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Special Meeting
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The Council will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time:

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Councilors:

In accordance with Section 2-6(c) of the Newton City Charter, I hereby call for a SPECIAL MEETING of the City Council to convene on THURSDAY, August 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm and vote on the following matter, which will be taken up in a Committee of the Whole at the start of the meeting.

Items scheduled for discussion:

Referred to Committee of the Whole

#335-20

Authorize \$2,808,500 for the classroom addition at Oak Hill Middle School

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two million eight hundred eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,808,500) and authorize general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the classroom additions at the Oak Hill Middle School, 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.

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EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

WHEREAS: It is the opinion of Her Honor the Mayor that the following measure falls within the scope of Section 2-9(b) of the Charter of the City of Newton entitled "EMERGENCY MEASURES" due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the expectation that social distancing will still be a healthy practice into the 2021/2022 school year; and

WHEREAS: Due to the large number of incoming students currently in 5th grade and the need to safely accommodate students and avoid overcrowding; and

WHEREAS: These funds will provide the Public Buildings and School Departments the ability to rapidly move forward with this critical project essential for the health and safety of Oak Hill staff and students in the Fall of 2021 mitigating the need for a less than optimal educational model and subsequent disruptive move after the classrooms are ready.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED: That this appropriation is an EMERGENCY MEASURE and is so declared as defined in this PREAMBLE and therefore shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Albright, President