IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY JUNE 25, 2012

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Salvucci, Rice, and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Blazar and Fuller

Also present: Ald. Crossley, Fischman, Hess-Mahan, Lennon and Sangiolo

City officials present: Sandra Guryan (Deputy Superintendent / Chief Administrative Officer of Schools), Robert DeRubeis (Commissioner of Parks and Recreation), Matthew Cummings (Police Chief), Howard Mintz (Police Captain), David Koses (Transportation Planner), Maciej Konieczny (Project Manager, Public Buildings Department), Josh Morse (Director of Operations; Public Buildings), Maureen Lemieux (Chief Financial Officer), and David Wilkinson (Comptroller)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#184-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting the establishment of four revolving accounts for both FY12 and FY13 as follows:

Account Title	Effective Date	Spending Limit
High School Student Activity	07/01/11	\$350,000
Middle School Student Activity	07/01/11	\$100,000
High School Drama	07/01/11	\$100,000
All City Band, Chorus & Orchestra	07/11/11	\$100,000

These accounts will be used for the deposit of revenue to offset costs associated with student activities, high school drama and All City Music. [06/11/12 @5:51 PM]

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PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 3-0-2 (Hess-Mahan and Sangiolo

abstaining)

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0

<u>NOTE</u>: The Programs and Services Committee met jointly with the Finance Committee to discuss the above item. The Programs & Services Committee discussed the item at their meeting on June 20, 2012 but held it for further information on the dollar amount of the fees collected in Fiscal Year 2012 and how the fee revenue will be spent. The School Department provided the attached memo and summary of the four fees for Fiscal 2012 and 2013. The School Department collected \$108,956 from the four new fees in Fiscal Year 2012, which cannot be spent until revolving accounts are established.

The revenue from the fees will be used for a variety of expenses as outlined in the attached memo. Deputy Superintendent Sandy Guryan added that revenue generated from a fee can only be used to defray the expenses for the program, for which the fee is being collected. None of the four programs for which the fees are being collected have generated enough revenue to cover the cost of running the associated programs.

The Administration has been addressing the collection of the new fees with the high school and middle school principals. The Administration had a hard time collecting the high school activity fees this past school year. In the upcoming school year, the Administration will rely on the club advisors to provide the club rosters, so that students can be billed for the activity. The Administration expects that fee collection for the new fees will improve next school year and collection will run as smoothly as the existing bus, athletic, and music fees.

Members of both committees raised their concerns regarding charging fees. It was pointed out that the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution for the creation of a study group to review the School Department fees and look at options such as eliminating or lowering fees. Another area of concern was related to the School Department's inconsistency in collecting fees. It was pointed out that if fees are going to be charged, all participants need to pay the fees or apply for a waiver in the spirit of fairness.

Ald. Lappin moved approval in the Finance Committee and Ald. Hess-Mahan moved approval in the Programs and Services Committee. The Finance Committee voted to approve the motion unanimously. The Programs & Services Committee supported the motion by a vote of three in favor and two abstentions. Ald. Sangiolo stated that she is abstaining in order to check with the Law Department to determine if she has a conflict of interest because she has children enrolled in the Newton Public Schools. It was pointed out that a vote for the establishment of the revolving fund did not mean support of the fees.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#85-12

ALD. LENNON & LAPPIN requesting a review and possible ordinance amendment to review and adjust the salary of the Clerk Clerk/Clerk of the Board of Aldermen pursuant to Article XI of the *Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen 2012-2013* [03/26/12 @10:25 PM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 7-0 on 06/06/12

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0

NOTE: Ald. Lennon presented the item to the Committee. Ald. Lennon and Lappin did a significant amount of research on the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board's salary, which was provided in the packet. The Clerk has not had a review or increase in salary since 2008. The Board recently amended the Board Rules to require a salary review for the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board every two years. This is the first review of the Clerk's salary since the new rule was implemented. The President and Vice-president are recommending an increase in the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board's salary. In addition the Programs and Services Committee has voted unanimously to recommend an amendment to the ordinances to increase the Clerk's salary to \$104,260.

Ald. Lennon and Lappin looked at comparable positions both internally and externally and made a recommendation to increase the Clerk's salary over two years. The above request is to increase the salary to \$104,260, as reflected in the attached draft ordinance. The proposed increase for Fiscal Year 2014 will be \$116,021 but will require another docket item. The recommendation was made after a review of the salaries of other City Clerks with similar responsibilities and a review of the salaries of department heads within the city with similar

budgets, comparable responsibilities, and similar staff for Fiscal Year 2012. Aldermen Lennon and Lappin identified the Human Resources, Assessing and Inspectional Services Department heads, as appropriate for comparison with the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board. They checked with the Human Resources Director to make sure that it was the appropriate way to proceed with comparables and were told that it was. Information attached to the agenda for the meeting provides details on the comparison. An analysis of the H-Grade increases, steps and bonuses since 2008 was also factored into the salary recommendation and was attached to the agenda. At the request of the Chairman, the Director of Human Resources provided the attached list of the current department heads years of service with the City.

The Chairman stated that he supports the first year recommendation but is not willing to lock into the proposed increase for the second year, although he believes the City Clerk does a tremendous job. Other members echoed this sentiment. Ald. Lennon stated that there will be opportunity to discuss the recommendation for the next year when the request is docketed.

Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried unanimously. Once the item is approved by the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor will docket an item to transfer funds to fund the increase in salary.

#183-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of

twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) from B.A.A. Marathon Receipts for the purpose of funding 50% of the cost to replace existing sand with fibar at

Memorial Spaulding School play area. [06/11/12 @ 5:51PM]

Note: FY13 Appropriation

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0

NOTE: Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Bob DeRubeis presented the request for \$12,500 to fund 50% of the cost of replacing sand with Fibar material at the Memorial Spaulding Playground. The School Department has committed to providing the other half of the necessary funding, as stated in the attached letter from the School Department's Chief of Operations. Ald. Lappin moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#78-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing amendments to Sections 19-9 and 19-199 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2007 to increase the penalties for handicap parking violations in Section 19-9 and to clarify that handicap parking violation penalties apply not only to spaces on public ways but also to handicap spaces on private property open to public access in accordance with Section 19-199; to update language in Section 19-199 regulating minimum width of handicap spaces; to add language pertaining to cross-hatch areas as required by state law; and to reference governing Architectural Access Board regulations. [03/12/12 @4:09 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED 7-0 on 05/23/12

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 (Lappin not voting)

NOTE: The Public Safety and Transportation Committee approved the request to amend the sections of the ordinances related to handicap parking. The draft ordinance language is attached. The amendments include language to clarify that the police can ticket for parking in a handicap parking space without a placard on private property and language to regulate the appearance of handicap parking spaces. In addition there is an increase in the penalties for violating the handicap parking ordinance. The Public Safety and Transportation Committee recommended a fine of \$200 for the first offence and \$300 for each subsequent offense.

There was some concern that the Police Department's ticketing software could not handle the graduated fine but Captain Mintz explained to the Committee that the software can easily handle graduated penalties. There was a suggestion that the Police Department inform private businesses that handicap parking regulations can be enforced on private property and that their employees/customers are subject to penalties and that the handicap parking spaces should be clearly delineated. The police cannot ticket if a handicap space is not clearly marked. The City's Inspectional Services Department would respond to any complaints related to the appearance of a handicap space.

Chairman of the Commission on Disabilities Rob Caruso voiced his support of the ordinances amendments and provided the attached letter in support. He pointed out that the amendments equalize the penalties on private property and public property. In addition, Jason Rosenberg, Chairman Emeritus of the Commission on Disabilities provided the attached letter in support. Ald. Rice moved approval of the item, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#186-12

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from Executive Department Salaries to the Police Gasoline Account for the purpose of covering the Police Department's gasoline needs through the end of the year and transfer the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from Executive Department Salaries to the Police Department's Overtime Account. [06/11/12 @ 5:51 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED 7-0 (Harney not voting) on 06/20/12

ACTION: APPROVED 5-0 (Lappin not voting)

NOTE: Police Chief Cummings and Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux presented the request to the Committee. The request is to transfer \$60,000 from the Executive Department Salaries Account to provide funding for gasoline and police overtime until the end of the fiscal year. The Executive Department Salaries Account has surplus funds as a result of a vacancy in the department for most of the fiscal year.

There has been a significant amount of turnover in the Police Department, which has resulted in unbudgeted overtime. There have also been a number of events in the City that have resulted in police overtime, such as the President's visit. There was also an unexpected retirement in Fiscal Year 2012 that created an unexpected strain on the overtime budget. Ms. Lemieux also felt that there may not have been a large enough funds transfer to address the contract settlements. The gasoline account was short due to the increase in gasoline prices this past year. Ald. Ciccone moved approval, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#114-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding Phase I of a multi-phase project for energy efficiency upgrades at multiple buildings. [04-09-12 @ 7:04 PM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 AS AMENDED @ 500K on 06/20/12

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 (Lappin not voting)

NOTE: Public Buildings Project Manager Maciej Konieczny and Public Buildings Director of Operations Josh Morse presented the request for funding for the first phase of energy efficiency upgrades at various municipal buildings. The Public Facilities Committee voted to approve the request as amended to increase the amount to \$500,000. The original request was for \$300,000 for the Cabot Elementary School alone but the scope of work at the Cabot School has been reduced, as the school is expected to be renovated or replaced in the next five years. It does not make sense to invest large scale energy projects that have a payback of more than five years at the school. The Administration would like to add the main library to the first phase of the project, as it is one of the city's largest energy consuming buildings.

Energy upgrades to the library will address a number of HVAC issues in the library. The current HVAC system is run on a DOS computer system, which is very outdated and will be replaced. These upgrades will result in a much more comfortable atmosphere at the library for library users and employees. The blended payback on the library is expected to be between 8 and 10 years but the upgrades would result in savings as soon as they are done.

In addition to saving energy and money, the upgrades to the library's energy systems will also address some of the backlog of deferred maintenance in the process. The estimated cost of the upgrades at the library is \$300,960 and at the Cabot Elementary School the cost is estimated to be \$170,340. The projects are cost neutral over the term of the bond.

