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Finance Committee Budget Agenda

City of Newton
In City Council



Monday, April 29, 2024

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

<https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/82392894944> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 823 9289 4944

Items scheduled for discussion:

#184-24 Appointment of Marcia Tabenken to John C. Chaffin Educational Fund
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Marcia Tabenken, 11 North Street, Newton as a trustee of the John C. Chaffin Educational Fund for a lifetime appointment.

#185-24 Appointment of Rabbi Allison Berry to John C Chaffin Educational Fund
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Rabbi Allison Berry, 42 Clarendon Street, Newtonville as a trustee of the John C. Chaffin Educational Fund for a lifetime appointment.

#188-24 Authorization to accept and expand a Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Grant
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from a Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Grant, to complete the funding for the replacement of the Newton Free Library's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#193-24 Requesting authorization to transfer \$100,000 for library computers and technology
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Account # 0160110-511001 Main Library, Full Time Salaries to a Library Project Account for the purpose of replacing aging computers and technology at the Newton Free Library.

Programs & Services Approved 7-0 on 04/18/24

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**#187-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1 million for the DPW Vehicle Replacement Program**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2023, Certified Free Cash as part of the Vehicle Replacement Plan for the purpose of replacing one 2008 and two 2007 6-wheel dump trucks with two 6-wheel dump trucks and one 10-wheel swap loader truck for the Streets Division operations.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 04/17/24

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**#196-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$615,000 for hydro vacuum excavator trailer**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of six hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$615,000) from Water Fund Surplus Acct# 6000-3599 three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000) and from Sewer Fund Surplus Acct # 6100-3599 for three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purchase of a hydro vacuum excavator trailer to enhance digging safety measures.

Public Facilities Approved as Amended to truck 8-0 on 04/17/24

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**#199-24 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$500,000 for the water hydrant flushing program**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Water Fund Surplus -- Available for Appropriation, Account # 6000-3599 to Account # 60A40106-530203 Water Hydrant Inspections, Engineering Services to fund a water hydrant flushing program to ensure proper water circulation and water quality within the water main system.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0 on 04/17/24

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**#198-24 Authorization to expend grant and city funding for the Stormwater Asset Management Plan**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the State's Revolving Fund Grant of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to update the Stormwater Asset Management Plan, and to appropriate and expend the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Stormwater Management Operating Reserve - 2024 Budget to provide the City share of matching funds for this program. The grant also includes a twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000) additional match of in-kind services from city- staff.

Public Facilities Approved 8-0

- #172-24 Requesting a discussion regarding a contract for audit services**
COUNCILOR GENTILE AND THE COMPTROLLER requesting a discussion with the Finance Committee regarding a new contract or extension for audit services.
Finance Held 7-0 on 04/08/24

Please Note: Budget materials can be found on the City's website at the following link:

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/comptroller/budget>

DEPARTMENT BUDGET & CIP DISCUSSIONS:

Comptroller/Retirement

Treasurer

Purchasing

HR

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

- #1-23 Submittal of the FY 2024 to FY 2028 Capital Improvement Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.
- #1-23(3) Submittal of the FY24 Municipal/School Operating Budget**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter the FY24 Municipal/School Operating Budget, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY24-FY28 Capital Improvement Program (#1-23).
EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 05/01/23; LAST DATE TO PASS THE BUDGET 06/15/23
- #1-23(4) Submittal of the FY24 – FY28 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY24 – FY28 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Gentile, Chair