



## City Council Docket

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Tuesday April 22, 2025  
7:00PM, Hybrid  
To be reported on  
Monday, May 5, 2025

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 7:00 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link

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*After the conclusion of first call the Mayor will present her FY26 Budget Address.*

### Referred to Land Use Committee

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**Public Hearing 05-06-2025****#111-25 Request to change from an existing nonconforming residential use to another to allow three separate single-family dwellings on one lot with the City Council determining appropriate density and dimensional controls at 329-331 River Steet**

RIVER STREET DEVELOPMENT LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing two-family dwelling and construct three separate single-family dwellings changing the nonconforming residential use with the City Council determining appropriate density and dimensional controls at 329-331 River Street, Ward 4, West Newton, on land known as Section 44 Block 15 Lot 11, containing approximately 21,853 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.4.1, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.1.2.A.3 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

**Public Hearing 05-06-2025****#124-25 Request to allow parking in the front setback at 22 Owatanna Street**

COLEY AND SUZ WARD petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to convert the existing single-car garage into habitable space, eliminating the parking within the garage resulting two surface parking stalls within the front setback at 22 Owatanna Street, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 41 Block 19 Lot 15, containing approximately 6,250 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.7.A, 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

**Public Hearing 05-06-2025****#125-25 Request to exceed FAR at 50 Braeland Avenue**

NILESH PATEL petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing dwelling and construct a two-family dwelling exceeding the maximum allowable FAR at 50 Braeland Avenue, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 61 Block 37 Lot 13, containing approximately 8,343 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 3.1.9 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

**Public Hearing 05-06-2025****#126-25 Request to further increase nonconforming FAR and lot coverage at 100 Bellevue Street**

STEVEN ZEITELS petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to remove an existing driveway and construct a one-story detached two-car garage with a new driveway, further increasing both the nonconforming FAR and lot coverage at 100 Bellevue Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 13 Block 10 Lot 04, containing approximately 18,086 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 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.

**Public Hearing 05-06-2025**

- #127-25 Request to further increase nonconforming FAR and to further decrease nonconforming open space at 33 Fountain Street**  
BARRE HARDY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a 2.5-story addition to the dwelling, further increasing the nonconforming FAR and further decreasing the nonconforming open space at 33 Fountain Street, Ward 3, West Newton, on land known as Section 32 Block 45 Lot 08, containing approximately 15,750 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 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.

**Public Hearing 05-06-2025**

- #128-25 Request for waivers from certain dimensional requirements for parking facilities and signage at 131 Rumford Avenue**  
NEWTON FOOD PANTRY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to operate a community food pantry onsite, with dimensional waivers for the parking facility and signage at 131 Rumford Avenue, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 41 Block 31 Lot 50, containing approximately 20,443 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.6.A, 5.1.6.B, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.D.1, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.10, 5.2.13.A of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

**Referred to Programs & Services Committee**

- #89-25 Reappointment of Nathan Persampieri to the Commission on Disability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Nathan Persampieri, 108 Washington Park, Newtonville as a member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office set to expire on May 31, 2028. (60 Days: June 21, 2025)
- #90-25 Reappointment of Stephen Logowitz to the Community Education Commission**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Stephen Logowitz, 391 Walnut Street, Newtonville as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office to expire on May 5, 2027 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
- #91-25 Reappointment of Harold W. Adams to the Community Education Commission**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Harold W. Adams, 47 Grafton Street, Newtonville as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office to expire on May 5, 2027 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
- #92-25 Reappointment of William Dietrich to the Biosafety Committee**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing William Dietrich, 28 Osbourne Path, Newton, to the Biosafety Committee for a term to expire on May 5, 2028 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).

**Referred to Public Facilities Committee**

- #94-25 Reappointment of Amy L. MacKrell to the Designer Selection Committee**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Amy L. MacKrell, 12 Dexter Road, Newtonville 02460 to the Designer Selection Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
- #93-25 Reappointment of Howard Goldberg to the Designer Selection Committee**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Howard Goldberg, 27 Theodore Road, Newton Centre 02459 to the Designer Selection Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
- #95-25 Reappointment of Carol S. Schein to the Design Review Committee**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Carol S. Schein, 82 Garland Road, Newton 02459 to the Design Review Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
- #96-25 Reappointment of Peter J. Barrer to the Design Review Committee**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing Peter J, Barrer, 60 Endicott St, Newton 02459 to the Design Review Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).
- #97-25 Reappointment of David Gillespie to the Design Review Committee**  
PRESIDENT LAREDO reappointing DAVID GILLESPIE, 41 Woodlawn Drive, Chestnut Hill, to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE for a term to expire December 31, 2025 (60 Days: 06/21/2025).

*The following items were filed after the close of the docket and requires a suspension of the Rules to be referred to Committee:*

**Referred to Finance and Public Facilities Committees**

- #98-25 Appropriation of \$225,576 for prevailing wage rate adjustment**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two-hundred twenty-five thousand five-hundred seventy-six dollars (\$225,576) from Acct# 0001-3240, June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to Acct# 0140133-529200, Sustainable Materials - Solid Waste to fully fund the prevailing wage rate adjustment under the City's current contract with Waste Management.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

- #99-25 Accept and expend a grant of \$13,500 from the National Environmental Health Association**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant of thirteen-thousand five-hundred dollars (\$13,500) from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) to improve the City's conformance

with the US Food and Drug Administration's Voluntary National Retail Food Program Standards.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

**#100-25      Authorization to transfer and expend \$65,000 to settle a worker's compensation claim**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000) from Acct# 0140120-511002, DPW Highway - Full-Time Wages, to Acct# 67A109A2-572500, Worker's Compensation Legal Settlements, to settle Worker's Compensation Claim #WC003576.

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

**#101-25      Authorization to transfer and expend \$76,975 for temporary school nursing staff**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer and expend seventy-six thousand nine-hundred seventy-five dollars (\$76,975) from Acct# 0150103-511001, Clinical Health - Full-time Salaries, to Acct# 0150103-531300, Clinical Health - Temp Staffing for temporary school nursing staff.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#102-25      Appropriation of \$250,000 for the Police Headquarters Improvements**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for Police Headquarters Interior Paint, Finishes, and Improvements project.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#104-25      Appropriation of \$4,500,000 to support the City's Transportation Network Improvement Program**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a total of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) to support the City's Transportation Network Improvement Program with three million dollars (\$3,000,000) appropriated from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash, and one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) transferred from snow and ice reserves within the Comptroller's budget.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#105-25      Appropriation of \$75,000 for the Newton Centre Tree Lighting project**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to the Newton Centre Tree Lighting project.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

- #103-25 Request for ordinance amendment to create Department of Sustainability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an amendment to Chapter 2 of the Newton Revised Ordinances to create Department of Sustainability, in accordance with Section 6-2 of the Newton City Charter.

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

- #106-25 Appropriation of \$75,000 for Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to allow the Health & Human Services Department to do a Community Health Assessment and prepare a Community Health Improvement Plan for the City.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

- #107-25 Appropriation of \$2,000,000 for FY2026 Health Insurance costs**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to an account established for the purpose of supplementing the significant increase in FY2026 Health Insurance costs.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

- #108-25 Request for authorization to increase the FY2025 FTE in Comptroller's Office**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to increase the FY2025 Full Time Equivalent positions in the Comptroller's Office from 6.4 to 7.0.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

- #109-25 Appropriation of \$50,000 for installation of a heat pump in the Information Technology Department**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the FY25 Budget Reserve for the installation of a heat pump in the Information Technology Department at City Hall.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

- #110-25 Appropriation of \$150,000 for City Hall Boiler Condensate Tank**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the FY25 Budget Reserve for the City Hall Boiler Condensate Take Replacement project.

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

- #112-25**     **Appropriation of \$90,000 for a new plow truck for the Newton Fire Department**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to fund the purchase of a new plow truck for the Newton Fire Department.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

- #113-25**     **Appropriation of \$40,000 to purchase equipment for the Emergency Operations Center at Fire Headquarters**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from the FY25 Budget Reserve to purchase equipment for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Fire Headquarters.

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

- #114-25**     **Appropriation of \$1,170,612 to reduce one-time Newton Public Schools expenditures**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate a sum of one million one hundred seventy thousand six hundred twelve dollars (\$1,170,612) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to a non-lapsing account to reduce one-time expenditures for Newton Public Schools.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

- #115-25**     **Appropriation of \$160,000 for City Hall Elevator Modernization project**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) from the FY25 Budget Reserve for the City Hall Elevator Modernization project.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

- #116-25**     **Appropriation of \$40,000 to repair the fountain located within the traffic island at the Chestnut St and Highland St intersection**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to repair the fountain located within the traffic island at the Chestnut St and Highland St intersection.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

- #118-25**     **Appropriation of \$100,000 for the Rumford Avenue Resource Recovery Center**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase and install a second trailer at the Rumford Avenue Resource Recovery Center.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#119-25 Appropriation of \$100,000 for Inspectional Services HVAC Improvements**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from FY25 Budget Reserve for the Inspectional Services HVAC Improvements project on the second floor of City Hall.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#120-25 Appropriation of \$150,000 for Fire Station #1/#2 Living Quarters Improvements**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the Fire Station #1/#2 - Living Quarters Improvements project.

**Referred to Finance Committee**

**#121-25 Appropriation of \$50,000 for Jeannete West Recreation Center restroom improvements**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the Jeannete West Recreation Center Restroom Improvement project.

**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

**#122-25 Appropriation of \$150,000 for Library data wiring**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to add to and update the Newton Free Library's data wiring to improve connectivity, data security and transmission speed in heavily used patron and staff areas.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#117-25 Appropriation of \$43,100 for Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate forty-three thousand one hundred dollars (\$43,100) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash to purchase and install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at prioritized crosswalk locations throughout the City.

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committee**

**#123-25 Appropriation of \$2,525,000 for priority school facility projects**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of two million five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$2,525,000) from June 30, 2024 Certified Free Cash for the purpose of completing a list of priority school facility projects throughout the district.

**Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee**

**#129-25 Request for authorization to submit FY26-30 Consolidated Plan, 2025 Revised Citizen Participation Plan, and FY2026 Annual Action Plan**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization, pursuant to the 2023 Revised Citizen Participation Plan, to submit the FY26-30 Consolidated Plan, 2025 Revised Citizens Participation Plan, and FY26 Annual Action Plan to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City of Newton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds and the WestMetro HOME Consortium.