

Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, December 13, 2021

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86745750095</u> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 867 4575 0095

Item scheduled for discussions:

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #442-21 Request to allocate \$330,000 from the Sewer Surplus Fund
 <u>HER HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting the allocation of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000) from the Sewer Surplus Fund for the replacement of the existing 6" cast iron Islington Road Wastewater Force Main.
 Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Kalis not voting) on 12/08/21
- **#440-21** Authorizing funds to settle claims against the City <u>HER HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Acct # 0110841-572500 Law Department Judgments & Settlements for full and final settlement of all claims from the incident against the City of Newton in Brown v. City of Newton, 2081-cv-01988
- **#443-21 Repurpose \$38,758 from portable radios to radio communications** <u>HER HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting the authorization to repurpose the sum of thirtyeight thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars (\$38,758) of unspent leftover funds in Acct #01C20106-585190 from portable radios to radio communications equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair

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442-21



Ruthanne Fuller

Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts

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November 29, 2021

Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting the allocation of \$330,000.00 from the Sewer Surplus Fund for the replacement of the existing 6" cast iron Islington Road Wastewater Force Main.

The Newton Department of Public Works Islington Road Wastewater Pump Station located in Auburndale Cove Recreational area discharges sewerage through approximately 880 linear feet of 6" cast iron force main into a gravity sewer located on the Commonwealth Avenue carriage road adjacent to Lyons Park ballfield. This cast iron force main has outlived its useful life under these conditions and the city has experienced several leaks in the past couple of years due to corrosion.

Please see the attached memo from Public Works Commissioner James McGonagle.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449

November 29, 2021

To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer

From: James McGonagle, Commissioner of Public Works Theodore J. Jerdee, Utilities Director

Subject:Request to allocate Sewer Surplus funding for the replacement of the Islington
Road Wastewater Pump Station Force Main at Auburndale Cove/Lyons Field

Brief Description:

The Newton Department of Public Works Islington Road Wastewater Pump Station (circa 1962) located in Auburndale Cove Recreational area discharges sewerage through approximately 880 linear feet of 6" cast iron force main into a gravity sewer located on the Commonwealth Avenue carriage road adjacent to Lyons Park ballfield. This cast iron force main has outlived its useful life under these conditions and the city has experienced several leaks in the past couple of years due to corrosion.

I am respectively requesting to docket \$330,000.00 from the Sewer Surplus Fund for the replacement of the existing 6" cast iron force main, attached is the Engineers Cost Estimate and the plans for the replacement of the Islington Road Wastewater Force Main.

Please docket this request with the Honorable City Council for their consideration.

Sincerely,

James McGonagle Commissioner Public Works

Attachment: Engineer's Cost Estimate-Islington Force Main Replacement Islington Road Force Main Replacement Plan

DONE BY: Patrick Terrien CHECKED BY David Elmer

WSE Job No. ENG21-0512 8/19/2021 ENGINEER'S COST ESTIMATE

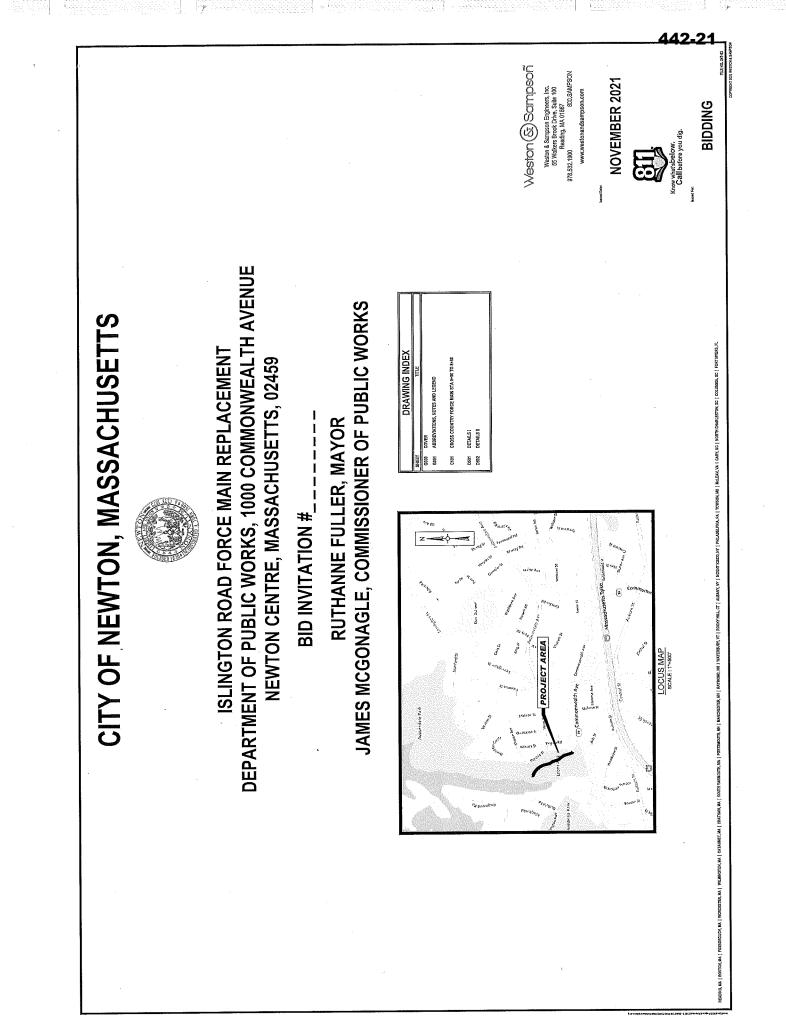
| ITEM # | QUANTITY | UNIT | DESCRIPTION | UNIT COST | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|--------|----------|------------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | | | Sewer Force Mains | | |
| 1a | 880 | l.f. | 6-inch (IPS) DR 21 HDPE Force Main, per linear foot | \$260.00 | \$228,800.00 |
| 16 | 1 | location | Connection to pump station, lump sum | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 1c | 1 | location | Connection to SMH B007-7, lump sum | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 1d | 3 | anchor blocks | Anchor blocks, per anchor block | \$2,500.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL | \$246,300.00 |
| 2 | | | Temporary Bypass | | |
| 2a | 1 | each | Temporary Bypass System, lump sum | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL | \$10,000.00 |
| 3 | | | Rock Excavation and Disposal | | |
| 3a | 100 | c.y.** | Rock excavation and disposal (minimum), per cubic yard | \$60.00 | \$6,000.00 |
| 3b | 100 | c.y.** | Rock excavation and disposal (additional), per cubic yard | \$0.01 | \$1.00 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL | \$6,001.00 |

