

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

The meeting will begin at approximately 8 PM following the joint meeting with the Financial Audit Advisory Committee
Room 222

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Chairman's note: The Chairman will provide an update on the results of the December 2013 meeting with Moody's Investor Service.

- #431-13 COMPTROLLER requesting acceptance of the June 30, 2013 Independent Financial Audit Report. [12-04-13 @ 10:42 AM]
NOTE: Please bring the Management Letter, Reports on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, Compliance and Federal Award Programs and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2013
- #29-14 ALD. BLAZAR requesting a creation of a revolving account under the authority of the Planning Department to fund the printing of historic preservation education materials for sale to the public with an initial deposit of \$500.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #254-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO, DANBERG, KALIS, CROSSLEY proposing an ordinance relating to plastic bag reduction that would add a fee to single-use plastic and paper bags that are not at least 40% post-consumer recycled content, at certain retail establishments in Newton [07/18/12 @ 4:34 PM]
PROG & SERV VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0 on 01/08/14

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #18-14 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT AND NORTON requesting discussion with the Newton Police and Executive Departments regarding ticketing on Newtonville Avenue at the bottom of a handicap ramp. [12/31/13 @ 4:55 PM]
PS&T VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0-1 (Fuller abstaining) on 01/22/14

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ITEMS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED:

- #432-13 COMPTROLLER requesting that the Board of Aldermen select a qualified public accounting firm to complete the City's annual financial audit for Fiscal years 2014 to 2018. [12-04-13 @ 10:42 AM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #403-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY15-FY19 Capital Improvement Plan and Long Range Projection pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/21/13 @ 9:59 AM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

- #402-13 ALD. FULLER, GENTILE, RICE and LINSKY requesting a Home Rule Petition to amend Article 9 of the Charter to clarify that Neighborhood Area Councils shall maintain and control their own financial accounts and records, independent of City finances; and to further clarify that such independent financial accounts and records shall remain subject to City audit. [10/28/13 @ 10:18 AM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #288-13 PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES requesting that the Administration update the Board of Aldermen when a funding source is determined for the Zervas Elementary School Feasibility Study. [07-11-13 @ 10:10 AM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #41-13 ALD. CROSSLEY, FULLER AND SALVUCCI requesting a discussion with the administration to review how the city inventories, plans for, budgets and accounts for needed smaller capital expenditures (currently set at under \$75,000), which are excluded from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP); how to make these non-CIP capital maintenance items visible, and how to integrate them with the overall planning, CIP, and budgeting processes. [01/14/13 @ 5:02 PM]

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING, LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #273-12 ALD. CROSSLEY & HESS-MAHAN requesting a restructuring and increase in fees for permits charged by the Inspectional Services Department and fees charged by the Planning Department and City Clerk to assure that fees are both sufficient to fund related services provided and simple to administer.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #257-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FAC., ZAP, AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #256-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO & SWISTON proposing an ordinance promoting economic development and the mobile food truck industry in the City of Newton. [08/06/12 @4:46 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #254-12 (3) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing an ordinance to require a fee, charged to consumers, for the use of paper bags at certain retail establishments in the City of Newton. [01/10/14 @ 3:36 pm]
- #248-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that **ARTICLE IV. PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS, Secs. 2-182 through 2-205**, be amended to make it consistent with state law.
- #247-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that Chapter 18 MEMORIAL FUNDS AND TRUSTS be reviewed relative to the consequences and practices of special legislation passed by the General Court in 2007, Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2007, in which the City sought and was granted an exemption from G.L. Chapter 44 §54, which intent was to allow the City greater flexibility in terms of investments.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #185-12 ALD. BAKER, BLAZAR, SANGIOLO, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & DANBERG requesting that the Board of Aldermen adopt a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that, when the Mayor seeks future Board approval for bonding the cost of additional capital facilities or equipment for the schools, he include in that funding request, as well as in the city-wide Capital Improvement Plan, the estimated costs needed for funding the capital technology needs of the Newton Schools, including the appropriate portions of the estimated project costs of the School Committee's three-year district-wide technology plan not anticipated to be funded by the Information Technology Department budget; the anticipated technology grants from Boston College for the elementary schools; and/or estimated revenue from the E-rate Technology Reimbursement Program.
PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0 on 07/11/12

REFERRED TO LAND USE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #79-12(2) COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of nine hundred ten thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$910,179) from the Community Preservation Fund to the Planning & Development Department for a grant to Myrtle Village, LLC, to create 7 units of permanently affordable rental housing at 12 and 18-20 Curve Street, West Newton, as described in the proposal submitted in August – October 2013. [11/06/13 @ 4:08 PM]

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #102-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER LOJEK, AND CANDACE HAVENS requesting an amendment to Chapter 17 to establish a fee for filing a notice of condo conversion. [03-29-11 @ 4:55PM]
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 on 6/10/13

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #95-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing an ordinance requiring that a notice of conversion to condominium ownership be filed with the Inspectional Services Department and that the property be inspected to determine compliance with all applicable provisions of the state and local codes, ordinances and the rules and regulations of all appropriate regulatory agencies. [03-24-11 @ 9:30AM]
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 on 6/10/13

- #41-11(2) ALD. CICCONE requesting implementation of the fees associated with the Winter Overnight Parking Pilot Program. [09/19/13 @ 3:49 PM]

REFERRED TO LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #276-10 ALD. FULLER, CROSSLEY, DANBERG, LINSKY requesting a review of guidelines for mitigation fund provisions to maximize the use of such funds on behalf of the city together with mechanisms by which the city can better track such funds to ensure they are used in a timely fashion.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman