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Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton
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Monday, March 23, 2020

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time:

<https://zoom.us/j/698611335>

Items scheduled for discussion:

- #192-20 Authorization to expend a Massachusetts Clean Energy Center grant of \$8,500**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend an eight thousand and five hundred dollars (\$8,500) grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) for marketing and technical advice for a “Heat Smart” program.
- #193-20 Authorization to expend MassDOT Workforce Transportation grant of \$250,000**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a two hundred and fifty thousand-dollar (\$250,000) MassDot Workforce Transportation grant for a new technology-enabled ride share shuttle for Newton’s thriving Wells Avenue innovation district and the new UMass Amherst Mount Ida campus.
- #194-20 Authorization to expend Executive Office of Elder Affairs grant of \$15,000**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a fifteen-thousand-dollar (\$15,000) grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to provide financial assistance for qualified seniors in the City of Newton to receive the services of Newton at Home Inc.
- Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**
- #198-20 Appropriate \$7,000,000 for Water Main Improvements in FY2021**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the estimated design and construction costs associated with Water Main Improvements in FY2021 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

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project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

#165-20

Requesting CPA funding be awarded to the Newton Housing Authority

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting that one million one hundred and five thousand (\$1,105,000) in CPA funding for the support of Community Housing be awarded to the Newton Housing Authority for the acquisition of the CAN-DO Housing Portfolio.

Land Use Approved 7-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#196-20

Transfer of \$60,000 for HVAC system at Police Headquarters

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve to a non-lapsing Public Buildings Department account for the evaluation and recommendations for the upgrade of the Police Headquarters HVAC System.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#197-20

Transfer of \$500,000 for improvements at Horace Mann at 225 Nevada Street

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of providing interior and exterior improvements at the Horace Mann School at 225 Nevada Street.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#199-20

Transfer of \$250,000 to prepared for COVID-19

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash to Acct #0121030-543500 Emergency Operations-Supplies account for the purpose of being prepared to act, should the need arise.

Programs & Services Approved 8-0

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#200-20

Accept \$270,000 of lighting equipment for Winkler Stadium Field

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept \$270,000 of lighting equipment as well as authorization to accept more funds to be expended on the installation of a field light system for the Newton South High School Winkler Stadium Field which is on Newton Parks and Recreation property. The funds are being donated by the Newton South High School Booster Club.

Public Facilities Approved 6-0-1 (Councilor Kalis abstaining and Councilor Gentile recused)

Programs & Services Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#201-20

Transfer of \$650,000 for the purpose of reimbursing Newton Public Schools

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash to the Newton Public Schools for the purpose of reimbursing Newton Public Schools for one-time costs associated with several projects that were necessary to accomplish the move of the Horace Mann Elementary School community to the former Carr School on Nevada Street.

Public Facilities Approved 6-0-2 (Councilors Laredo and Gentile abstaining)

#195-20

Approve settlement of \$62,500 for Workers' Compensation Claim

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to approve the settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim #003554 in the amount of sixty-two thousand five hundred thousand dollars (\$62,500). The funds will be appropriated from Acct# 67A109A-515201-Municipal Workers' Compensation.

Note: A motion for Executive Session may be entertained

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair