Programs & Services Committee Budget Agenda

City of Newton
In City Council

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

7:00 PM

Room 211

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/84260873832 or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the Meeting ID: 842 6087 3832

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1. **Watch a live broadcast of the meeting on NewTV's government channel (Comcast 9, RCN 13, 614 (HD), Verizon 33).**
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Items scheduled for discussion:

#135-25 **Appointment of Gregory Ansaldi as Chief Information Officer**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Gregory Ansaldi as Chief Information Officer effective July 1, 2025 pursuant to Sec 3-3 of the City Charter. (30 Days: 06/04/2025)

Referred to Finance and Programs & Services 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 Finance and Programs & Services 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

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Health & Human Services Department to do a Community Health Assessment and prepare a Community Health Improvement Plan for the City.

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:
City Clerk
City Solicitor
Veterans Services
Health and Human Services
Older Adult Services

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

#351-24 **Submittal of the FY2026 to FY2030 Capital Improvement Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2026 to 2030 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.

#81-25 **Submittal of the FY26 Municipal/School Operating Budget**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter the FY26 Municipal/School Operating Budget, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Program (#351-24). EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 04/22/25; LAST DATE TO PASS THE BUDGET 06/06/25

#82-25 **Submittal of the FY2026-FY2030 Supplemental Capital Improvement**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY26 – FY30 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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#135-25

April 28, 2025

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I am grateful to have the opportunity to appoint Gregory Ansaldi to succeed Joseph Mulvey as the Chief Information Officer of the City of Newton, effective July 1, 2025. Joseph Mulvey will be retiring from the position of CIO after having honorably and effectively served the City of Newton for the past 33 years. Joe rose through the ranks of the Information Technology Department and was appointed CIO more than a decade ago. Under his leadership, the department installed our fiber optic network and virtual data storage systems, updated crucial financial systems, implemented our NewGov permitting software system, and introduced critical cybersecurity protocols.

Like Joe, Greg Ansaldi also rose through the ranks of the IT Department, having started his career with the City on December 10, 1997, as a Network Administrator, and rising to the position of Deputy Director in June 2013. As Deputy Director, he oversaw among other projects the procurement, design and implementation of the City's Storage Area Network and Virtual Server Environment.

Greg Ansaldi has been by Joe's side as his Deputy Director every step of the way and has played an integral role in helping staff across all our departments take advantage of the efficiencies and added utility of software and hardware. Greg is confident, while being humble, curious and experienced, and above all else, passionate about providing secure information to the people of this good City, supporting our employees in the conduct of their jobs, encouraging the growth and development of the IT team, and delivering exceptional service to our employees and residents alike.

Recognizing the escalating sophistication of cyber threats over the past several years, Greg has spent an increasing amount of time focused on cybersecurity and methods, policies or products that can be implemented to protect the City's network and data. Under Greg's leadership, cybersecurity will be proactively integrated as a fundamental principle underpinning every technological decision and implementation.

Likewise, AI presents a transformative opportunity for municipal IT and our employees to become more efficient, responsive, and data driven. Greg is excited to work with the IT team and department staff to leverage AI to enhance the quality of services for our residents, optimize mobility, improve infrastructure, enhance energy efficiency and support planning a more sustainable and efficient environment.

Greg has been a dedicated and invaluable employee to the City of Newton for almost three decades. Greg's proven leadership, technical insight, understanding of even the most sophisticated challenges, and remarkable unflappability all point towards continued success in his career and, most importantly, many significant and fulfilling returns for the City and its residents.

I have great confidence in Greg Ansaldi as he moves to the position of Chief Information Officer for the City of Newton, and I look forward to the City Council's deliberations.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Gregory J. Ansaldi

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Experience

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | JUNE 2013 – PRESENT

-Oversaw the procurement, design, and implementation of the City's Storage Area Network and Virtual server environment
-Coordinated the redesign and conversion of the City's website to a new, modern content management platform
-Responsible for the purchase of Computer systems, peripherals and network infrastructure hardware
-Meet with Staff daily for project planning, systems maintenance and hardware upgrade discussions

NETWORK MANAGER | AUGUST 2005 – JUNE 2013

-Introduced the City's first enterprise grade endpoint protection solution
-Prioritized and assigned daily tasks and support calls to staff
-Responsible for the Daily backup of the City's servers and Data stores
-Coordinated and oversaw the training of new employees

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR | DECEMBER 1997 – AUGUST 2005

- Deployed and supported the City's Servers, network and hardware infrastructure
-Maintained and installed desktop systems, peripherals, and assorted software
-Taught City employees in classroom-based training sessions covering computer systems, software use and best practices

INFINITY COMPUTER | SOUTHBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

FIELD SUPPORT ENGINEER|AUGUST 1994 – DECEMBER 1997

THE CCS COMPANIES | NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER/SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR|JANUARY 1990 – AUGUST 1994

Education

UMASS BOSTON COLLINS CENTER FOR PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

SUPERVISORY LEADERSHIP TRAINING|2024

CITY OF NEWTON

MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISOR TRAINING|2005

CLARK UNIVERSITY, WORCESTER MASSACHUSETTS

NETWORK SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATION|1993

WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY|1989

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April 14, 2025

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully request authorization to transfer and expend seventy-six thousand nine-hundred seventy-five dollars ($76,975) from 0150103-511001 – Clinical Health – Full-time Salaries, to 0150103-531300 – Clinical Health – Temp Staffing.

These funds will be used to pay for temporary school nursing staff from an agency as we continue to recruit full-time nurses into our open positions. We have 31 full-time school nurse positions and, at this time 2 are open. (This week we filled 2 other open positions.)

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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#101-25

April 8, 2025

Dear Mayor Fuller,

Please docket an item to transfer funds from personnel vacancies into the temporary staffing account.

$76,975 from 0150103-511001 to 0150103-531300

These funds will be used to pay for temporary school nursing staff from an agency as we continue to recruit full-time nurses into our open positions.

Sincerely,

Shin-Yi Lao
Commissioner
Newton Health and Human Services Department

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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#106-25

April 17, 2025

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Councilors:
I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting the appropriation and expenditure of $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. Opioid settlement funds will be used to cover additional costs beyond the $75,000.

A community health assessment is a systematic, collaborative process to collect and analyze community level data to identify key health related needs, strengths, and resources in Newton. The information from the community health assessment is used to develop a community health improvement plan which is a long-term strategy to address the needs of Newtonians identified in the community health assessment.

Brookline and other communities have recently completed similar plans and found that the process and the product have been extremely useful in addressing the health needs of their communities.

Attached is a memo from Commissioner of Health and Human Services Shin-Yi Lao on the project. She will be available at the appropriate City Council meeting to answer any questions about the request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller

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Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor

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April 2, 2025

Dear Mayor Fuller,

Please docket the $75,000 from free cash to allow the Health & Human Services Department to complete a Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan for the City. Opioid settlement funds will be used to cover additional costs beyond the $75,000.

A community health assessment is a systematic, collaborative process to collect and analyze community level data to identify key health related needs, strengths, and resources in Newton. The information from the community health assessment is used to develop a community health improvement plan which is a long-term strategic process to address the needs identified in the community health assessment.

Brookline and other communities have recently completed similar plans and found that the process, and the product, have been extremely useful in outlining the health needs of their communities.

Sincerely,

Shin-Yi Lao
Commissioner
Newton Health and Human Services Department