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7:45 PM, Hybrid
To be reported on
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 7:45 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link at the above date and time:

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City of Newton In City Council Items to be Acted Upon

Referred to Land Use Committee

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Present: Councilors Lipof (Chair), Kelley, Bowman, Greenberg, Laredo, Lucas, and Markiewicz; absent: Councilor Downs; also present: Councilors Leary, Gentile, Oliver, and Wright

#197-23 **Request to amend conditions within Special Permit #395-22 at 136-144 Hancock Street**
TERRENCE P. MORRIS petition for **SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL** amends Special Permit #395-22 relative to conditions around the vibration control condition and units which were designated to conform to MAAB requirements at 136-144 Hancock Street, Ward 4, Auburndale on land known as Section 43 Block 31 Lots 01 and 16, containing approximately 58,492 square feet of land in a district approved to be zoned MULTI

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RESIDENCE 2. Ref: 7.3.3 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Held 7-0; Public Hearing Opened

#198-23

Request to amend Special Permit #447-22 at 106 River Street

NORTON POINT STREET LLC and 106 RIVER STREET LLC T/C DAVID OLIVERI petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL amend the vibration control condition within Special Permit #447-22 at 106 River Street, Ward 3, West Newton, on land known as Section 33 Block 24 Lot 11A, containing approximately 15,802 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: 7.3.3 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Held 7-0; Public Hearing Opened

#199-23

Request to amend Special Permit #504-22 at 71 Commonwealth Avenue

71 COMMONWEALTH LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend the vibration control condition within Special Permit #504-22 at 71 Commonwealth Ave, Ward 7, Newton, on land known as Section 63 Block 01 Lots 13 and 13A, containing approximately 32,980.50 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: 7.3.3 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Held 7-0; Public Hearing Opened

#194-23

Request to further extend nonconforming FAR at 76 Drumlin Road

NA'AMA AND AMIR YACOBY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a sunroom addition at the rear of the dwelling which will further extend the nonconforming FAR at 76 Drumlin Road, Ward 8, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 82 Block 25 Lot 30, containing approximately 16,000 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE FAMILY 1. Ref: 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 3.1.9., 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0

#196-23

Request to expand a nonconforming detached garage at 231-233 Tremont Street

ARTO AND VICTORIA DERMOVESIAN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a half-story addition, vertically extending a nonconforming side setback on an existing detached accessory structure at 231-233 Tremont Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 71 Block 38 Lot 15, containing approximately 6,400 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: 7.3.3, 3.4.3.A.1, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 7-0

#195-23

Request to allow ground floor residential use, to allow three stories and a 35.3-foot height and to exceed FAR at 20 Clinton Street

CLINTON STREET LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing dwelling and construct four residential units in two buildings with dimensional waivers at 20 Clinton Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 14 Block 22 Lot 12, containing approximately 10,404 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: 7.3.3, 4.4.1, 4.1.2.B.2, 4.1.2.B.3, 4.1.3 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Held 7-0; Public Hearing Opened

Referred to Land Use Committee

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Present: Councilors Lipof (Chair), Kelley, Bowman, Greenberg, Lucas, and Markiewicz absent Councilors Downs and Laredo; also present: Councilors Albright, Wright, Ryan, Humphrey, Oliver, and Danberg

- #203-23 Request to amend the site plan associated with Special Permit #32-21 to allow a curb cut exceeding 20 feet in width at 63-65 Broadway**
BURTON HO petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL amends Special Permit #32-21 allowing for a larger driveway entrance width that exceeds the maximum allowed at 63-65 Broadway, Ward 1, Newtonville, on land known as Section 13 Block 31 Lot 06, containing approximately 18,000 square feet of land in a district approved to be zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: 7.3.3, 5.1.7.C, 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Denied 5-1 (Councilor Lucas opposed); Public Hearing Closed 6-0
- #200-23 Request to allow a second oversized principal sign on the same wall as a secondary sign at 714-724 Beacon Street**
CANTON CIRCLE LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to locate an oversized second principal sign for the medical office at 714 Beacon Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 61 Block 38 Lot 08, containing approximately 37,932 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 5.2.8, 5.2.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 6-0; Public Hearing Closed 6-0
- #202-23 Request to further increase nonconforming FAR and height at 25 Breamore Road**
LINDA BLACKSMITH petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a one-story rear addition to provide an accessible living space which requires relief to increase the nonconforming FAR and height at 25 Breamore Road, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 71 Block 19 Lot 2, containing approximately 5,239 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.1.9 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 6-0; Public Hearing Closed 6-0
- #201-23 Request for an Administrative Site Plan Review to allow a religious use and a Special Permit to allow a restaurant with more than 50 seats, and associated parking waivers at 1173-1177 Walnut Street**
DEVLIN SCOTT AND NEW CITY CHURCH HAEMEE INC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to convert the basement space for use as a church with classroom space, as well as a 72-seat café which will be open to the public, and a waiver of 64 parking stalls at 1173 Walnut Street, Ward 6, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 52 Block 39 Lot 01, containing approximately 10,799 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: 7.3.3, 6.3.12.B.1, 4.4.1, 6.4.29.C.1, 5.1.4, 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 6-0; Public Hearing Closed 6-0

