



## Finance Committee Agenda

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### Item scheduled for discussions:

**#98-21** **Resolution in Support of HD.144 which authorizes 5% charge for streaming providers**  
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT AND VICE PRESIDENT LIPOF requesting Council support for a resolution to the Massachusetts legislature for HD 1440 which will help cable providers survive through the trending movement away from cable providers to streaming video providers. The streaming video providers use the same public way as cable providers but do not pay for it. This act will authorize a 5% charge for the use of the public way. Through HD.1440 the Commonwealth will join a majority of states which now authorize such payments.

#### Referred to the Public Facilities and Finance Committees

**#121-21** **Transfer \$146,257 from the Cabot Elementary School Owner's Contingency budget**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred forty-six thousand two hundred and fifty-seven dollars (\$146,257) from the Cabot Elementary School Owner's Contingency budget to the Architect & Consultants budget so that the additional design services costs can be reviewed for eligibility by the MSBA.  
**Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 04/07/21**

#### 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.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0 on 04/07/21**

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**Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees**

- #458-20** **CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$1,433,000 in CPA funding for Grace Church**  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of one million four hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars (\$1,433,000) in Community Preservation Act historic resource funding to the Grace Episcopal Church Tower Restoration project for the stabilization and preservation of the historically significant ca. 1872 conical stone spire, tower and belfry.  
**City Council Approved on 03/01/2021 17 Yeas 5 Nays (Councilors Crossley, Humphrey, Noel, Ryan and Albright), 2 Vacancies**  
**Mayor Veto Council Order #458-20 on 03/08/21**  
**City Council recommitted item #458-20 to the Finance Committee on 04/05/21**

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

- #49-20(2)** **Requesting establishment of a fee for the registration of leaf blower contractors**  
Programs and Services Committee requesting an appropriate fee be set for registration of leaf blower contractors pursuant to possible revisions in the Noise provisions of Newton Ordinances, Chapter 20, relating to leaf blowers, to provide for registration of leaf blower contractors and their certification of understanding and intention to comply with the provisions of the Noise ordinance, contained in possible revisions to Chapter 20, prepared by the Newton Law Department to improve compliance with existing standards for leaf blower operation.  
**Finance Held 5-0 (Councilor Kalis not voting)**  
**Programs & Services Approved with effective date of 09/06/21 7-0-1 (Councilor Albright abstaining) on 04/07/21**

- #115-21** **Acceptance of grant funds from COVID-19 pandemic response grant program**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend federal COVID-19 pandemic response grant program funds, including from the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

- #395-20** **Request for updates on budget and possible reimbursements at Newton Public Schools**  
The President of the Council, on behalf of the City Council, requesting updates to the Finance Committee from the Chief Financial Officer regarding budget expenditures and possible reimbursements related to school reopening at each meeting this fall.  
**Finance Held on 03/22/21**

- #114-21** **Discussion on Covid-19 expenditures**  
FINANCE COMMITTEE requesting updates from the Chief Financial Officer on the expenditure of funds for Covid-19.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair