



# Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

## City of Newton In City Council

### Budget Meeting

Thursday, May 27, 2021

7:00 PM

The Public Safety & Transportation Committee will hold this meeting as a webinar meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88497275542> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 884 9727 5542

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #187-21**      **Requesting an amendment of City Ordinance Section 10-38**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an amendment of City Ordinance Section 10-38. Companies and apparatus leaving city; authorization to aid other municipalities.

*Please Note:* Budget materials can be found on the City's website at the following link:  
<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/comptroller/budget>

#### Fire Department Budget and CIP

##### Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

- #1-21**      **Submittal of the FY 2022 to FY 2026 Capital Improvement Plan**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2022 to 2026 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.

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**Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees**

**#1-21(2) Submittal of the FY 2022 – FY 2026 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY 2022 – FY 2026 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan.

**#1-21(3) Submittal of the FY 2022 Municipal/School Operating Budget**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter the FY22 Municipal/School Operating Budget, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY22-FY26 Capital Improvement Program.  
**EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 05/12/21; LAST DATE TO PASS THE BUDGET 06/25/2021**

All other items before the Committee will be held without discussion.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Andreae Downs, Chair**



Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

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#187-21

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May 7, 2021

Honorable City Council  
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1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting an amendment of City Ordinance Section 10-38, Companies and apparatus leaving city; authorization to aid other municipalities.

The Newton Fire Department is part of the METROFIRE Association of 35 metropolitan Boston fire departments that provides coordination of mutual aid response which improves the effectiveness of fire services. This mutual aid system allows the community in need to have additional firefighters, apparatus and tools to help in emergency situations and save lives. Newton has benefited numerous times through its participation in this mutual aid agreement, most recently on May 6 on Winchester Street when the Waltham Fire Department sent specialized equipment for collapsed structures to aid Newton Fire Department during a rescue and then recovery operation.

As highlighted in Chief Lucchetti's attached memo, the ordinance regarding fire companies and apparatus leaving the city needs to be amended to allow our continued close relationship with METROFIRE. The amendment authorizes the Newton Fire Department to go to the aid of other municipalities, and allows the City's Fire Chief the authority to allow the Fire Department to leave the city to provide aid for a fire or other emergency situation. In addition, the amendment updates the ordinance language to conform with the language of the State enabling statute, MGL c. 48, Sec. 59A.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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Gino Lucchetti  
Chief

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FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

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Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

March 31, 2021

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

Maureen,

I respectfully request to amend City Ordinance Section 10-38, Companies and Apparatus leaving the City.

The Newton Fire Department along with 35 other cities and towns make up a community referenced as Metrofire for mutual aid assistance. Mutual aid communities assist one another with emergency situations when requested by the community in need. This may be in the form of fires, details, rescues etc. Mutual Aid assistance allows the City or Town in need to have additional manpower, apparatus, and tools to help with the current emergency at hand and saves lives.

Amending the Ordinance on file, will allow the Fire Department to continue to send our apparatus and Firefighters to work with other Metrofire communities in assisting with their emergency. In turn, other mutual aid companies when requested will respond to Newton to assist with our emergency. By helping one another the bond grows strong.

Thank you for your consideration to this request.

Respectfully,

Gino Lucchetti  
Chief of Department

**May 2021 Draft Revision****Sec.10-38. Companies and apparatus leaving city; authorization to aid other municipalities.**

By order of the fire chief, the fire department, including any ambulance or EMS component, is authorized to go to aid another city, town, fire district or area under federal jurisdiction in this commonwealth, or in any adjoining state, in extinguishing fires, or in rendering other emergency aid or in performing any detail as ordered by the head of the fire department receiving such aid, provided that no apparatus shall be taken from the city, except to a fire or to render other emergency aid, without permission of the mayor. While in the performance of their duties extending such aid, members of the fire department shall have the same immunities and privileges as if performing such duties within Newton.

(Rev. Ords. 1973, § 6-33) State law reference—Authority to aid other municipalities, G.L. c. 48, § 59