- #204-23 Request to allow a drive-in business and associated parking waivers, to allow a free-standing sign and to allow oversized directional signs at 940 Boylston Street**
MILDRED MCMULLIN, TRUSTEE-MIL MAC TRUST petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to remove a portion of the building and reconfigure the existing parking area to allow for construction of a drive through window with associated waivers for parking, lighting and signs at 940 Boylston Street, Ward 5, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 51 Block 26 Lot 03, containing approximately 12,060 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 4.4.1, 6.4.11, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.13, 5.10.A, 5.2.3, 5.2.13.A, 5.2.8, 5.2.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 3-2-1 (Councilors Lipof and Kelley opposed and Councilor Bowman abstaining)

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

Monday, June 12, 2023

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Albright, Danberg, Wright, Leary, Baker, and Ryan; absent Councilor Krintzman; also present: Councilors Lucas, Kelley, Laredo, Bowman, Lipof, Greenberg, and Malakie

- #174-23 Appointment of David Weinstein to Newtonville Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing David Weinstein, 132 Cornell Street, Newton as a full member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on March 20, 2025. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 6-0 (Councilor Baker Not Voting)
- #38-22 Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers**
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting review, discussion and possible ordinance amendments relative to Chapter 30 zoning ordinances pertaining to Mixed Use, business districts and village districts relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance. (formerly #88-20)
Zoning & Planning Held 7-0
- #39-22 Requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice Bill**
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY on behalf of the Zoning & Planning Committee requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice element of the MA Economic Development legislation. (formerly #131-21)
Zoning & Planning Held 7-0
- #206-23 Discussion and possible ordinance to allow for breweries, brew pubs, and other craft beverage production**
COUNCILOR LIPOF requesting review, discussion, and possible ordinance amendments relative to Chapter 30 zoning ordinances pertaining to craft beverage production. Possible amendments would remove prohibition on bottling alcoholic beverages and propose opportunities for other craft beverage production and accessory retail.
Zoning & Planning Held 7-0

- #167-23 Reappointment of John Martin to Newtonville Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing John Martin, 12 Simpson Terrace, Newton as a full member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on January 1, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #168-23 Reappointment of Jim Gross to Newtonville Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Jim Gross, 80 Highland Avenue, Newtonville as a full member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on January 1, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #169-23 Reappointment of Michael Rossi to Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Michael Rossi, 20 Rose Drive, West Newton as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on April 30, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #170-23 Reappointment of Jennifer Pucci to Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Jennifer Pucci, 20 Florence Court, Newtonville as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on April 19, 2024. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #171-23 Reappointment of Stuart Snyder to Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Stuart Snyder, 30 Erie Avenue, Newton Highlands as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on April 30, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #172-23 Reappointment of Tamirrashe Gambiza to Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Tamirrashe Gambiza, 15 Cutter Road, Waban as a member of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for a term of office to expire on May 2, 2025. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #173-23 Reappointment of Ann Houston to Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Ann Houston, 45 Wedgewood Road, West Newton as a member of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for a term of office to expire on May 2, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0
- #187-23 Reappointment of Peter Sargent to Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Peter Sargent, 33 Avondale Road, Newton as a member of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for a term of office to expire on May 2, 2025. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Albright, Danberg, Wright, Leary, Baker, and Ryan; absent: Councilor Krintzman; also present: Councilors Malakie, Kelley, Gentile, Norton, Greenberg, and Humphrey

