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Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, APRIL 7, 2021

7:00 PM

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89236342764> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: **892 3634 2764**

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

#107-21 **Resolution for the Council to send to General Court the matter of MBTA service cuts**
COUNCILOR DOWNS, LIPOF, HUMPHREY, KALIS, KELLEY, BOWMAN, KRINTZMAN, DANBERG, NOEL AND RYAN submitting a resolution for the Council to send to the General Court on the matter of MBTA service cuts.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#119-21 **Acceptance of grants funds from MassDOT's Shared Winter Streets and Spaces**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-two cents (\$199,919.92) in grant funding from MassDOT's Shared Winter Streets and Spaces grant to purchase and install four Blue Bikes Stations with bicycles.

It is the Chair's intention to entertain a motion to vote No Action Necessary on the following four (4) items:

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#296-20 **Discussion regarding MGL Chapter 150E**
COUNCILORS NORTON, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, DOWNS, KRINTZMAN, LEARY, LIPOF, MARKIEWICZ, NOEL, WRIGHT and KALIS requesting a discussion regarding MGL Chapter 150E and the limitations it places on the City of Newton to unilaterally make changes to the Newton Police Department functions without having to negotiate them with the police unions.

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- #280-20** **Discussion with Police regarding department policies**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, DOWNS, GREENBERG, LEARY, KELLEY, WRIGHT, KALIS, HUMPHREY, MALAKIE, GROSSMAN, DANBERG, NOEL, LIPOF requesting a discussion with Chief MacDonald and appropriate members of the Police Department regarding policies and procedures around the use of force and measures to combat racism. One possible outcome to augment departmental community policing might be a citizens' oversight body that reflects the demographics and values of Newton.
Public Safety & Transportation Held 8-0 on 06/17/20
- #279-20** **Resolution on Newton Police Policy and Training**
COUNCILORS NOEL, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, NORTON, DOWNS, LEARY, LIPOF, WRIGHT, KALIS, KRINTZMAN, HUMPHREY, CROSSLEY, GROSSMAN, GREENBERG, RYAN, DANBERG, AUCHINCLOSS AND MARKIEWICZ submit a resolution to ensure Newton Police policy and training reflects the values and commitment of our community, reducing police violence, facilitating citizens' First Amendment Right to peacefully protest, and actively engaging in non-biased community policing.
Public Safety & Transportation Held 8-0 on 06/17/20
- #275-20** **Discussion with the Police and Human Resources about Newton practices**
COUNCILORS NORTON, DOWNS, GROSSMAN, LAREDO, MALAKIE, AUCHINCLOSS, NOEL AND BOWMAN requesting a discussion with the Newton Police Chief and Human Resources Director about Newton practices regarding recruitment, screening, training, advancement, and removal of police officers, including plans to increase the number of black and minority officers.
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Respectfully submitted,

Andreae Downs, Chair