The energy upgrades will be done in collaboration with NStar through its Preferred Vendor Program. Each of NStar's preferred vendors have been vetted by the utility company. The City has chosen two companies to handle the projects. NStar works with the City to identify the best of their preferred vendors to address the City's needs.

Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux presented a request to amend the item even further by changing a portion (\$100,000) of the funding source to the Energy Capital Stabilization Fund. Bonded indebtedness would still be used for funding the remaining \$400,000. All energy rebates received as a result of these projects will be placed back into the Energy Capital Stabilization Fund to help defray future energy conservation projects.

There was a suggestion that the project be expedited as they are cost neutral projects and help to address the City's commitment to reduce energy by 20% over the next five years. Mr. Morse explained that the Public Buildings Department is in the process of figuring out how to do the work as efficiently as possible with the proper oversight of the preferred vendors. Ald. Linsky moved approval as amended to include the change in funding and the funding source, which carried unanimously.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#107-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty-two thousand dollars (\$252,000) from bonded indebtedness for

the purpose of funding the design and repair of masonry and related surfaces at

the Public Works Utilities Building. [04-09-12 @ 3:40]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED AS AMENDED on 06/20/12

ACTION: APPROVED AS AMENDED 4-0 (Lappin, Linsky not voting)

<u>NOTE</u>: Josh Morse, Director of Operations, presented the request for funds to repair the masonry at the City's Utilities Buildings. The Public Facilities Committee voted unanimously to support approval of the item as amended by changing the funding source from bonded indebtedness to enterprise accounts. Water infiltration has occurred over the past five years within the building, which has caused a hazardous work environment in the building. The funds will be used to repoint and reseal masonry joints throughout the exterior of the building, replace the parapet flashing, and reseal the roof membrane. There is also a safety issue in the basement due to the water infiltration, which will be addressed.

Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux presented a request to further amend the funding sources as follows: \$105,000 from Capital Stabilization Fund for Water & Sewer Buildings Improvements, and \$147,000 from bonded indebtedness. Unfortunately, there are not enough funds within the enterprise accounts to fund the entire project. However, there is \$105,000 available in the Capital Stabilization Fund and it is appropriate to use it on this type of project. With that, Ald. Ciccone moved approval as amended, which carried unanimously.

The Committee had a brief discussion with Maureen Lemieux regarding how long to bond this type of project. Ms. Lemieux does not believe that a project should be bonded for longer than the added value of a project or the life of equipment. The Chairman suggested that Ms. Lemieux look at bonding this project and the renovation of the veterans' wing for ten years.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#104-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of

three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of design and installation of an accessible ramp and renovations to the

City Hall Veterans' Wing. [04-09-12 @ 2:48 PM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 5-0 on 06/20/12

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0 (Lappin, Linsky not voting)

<u>NOTE</u>: Josh Morse, Director of Operations, presented the request for funds to renovate and install an accessible ramp in the veterans' wing of City Hall. The intent is to restore the wing to its original open floor plan and move the Health Department to the wing. The Veteran's Agent and the disabled veterans' conference room will remain in the same locations in the wing.

The first step of the renovation is an inventory of all materials stored in the area and a plan to preserve or display those materials. The design and inventory will take place over the summer and construction will begin in the fall. The renovations will address all life safety and code issues in the wing. It will also include masonry repairs to address water infiltration,

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mechanical improvements and floor work. The plan for the proposed ramp will be reviewed by the Commission on Disability and will meet all requirements for an accessible ramp.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Morse talk with Ald. Merrill before the Board of Aldermen vote on the item on July 9, 2012 to ensure that he is aware of the plan. Ald. Salvucci moved approval, which carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 9:20 p.m. and all other items before the Committee were held without discussion. Draft Board Orders for the above items are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Business, Finance and Planning 100 Walnut Street Newtonville, MA 02460 617-559-9025

TO: Amy Sangiolo, Chair, Programs & Services Committee, Board of Aldermen

School Committee

David Fleishman, Superintendent

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

Cc: David Olson, Clerk of the Board of Aldermen

DATE: June 21, 2012

RE: Back up Information Requested at the 6/20/12 Meeting of the Programs & Services

Committee (Docket Item #184-12)

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All City Band, Chorus & Orchestra	07/11/11	\$100,000

These accounts will be used for the deposit of revenue to offset costs associated with student activities, high school drama and All City Music.

Regarding the above mentioned docket item, attached please find information from June 2011 including the following:

- 1. The June 16, 2011 letter to Mayor Setti Warren from Claire Sokoloff, School Committee Chair, stating the School Committee voted to request the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to authorize four revolving accounts in accordance with *MGL C.44*, *S.53E1/2*. The letter states the revolving accounts will be used to deposit revenues from four new fees and to offset certain specific expenses.
- 2. The June 13, 2011 memo to David Fleishman, Superintendent, from Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer requesting the four new fees approved in the FY12 School Committee Approved Budget be voted by the School Committee and sent to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for approval. The memo describes the nature of each of the four new fees and the amount of each fee.
- 3. A copy of MGL C.44, S.53E1/2, the establishment of revolving funds.

At the Programs & Services meeting of June 20, 2012, the committee asked for in writing the dollar amounts collected in FY12 for each of the four new fees and how the funds will be spent. The following table contains the

information discussed at the meeting, including the amount of \$108,956 which has been collected this fiscal year and is pending authorization of the revolving accounts in order to be spent.