- #94-23** **Discussion of the Municipal Fossil Fuel Free Building Construction and Renovation Demonstration Project and adoption of ordinance requiring electrification of all new construction and substantial renovations**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, LIPOF, DOWNS, HUMPHREY, LAREDO, NORTON, MALAKIE, BOWMAN, DANBERG, WRIGHT, RYAN, LEARY, ALBRIGHT, GREENBERG, KELLEY, OLIVER, AND MARKIEWICZ requesting a discussion with the Sustainability Director on the requirements under the Municipal Fossil Fuel Free Building Construction and Renovation Demonstration Project, also known as the Ten Communities program, which would allow Newton to require electrification of all new building construction and substantial renovations, and to consider adopting such an ordinance.
Zoning & Planning Held 7-0; Public Hearing Continued

Referred to Program & Services Committee

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Present: Councilors Krintzman (Chair), Noel, Humphrey, Wright, Baker, Albright, Ryan, and Greenberg; also present: Councilors Norton, Leary, and Malakie

- #179-23** **Appointment of Sean Dazet to Dogs Off-Leash Advisory Committee**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT appointing Sean Dazet, 42 Rustic Street, Newton as a member of the Dogs Off-Leash Advisory Committee for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2023. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker and Wright Not Voting)
- #208-23** **Appointment of Stephen Logowitz to the Community Education Commission**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT appointing Stephen Logowitz, 391 Walnut Street, Newtonville as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office to expire on June 5, 2025. (60 Days: 08/04/2023)
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker and Wright Not Voting)
- #210-23** **Appointment of Harold W. Adams to the Community Education Commission**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT appointing Harold W. Adams, 47 Grafton Street, Newtonville as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office to expire on June 5, 2025. (60 Days: 08/04/2023)
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker and Wright Not Voting)

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#216-23

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 \$134,734 effective July 1, 2023 to match the percentage increase included in the FY24 budget for H-grade employees.

Finance Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting) on 06/12/23**Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker and Wright Not Voting)****Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

#163-23

Appropriate \$250,000 for Election Equipment

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified free Cash, to Acct # 0110162-585170 Clerk of the Council-Election Equipment to replace 32 current machines as well as one high-speed tabulator to address the increase in vote by mail processing.

Finance Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting) on 06/12/23**Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker and Wright Not Voting)****Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

#159-23

Appropriate funds for the Athletic Fields CIP Construction Phase III project

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of nine million ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars (\$9,099,787) to the control of the Planning & Development Department from the Community Preservation Act Funds with four million ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars (\$4,099,787) from the CPA's Unrestricted Prior Year Fund and five million dollars (\$5,000,000) authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the Athletic Fields CIP Construction Phase III project 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 7-0 on 06/12/23**Programs & Services Approved 7-0 (Councilors Baker Not Voting)****Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

#411-22

Request for Amendment to Chapter 21, Art III Trees to extend tree protection and update permits

COUNCILORS MALAKIE, NORTON, LEARY, RYAN, WRIGHT, LUCAS, HUMPHREY, BOWMAN, MARKIEWICZ, OLIVER, DOWNS, LAREDO, AND GROSSMAN requesting revisions and amendments to Chapter 21, Art. III Trees (sec. 21-60 through 21-89) to extend tree protection to all trees 6 inches DBH (diameter at breast height) and greater within the City

(with no exempt lots); to update tree removal permits, fees, and compensation; and to strengthen protection for existing and replacement trees.

Programs & Services Held 8-0

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#412-22

Request for Review and Amendments to Chapter 21, Art. III, Division 3

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting review and amendments to Chapter 21, Art. III, Division 3, Tree Preservation to increase replacement requirements for larger trees, add protections for smaller trees, limit removal of trees without replacement, enhance procedures for protecting trees, increasing payment required for trees cut without replacement, protect trees on lots adjacent to construction, provide Tree Warden with additional professional input on trees on private properties.