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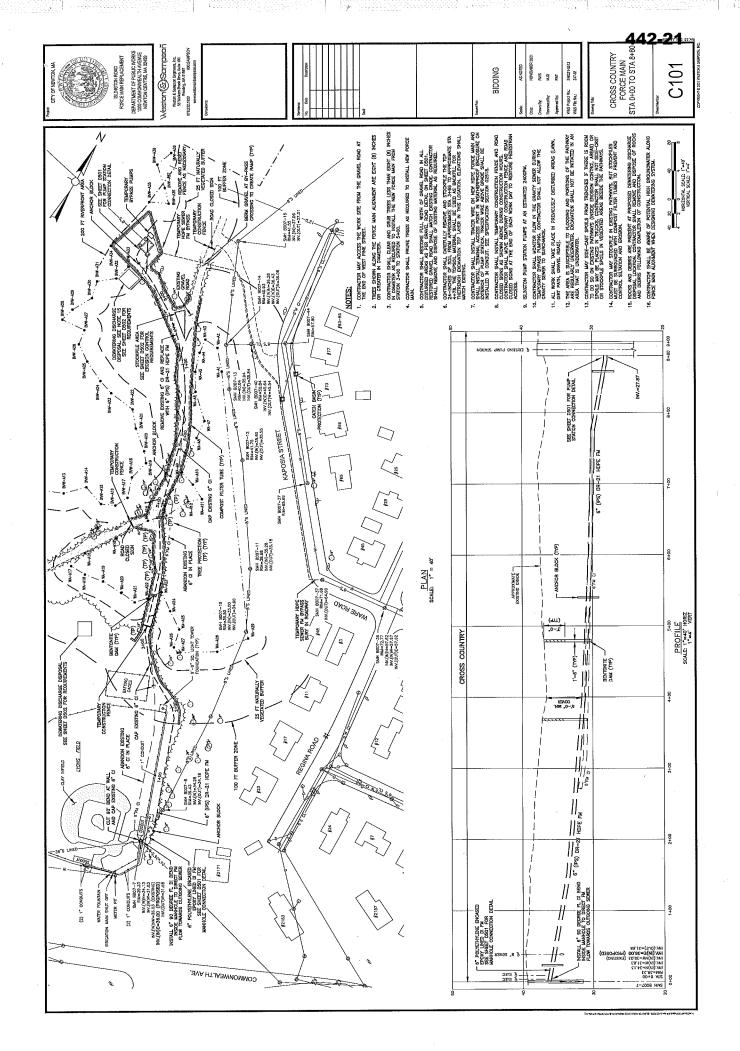
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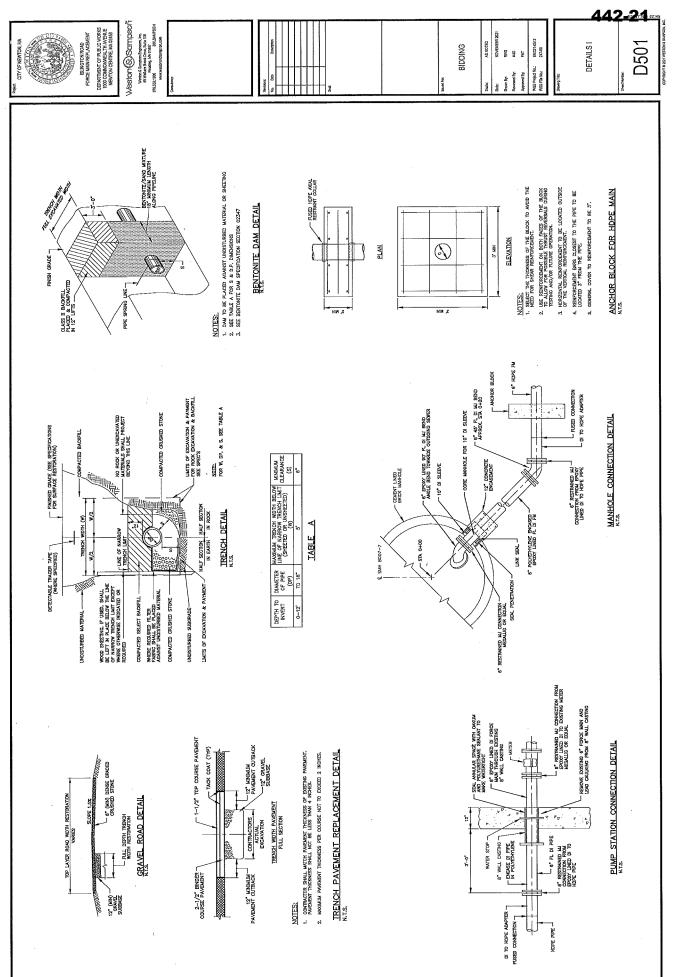
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| 4 | | | Miscellaneous Earthwork | | |
| 4a | 100 | с.у. | Excavation and backfill of unsuitable material above normal grade, per cubic yard | \$25.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 4b | 100 | c.y. | Excavation and backfill of unsuitable material below normal grade, per cubic yard | \$25.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 4c | 100 | c.y. | Test pits, per cubic yard | \$25.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 4d | 100 | c.y. | Additional crushed stone, per cubic yard | \$25.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 4e | . 2 | dams | Bentonite clay dams, per bentonite clay dam | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL | \$12,000.00 |
| 5 | | | Mobilization | | |
| 5a | 1 | l.s. | Mobilization, lump sum (not more than 5% of Items 1 to 4) | | \$13,715.05 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL | \$13,715.05 |
| 6 | | | Allowances for Services of Uniformed Officers | | |
| 6a | 150 | hours | Uniformed officers for traffic control, per hour | \$50.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| | | | | SUBTOTAL | \$7,500.00 |
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| | | | | TOTAL | \$325,067.66 |

