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Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, November 23, 2020

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Item scheduled for discussions:

#455-20 **Authorization to expend a Massachusetts Sustainable Materials Recovery Grant**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a sixty-eight thousand dollar (\$68,000) Recycling Dividends Program Grant from the Massachusetts Sustainable Materials Recovery Program.

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

#420-20 **CPC Recommendation to change the purpose of Homebuyer Assistance funding**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending a change in the purpose of the remaining seven hundred sixty two thousand, seven hundred and twenty two dollars and ninety cents (\$762,722.90) from the Newton Homebuyer Assistance Program for the creation of new affordable homebuyer units to the preservation of existing homebuyer units.

Zoning & Planning Committee Approved 7-0-1 (Councilor Albright abstaining) on 11/09/20

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

#437-20 **CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$77,900 in CPA funding**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of seventy-seven thousand nine hundred dollars (\$77,900) in Community Preservation Act funding for the Newton Housing Authority to construct the Haywood House Senior Affordable Housing Development on Jackson Road.

Zoning & Planning Committee Approved 8-0 on 11/09/20

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#395-20 Request for updates on budget and possible reimbursements at Newton Public Schools
The President of the Council, on behalf of the City Council, requesting updates to the Finance Committee from the Chief Financial Officer regarding budget expenditures and possible reimbursements related to school reopening at each meeting this fall.

Finance Held 5-0 on 10/14/20

Finance Held 6-0 on 11/09/20

#456-20 Authorization to expend a Mass Dept of Public Health COVID-19 Grant
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in additional grant funding from the Mass Dept of Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Grant in order to support additional compensation in the form of overtime, additional personnel resources, and the purchase of emergency supplies necessary to help the City of Newton respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#457-20 Authorization to expend a Massachusetts Department of Public Health Grant
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a seven thousand four hundred seventy-five and twenty-nine cent (\$7,475.29) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences, Immunization Division for local health departments to support influenza vaccine activities for the coming influenza season.

Chair's Note: *Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux will provide an update on the expenditure of funds for COVID-19 as related to item #239-20.*

Chair's Note: *Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux will provide an update regarding the "I-Cubed" program as it relates to the Chestnut Hill Square development.*

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair