



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

7 PM
Room 211

The Programs & Services Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7 PM in Room 211 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/83665055703> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 836 6505 5703

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #110-26 Request for pre-budget planning discussion**
COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, FARRELL, OLIVER, MALAKIE, IRISH, and CHARM requesting discussion among members of the Programs & Services Committee before FY26 budget process begins. A Pre-budget conversation will allow the Committee to consider expectations for department presentations and brainstorm questions before the City Council starts to schedule FY26 items (180 Days: 09/12/26).
- #113-26 Authorization to appropriate and expend \$300,000 to the Newton Communications Access Center, INC.**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, with one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Acct# 5516R114-590001, RCN CATV License Fees, and one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Acct# 5517R114-590001, Verizon CATV License Fees, to the Newton Communications Access Center, Inc.

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- #76-26 Discussion about establishing a Commission to review compensation for the Mayor, City Council and School Committee**
COUNCILOR KRINTZMAN requesting discussion about establishing a Commission to review compensation for the Mayor, City Council and School Committee and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding any ordinance modification. The Commission should review the current salary of the Mayor, City Councilors and School Committee Members; evaluate the impact that salary has on the willingness of residents to seek elected office; and evaluate how the compensation reflects the workload of the various elected offices (180 days: 08/17/2026).
- #77-26 Review of Newton City Charter**
COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, LUCAS, BLOCK, SILBER, ALBRIGHT, FARRELL, KALIS, ROCHE, DAHMUBED, GOLDEN, and BIXBY requesting discussion and review of the Newton City Charter that should include an evaluation of the structure, composition, role and duties of Newton's City Council and School Committee. The review should also include any other component of the Newton City Charter deemed appropriate. The review should be presented to the Newton City Council for its consideration (180 days: 08/17/2026)
- Action: Programs & Services Held 8-0 on 03/18/26**

**Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Krintzman, Chair**