



Finance Committee Special Meeting Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, July 13, 2020

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time:

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Item scheduled for discussion:

#297-20

Authorization to expend a Massachusetts Department of Public Health Grant

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a twenty-five thousand-dollar (\$25,000) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to support tobacco control.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#277-20

Discussion on the use of parking kiosks in municipal lots

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting a discussion on the use of parking payment kiosks in municipal lots as required by condition 1 of Council Order #446-19.

Finance Held 6-0 on 06/15/2020

Public Facilities Held 8-0 on 06/17/2020

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Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#295-20

Request for an amendment to the Newton dog ordinances

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, BAKER, KALIS, MALAKIE, MARKIEWICZ, DOWNS, NORTON, AND HUMPHREY requesting amendment of the relevant Newton ordinances relating to care and custody of dogs in public spaces, including licensing, leashing, paying for off-leash privileges in certain parks, and cleaning up, so as to allow staff involved in the supervision of Newton's parks and conservation areas to enforce those ordinances or regulations, including issuing non-criminal citations pursuant to G.L. c. 40, Sec. 21D, in addition to the enforcement provided by the Newton police.

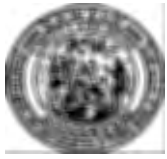
Programs and Services divided the item to create #295-20(A) to revise the ordinance language to extend off-leash enforcement to the Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture, or their designee.

Programs & Services Approved #295-20(A) 7-0

Programs & Services Held #295-20(B) 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair



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June 16, 2020

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Councilors:

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I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of \$25,000 in grant funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to support tobacco control. The HHS department will be working in collaboration with the Wellesley Health Department to enforce tobacco and nicotine related laws and provide retailer education.

The timeline for this award begins immediately and runs through FY 22. The department applied for these funds prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program staff has assured Newton HHS that it is flexible on deadlines and deliverables tied to the award as a results of this pandemic, and put this flexibility in writing (see email from Jackie Doane, April 21, 2020.)

The department will hire a contractor to work in the field to conduct tobacco/nicotine inspections, to oversee youth compliance checks ("stings" where a minor attempts to buy products), and conduct retailer education about new laws, among other activities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

City of Newton



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Transportation Division

110 Crafts Street
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Ruthanne Fuller

Mayor

To: James McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works

From: Jason S. Sobel, P.E., PTOE, Director of Transportation Operations

Subject: Municipal Parking Lots – Parking Kiosk cost comparison

Date: June 16, 2020

At the December 4, 2019 Public Facilities Committee meeting, several City Councilors raised questions about the planned installation of multi-space parking meters (aka parking kiosks) at the remaining metered municipal parking lots.

Parking kiosks are currently installed in the following five municipal parking lots:

- Lexington Street lot
- Pleasant Street lot
- Pelham Street lot
- Cypress Street lot
- Austin Street lot

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has plans to replace the old individual parking meters with parking kiosks in the following five municipal parking lots:

- Langley Street lot
- Hartford Street lot
- Richardson Street lot
- Cherry Street lot
- Pearl Street lot

The only metered municipal parking lot in which individual parking meters would remain is the Waltham Street lot, due to its small size and lack of a good location to physically place a parking kiosk.

DPW prefers replacing individual parking meters with parking kiosks, primarily for more efficient regular maintenance, and more efficient collection. Parking kiosks result in far less physical equipment installed, and significantly reduces on-going maintenance costs and labor effort to keep the parking infrastructure in a state of good repair. From a parking meter collection perspective, it is also far more efficient for the parking meter crew to collect coin payments at a central location, rather than collecting coin payments from individual parking meters.

Lastly, the purchase and installation of individual parking meters is significantly more than the purchase and installation of parking kiosks. If new individual parking meters are installed at the five lo municipal parking lots where parking kiosks are currently planned, the additional costs would be approximately \$350,000. Similarly, if individual parking meters were installed at the municipal parking lots that already have kiosks, the additional cost would be approximately \$300,000 (note that this excludes the Austin Street lot. Due to the underground private parking and the concrete slab deck, individual parking meters are not possible at the Austin Street lot.). The costs for parking kiosks in the remaining municipal parking lots were included in the budget in \$1.5 million approved by City Council in December 2019 (Item #446-19). However, if individual parking meters are desired, the additional costs noted here were not previously included in the estimated budget.

City of Newton Municipal Parking lots

Multi-Space Parking Meter (Kiosk) vs. Individual Parking Meters - Cost Comparison

June 16, 2020

Municipal Parking lots with individual parking meters, proposed to be replaced with parking kiosks	Number of metered parking spaces	Number of parking kiosks needed	Parking kiosk unit cost	Cost for parking kiosk installation	Individual Parking meter cost	Cost for individual parking meter installation	Additional cost for individual parking meters
Pearl Street lot	69	2	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$1,200	\$82,800	\$62,800
Langley Street lot	148	6	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$1,200	\$177,600	\$117,600
Hartford Street lot	55	1	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$1,200	\$66,000	\$56,000
Richardson Street lot	59	2	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$1,200	\$70,800	\$50,800
Cherry Street lot	66	2	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$1,200	\$79,200	\$59,200
Total	397	13		\$130,000		\$476,400	\$346,400

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e) DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE:

The commissioner of parks, recreation and culture or designee shall be authorized to issue written notice of the following violations:

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Sec. 3-30. Dogs Off-Leash Program

() Any offense \$50.00