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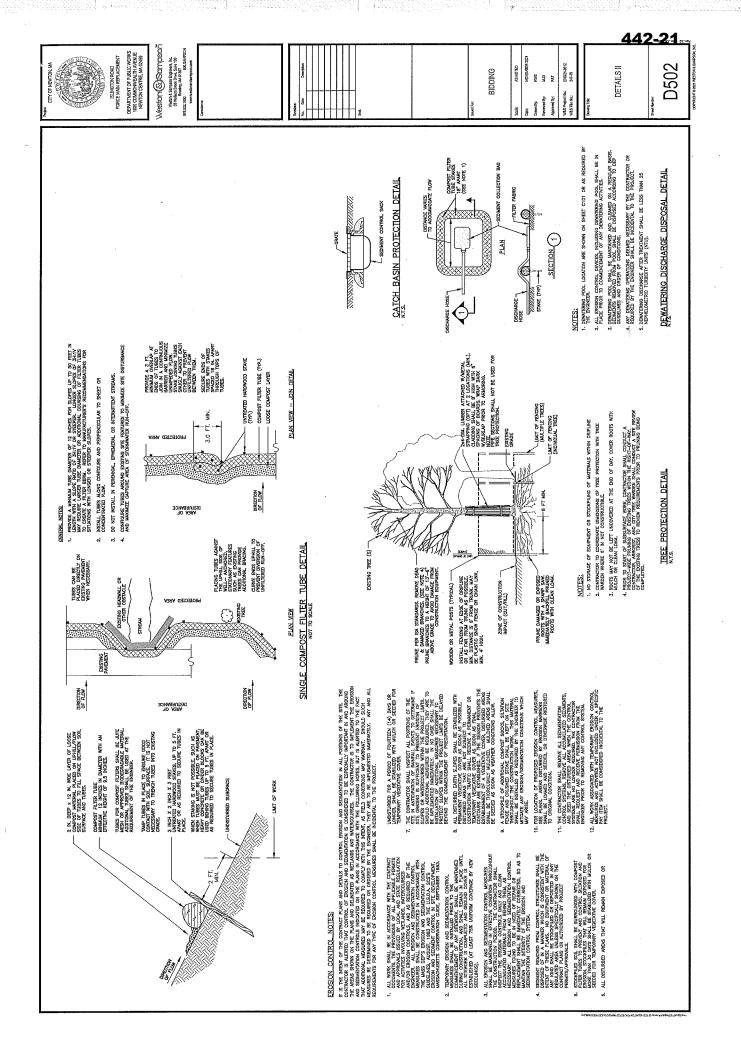


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CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

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ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Acct # 0110841-572500 Law Department Judgments & Settlements for full and final settlement of all claims from the incident against the City of Newton in Brown v. City of Newton, 2081-cv-01988 be and is hereby approved.

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved DRAFT

(SGD) CAROL MOORE City Clerk (SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER Mayor

Date: _____

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RUTHANNE FULLER

MAYOR

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November 29, 2021

Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$25,000 from Acct # 0110841-572500 Law Department Judgments & Settlements for full and final settlement of all claims resulting from the incident against the City of Newton in *Brown v. City of Newton*, 2081-cv-01988.

Mr. Brown filed the above-referenced case in Middlesex Superior Court in 2020, claiming that he was injured due to the negligence of the City of Newton after he slipped and fell in the parking lot at the City of Newton Resource Recovery Center on February 3, 2018.

The parties have been exploring settlement in this matter and have arrived at a negotiated compromise of \$25,000, which we believe is reasonable given the circumstances of the case.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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Sothanne Fuller

Ruthanne Fuller Mayor

LAW DEPARTMENT



CITY SOLICITOR ALISSA O. GIULIANI

DEPUTY CITY SOLICITORS JEFFREY A. HONIG MARIE M. LAWUOR ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITORS MAURA E. O'KEEFE ALAN D. MANDL JONAH M. TEMPLE JACLYN R. ZAWADA JENNIFER C. PUCCI ANDREW S. LEE CAROLYN A. WEISMAN

November 29, 2021

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller City of Newton 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Settlement in Brown v. City of Newton, 2081-cv-01988

Dear Honorable Mayor Fuller:

Mr. Brown filed the above-referenced case in Middlesex Superior Court in 2020, claiming that he was injured due to the negligence of the City of Newton after he slipped and fell in the parking lot at the City of Newton Resource Recovery Center on February 3, 2018.

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS CITY HALL 1000 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE NEWTON CENTRE, MA 02459 TELEPHONE (617) 796-1240 FACSIMILE (617) 796-1254