Four New Fees: FY12 and FY13						
	FY12 Final (# Students Paying)	FY12 Final (\$ Collected)	FY13 Budget (# Students Paying)	FY13 Budget (\$ Collected)	VS FY17	% Increase
H.S. Student Activity (\$125 per year unlimited)	284	\$35,495	810	\$101,250	\$65,755	185%
H.S. Drama (\$150 per play, max \$450)	70	\$10,460	153	\$33,450	\$22,990	220%
M.S. Student Activity (\$60/\$100; without/with drama)	560	\$42,001	565	\$42,957	\$956	2%
All City Music Ensembles (\$200 per year)	105	\$21,000	116	\$23,200	\$2,200	10%
Total Four New Fees	1,019	\$108,956	1,644	\$200,857	\$91,901	84%

The four new fees may be used to credit all or part of the following expenses:

High School Student Activity Fee: Extra Assignments (stipends); Bursar salary; Custodial Salaries; Benefits.

High School Drama: Theatre Technical Assistants; Theatre Production Teachers; Benefits.

Middle School Student Activity: Extra Assignments (stipends); Triple E Expenses.

All City Music Ensembles: Supplemental Music and Drama Salaries; Benefits; Music Accompanists;

Transportation.

June 16, 2011

Mayor Setti Warren Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Ave. Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Mayor Warren:

At the June 13, 2011 School Committee meeting, the Committee voted to request the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to authorize four revolving accounts. The accounts are in accordance with *MGL C.44*, *S.53E1/2*, a copy of which is attached, and include the following:

Account Title	Effective Date	Spending Limit
High School Student Activity	July 1, 2011	\$350,000
Middle School Student Activity	July 1, 2011	\$100,000
High School Drama	July 1, 2011	\$100,000
All City, Band, Chorus and Orchestra	July 1, 2011	\$100,000

The High School Student Activity account will be used for the deposit of revenue to offset instructional stipends and expenses as well as administrative and operational costs of the school buildings.

The Middle School Student Activity account will be used for the deposit of revenue to offset the cost of instructional stipends.

The High School Drama account will be used for the deposit of revenue to offset the instructional cost of supplemental music and drama.

The All City Music account will be used for the deposit of revenue to offset the cost of music teacher stipends, benefits and supplies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours

Claire Sokoloff,

Chairperson

Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

c: djr



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Office of Business, Finance and Planning

Memorandum

<u>TO:</u> David Fleishman, Superintendent

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

<u>DATE:</u> June 13, 2011

<u>RE:</u> Vote to Establish Revolving Accounts for Four New Fees

As part of the FY12 School Committee Approved Budget, four new student fees were approved which require establishment of departmental revolving accounts upon request of the School Committee, and on approval by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. Departmental revolving accounts are necessary for the collection and spending of revenue separate from the district's general fund. Implementation plans for the new fees are underway in conjunction with school principals, the departments of Information Technology and Business, Finance & Planning, as well as the City Comptroller. Section I provides a description of each new fee; Section II includes the four required motions to establish each departmental revolving account.

I. Recap of New Fees

High School Student Activity Fee

The new high school student activity fee for school year 2011-12 covers all school sponsored extra-curricular "clubs" and activities within the high schools, with the exception of athletics and drama. The fee is set at \$125 per student per year and allows a student to participate in an unlimited number of extra-curricular activities. Fee revenue will be used to offset instructional stipends and expenses as well as administrative and operational costs of the school buildings.

Middle School Student Activity Fee

The new middle school student activity fee for school year 2011-12 covers all school sponsored extra-curricular activities within the middle schools, known as Triple E, not including athletics. The fee is set at \$60 per student per year not including drama, and \$100 per student per year if the student participates in drama. The annual fee allows a student to participate in an unlimited number of Triple E activities. Fee revenue will be used to offset the cost of instructional stipends.

High School Drama Fee

The new high school drama fee for school year 2011-12 will supplement district-supported high school theatre productions. The fee is set at \$150 per participant per play, with a maximum of \$450 per participant per year. Students who try out for plays but do not eventually participate in the production will not be required to pay the fee. Fee revenue will be used to offset the instructional cost of supplemental music and drama.

All City Band, Chorus and Orchestra Fee

The new fee for students who participate in All City performance ensembles is set at \$200 per student per year for the 2011-12 school year. All City performance ensembles include the All City Honors Chorus Treble Singers, the All City Honors Chorus Troubadours, the All City Band, and the All City Orchestra. Students are selected by audition and will not be charged the fee unless invited to join an All City performance ensemble. Fee revenue will be used to offset the cost of music teacher stipends, benefits and supplies.

Grade 5 Instrumental Music

A new Grade 5 Instrumental Music fee of \$100 per semester per student, or \$200 per student per year will be charged in school year 2011-12, similar to the Grade 4 instrumental music and Grades 3-5 strings fee instituted three years ago. The City Comptroller has confirmed it is *not* necessary to establish a separate revolving account for the Grade 5 Instrumental Music fee; deposits and payments will be made using the existing revolving account entitled, "Elementary Instrumental Music."

