



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

6:30 PM – NOTE early start time

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 6:30 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84291645410> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 842 9164 5410

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: The Programs & Services Committee will join the Public Safety & Transportation Committee to discuss the following item.

Chair's Note: Senator Creem will join the Committee for an overview of the State Police Reform package, passed in 2020.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#53-21 **Appropriate \$139,254 for the purchase of a used ladder truck**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-nine thousand two hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$139,254) from Acct # 7608E210-585030 to a Capital Account for the purpose of purchasing a used ladder truck that will be used as a spare.

Chair's Note: The Programs & Services Committee will join, and members of the Public Facilities Committee may join the Public Safety & Transportation Committee to discuss the following item.

Chair's Note: The Newton Police Reform Task Force will report on their findings and recommendations.

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Respectfully submitted,

Andreae Downs, Chair



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January 25, 2021

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Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of \$139,254 from Acct # 7608E210-585030 to a Capital Account for the purpose of purchasing a used ladder truck that we will use as a spare.

As you will see from Chief Lucchetti's letter, our other spares are no longer operational, and we cannot continue to "borrow" spares from other communities. Fortunately, we were able to outfit our most recent ladder truck, and have funds remaining from the original appropriation.

We will be happy to discuss this item at the Council's respective committees. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor



Gino Lucchetti
Chief

***CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS***

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Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

January 5, 2021

Maureen Lemieux
Chief Financial Officer
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Maureen,

The Fire Department respectfully requests permission to utilize funding remaining from the appropriation allotted for the purchase of Ladder Truck #2. After purchasing and outfitting with equipment there is a balance of \$139,254.11 remaining in account 7608E210-585030.

We would like to purchase with the remaining funds a used spare ladder truck. Our 2 spare trucks, Tower Ladder 5 (2007) and Ladder 4 (1995) are no longer in service due to mechanical issues which are too costly to repair and have safety issues. We have been borrowing ladder trucks (when available) from Boston Fire and Waltham Fire. This is not in the best interest of the Newton Fire Department when we are in need of repair or regular service.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gino Lucchetti".

Gino Lucchetti
Chief of Department