Programs & Services Held 8-0

Referred to Program & Services Committee

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Present: Councilors Krintzman (Chair), Humphrey, Wright, Baker, Albright, Ryan, and Greenberg; absent: Councilor Noel; also present: Councilors Lucas, Malakie, Kelley, Oliver, Danberg, Crossley, Lipof, Gentile, and Markiewicz

#144-23

Citizens Group Petition to place a nonbinding advisory question on the ballot

PETER HARRINGTON ET AL., petitioning pursuant to Article 10, Sec. 10-2 of the City of Newton Charter, for the City Council to cause the following non-binding question to be placed on the November 7, 2023 municipal ballot: "Shall the City of Newton adopt new zoning laws to: 1. Allow new buildings of three and one-half and four and one-half stories in our village center business districts; 2. Allow the expansion of the lot size on which new developments can be built, without obtaining a special permit, from the current 10,000 square foot threshold to 30,000 sq ft; 3. Allow the reduction or elimination of parking space requirements in Village Centers; 4. Change Newton Ordinances to allow developers to build fewer affordable housing units and allow the affordable units to be occupied by tenants with more income than provided by Newton's Ordinances, unless Newton shows its requirements are economically feasible."

Programs & Services Voted No Action Necessary 5-0-2 (Councilors Baker and Wright Abstaining)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Present: Councilors Markiewicz (Vice-Chair), Lipof, Oliver, Lucas, Malakie, Bowman and Grossman; absent: Councilor Downs (Chair); also present: Councilor Kalis

#150-23

Semi-annual public auto inspections

POLICE DEPARTMENT submitting reports of semi-annual public auto inspections for review.

Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-0 (Councilor Grossman not voting)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#220-23

Request authorization for \$300,000 to replace Fire Emergency Response Unit

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from Certified Free Cash to Acct #0121026-58010 Automobiles & Light Trucks to replace the Fire Department's 1989 Emergency Response Unit (ERU).

Finance Approved 7-0 on 06/12/23

Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-0 (Councilor Grossman not voting)

#131-23

Request for discussion on EV battery fires with the Fire Chief

COUNCILORS MALAKIE, LUCAS, AND KALIS requesting a discussion with the Fire Chief about the Department's current methods and ability to respond to EV and electric bike lithium-ion battery fires, and possible measures to mitigate risk of damage to structures.

Public Safety & Transportation No Action Necessary 6-0 (Councilor Grossman not voting)

#147-23

Appeal of Traffic Council Decision TC5-23

JEREMY FREUDBERG, 102 Clark Street, appealing the approval of Traffic Council petition TC5-23 on April 12, 2023, for a stop sign on the traffic island at the northwest corner of the Clark Street and Rowena Road intersection (Clark Street southbound). (Ward 6)

Public Safety & Transportation Denied 4-3 (Councilors Lucas, Oliver and Malakie opposed)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Monday, June 12, 2023

Present: Councilors Leary (Chair), Laredo, Kelley and Crossley; absent: Councilors Gentile, Norton, Kalis and Danberg

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#222-23

Transfer \$280,000 for Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 0140123-527300 Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors to fund the anticipated remaining contractor invoices that the City has not yet received.

Finance Approved 7-0 on 06/12/23

Public Facilities Approved 4-0

Referred to Finance Committee

Monday, June 12, 2023

Present: Councilors Grossman (Chair), Malakie, Humphrey, Norton, Gentile, Oliver and Noel; absent: Councilor Kalis

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#163-23

Appropriate \$250,000 for Election Equipment

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machines as well as one high-speed tabulator to address the increase in vote by mail processing.

Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker and Wright not voting) on 06/07/23
Finance Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting)

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#216-23

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 \$134,734 effective July 1, 2023 to match the percentage increase included in the FY24 budget for H-grade employees.

Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Councilors Baker and Wright not voting) on 06/07/23
Finance Approved 7-0

#191-23

Transfer \$100,000 to Snow & Ice Vehicle Contractors

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Acct #140123-513010 Snow & Ice Overtime to Acct # 0140123-529100 Snow & Ice Vehicle Contractors to “true up” the legal level of control for the cost for employee overtime versus contracted work for snow and ice removal.

Finance Approved 7-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#222-23

Transfer \$280,000 for Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash to Acct # 0140123-527300 Snow & Ice Vehicle Rental/Contractors to fund the anticipated remaining contractor invoices that the City has not yet received.

