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Monday, May 15, 2023

After the conclusion of the COW., Hybrid

To be reported on

Monday, June 5, 2023

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Monday, May 15, 2023, after the conclusion of the COW. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link at the above date and time: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/85358203185>

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City of Newton

In City Council to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

#167-23

Reappointment of John Martin to Newtonville Historic District Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing John Martin, 12 Simpson Terrace, Newton as a full member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on January 1, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)

#168-23

Reappointment of Jim Gross to Newtonville Historic District Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Jim Gross, 80 Highland Avenue, Newtonville as a full member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on January 1, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)

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- #169-23 Reappointment of Michael Rossi to Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Michael Rossi, 20 Rose Drive, West Newton as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on April 30, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
- #170-23 Reappointment of Jennifer Pucci to Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Jennifer Pucci, 20 Florence Court, Newtonville as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on April 19, 2024. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
- #171-23 Reappointment of Stuart Snyder to Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Stuart Snyder, 30 Erie Avenue, Newton Highlands as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on April 30, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
- #172-23 Reappointment of Tamirirashe Gambiza to Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Tamirirashe Gambiza, 15 Cutter Road, Waban as a member of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for a term of office to expire on May 2, 2025. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
- #173-23 Reappointment of Ann Houston to Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Ann Houston, 45 Wedgewood Road, West Newton as a member of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for a term of office to expire on May 2, 2026. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
- #174-23 Appointment of David Weinstein to Newtonville Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Jim Gross, 132 Cornell Street, Newton as a full member of the Newtonville Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on March 20, 2025. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)
- #175-23 Discussion and possible amendments to multi-residence zones**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, DANBERG, ALBRIGHT, RYAN, KRINTZMAN, AND LEARY seeking a discussion with the Planning department, and to consider ordinance amendments, that would revise the metrics in the multi-residence (MR1, MR2 and MR3) zones, to better regulate the size of new buildings, better enable a wider range of housing options close to public transit, and better incentivize preservation and renovation of existing housing stock.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

Public Hearing to be assigned for June 8, 2023

- #144-23 Citizens Group Petition to place a nonbinding advisory question on the ballot**
PETER HARRINGTON ET AL., petitioning pursuant to Article 10, Sec. 10-2 of the City of Newton Charter, for the City Council to cause the following non-binding question to be

placed on the November 7, 2023 municipal ballot: “Shall the City of Newton adopt new zoning laws to: 1. Allow new buildings of three and one-half and four and one-half stories in our village center business districts; 2. Allow the expansion of the lot size on which new developments can be built, without obtaining a special permit, from the current 10,000 square foot threshold to 30,000 sq ft; 3. Allow the reduction or elimination of parking space requirements in Village Centers; 4. Change Newton Ordinances to allow developers to build fewer affordable housing units and allow the affordable units to be occupied by tenants with more income than provided by Newton’s Ordinances, unless Newton shows its requirements are economically feasible.”

#176-23 Reappointment of Nancy Levine to Election Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Nancy Levine, 379 Central Street, Newton as a member of the City of Newton Election Commission for a term of office to expire on March 31, 2027. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)

#177-23 Reappointment of John McDermott to Election Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing John McDermott, 7 A Washburn Street, Newton as a member of the City of Newton Election Commission for a term of office to expire on March 31, 2027. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)

#178-23 Reappointment of MaryLee Belleville to Dogs Off-Leash Advisory Committee

PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT reappointing MaryLee Belleville, 136 Warren Street, Newton Centre as a member of the Dogs Off-Leash Advisory Committee for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2023. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)

#179-23 Appointment of Sean Dazet to Dogs Off-Leash Advisory Committee

PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT appointing Sean Dazet, 42 Rustic Street, Newton as a member of the Dogs Off-Leash Advisory Committee for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2023. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#180-23 Discussion regarding the Stormwater Ordinance

COUNCILORS NORTON, LEARY, AND LAREDO requesting a discussion regarding the new stormwater ordinance and how the provisions are being enforced which were not finalized when the City Council approved the law, rather the Public Facilities Committee requested that the City Engineer come back to the Committee in a year and provide details on how the new ordinance would be enforced.

