



## **Public Facilities Committee Report**

### **City of Newton** **In City Council**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**Present:** Councilors Kalis (Vice-Chair), Norton, Danberg, Kelley, Laredo, Crossley and Gentile

**Also present:** Councilors Downs Lipof, Grossman, Malakie, Bowman, Oliver and Lucas

**Absent:** Councilor Leary

**City Staff:** Captain Jeffrey Boudreau, Chief John Carmichael and Sergeant Michael Wade, Newton Police Department; Acting Chief Greg Gentile, Newton Fire Department; Commissioner Jim McGonagle; Shawna Sullivan, Chief of Staff and Jason Sobel, Director of Transportation Operations Department Public Works; Commissioner John Lojek, Inspectional Services Department; Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer, Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer; Lou Taverna, City Engineer

#### **Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation** **Committees**

**#69-22**      **Requesting a discussion regarding snow clearing, operations and enforcement**  
**COUNCILORS DOWNS, BOWMAN, MARKIEWICZ, GROSSMAN, MALAKIE,**  
**WRIGHT, KELLEY AND NOEL** requesting a discussion with the Department of Public Works and the Police Department regarding residential and commercial sidewalk snow clearing, operations and enforcement.

**Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 06/08/22**

**Action:**      **Public Facilities Held 7-0**

**Note:**      Please see the 06/08/22 Public Safety and Transportation Committee Report for items 69-22, 72-22 and 70-22, which will be posted at a later date.

#### **Referred to Zoning & Planning, Public Facilities and Public Safety &** **Transportation Committees**

**#72-22**      **Discussion with Police, DPW and Inspectional Services on sidewalk obstructions**  
**COUNCILORS DOWNS, BOWMAN, MALAKIE, HUMPHREY, WRIGHT, RYAN,**  
**GREENBERG, DANBERG, GROSSMAN, AND LUCAS** requesting a discussion with Police, Public Works and Inspectional Services regarding sidewalk obstruction, enforcement, regulation, and operating procedures during construction used to ensure safety for nonmotorized road users.

**Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 06/08/22**

**Action:**      **Public Facilities No Action Necessary 7-0**

**Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees**

**#70-22**      **Requesting a discussion regarding Traffic calming progress, plans, and adequacy of resources**  
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, NORTON, BOWMAN, DOWNS, GROSSMAN, AND WRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Department of Public Works and the Planning Department regarding Traffic Calming prioritization, selection of methods, effectiveness of completed projects, pending requests, adequacy of current funding and personnel, and timetable for addressing pending and new requests at current resource levels.

**Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0 on 06/08/22**

**Action:**      **Public Facilities No Action Necessary 7-0**

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#346-22**      **Transfer \$175,000 to the Snow & Ice Rental/Contractors Account**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend a sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the below accounts to Acct# 0140123-527300 Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors:

Snow & Ice Overtime  
(0140123-513010)..... \$45,000

June 30, 2021 Free Cash  
(0001-3240)..... \$130,000

**Finance Approved 7-0 on 06/13/22**

**Action:**      **Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting)**

**Note:**      With no questions or concerns from the committee, Councilor Crossley motioned to approve which passed 6-0 with Councilor Gentile not voting.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#347-22**      **Transfer \$1 million to Transportation Network/Roads Program**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from Acct # 0140120-511002 DPW Street Division Full Time Wages to Acct. # 01C40112-553100 to support the continuation of the improvement of the City's Transportation Network/Roads Program.

**Finance Approved 7-0 on 06/13/22**

**Action:**      **Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting)**

**Note:**      With no questions or concerns from the committee, Councilor Crossley motioned to approve which passed 6-0 with Councilor Gentile not voting.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**David Kalis, Vice Chair**