II. Required Motions, Including Annual Spending Limits

The following four School Committee motions are required:

- 1. A motion is required to send the request for a revolving account to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton in order to authorize a "High School Student Activity" Departmental Revolving Account, effective July 1, 2011, in accordance with the attached MGL C.44, S.53E1/2, with an annual spending limit not to exceed \$350,000.
- 2. A motion is required to send the request for a revolving account to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton in order to authorize a "Middle School Student Activity" Departmental Revolving Account, effective July 1, 2011, in accordance with the attached MGL C.44, S.53E1/2, with an annual spending limit not to exceed \$100,000.
- 3. A motion is required to send the request for a revolving account to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton in order to authorize a "High School Drama" Departmental Revolving Account, effective July 1, 2011, in accordance with the attached MGL C.44, S.53E1/2, with an annual spending limit not to exceed \$100,000.
- 4. A motion is required to send the request for a revolving account to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton in order to authorize an "All City Band, Chorus and Orchestra" Departmental Revolving Account, effective July 1, 2011, in accordance with the attached MGL C.44, S.53E1/2, with an annual spending limit not to exceed \$100,000.



PART I ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT (Chapters 1 through 182)

TITLE VII CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS

CHAPTER 44 MUNICIPAL FINANCE

Section 53E1/2 Revolving funds

Section 53E1/2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three, a city or town may annually authorize the use of one or more revolving funds by one or more municipal agency, board, department or office which shall be accounted for separately from all other monies in such city or town and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by such revolving fund. Expenditures may be made from such revolving fund without further appropriation, subject to the provisions of this section; provided, however, that expenditures shall not be made or liabilities incurred from any such revolving fund in excess of the balance of the fund nor in excess of the total authorized expenditures from such fund, nor shall any expenditures be made unless approved in accordance with sections forty-one, forty-two, fifty-two and fifty-six of chapter forty-one.

Interest earned on any revolving fund balance shall be treated as general fund revenue of the city or town. No revolving fund may be established pursuant to this section for receipts of a municipal water or sewer department or of a municipal hospital. No such revolving fund may be established if the aggregate limit of all revolving funds authorized under this section exceeds ten percent of the amount raised by taxation by the city or town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine. No revolving fund expenditures shall be made for the purpose of paying any wages or salaries for full time employees unless such revolving fund is also charged for the costs of fringe benefits associated with the wages or salaries so paid; provided, however, that such prohibition shall not apply to wages or salaries paid to full or part-time employees who are employed as drivers providing transportation for public school students; provided further, that only that portion of a revolving fund which is attributable to transportation fees may be used to pay such wages or salaries and provided, further, that any such wages or salaries so paid shall be reported in the budget submitted for the next fiscal year.

A revolving fund established under the provisions of this section shall be by vote of the annual town meeting in a town, upon recommendation of the board of selectmen, and by vote of the city council in a city, upon recommendation of the mayor or city manager, in Plan E cities, and in any other city or town by vote of the legislative body upon the recommendation of the chief administrative or executive officer. Such authorization shall be made annually prior to each respective fiscal year; provided, however, that each authorization for a revolving fund shall specify: (1) the programs and purposes for which the revolving fund may be expended; (2) the departmental receipts which shall be credited to the revolving fund; (3) the board, department or officer authorized to expend from such fund; (4) a limit on the total amount which may be expended from such fund in the ensuing fiscal year; and, provided, further, that no board, department or officer shall be authorized to expend in any one fiscal year from all revolving funds under its direct control more than one percent of the amount raised by taxation by the city or town in the most recent fiscal year for which a tax rate has been certified under section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, whenever, during the course of any fiscal year, any new revenue source becomes available for the establishment of a revolving fund under this section, such a fund may be established in accordance with this section upon certification by the city auditor, town accountant, or other officer having similar duties, that the revenue source was not used in computing the most recent tax levy.

In any fiscal year the limit on the amount that may be spent from a revolving fund may be increased with the approval of the city council and mayor in a city, or with the approval of the selectmen and finance committee, if any, in a town; provided, however, that the one percent limit established by clause (4) of the third paragraph is not exceeded.

The board, department or officer having charge of such revolving fund shall report to the annual town meeting or to the city council and the board of selectmen, the mayor of a city or city manager in a Plan E city or in any other city or town to the legislative body and the chief administrative or executive officer, the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund under its control for the prior fiscal year and for the current fiscal year through

December thirty-first, or such later date as the town meeting or city council may, by vote determine, and the amount of any increases in spending authority granted during the prior and current fiscal years, together with such other information as the town meeting or city council may by vote require.

At the close of a fiscal year in which a revolving fund is not reauthorized for the following year, or in which a city or town changes the purposes for which money in a revolving fund may be spent in the following year, the balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to surplus revenue unless the annual town meeting or the city council and mayor or city manager in a Plan E city and in any other city or town the legislative body vote to transfer such balance to another revolving fund established under this section.

The director of accounts may issue guidelines further regulating revolving funds established under this section.