Public Facilities Approved 4-0 on 06/12/23

Finance Approved 7-0

#190-23

Appropriate \$30,000 for an IT Risk Assessment

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from Acct 0111154-511001 Micro/Network-Full Time Salaries) for an IT Risk Assessment

Finance Approved 7-0

#215-23

Request to accept \$100,000 form a FY23 “one-stop” grant

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a FY23 state “One Stop” grant for one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to continue the Council’s Village Center/MBTA Communities zoning consulting work

Finance Approved 7-0

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#220-23

Request authorization for \$300,000 to replace Fire Emergency Response Unit

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from Certified Free Cash to Acct #0121026-58010 Automobiles & Light Trucks to replace the Fire Department's 1989 Emergency Response Unit (ERU).

Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-0 (Councilor Grossman not voting) on 06/07/23

Finance Approved 7-0

#153-23

Transfer \$200,000 for the Newton Free Library HVAC system

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from Main Library- Full Time Salaries Acct # 0160110-511001 to Library Building Maintenance – Electricity Acct # 0160112-521000 to supplement the FY23 and FY24 Library Electricity budget to cover overruns due to the failing HVAC system

Finance Approved as amended to \$300,000 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#165-23

Appropriate \$750,000 for the Newton Free Library's HVAC system

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash to a Public Buildings Department Capital Account to fund the replacement of the Newton Free Library's HVAC system as detailed in the FY-24-FY28 CIP.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 5/17/23

Finance Approved 6-0 (Councilor Gentile not voting)

#182-23

Acceptance of grant funding for the Marty Sender Greenway Phase 2 Restoration Project

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of three hundred forty thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$340,298) from the Fy23 State MassTrails and accept and expend twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in donations from the Newton Conservators and the Solomon Foundation for the Marty Sender Greenway Phase 2 Restoration project

Finance Approved 7-0

#183-23

Acceptance of \$75,000 from the Massachusetts State Budget

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of seventy-five-thousand-dollar (\$75,000) earmarked in the Massachusetts State Budget to assist the City on funding the construction of a new community garden at Spears Park on the north side.

Finance Approved 7-0

#185-23

Acceptance of \$400,000 from the Massachusetts State Budget

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in a state budget earmark to assist the City in funding the improvements project at Gath Pool, including two pools and a splash pad.

Finance Approved 7-0

- #186-23** **Acceptance of a donation from the Friends of Coletti-Magni Park**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) in donations from the Friends of Coletti-Magni Park to beautify the park and improve electrical infrastructure
Finance Approved as amended to \$200,000 7-0
- Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**
- #159-23** **Appropriate funds for the Athletic Fields CIP Construction Phase III project**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of nine million ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars (\$9,099,787) to the control of the Planning & Development Department from the Community Preservation Act Funds with four million ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars (\$4,099,787) from the CPA’s Unrestricted Prior Year Fund and five million dollars (\$5,000,000) authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the Athletic Fields CIP Construction Phase III project 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.
Programs & Services Approved 7-0 (Councilor Baker not voting) on 06/07/23
Finance Approved 7-0
- #219-23** **Request to increase the spending limits for three revolving accounts**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to increase the spending limits of the (1) Senior Citizen Programs, (2) Environmental Science, (3) Off-Leash Dog Administration revolving funds. This is due to a post-COVID return to higher spending amounts for these revolving funds to previous levels as well as some changes in where costs are charged.
Finance Approved 7-0
- #223-23** **Transfer fifty dollars to Purchasing-Full Time Salaries**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer fifty dollars (\$50) from 0110538-542000 Purchasing- Office Supplies to 0110538-511001 Purchasing- Full Time Salaries, to cover an anticipated shortage in the department’s payroll budget
Finance Approved 7-0
- #213-23** **Appropriate \$136,020 from the Water Fund Undesignated Fund Balance**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred thirty-six thousand and twenty dollars (\$136,020) from the Water Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to cover an outstanding debt service.
Finance Approved 7-0
- #214-23** **Transfer any unexpended General Fund Municipal health insurance funds to the Health Insurance Trust Fund**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer any ~~unexpected~~ unexpended General Fund municipal health insurance funds (57HLTH), remaining as of June 30, 2023 into the Health Insurance Trust Fund (fund 6600).
Finance Approved 7-0