Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton
In City Council

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

7PM

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Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: *The agenda has been revised to reflect that tonight's meeting will be virtual only due to repair work in City Hall.*

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#66-26 **Transfer of $82,000 to provide funding for Arts and Culture Director**

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer sixty-six thousand dollars ($66,000) from Acct# 0160251-511001, Parks and Recreation Full-Time Salaries, and sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000) from Acct# 0160251-57HLTH, Parks and Recreation Health Insurance, to Acct# 0160480-511001, Arts and Culture Full-Time Salaries and 0160480-57HLTH, Arts and Culture Health Insurance, respectively to provide funding for Arts and Culture Director Meryl Kessler through Fiscal Year 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair

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Honorable City Council
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Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer the sum of $66,000 from Acct # 0160251-511001, Parks and Recreation Full-Time Salaries and $16,000 from Acct # 0160251-57HLTH, Parks and Recreation Health Insurance to Acct #'s 0111601-511001, Arts and Culture Full-Time Salaries and 0111601-57HLTH, Arts and Culture Health Insurance, respectively.

Docket # 32-26, approved by the City Council on January 20, 2026, established the Department of Arts and Culture, while Docket # 25-26 approved the appointment of Meryl Kessler as the Director of the department.

Approval of this request will now provide the funding for Director Kessler through Fiscal Year 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Marc C. Laredo