation Held 5-0

Public Facilities Held 7-0, Councilor Kelley not voting

Note: The Committee met jointly with the Public Facilities Committee to discuss this item. Please refer to the Public Facilities Committee report dated January 22, 2020 for discussion on this item.

The Committee adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacob D. Auchincloss, Chair