

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2014

6:45 PM
Room 209

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #255-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that 1316 Beacon Street, 1330 Beacon Street, and 1338 Beacon Street, including trees and structures on the properties, be acquired through purchase or by friendly takings ~~eminent domain~~ for the purpose of expanding the Zervas Elementary School site. [06/16/14 @11:17 AM]
- #256-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) from the Capital Stabilization Fund-Operating Override Account Fund for purposes of funding all costs associated with the acquisition of 1316 Beacon Street, 1330 Beacon Street, and 1338 Beacon Street including any relocation obligations the City may have pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 79A. [06/16/14 @11:17 AM]

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #342-14 ALD. DANBERG requesting amendment to Section 20-21(d) of the City of Newton Ordinances to increase the fine for violation of sidewalk snow removal requirements in business districts per Sec. 26-8, *Removal of snow from sidewalks in certain districts*. [09/10/14 @ 4:25 PM]

REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #310-10(2) ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR, KALIS, SCHWARTZ, ALBRIGHT, HESS-
(#409-12) MAHAN, RICE, COTE, LEARY, AND NORTON requesting amendments to Sec. 26-8D of the City of Newton Ordinances to modify and make permanent the trial program for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and to provide for enforcements and fines for violations. [09/10/14 @ 2:12 PM]

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REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #315-14 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, ALBRIGHT, CROSSLEY AND DANBERG proposing an amendment to Chapter 2 of the City of Newton Ordinances setting forth requirements for procurement of materials and services by non-governmental recipients of federal, state or local funds administered by the City, such as CDBG and CPA funds. In order to encourage non-profit and other private organizations to participate in affordable housing, cultural and other public-private collaborations, such procurement requirements should accommodate the needs of non-governmental recipients for flexibility given the multiple public and private sources of funds necessary for any project by not placing undue or unreasonable burdens on them. [08/04/14 @ 5:08PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #216-14 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, ALBRIGHT, BAKER, CROSSLEY, NORTON AND SANGIOLO proposing the following amendments to Chapter 12 Health and Human Services of the Revised Ordinances to:
- require owners of dwellings requiring a Certificate of Habitability under Section 12-1 and real estate agents/brokers who receive compensation in connection with the particular real estate transaction to notify the Commissioner of Health and Human Services whenever an apartment, tenement, or room in a lodging house is vacated by the occupant or when an area in an existing building is converted to a condominium prior to being reoccupied by a new tenant, lodger or occupant;
 - require educational institutions to disclose addresses of undergraduates living off-campus in Newton;
 - require a fee for certification; and
 - impose a fine for violation of these provisions. [05/14/14 @ 11:51 AM]
- #104-14 ALD. JOHNSON requesting that the Executive Department conducts a complete review and analysis of the policies governing data privacy and the security of resident/business information on the Treasurer's website to be followed with an action plan to protect our residents' data to be completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2014. [02/26/14 @ 9:07 AM]

REFERRED TO LAND USE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #49-14 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]

- #34-14 ALD. FULLER requesting a discussion with the Executive Office regarding the current status and challenges related to the City of Newton pension and retiree healthcare (OPEB) systems. [01/11/14 @ 5:22 PM]

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 ZAP, PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #397-13(3) ALD. SANGIOLO AND DANBERG requesting creation of an ordinance to protect trees deemed historic by the Historical Commission and the City's Tree Warden. [05-05-14 @ 4:32 PM]

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 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