



City Council Actions

In City Council

Monday, April 6, 2020

Present: Councilors Auchincloss, Baker, Bowman, Ciccone, Crossley, Danberg, Downs, Gentile, Greenberg, Grossman, Humphrey, Kalis, Kelley, Krintzman, Laredo, Leary, Lipof, Malakie, Markiewicz Noel, Norton, Ryan, Wright & Albright

The City Council discussed the following item on Second Call:

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

#165-20

Requesting CPA funding be awarded to the Newton Housing Authority

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting that one million one hundred and five thousand (\$1,105,000) in CPA funding for the support of Community Housing be awarded to the Newton Housing Authority for the acquisition of the CAN-DO Housing Portfolio.

Land Use Approved 7-0 on 03/10/2020

Finance Approved Subject to Second Call 4-0-1 (Councilor Malakie abstaining and Councilor Noel recused)

Motion to add the following text to the Council Order was approved by Voice Vote:

The Newton Housing Authority shall make every effort that units not currently on the Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) including those at 61 Pearl Street, 54 Eddy Street and 2148 Commonwealth Avenue, will be brought into compliance with Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) regulations and added to the SHI as soon as possible, and that all units continue to meet DHCD requirements for inclusion on the SHI going forward.

Motion to Approve as Amended 23 Yeas, 1 Recused (Councilor Noel)

Clerks Note:

The City Council voted without discussion 24 Yeas to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following items:

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

- #104-20 Appointment of Julie Winsett to the Urban Tree Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Julie Winsett, 33 Alexander Road, Newton Highlands, as a member of the URBAN TREE COMMISSION for a term to expire on March 1, 2023. (60 days: 04/03/20)
Programs and Services Approved 8-0
- #123-20 Appointment of Murali Vemula to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Murali Vemula, 59 E Quinobequin Road, Waban, as a member of the HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL for a term to expire on January 1, 2023. (60 days: 04/18/20)
Programs and Services Approved 8-0
- #154-20 Appointment of Silka Rothschild to the Newton Community Education Commission**
COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting the appointment of Silka Rothschild, 46 Alderwood Road, Newton, as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. (60 days: 05/01/20)
Programs and Services Approved 8-0
- #155-20 Appointment of John R. Oliver to the Newton Community Education Commission**
COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting the appointment of John R. Oliver, 14 Wyoming Road, Newton, as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on December 31, 2021. (60 days: 05/01/20)
Programs and Services Approved 8-0
- Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**
- #199-20 Transfer of \$250,000 to prepared for COVID-19**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash to Acct #0121030-543500 Emergency Operations-Supplies account for the purpose of being prepared to act, should the need arise.
Finance Approved 6-0 on 03/23/2020
Programs & Services Approved 8-0
- Referred to Public Facilities Committee**
Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- #159-20 Eversource Energy petition for a Grant of Location on Harvard Street**
EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate one pole (JO Pole #1515/2) to the southerly side of Farquhar Road in front of #20 Harvard Street (Ward 2).
Public Facilities Approved 8-0
- #188-20 Eversource Energy petition for a Grant of Location on Duffield Road**
EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate one pole (JO Pole

#125/4) approximately 30' south of the existing pole location in front of #34 Duffield Road (Ward 4).

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

#189-20 Verizon petition for a Grant of Location on Washington Street

VERIZON petitioning for a grant of location to install approximately 250' of 4" conduit in a westerly direction from existing manhole 16/314A to a proposed hand hole between building 721-719 Washington Street (Ward 2). This is needed for Newton's Network Transformation Project.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

#190-20 Verizon petition for a Grant of Location on Washington Street

VERIZON petitioning for a grant of location to install approximately 160' of 4" conduit in a westerly direction from existing manhole 16/211 to the alley of the Post Office at 897 Washington Street to provide FIOS (Ward 2). This is needed for Newton's Network Transformation Project

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

#191-20 Verizon petition for a Grant of Location on Washington Street

VERIZON petitioning for a grant of location to install approximately 40' of 4" conduit from existing manhole 211 in a southeasterly direction to existing pole 94 located in the sidewalk on the southerly side of Washington Street (Ward 2).

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#196-20 Transfer of \$60,000 for HVAC system at Police Headquarters

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve to a non-lapsing Public Buildings Department account for the evaluation and recommendations for the upgrade of the Police Headquarters HVAC System.

Finance Approved 6-0 on 03/23/2020

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#201-20 Transfer of \$650,000 for the purpose of reimbursing Newton Public Schools

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash to the Newton Public Schools for the purpose of reimbursing Newton Public Schools for one-time costs associated with several projects that were necessary to accomplish the move of the Horace Mann Elementary School community to the former Carr School on Nevada Street.

Finance Approved 6-0 on 03/23/2020

Public Facilities Approved 6-0-2 (Councilors Laredo and Gentile abstaining)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#198-20

Appropriate \$7,000,000 for Water Main Improvements in FY2021

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the estimated design and construction costs associated with Water Main Improvements in FY2021 and authorization to apply any premium received upon the sale of the bonds or notes, less the cost of preparing, issuing, and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of the bonds or notes to the costs of the project and to reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed for the project by like amount.

Finance Approved 6-0 on 03/23/2020**Public Facilities Approved 8-0****Referred to Finance Committee**

Monday, March 23, 2020

#192-20

Authorization to expend a Massachusetts Clean Energy Center grant of \$8,500

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend an eight thousand and five hundred dollars (\$8,500) grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) for marketing and technical advice for a "Heat Smart" program.

