



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

6:45 PM
Room 211

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #442-16** **Authorize Administration to apply bond premiums to capital project costs**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that each prior order of the City Council that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects is hereby supplemented to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, so-called, the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied. [12/12/16 @ 4:45 PM]

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

- #445-16** **Recommendation on the appointment of the City Comptroller**
COUNCILOR GENTILE on behalf of the Comptroller's Search Committee recommending Sue Dzikowski for appointment by the City Council to succeed David Wilkinson as Comptroller of the City of Newton.

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

- #444-16** **Amendment add fines for certain violations of the Accessory Apartment Ord.**
COUNCILOR BAKER AND COMMISSIONER OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES proposing an amendment to Chapter 20 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances to allow non-criminal ticketing of certain violations of the Accessory Apartment Ordinance. [12/16/16 @ 1:40 PM]

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- #441-16 Mayor's appointment of Daniel Kunitz as a trustee of the Cousens Fund**
DANIEL KUNITZ, 51 Pratt Drive, West Newton appointed as a trustee of the Cousens Fund for a term of office to expire on January 30, 2019. [11/29/16 @ 9:21 AM]
- #209-16 Discussion of expenditures related to the Complete Streets Grant**
COUNCILOR FULLER requesting discussion regarding expenditures related to the Complete Streets grant with representatives of the Department of Public Works. [05/26/16 @ 1:11 PM]
- #397-16 Discussion w School Administration re \$1.2 million budget deficit**
COUNCILOR GENTILE requesting a discussion with the School Department and members of the School Committee regarding the \$1.2 million deficit in the School Department budget as outlined in the 2017 Fiscal and Operational Update Memo dated October 24, 2016. [11/16/16 @ 10:48 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #388-16 Authorize the Library Trustees to apply for grant funds for library renovation**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the City Council authorize the Board of Library Trustees to apply for any state funds which might be able to make improvements and additions to the Newton Free Library and which will defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the library project; and to authorize the Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation. [10/31/16 @ 2:05 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #387-16 Appropriate \$250,000 for renovation of 1st Floor of the Ed Center**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the Override Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of renovating the space on the 1st floor of the Ed Center which has been vacated by the relocation of the Pre-K Program to the Aquinas site to house the Central High School Program, additional professional development meeting space, and general office space. [10/31/16 @ 2:05 PM]

Programs & Services Approved 4-0 on 11/09/16

Public Facilities Held on 11/09/16

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #386-16 MWRA loan financing for homeowners to replace lead service lines**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY AND GENTILE proposing to establish policies and procedures for the use of approved Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) no interest loan financing to encourage homeowners to participate in the lead service line replacement program. [10/26/16 @ 3:12 PM]
- Public Facilities Held on 11/09/16**

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #385-16** **Discussion about the Community Solar Share Program**
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Administration and Public Buildings Department about the Community Solar Share Program, which intends to provide credits resulting from solar power generated at 70 Elliot Street to qualifying low income residents. [10/26/16 @ 4:20 PM]
Public Facilities Held on 11/09/16

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #384-16** **Appropriate \$71,000 to build an observation deck on the greenway**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of construction an observation on the greenway walking corridor. [10/31/16 @ 2:05 PM]
Public Facilities Held on 11/09/16

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

- #359-16** **Submittal of the FY 2018 to FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2018 to 2022 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/11/16 @ 11:28 AM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #357-16** **Reallocate \$250,467.24 for decommissioning two elevated storage tanks**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to reallocate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty-four cents (\$250,467.24) from the Waban Hill Reservoir Improvements Account to be used for the decommissioning of the Stanton Avenue and Winchester Street elevated storage tanks. [10/11/16 @ 11:29 AM]
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 on 10/19/16

- #353-16** **Review/Acceptance of the FY 2018 – FY 2022 5-year Financial Forecast**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2018 to 2022 5-Year Financial Forecast for City Council review/acceptance. [10/11/16 @ 11:28 AM]

Referred to Zoning & Planning, Programs & Services and Finance Committees

- #256-16** **Request to extend notification area of notice for special permit petitions**
COUNCILORS COTE, NORTON, HARNEY, BLAZER, BROUSAL-GLASER, AND LEARY requesting an amendment to the City Council Rules, Article X; Section 6 – Additional Notification Requirements, to include that the area of notice for special permit petitions be expanded beyond the abutters to abutters within 300' required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A to also include property owners within 600' of the subject property. This notification will apply to all classes of building except for residential 1 and 2-family units that will remain 1 or 2-family units after receiving a special permit. Only abutters to

abutters within 300' will be entitled to the rights conferred by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A. [07/01/16 @2:09 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #175-16** **Authorization to enter into a settlement agreement with National Grid.**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization for the City to enter into a settlement agreement with Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid. [04/25/16 @ 6:52 PM]
- #173-16** **Interest charges on late payment of utility bills**
COUNCILOR SANGIOLO requesting creation of a policy or ordinance related to interest charges on late payments of utility bills to the City and proportional return of interest charges if or when the utility bill is abated. [04/27/16 @ 1:39 PM]
- #112-16** **Appropriation of mitigation funds for pedestrian and traffic improvements**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the following Mitigation Funds:
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| A. Village Café at 719 Washington Street | \$2,500 |
| B. 258 Nevada Street at Linwood Street | \$1,500 |
| C. Cherry Street at Washington Street | \$2,000 |
| D. O'Hara's Restaurant, Newton Highlands | \$2,500 |
| E. Rox Diner Parking & Pedestrian Improvements | \$2,500 |
| G. Canton Circle LLC, 714-724 Beacon Street | \$10,000 |
- #40-16** **Request to accept MGL 149 Sec 148C related to earned sick time for employees**
COUNCILOR SANGIOLO requesting that City of Newton formally accept and/or take all necessary steps to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 149, Section 148C, in order to qualify full-time, part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees coverage under the earned sick time regulation, 940 CMR 33, as approved by the voters of Massachusetts in the 2014 Election as Ballot Question 4 – Earned Sick Time for Employees. [01/19/16 @ 2:35 PM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #223-15** **Discussion on the process of licensing the use of city buildings**
ALD. LAREDO requesting a discussion of the process of licensing the current and future use of city building, including: (a) how licensees may request the use of city buildings; (b) the process for determining which licensees will get the use of city buildings; (c) how the fees for the use of city buildings are set; and (d) how the current process compares to the process for permitting the use of school buildings. [08/13/15 @ 11:20 AM]

- #190-15** **Discussion of policy to record all meetings and post meeting materials online**
ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Executive Department relative to creating a policy to require audio recordings of all meetings of boards and commissions and requiring them to be posted to the City's website, as well as posting of all documentation that is reviewed by boards and commissions and/or by their designated City staff member.

Referred to Zoning & Planning, Land Use and Finance Committees

- #104-15** **Qualification of affordable units developed at Comm Ave, Pearl St, and Eddy St**
ALD. JOHNSON, LAREDO, AND GENTILE requesting a report from the Planning Department re how many of the affordable units developed at Commonwealth Avenue, Pearl Street, and Eddy Street qualify for inclusion on the State's Subsidized Housing Inventory List; if a property is not on the list, what can be done to make it eligible. [04/09/15 @ 12:00 PM]

- #25-15(2)** **Increase Investment Advisory Committee membership**
COUNCILOR GENTILE requesting an amendment to City of Newton Ordinances Chapter 2, Section 142 to increase the Investment Advisory Committee membership to 9 by one by adding an additional member to be appointed by the President of the Council. [11-21-16 @10:32 AM]

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

- #49-14** **Implementation of technology to monitor compliance with special permits**
LAND USE COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer regarding the critical need to implement technology which enables the development, management and use of shared, searchable, mobile-accessed (both read and write) database which contains parcel-based information that can be accessed by all city departments (including Planning, Inspectional Services (ISD), Assessing, Engineering, Fire, Police, Health), the Board of Aldermen and the community. This technology must support the work of ISD and other departments in both the office and the field to more effectively and efficiently monitor and enforce compliance with approved special permits and other related Board Orders. [02/10/14 @ 6:47 PM]

- #248-12** **Ordinance amendments to Article IV Purchases and Contracts**
RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that **ARTICLE IV. PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, Secs. 2-182 through 2-205**, be amended to make it consistent with state law.

Respectfully submitted;

Leonard J. Gentile, Chair



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Council docket for consideration a request to authorize the following:

“That each prior order of the City Council that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects is hereby supplemented to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by the Municipal Modernization Act, so-called, the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.”

The City is currently preparing for the January Bond Sale. The authorization will serve as a blanket authorization for the administration to apply the premiums received on this sale to each of the capital projects that will be part of this bond sale. As you can see by the language in the authorization this new requirement is part of the Municipal Modernization Act. We will be happy to explain this amendment to the Mass General Laws at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor