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Items scheduled for discussion:

Referred to Committee of the Whole

#250-20 Approval of \$2.5 million dollars for Emergency Housing Relief

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the approval of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in CPA funding for the purpose of addressing the emergency housing needs of Newton's low and moderate income citizens through a COVID-19 Emergency Housing Relief Program. In addition, the City will be allocating five hundred thousand (\$500,000) in CDBG funding from the federal CARES Act to emergency housing needs.

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EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

WHEREAS: It is the opinion of the City Council that the following measure falls within the scope of Section 2-9(b) of the Charter of the City of Newton entitled "EMERGENCY MEASURES", and

WHEREAS: Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Governor's Emergency declaration, some low to moderate income residents of Newton have been unable to earn a living and pay their rent, placing them in danger of being displaced; and

WHEREAS: These funds will provide short-term rental and mortgage payment assistance to Newton households who have been negatively impacted by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the immediate approval of this money is critical to assist with timely distribution of funds to those in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED: That the following 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

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