Finance Approved 6-0

#193-20

Authorization to expend MassDOT Workforce Transportation grant of \$250,000

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a two hundred and fifty thousand-dollar (\$250,000) MassDot Workforce Transportation grant for a new technology-enabled ride share shuttle for Newton's thriving Wells Avenue innovation district and the new UMass Amherst Mount Ida campus.

Finance Approved 6-0

#194-20

Authorization to expend Executive Office of Elder Affairs grant of \$15,000

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a fifteen-thousand-dollar (\$15,000) grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to provide financial assistance for qualified seniors in the City of Newton to receive the services of Newton at Home Inc.

Finance Approved 6-0**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

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Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 03/18/2020**Finance Approved 6-0****Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#197-20

Transfer of \$500,000 for improvements at Horace Mann at 225 Nevada Street

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of providing interior and exterior improvements at the Horace Mann School at 225 Nevada Street.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 03/18/2020**Finance Approved as Amended to \$150,000 for improvements at Horace Mann at 225 Nevada Street 6-0**

A motion to Suspend the Rules to allow the Chair of the Public Facilities Committee to Poll her Committee to amend the amount to match the recommendation of Finance was approved by Voice Vote

Public Facilities Approved as amended to \$150,000 8-0**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

#199-20

Transfer of \$250,000 to prepared for COVID-19

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Programs & Services Approved 8-0 on 03/18/2020**Finance Approved 6-0****Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

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Public Schools for the purpose of reimbursing Newton Public Schools for one-time costs associated with several projects that were necessary to accomplish the move of the Horace Mann Elementary School community to the former Carr School on Nevada Street.

Public Facilities Approved 6-0-2 (Councilors Laredo and Gentile abstaining) on 03/18/2020

Finance Approved 6-0

Motions to Suspend the Rules to allow the following three items to be Accepted to the Docket and Refer to Committee were Approved Unanimously by Voice Vote:

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#226-20

Reappointment of Howard Goldberg to the Designer Selection Committee

PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT reappointing Howard Goldberg, 27 Theodore Road, Newton to the Designer Selection Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2021. (60 days: 06/05/20)

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

#227-20

Request for creation of rental assistance program during COVID-19 using CPC funds

COUNCILORS HUMPHREY, ALBRIGHT, KALIS, RYAN, LIPOF, DOWNS, GREENBERG, BOWMAN, CROSSLEY AND GROSSMAN asking the Community Preservation Committee and Planning Department to develop a rental assistance program for Newton citizens unable to pay rent during the COVID-19 emergency using Community Preservation funds of other funding programs under city control, using guidelines developed by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership and/or other appropriate guidelines.

Referred to Finance Committee

#228-20

Appointment of Carl Valente to Financial Audit Advisory Committee

PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT appointing Carl Valente as a member of the Financial Audit Advisory Committee for a term of office to expire April 21, 2023.

Public Hearings were assigned for the following Items:

Public Hearing assigned for April 14, 2020

#309-19(2)

Petition to amend Special Permit #309-19 at 14 Church Street

ETHAN SOLOMON petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a two-story rear addition, further increasing the non-conforming lot coverage, further extending the nonconforming open space and increasing the nonconforming FAR from .51 to .56 where .46 is allowed at 14 Church Street, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill, on land known as Section 72 Block 22 Lot 03 containing approximately 4,200 sq. ft. in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public hearing assigned for April 22, 2020

- #219-20 Comcast petition for a Grant of Location in Washington Street**
COMCAST petitioning for a grant of location to install a proposed 24x36 vault at existing utility pole #437/23 (in front of 230 Walnut Street) and trench 74'± in a westerly direction across Walnut Street to private property at 845 Washington Street, Ward 2

Public hearing assigned for April 22, 2020

- #220-20 5-58 for the Newton Free Library at 330 Homer Street**
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE petition, pursuant to 5-58, for schematic design and site plan approval at 330 Homer Street for renovation of the existing parking lot which will include modifications to site circulation, including pedestrian and traffic movements, landscaping, site lighting, storm drainage improvements, additional parking spaces and the installation of new solar arrays which will generate electrical power to be used by the library.

The City Council voted without discussion 23 Yeas, 1 Recused (Councilor Gentile) to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following items:

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #200-20 Accept \$270,000 of lighting equipment for Winkler Stadium Field**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept \$270,000 of lighting equipment as well as authorization to accept more funds to be expended on the installation of a field light system for the Newton South High School Winkler Stadium Field which is on Newton Parks and Recreation property. The funds are being donated by the Newton South High School Booster Club.
Public Facilities Approved 6-0-1 (Councilor Kalis abstaining and Councilor Gentile recused) on 03/18/2020
Programs & Services Approved 8-0
Finance Approved Subject to Second Call 4-0-2 (Councilors Kalis and Malakie abstaining) on 03/23/2020

The City Council voted without discussion 23 Yeas, 1 Nay (Councilor Krintzman) to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following items:

- #195-20 Approve settlement of \$62,500 for Workers' Compensation Claim**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to approve the settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim #003554 in the amount of sixty-two thousand five hundred thousand dollars (\$62,500). The funds will be appropriated from Acct# 67A109A-515201-

Municipal Workers' Compensation.
Finance Approved 6-0

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