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Programs & Services Committee

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City of Newton

In City Council

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

7:00 PM

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Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: *The Committee will meet jointly with the Finance Committee to discuss the following two items.*

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#421-20

Transfer \$400,000 to the Forestry Division of Parks, Recreation & Culture

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from Acct #0110498-579400- Reserve for Snow & Ice Removal to the Forestry Division of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department to cover the costs of the three wind events that have occurred thus far in this fiscal year.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#49-20(2)

Requesting establishment of a fee for the registration of leaf blower contractors

Programs and Services Committee requesting an appropriate fee be set for registration of leaf blower contractors pursuant to possible revisions in the Noise provisions of Newton Ordinances, Chapter 20, relating to leaf blowers, to provide for registration of leaf blower contractors and their certification of understanding and intention to comply with the provisions of the Noise ordinance, contained in possible revisions to Chapter 20, prepared by the Newton Law Department to improve compliance with existing standards for leaf blower operation.

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#49-20 Request for update on leaf blower ordinance compliance
COUNCILORS BAKER, LEARY, RYAN, AND HUMPHREY requesting update from the Executive Department on compliance with Newton's leaf blower ordinance and discussion of possible revisions to the ordinance's enforcement provisions to improve compliance.
Programs and Services Held 8-0 on 10/07/2020

#397-20 Request for updates related to public health in the Newton Public Schools
The President of the Council, on behalf of the City Council, requesting an update on Public Health issues related to school operations and reopening at every school level to the Programs and Services Committee at the second meeting of October and November.

#390-20 Request for discussion on athletic field rental fees
COUNCILORS LEARY, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, DANBERG, KALIS, KELLEY, KRINTZMAN, LAREDO, MARKIEWICZ, NOEL, WRIGHT, AND RYAN requesting a discussion with Parks and Recreation and the Mayor's Office regarding fees charged for the rental of Newton's public athletic fields. This review should include an overview of the current fee structure, revenue generated, use of funds collected, non-resident rentals and benchmarks to surrounding communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josh Krintzman, Chair