#181-23 Appointment of Vincent McKay to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Vincent McKay, 67 Canterbury Road, Newton 02461 to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term of office to expire June 12, 2026. (60 days: 07/14/23)

Referred to Finance Committee

- #182-23** **Acceptance of grant funding for the Marty Sender Greenway Phase 2 Restoration Project**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of three hundred forty thousand two hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$340,298) from the Fy23 State MassTrails and accept and expend twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in donations from the Newton Conservators and the Solomon Foundation for the Marty Sender Greenway Phase 2 Restoration project
- #183-23** **Acceptance of \$75,000 from the Massachusetts State Budget**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of seventy-five-thousand-dollar (\$75,000) earmarked in the Massachusetts State Budget to assist the City on funding the construction of a new community garden at Spears Park on the north side.
- #184-23** **Acceptance of a donation from the Friends of Wellington Park**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend an amount up to one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000) from the Friends of Wellington Park to add a sensory dome play structure for children of all abilities within the Wellington Park playground
- #185-23** **Acceptance of \$400,000 from the Massachusetts State Budget**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) in a state budget earmark to assist the City in funding the improvements project at Gath Pool, including two pools and a splash pad.
- #186-23** **Acceptance of a donation from the Friends of Coletti-Magni Park**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) in donations from the Friends of Coletti-Magni Park to beautify the park and improve electrical infrastructure

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 Zoning & Planning Committee

- #187-23** **Reappointment of Peter Sargent to Newton Affordable Housing Trust**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Peter Sargent, 33 Avondale Road, Newton as a member of the Newton Affordable Housing Trust for a term of office to expire on May 2, 2025. (60 Days: 07/14/2023)

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

- #192-23** **Expansion of Noticing for Zoning Changes**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, MALAKIE, LUCAS, WRIGHT, NORTON, MARKIEWICZ, OLIVER, BAKER, AND KALIS requesting (a) a discussion with the Planning Department regarding providing written, individual notice to each property owner and tenant (and their immediate abutters and abutters of abutters), whose property (whether owned or occupied) is being considered for inclusion in

the new Village Center and/or MBTA Communities zoning districts and (b) the adoption of an ordinance requiring such written, individual notice to all affected property owners and tenants (and their immediate abutters and abutters of abutters) of potential changes to the zoning code that may result in the creation of a new zone (including an overlay district), substantial revisions to the rules for the currently existing zone, and/or a change of zone for the property.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#188-23 Appropriate \$640,000 for the Newton Police IT Department

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of six hundred forty thousand dollars (\$640,000) from June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash to a Newton Police Department Capital Account to fund several technology initiatives, including a Storage Area Network and significant technology infrastructure improvements.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#189-23 Appropriate \$250,000 for Police Patrol Overtime

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of June 30, 2022 Certified Free Cash to Acct 0120103-513010 Police Patrol Overtime

Referred to Finance Committee

#190-23 Appropriate \$30,000 for an IT Risk Assessment

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from Acct 0111154-511001 Micro/Network-Full Time Salaries) for an IT Risk Assessment

Referred to Finance Committee

#191-23 Transfer \$100,000 to Snow & Ice Vehicle Contractors

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Acct #140123-513010 Snow & Ice Overtime to Acct # 0140123-529100 Snow & Ice Vehicle Contractors to “true up” the legal level of control for the cost for employee overtime versus contracted work for snow and ice removal.

Referred to Finance Committee

#193-23 Discussion regarding property tax overlay surplus

COUNCILORS GENTILE, GROSSMAN, CROSSLEY, LUCAS, LAREDO, LIPOF, BOWMAN, RYAN, DANBERG, ALBRIGHT, MALAKIE, BAKER, KALIS, KRINTZMAN, WRIGHT requesting a discussion with Director of Assessment Administration James Shaughnessy and City Comptroller Steve Curley regarding the status of the property tax overlay surplus account including an estimate as to how much money is available to be declared surplus, and eventually free cash, as of 5/1/2023.