



Public Facilities Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Danberg, Laredo, Kelley, Kalis, and Crossley

Also Present: Councilors Albright, Downs, Malakie, Wright, Humphrey, and Greenberg

Absent: Councilors Gentile and Norton

City Staff: Commissioner of Public Buildings Josh Morse and Chief Operating Officer Jonathan Yeo

#205-22 Appointment of Jessica Baccari to the Design Review Committee

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing JESSICA BACCARI, 20 Clark Road, Newton, as a community member of the Design Review Committee for a term to expire upon the completion of the Franklin Building Project. (60 days 5/20/22)

Action: Public Facilities Approved 6-0

Note: Jessica Baccari joined the committee to discuss her appointment to the Design Review Committee. Ms. Baccari noted that she has been in the construction field for three years and before that she was an architect for 10 years. She also explained that she does try to stay involved in her community and for this project she is a direct abutter.

Councilors thanks Ms. Baccari for her willingness to serve and noted that her experience will be an important resource.

Councilors Kelley motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#270-22 Request for authorization to transfer \$171,490 for the Franklin School Boiler

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one-hundred seventy-one thousand four hundred ninety dollars (\$171,490) from Acct#0110498-579000 Current Year Budget Reserve to a Public Building Project Account to fund the replacement of the Franklin School Boiler which is forty years old and operable but leaking.

Action: Public Facilities Approved 6-0

Note: Josh Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings presented the request to transfer \$171,490 for the Franklin School Boiler. Commissioner Morse explained that the Franklin School is on the City's shortlist for renovations. But this building currently has one boiler that is 40 years old and it is leaking. This does need to be replaced for students attending in the coming winters while they work on the larger capital project. The goal is to move towards electrification but that investment would not make sense with the upcoming renovations.

Councilor Laredo motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#271-22 Request for authorization to appropriate \$224,510 for Newton South boiler

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred twenty-four thousand five hundred ten dollars (\$224,510) from June 30, 2021, Certified Free Cash to fund the replacement of an inoperable boiler at Newton South High School.

Action: **Public Facilities Approved 6-0**

Note: Josh Morse, Commissioner of Public Buildings presented the request for \$224,510 for the Newton South boiler. Commissioner Morse explained that there is only one boiler at the high school with a secondary temporary boiler, that was rented. This is not the optimal situation for a high school of this size with the number of students that attend. Commissioner Morse also noted that the goal is to move to electrification but currently the cost of that for a high school would be approximately \$27 million. Once systems like large heat pumps hit the mainstream market, the department will be able to plan for this. The Commissioner Morse also noted that boilers have been paid for out of charter maintenance, like at the Burr School.

Councilor Laredo motioned to approve which passed unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Leary, Chair