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMARY OF FOUR NEW FEES FOR FY12 AND FY13

Description of Costs	 otal Program Costs	tal FY12 Fee Estimate	Тс	otal FY13 Fee Estimate
H.S. Student Activity Fee (\$125 per year unlimited)				
Extra Assignments (Stipends for Club Advisors)	\$ 93,095.00	\$ 35,495.00	\$	73,095.00
Other Teaching Salaries	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$	-
High School Bursar Salaries (50% of time)	\$ 51,948.00	\$, -	\$	28,155.00
Custodial Salaries	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$	_
Benefits	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$	-
Total	\$ 190,043.00	\$ 35,495.00	\$	101,250.00
H.S. Drama (\$150 per play, max \$450)				
Theatre Technical Assistants	\$ 73,582.00	\$ 10,460.00	\$	33,450.00
Theatre Production Teachers	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$	-
Benefits	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$	-
Other Costs (Supplies, Equipment, Utilities, Custodial)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$	-
Total	\$ 138,582.00	\$ 10,460.00	\$	33,450.00
M.S. Student Activity Fee (\$60/\$100; without/with drama)				
Extra Assignments (Stipends for Club Advisors)	\$ 92,640.00	\$ 42,001.00	\$	42,957.00
Supplies	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	\$	-
Field Trip Transportation	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -		
Other Expenses (Including Dues)	\$ 3,900.00	\$ -	\$	-
Total	\$ 114,940.00	\$ 42,001.00	\$	42,957.00
All City Music Ensembles (\$200 per year)				
Supplemental Music and Drama Salaries	\$ 17,342.00	\$ 17,342.00	\$	17,342.00
Benefits	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$	-
Field Trip Transportation	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Music Accompanists	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,658.00	\$	3,858.00
Total	\$ 31,842.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$	23,200.00

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Program and Services and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Amy Mah Sangiolo and Leonard J. Gentile, the Honorable Board of Aldermen hereby authorizes the establishment of the following four revolving accounts pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §53E ½:

- (1) A fund to be administered by the School Department for fees collected from participation in one of the high school student activity programs with an expenditure limit of \$350,000 to be used for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with student activities; and
- (2) A fund to be administered by the School Department for fees collected from participation in one of the middle school student activity programs with an expenditure limit of \$100,000 to be used for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with student activities; and
- (3) A fund to be administered by the School Department for fees collected from High School Drama Program participation with an expenditure limit of \$100,000 to be used for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with the High School Drama Program; and
- (4) A fund to be administered by the School Department for fees collected from All City Band, Chorus and Orchestra participation with an expenditure limit of \$100,000 to be used for the purpose of offsetting costs associated with the All City Band, Chorus and Orchestra Programs.

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

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Current Department Head Years of Service in Department Head Title

Title	Date in Current Title	
Chief Administrative Officer	1/1/2010	
Chief Financial Officer	4/12/2010	
Comptroller	9/8/1992	
Public Works Commisioner	7/12/2011	
Fire Chief	9/22/2011	
Police Chief	3/9/2009	
Director of IT	vacant	
Chairman Board of Assessors	8/22/1994	
Director of Human Resources	10/6/1997	
City Solicitor	1/1/2010	
Recreation Commissioner	1/1/2010	
Retirement Director	3/14/2000	
City Librarian	6/4/2012	
Treasurer Collector	1/13/2009	
Inspectional Services Commissioner	6/21/2005	
Financial Information Systems	new title 7/1/2012	
Director of Planning	1/1/2010	
Public Buildings Commissioner	9/13/2010	
Health and Human Services Commissioner	1/1/2011	
Executive Secretary Elections	6/18/2007	
Purchasing Agent	vacant	
City Clerk	1/24/2006	
Senior Services Director	8/27/1990	
Museum Director	6/5/2006	
Veterans Agent	9/21/2009	
Promoted to City Clerk	1/24/2006	82,500.00
Salary adjustment	9/24/2007	89,000.00
Salary adjustment	2/5/2008	92,500.00

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

, 2012

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2012, as amended, relative to **ARTICLE II. CLERK OF THE BOARD** are hereby further amended as follows:

In Sec. 4-21. Salary.

1. Delete the words "January 1, 2008" and insert in place thereof "July 1, 2012"

and

2. Delete the figure "\$92,500" and insert in place thereof "\$104,260"

Approved as to legal form and character:

DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN City Solicitor



100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460

Michael D. Cronin

Chief of Operations

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June 25, 2012

Robert DeRubeis, Commissioner Parks and Recreation Department 70 Crescent Street Newton, MA 02466

Dear Commissioner DeRubeis,

The Memorial-Spaulding Elementary School has submitted a request to change out the current playground impact absorption material from sand to fibar. Your office was quick to respond with a number of quotes for the complete removal of the sand and to convert to the city-wide standard of fibar. It is my understanding that the total cost for this work is \$13,000. I am thankful to you and your department's offer to cost share this project. I am confirming my agreement in writing that the school department will contribute \$6,500 (or half of the final total cost) from school maintenance funds.

Thank you again for your assistance in quickly resolving this request.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Cronin Chief of Operations

MDC/bm

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), to be appropriated from Marathon Receipts, be and is hereby appropriated, granted and expenditure authorized for the purpose of funding 50% of the cost to replace existing sand with Fibar at the Memorial Spaulding School play area.

FROM: BAA Marathon Receipts Reserved

14G602-5901\$12,500

TO: Memorial School PlayArea

C602095-53524.....\$12,500

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD)	DAVID A.	OLSON
	City Clerk	

(SGD) SETTI I	<u>D. WARREN</u>
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Date		

Sullivan Shawna

Date sent:

Mon. 25 Jun 2012 11:28:13 -0700 (PDT)

From:

Robert Caruso <robpcaruso@yahoo.com>
Robert Caruso <robpcaruso@yahoo.com>

Send reply to: Subject:

Fw: Docket item #78-12

To:

Sullivan Shawna <ssullivan@newtonma.gov>

Copies to:

"gap4peace@aol.com" <gap4peace@aol.com>

Hi Shawna,

I'm sorry that I didn't include you on this email earlier today. I should have sent it to you first!

---- Forwarded Message -----

From: Robert Caruso <robpcaruso@yahoo.com>

To: Lenny Gentile <lgentile@newtonma.gov>; "rfuller@newtonma.gov" <rfuller@newtonma.gov>;

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Cc: "gap4peace@aol.com" <gap4peace@aol.com>; Jason Rosenberg

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"chavens@newtonma.gov" <chavens@newtonma.gov>; Nicole Tocci <ntocci@newtonma.gov>; Alice

Walkup <awalkup@newtonma.gov>; Anne Marie Belrose <abelrose@newtonma.gov>

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 11:50 AM

Subject: Docket item #78-12

Dear Alderman Gentile and the Finance Committee,

Attached please find Handicapped Parking (HP) violation fines from various surrounding cities and towns. The Commission On Disability (COD) has acquired these numbers over the past three months and we used them as a basis to unanimously vote to set the HP violation fine in Newton at \$200.00.

The Public Safety and Transportation Committee has voted to fine an offender \$200.00 for the first offense and \$300.00 for subsequent violations. The COD supports this vote. Like PS & T, we don't view the amount of the fine as a method of income, but rather as a serious deterrent to send the violators the message that illegal use of HP parking spaces will not be tolerated in Newton and that people with disabilities, who use HP plates or placards, can more easily find an HP space when they need one.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this important matter.

Best,

Rob Caruso and Girard A. Plante, Co-chairs, Newton Commission On Disability

250 Hammond Pond Parkway #1704S Chestnut Hill, MA 02467

617 332 9398 home 617 964 7000 work

email: jrosenberg@rfglawyers.com

June 25, 2012

Chairman Leonard J. Gentile Finance Committee Board of Aldermen Newton City Hall Newton Centre, MA 02459

Re: Docket #78-12

Dear Chairman Gentile:

Unfortunately I could not be with you in person tonight. I urge the Committee to vote favorably on the various parts of this docket item. Public Safety and Transportation has already done so and we hope that you and your Committee will find that the public interest is clearly served in protecting and empowering people who are disabled to have better access through <u>available_HP</u> parking spaces — available because the fines for misusing those spaces is sufficiently high!

FIRST, THE NEWTON POLICE MUST BE GIVEN POWER TO TAG CARS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, WHICH CARS ARE PARKING ILLEGALLY IN HP SPACES. Newton has a huge number of commercial businesses with off-street parking. Without this enforcement power, non-disabled scofflaws are able to park at will in these spaces and thumb their noses at both those of us who are disabled and in need of these spaces near the entries to businesses! Private property owners often have neither the time nor inclination to create ill will among customers by informally policing these spaces.

And sadly each of us, who have a disability, can dredge up many, many true stories about how we could not get into a building for an appointment, or for a meeting with friends for lunch, or for shopping. Even more frustrating are the frequent encounters with the drivers who when getting in or out of their vehicles and when confronted act irate and just go about their business!

I also know from my many discussions with Newton Police and those in other communities how frustrated they are to see such violations of both law and basic decency, and be unable to do anything under the law. So please empower the police to be able to enforce HP parking laws on private property.

SECOND, THE FINES FOR PARKING IN AN HP SPACE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY MUST BE THE SAME AS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY. I was flabbergasted to see that the fine for illegally parking in an HP parking space on private property was a mere \$15, while a similar violation on public property was almost seven times larger (\$100)! Today, both fines, \$15 and \$100, are no deterrent at all, and the \$15 fine is frankly laughable.

The fines for this type of parking violation on private property should be the same as on public property. Indeed, the impact on a disabled person who cannot have access to the entry of a private establishment from a space on private property is no different than if public HP space at the curb in front of the business were improperly taken/occupied!

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THIRD, THE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY NEED TO BE INCREASED, MUST BE INCREASED, TO HAVE ANY EFFECTIVENESS ON THE NON-DISABLED PUBLIC! The \$15 and \$100 dollar fines are not effective deterrents. PS&T discussed and supported a first-time fine of \$200 and a fine of \$300 for any subsequent violations with the proviso that the increased fine for multiple violations had to be practicable. Apparently there was some uncertainty at the PS&T meeting as to the capability of the system to recognize that a violation was not "merely" the first. Clearly if it is feasible, I urge adoption of the additional penalty for multiple violations.

People of every age engage in the behavior of using HP parking spaces when they are neither legally entitled to do so nor physically in need of the HP parking space. I suggest this is because of the loss of a community sense of shame. "Oh, I'll just be a minute" or "Well, you aren't THAT disabled" are the types of platitudes we hear when we confront these scofflaws. If they know the fine is significant, many will stop this behavior.

And for those left who are repeat offenders because in their minds they are "special", there is a greater chance that the impact of the cost of such repeated behavior eventually deters or lessens that behavior. And for those who might give you grief about how this fine hurts the elderly, the largest increase in the number of HP plates and placards are now the elderly as infirmities appear along with age. THESE CHANGES WILL HELP THE ELDERLY, NOT HURT THEM.

Although not before you, I would suggest that an additional concern of those of us with ambulatory disabilities needs to be stated for the record. That is the need to make the HP PARKING SPACES IN THE CITY MATCH THE DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE STATE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS CODE. It is essential to eliminate this confusing situation for those trying to locate and create the HP spaces in Newton.

Thank you for your time as to these matters and I do hope you will act affirmatively these matters!

Sincerely,

Jason Rosenberg

Jason A. Rosenberg Chairman Emeritus, Newton Commission on Disabilities

Cc Members of the Finance Committee

Alan Ciccone, Jr, Chairman, Public Safety and Transportation Committee Candace Havens, Director of Department of Planning and Development Robert Caruso & Girard Plante, Co-Chairmen of Newton Commission on Disabilities

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ORDINANCE NO.

July , 2012

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2007, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to Section 19-9 as follows:
 - a) Insert, in the first sentence after the words "section 20A" and before the words "and chapter 40, section 22A", the following language:

"chapter 40, section 21, clause 24,"

- b) Insert the following new paragraph (1), and renumber the following paragraphs accordingly:
 - (1) "The following offenses shall be punished by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a first offense, and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each subsequent offense: Illegally parking in a space reserved for the handicapped (section 19-178; section 19-199) or for blocking a curb cut designated for handicapped access (section 19-199)."
- c) In newly renumbered paragraph (2), change the word "offenses" to "offense"; delete the following language appearing after the colon; and capitalize the word "illegally" immediately following the deleted language:

"Illegally parking in a space reserved for the handicapped (section 19-178) or for blocking a curb cut designated for handicapped access (section 19-199), or for"

- d) Delete the first sentence appearing under Editor's notes.
- 2. That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2007, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to Section 19-199 as follows:
 - a) Replace, in the third clause of paragraph (b) and in the last clause of paragraph (c), the word "ramps" with the word "cuts".

b) Delete the last clause of paragraph (b), and insert in its place the following language:

"and shall be at least eight feet wide, not including the cross hatch access aisle as defined by the architectural access board established in section 13A of chapter 22 of the General Laws, and shall conform to rules and regulations promulgated by that board."

c) Insert in the first clause of paragraph (c), after the words "within a parking space" and before the words "designated for use", the following language:

", including the cross hatch area,"

d) Delete the language of paragraph (d) in its entirety and insert in its place the following language:

"(d) The penalty for parking in violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be as provided in section 19-9(1). The vehicle may be removed according to the provisions of section 120D of chapter 266 of the General Laws."

Approved as to legal form and character:

DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Adopted

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Approved:

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Allan Ciccone, Jr. and Leonard J. Gentile, the, the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) be and is hereby transferred from Executive Department Salaries as follows: \$10,000 to Police Department Expenses and \$50,000 to Police Department Salaries for the purpose of funding gasoline costs and paying overtime costs until the end of the fiscal year.

FROM:	Executive Department Salaries	
	(0110301-511001)	\$60,000
TO:	Police Department Gasoline	
	(0120108-5480)	\$10,000
	Police Department Overtime	
	(0120102-513001)	\$50,000

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON	(SGD) SETTI D. WARRE		
City Clerk	Mayor		
·	Date:		

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That for the purpose of partially paying for the first phase of a multi-phase project for energy efficiency upgrades at multiple City buildings, there be and hereby is appropriated and authorized to be borrowed under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7(3B) of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) and that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Anthony J. Salvucci and Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be and is hereby appropriated from the Energy Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of partially funding the first phase of a multi-phase project for energy efficiency upgrades at multiple City buildings.

FROM: CSF – Energy Conservation

(39G104-5930).....\$100,000

TO: Energy Conservation Project - Cabot

(31P1904-52407)\$100,000

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

Date:		

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That for the purpose of paying for a portion of the design and repair of masonry and related surfaces at the City's Utility Building, there be and hereby is appropriated and authorized to be borrowed under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, the sum of one hundred forty seven thousand dollars (\$147,000) and that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities and Finance Committees through their respective Chairmen Anthony J. Salvucci and Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of one hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) be and is hereby appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund for Water & Sewer Building Improvements for the purpose of funding a portion of the design and repair of masonry and related surfaces at the City's Utility Building.

FROM: Capital Stabilization Fund (39C164-5930).....\$105,000

Water/Sewer Building Masonry Repairs

(38E115807-52407).....\$105,000

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

TO:

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

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Date:		

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That for the purpose of paying for the design and installation of an accessible ramp and renovations to the City Hall Veterans' Wing, there be and hereby is appropriated and authorized to be borrowed under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

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