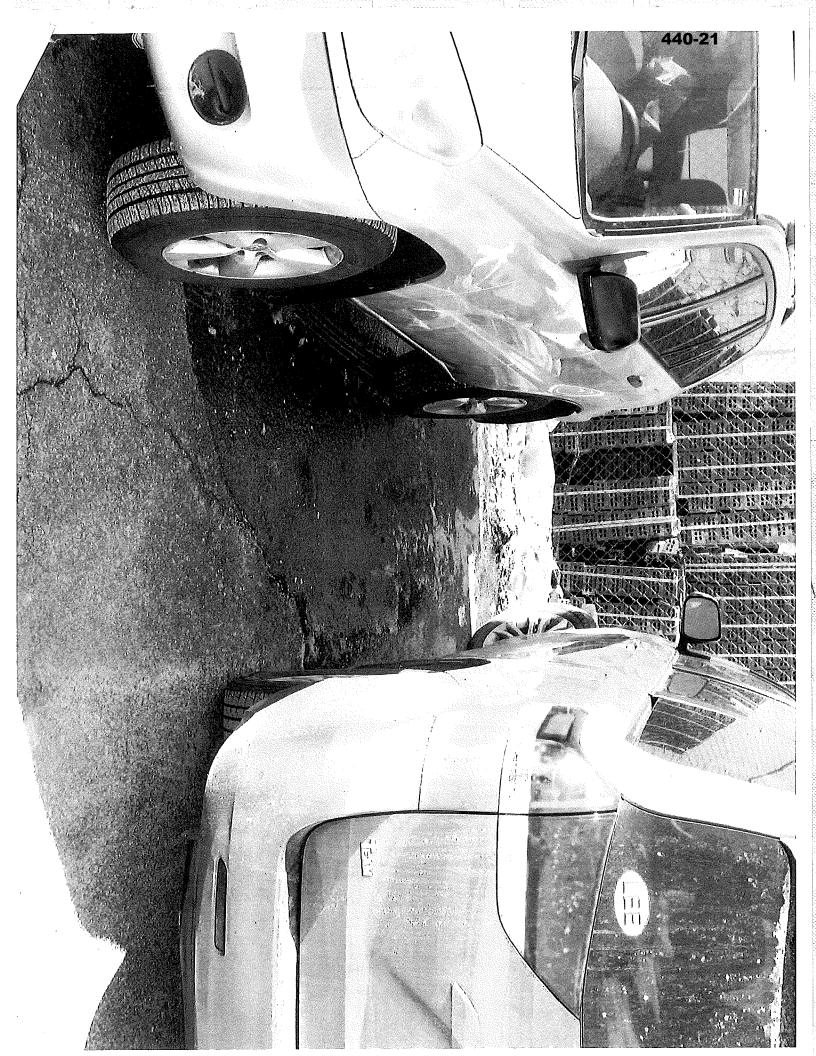
The parties have been exploring settlement in this matter and have arrived at a negotiated compromise of \$25,000, which we believe is reasonable given the circumstances of the case.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you docket this item requesting authorization to settle this matter for \$25,000, as a full and final settlement of all claims resulting from this incident against the City of Newton.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer C. Pucci Jennifer C. Pucci Assistant City Solicitor







CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through its Chair Alison Leary and the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to allocate three hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000) from the Sewer Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for the replacement of the existing 6" cast iron Islington Road Wastewater Force Main be and is hereby approved as follows:

| FROM: | Sewer Fund Undesignated Fund Balance | |
|-------|---|------------|
| | (6100-3599) | \$330,000 |
| | | |
| TO: | Islington Road Pump Station- Undistribu | ted Budget |
| | (61A40107-579500) | \$330,000 |

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved DRAFT

(SGD) CAROL MOORE City Clerk (SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER Mayor

Date: _____



RUTHANNE FULLER MAYOR

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December 6, 2021

Honorable City Council Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to repurpose the sum of \$38,758 of unspent leftover funds in Acct # 01C20106-585190 from portable radios to radio communications equipment. These funds were originally approved through Council Order # 243-18 specifically to purchase portable radios. The radios were purchased and these funds are no longer necessary for their original purpose.

The microwave portion of the public safety radio system located at Prospect Hill in Waltham, the highest radio receiving point in our radio system, failed recently and is in need of immediate repair. It provides radio reception for over half of the City, especially in the Newton Corner area.

Although we must repair this equipment immediately, our public safety radio system infrastructure has redundancy built into it, so we are not experiencing any major communication issues while the microwave is down. Due to the exigency of the situation, we have authorized the use of unencumbered operating funds with the caveat that reimbursement of those funds is contingent upon Council approval of this item.

We do not need to technically transfer the funds as the account title is "Police Radio Communications Equipment", but because Council Order # 243-18 specifically authorized the funds to purchase portable radios we believe it is appropriate to seek authorization to change the intended purpose.

The \$38,758 in funding will cover the full cost of the microwave.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Ruthanne Fuller Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Rebecca Walker Grossman, to repurpose the sum of thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventeen cents (\$38,758.17) of unspent leftover funds in Acct #01C20106-585190 from portable radios to radio communications equipment be and is hereby approved as follows:

| FROM: | Police Radio Communications Equipment (01C20106-585190)\$38,758.17 |
|-------|--|
| TO: | Police 2022 Radio Communications Equipment (01C20109-585190)\$38,758.17 |

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(SGD) CAROL MOORE City Clerk (SGD) RUTHANNE FULLER Mayor

Date: _____