



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

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Monday, May 10, 2021

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Item scheduled for discussions:

#169-21 **Appropriate \$200,000 from the CATV Capital Receipts**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the CATV Capital Receipts for the purpose of funding enhancements to the Council Chambers and Conference Rooms 204, 205 and 211 at City Hall as well as the Education Center School Committee room.

#161-21 **Appointment of Lucia Panichella to the Horace Cousens Industrial Fund**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing LUCIA PANICHELLA, 53 Anthony Circle, Newton, as a trustee of the Horace Cousens Industrial Fund for a term to expire on June 1, 2024. (60 days: 07/02/2021)

#162-21 **Acceptance of \$133,380 from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand three hundred and eighty dollars (\$133,380) in grant funding from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development's Reginal Pilot Project grant to implement a program to activate 5-8 vacant storefronts.

Referred to Public Facilities & Finance Committees

#167-21 **Appropriate \$2.5 million for the Transportation Network Improvement Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the authorization to appropriate and expend two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to supplement funding for the Transportation Network Improvement Plan.
Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 05/05/21

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Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#166-21

CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$60,000 in CPA funding for the Gath Pool

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) in Community Preservation Act Recreation funds to the control of the Planning & Development for the hiring of a consultant to work with the Public Building and parks, Recreation and Culture Departments to complete a conditions assessment and feasibility study on the Gath Memorial Pool Complex.

Programs & Services Approved as Amended from the FY21 Current Year Budgeted Reserve Account 8-0 on 05/05/21

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) on 10/28/2020

Programs & Services Approved with effective date of 09/06/2021 7-0-1 (Councilor Albright abstaining)

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#163-21

Request for an increase to off-leash dog fines

COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN AND ALBRIGHT requesting an increase to the fine for failure to leash a dog under section 3-26 and the off leash dog program under section 3-30, as well as implementing a separate penalty for a second and third offense of the same ordinance.

Programs & Services Approved 8-0 on 05/05/21

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#164-21

Request for an increase to dog license fees

COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN AND ALBRIGHT requesting an increase in the canine registration fee to help support pet waste disposal efforts across the city.

Programs & Services Approved 7-1 (Councilor Ryan opposed) on 05/05/21

#168-21

Appropriate \$1,000,000 for the Rainy Day Stabilization Account

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2020 Certified Free Cash to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund for the purpose of bringing the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund to slightly over \$23.1 million or 5% of the Mayor's Proposed FY22 General Fund Operating Budget.

#114-21 Discussion on Covid-19 expenditures

FINANCE COMMITTEE requesting updates from the Chief Financial Officer on the expenditure of funds for Covid-19.

Finance Held 6-0 (Councilors Norton and Noel not voting) on 04/26/21

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair