



City Council Reports Docket

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7:45 PM, Hybrid
To be reported on
Monday, April 6, 2026

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:45PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link:

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City of Newton **In City Council Items to be Acted Upon**

Referred to Land Use Committee

03/24/2026

Present: Councilors Kelley (Chair), Leary, Irish, Block, Farrell, Golden, Lucas, and Roche; also present: Councilor Malakie

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#118-26 Request to further extend nonconforming FAR and lot coverage at 199 Otis Street
 CHRIS BIERLY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL, to construct a one-story 333 square foot detached accessory building to be used as a home office further extending the existing nonconforming FAR and lot coverage at 199 Otis Street, Ward 2, Newton, on land known as Section 24 Block 12 Lot 17D containing approximately 26,571 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SR1 . Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, and 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Approved 8-0

#119-26 Request for a special permit to allow an oversized dormer, extending a nonconforming 3.5 story structure, and to further extend nonconforming FAR at 25-27 Lewis Street

WILLIAM SCHWIETERMAN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL, proposes to create habitable space in the attic level with with relief for an oversized dormer, to alter and extend a nonconforming 3.5 story structure, and to further extend nonconforming FAR at 25-27 Lewis Street, Ward 4, Newton, on land known as Section 13 Block 02 Lot 08, containing approximately 4,772 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MR1 . Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 1.5.4.G.2.b, 3.2.3, 3.2.11 and 7.8.2.C.2, of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Approved 7-1 (Councilor Kelley Opposed)

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

03/23/2026

Present: Councilors Baker (Chair), Wright, Gordon, Albright, Oliver, Kalis, Getz, and Dahmubed

#22-26 Request for a pre-budget planning discussion
 COUNCILORS BAKER, WRIGHT, FARRELL, and GETZ requesting a preliminary discussion with the Planning Department, Inspectional Services Department and CPA Program Manager to prepare for the Committee's FY27 Budget Review of these Departments and Programs.

Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 02/09/2026

Zoning & Planning Voted No Action Necessary 8-0

#55-26 Update on Short-term rental ordinance compliance and enforcement
 COUNCILORS BAKER, MALAKIE, GETZ, FARRELL, and KELLEY requesting an update on Short-term Rental ordinance compliance and enforcement, including data on registrations, complaints, investigations and fines issued; types of violations being found (e.g. non-owner occupied, room limits, annual time limits, other code violations like noise, health & safety, trash); ability to compare STRs registered with the city vs registered with the state vs listings

on public platforms; ability to obtain listing information from STR companies; adequacy of resources or other obstacles to enforcement.

Zoning & Planning Held 8-0

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

03/18/2026

Present: Councilors Lucas (Chair), Block, Greenberg, Wright, Silber, Roche, and Irish; absent: Councilor Golden

#56-26 Discussion on the City's response to ICE

This discussion is intended to review who will respond and how the City of Newton will act should Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enter the city. The purpose is to ensure that established procedures are properly followed so that all individuals who live and/or work in Newton are protected from ICE engaging in door-to-door actions, harassment, or the unlawful detention of residents and workers. This discussion also serves to reaffirm the City of Newton's continued adherence to its Welcoming City Ordinance.

Public Safety & Transportation Held 7-0

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

03/18/2026

Present: Councilors Kalis (Chair), Albright, Getz, Gordon, Dahmubed and Kelley; absent: Councilors Grossman and Leary; also present: Councilors Malakie and Silber

#61-26 Financial, technical and safety assessment of Actibump solution

COUNCILORS SILBER, KALIS, FARRELL, BIXBY, GREENBERG, OLIVER, MALAKIE, LUCAS, ALBRIGHT, IRISH and BLOCK requesting discussion about the potential for using the Actibump (<https://www.edeva.se/en/#products>) solution to supplement or replace speed tables in Newton for traffic calming and reduction of speeding (180 days: 07/25/26).

Public Facilities Voted No Action Necessary 5-0-1 (Councilor Albright Abstained)

#105-26 Overview of the Sustainable Materials Management Division

COUNCILORS KALIS and GETZ requesting an overview and discussion of the Department of Public Works' Sustainable Materials Management Division in preparation for the budget process (180 days: 09/12/26).

Public Facilities Voted No Action Necessary 6-0

#106-26 Overview of the Utilities Division

COUNCILOR KALIS and GETZ requesting an overview and discussion of the Department of Public Works' Utilities Division in preparation for the budget process (180 days: 09/12/26).

Public Facilities Voted No Action Necessary 5-0 (Councilor Albright Not Voting)

Referred to Public Facilities & Finance Committees

- #111-26** **Repurposing of \$150,000 for the renovation of the Fire Station 2 bathroom**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to repurpose the one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) allocated in Docket #120-25 for the renovation of the bathroom at Fire Station 2, rather than for updates to Fire Station 1 and 2 living quarters.

Public Facilities Voted No Action Necessary 6-0

Finance Voted No Action Necessary 8-0 on 03/23/2026

Referred to Finance Committee

03/23/2026

Present: Councilors Grossman (Chair), Bixby, Charm, Greenberg, Krintzman, Malakie, Micley, and Silber

Referred to Public Facilities & Finance Committees

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Finance Voted No Action Necessary 8-0

Public Facilities Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 on 03/18/2026

- #112-26** **Authorization to transfer \$46,500 for accessibility improvements**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer forty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$46,500) from Acct# 5500-335518, Accessibility Parking Fines, to Acct# 7536R401-524090, Walker and Proctor St Access Improv, to complete accessible improvements at the intersection of Walker Street and Proctor Street in Newtonville.

Finance Approved 8-0

Referred to Committee of the Whole

03/30/2026

Present: Councilors Albright, Baker, Bixby, Block, Charm, Dahmubed, Farrell, Getz, Golden, Gordon, Grossman, Irish, Kalis, Kelley, Krintzman, Leary, Lucas, Malakie, Micley, Oliver, Roche, Silber, and Wright

- #75-26** **Request for discussion regarding the draft BERDO Regulations**
PRESIDENT OLIVER requesting a discussion in Committee of the Whole with the City's BERDO Administrator and the BERDO Advisory Commission regarding the draft BERDO Regulations. At this meeting, the BERDO

Administrator will give an overview of the Regulation development process and discuss the key elements of the draft Regulations. This meeting will mark the beginning of a 30-day public comment period on the Regulations (180 days: 08/17/2026).

Committee of the Whole Held 24-0