



## **Public Safety & Transportation Committee Report**

### **City of Newton** **In City Council**

**Monday, August 12, 2019**

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Present: Councilors Ciccone (Chair), Auchincloss, Cote, Markiewicz, Grossman, Noel and Lipof

Absent: Councilor Downs

Finance Committee Present: Councilors Lappin (Vice-Chair), Norton, Rice, Ciccone, Cote, Grossman and Noel

Absent: Councilor Gentile (Chair)

City Staff: Chief Gino Lucchetti, Newton Fire Department

#### **Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees**

**#254-19**

##### **Appropriate \$800,000 for a new Fire Engine 2**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the purchase of a new Fire Engine 2 for the Fire Department and authorization to apply any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes to the costs of the project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount.

##### **Action:**

**Finance Approved 3-0**

**Public Safety Approved 7-0**

##### **Note:**

The Public Safety and Transportation and Finance Committees met jointly to discuss this item.

Chief Lucchetti joined the Committees for discussion on this item. Chief Lucchetti stated that this appropriation will allow the purchase of a new Fire Engine 2. Engine 2 is a 2007 vehicle, with approximately 100,000 miles and responds to an average of 2,100 calls a year.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard requires all in line apparatus to be replaced every ten to fifteen years depending on the wear and tear of the vehicle. There is a fourteen month lead time to purchase the vehicle. When the new vehicle is purchased and arrives, the current vehicle will be approximately 15 years old.

The older Engine 2 will become a spare in the fleet replacing a 30 year old vehicle allowing the department to have three spare vehicles within 20 years of age keeping the department within NFPA

standards. Within the past 10 years, the department has been trying to turn vehicles over every two years keeping within the NFPA standards.

A Committee member stated that at one time, the City was behind in purchasing new vehicles for the Fire Department. The Fire Department began a program on replacing vehicles within a proper time frame and as long as the City follows this plan, the City's Fire Department insurance rates will continue to stay low.

A Committee member asked where did this appropriation fall on the CIP list? Chief Lucchetti answered number 52 on the CIP list, and stated that he is very pleased to have this opportunity in requesting this appropriation to purchase a new Fire Engine 2.

Without further discussion, in the Public Safety & Transportation Committee, Councilor Lipof made the motion to approve this appropriation. Council members agreed 7-0.

In the Finance Committee, Councilor Grossman made the motion to approve this appropriation. Council members agreed 3-0.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chair**