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Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton
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10:15 am, Jun 24, 2022

Monday, June 27, 2022

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83108014132> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 831 0801 4132

Items scheduled for discussion:

Chair's Note: *The Committee will join the Zoning & Planning Committee at 7 p.m. to discuss the following 2 items. The link for this portion of the meeting is as follows:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84140598272>

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

#289-22

CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$3,000,000 in CPA funding

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in Community Preservation Act funding, with \$2,373,470.71 coming from the FY22 Unrestricted Funds and the remaining \$626,529.29 to come from the Prior Year Undesignated Funds to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the project team of Metro West Community Development and Civico Development for the development and construction of 43 units of 100% affordable housing at the former West Newton Armory site.

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

#290-22

Appropriation of \$890,000 of the City's Inclusionary Housing Funds

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the appropriation of eight hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$890,000) of the City's Inclusionary Housing Funds to Metro West Collaborative Development/ Civico Development to support the redevelopment of the West Newton Armory into 43 units of permanently affordable housing

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#336-22

CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$133,002 in CPA funding

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of one hundred thirty-three thousand and two dollars (\$133,002) in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated from the Unrestricted Prior Year Funds to the control of the Planning & Development Department for the completion of the 100% design of the Commonwealth Avenue Carriageway Redesign project in Auburndale.

Public Facilities Approved 4-0-1 (Councilor Laredo abstaining and Councilor Kelley not voting) on 06/22/22

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- #364-22** **CPC Recommendation to reallocate unused CPA funds**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE to reallocate the \$475,876.14 in unused CPA funds remaining in the Covid-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Project Account (Account # 58C11413-579700) to the CPA Program's Unrestricted Prior Year Funding Account (Account# \$5800 3599) for use in another CPA eligible project in the future.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

- #371-22** **Request for salary increase for City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND LIPOF requesting an increase in the salary of the City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council to \$131,313 effective July 1, 2022 to match the percentage increase included in the FY23 budget for H-grade employees.
Programs & Services Approved 7-0 on 06/22/22

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #369-22** **Appropriate \$49.3 million for the renovation/addition for 150 Jackson Road**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend forty-nine million three hundred thousand dollars (\$49,300,000) and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the renovation/addition to the 150 Jackson Road, the new home of the Lincoln Eliot Elementary School 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.
Public Facilities Approved 5-0 (Councilor Kelley not voting)

Chair's Note: The Committee will review the June 30, 2021 Independent Financial Audit Report with Matt Hunt of Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLC, the City's independent auditor. Please have the Management Letter, Single Audit Reports, and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021 readily available. The reports can be found online at: <https://www.newtonma.gov/government/city-clerk/city-council/friday-packet>

- #363-22** **Submittal of the ACFR, and external audit reports**
COMPTROLLER transmitting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and external audit reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 for City Council review/acceptance.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #293-22** **Review and potential amendment to the Tiger Permit Program**
COUNCILORS BOWMAN, ALBRIGHT, DOWNS, NORTON, OLIVER, AND DANBERG seeking a review and potential amendment to the Tiger Parking Permit Program (Sec. TPR-204. Newton North High School Tiger Parking Permits) including a review of the number of permits issued, the lottery process for permits and locations included in the Tiger Parking

Permit Program and potential amendment to the fees associated with the Tiger Parking Permit Program.

Finance Held 6-0 on 06/06/22

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

Public Safety & Transportation voted No Action Necessary (Councilor Oliver not voting) on 06/22/22

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committee

#263-22(2)

Request for Discussion and Amendments to the Noise Ordinance

COUNCILORS BAKER, HUMPHREY, NORTON, RYAN, AND WRIGHT recommending discussion of possible amendments to strengthen the ordinances relating to leaf blower activity, including adjustment of fines to \$300 after a warning, [and consolidation of leaf blower violation fines in one section].

Programs & Services Approved 7-0 item #263-22(2) and voted to recommit to the City Council, to be jointly referred to the Finance Committee on 06/08/22

#367-22

Mayor's reappointment of Edward Gourdeau, Jr. as a Constable

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing EDWARD GOURDEAU, JR., 94 Clearwater Road, Newton Lower Falls as a Constable for the City of Newton for a term of office to expire April 30, 2025. (60 days: 08/20/22)

#368-22

Appointment of Councilor Humphrey to the Emerson Community Center Trust

PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT appointing Councilor Bill Humphrey, 712 Chestnut Street, Newton as a Trustee of the EMERSON COMMUNITY CENTER TRUST for a term of office to expire December 31, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Walker Grossman, Chair