IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MONDAY AUGUST 6, 2012

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Rice, Fuller, and Lappin; absent: Ald. Salvucci and Blazar

Public Safety Committee members present: Ald. Ciccone (Chairman), Johnson, Swiston, Yates, Fuller, and Kalis; Public Safety Committee members absent: Ald. Harney and Schwartz City personnel present: Bruce Proia (Fire Chief), Elizabeth Dromey (Director of Assessing), Lou Taverna (City Engineer), Dave Turocy (Commissioner of Public Works), Ron Mahan (Superintendent of Equipment; Department of Public Works), Josh Morse (Director of Operations; Public Buildings Department), Candace Havens (Director of Planning & Development), David Wilkinson (Comptroller), and Maureen Lemieux (Chief Financial Officer)

Note: The Committee met jointly with the Public Safety & Transportation Committee to discuss the below item:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#214-10(6) <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to accept the sum of one hundred ninety-six thousand dollars (\$196,000) from New England Development Chestnut Hill LLC to be held in a "Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Fire Department Equipment" Account per Condition #6 of Special Permit #214-10 approved on December 6 2010, for Chestnut Hill Square.
PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED 5-0 (Swiston not voting) on 08/06/12

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0

NOTE: The Committee met jointly with the Public Safety and Transportation Committee to discuss the acceptance and expend \$196,000 from New England Development Chestnut Hill, LLC. Once approved, the funds will be held in a receipts reserved account designated for use by the Fire Chief. Fire Chief Proia joined the Committees and explained that the funds are to be used to purchase safety equipment for the Fire Department.

A portion of the funds will be used to purchase and install Opticom equipment on the remaining 20% of the fire trucks without Opticom. As part of the Special Permit Process, New England Development agreed to install Opticom preemption devices at the intersections that they are improving along the Route 9 Corridor at their expense. The City currently has a few intersections, which are outfitted with Opticom equipment and plans on outfitting additional intersections. Opticom is a preemption system, which allows emergency vehicle preemption and traffic signal priority. The transmitters are mounted on emergency vehicles, which communicate with the intersection signals to allow an emergency vehicle the right of way.

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the funds need to be used for equipment or safety improvements related to Chestnut Hill Square. The Fire Chief explained that the fund could be used for any type of equipment. The Chief is planning to replace the Fire Department's 40- year old boat with a portion of the funds.

Ald. Johnson moved approval of the item in the Public Safety & Transportation Committee, which carried unanimously. Ald. Ciccone moved approval in the Finance Committee, which carried unanimously.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#201-12 <u>ROBERT FANNING</u>, 27 Cook Street, Newton appointed as a Constable for the City of Newton for a term of office to expire July 26, 2015. [07/02/12 @ 1:15 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0

<u>NOTE</u>: Mr. Fanning provided the Committee with his resume and Constable's Bond, which were attached to the agenda. Mr. Fanning is a life-long Newton resident and is interested in the both the criminal and civil processes of the court system. Mr. Fanning has taken criminal justice courses and has continued to have an interest in criminal justice. He would like to be appointed as a constable to become involved in civil process. Ald. Ciccone moved approval, which carried unanimously. The Committee suggested that Mr. Fanning contact the City's Constables for some guidance on how to begin performing as a constable by serving subpoenas, capiases, eviction notices, and other notices.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

MICHAEL FLYNN, 23 Thelma Road, Dorchester, re-appointed to the BOARD OF ASSESSORS for a term expiring on February 1, 2015. (60 days 09/07/12) [07/02/12 @ 1:15 PM]

ACTION: <u>APPROVED 6-0</u>

#202-12

<u>NOTE</u>: Director of Assessing Elizabeth Dromey joined the Committee for discussion of Michael Flynn's reappointment to the Board of Assessors. Mr. Flynn is the Commercial Assessor for the City. Mr. Flynn was hired in 2008 and has proven to be a great addition to the Assessor's Office. Mr. Flynn has made a number of improvements in the Commercial Assessment Division. He is an excellent Commercial Assessor and Ms. Dromey supports his reappointment. Ald. Rice moved approval of the reappointment, which carried unanimously.

#204-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to accept, appropriate, and expend a reimbursable grant of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for Route 9 infrastructure improvements associated with the Chestnut Hill Square Development Project contingent upon the successful execution of the grant agreement between the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development and the City of Newton.

ACTION: APPROVED 4-0-2 (Fuller, Linsky abstaining)

<u>NOTE</u>: City Engineer Lou Taverna explained that this is a request to authorize acceptance and expenditure of a reimbursable grant of \$5,000,000 from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The funds will be used to provide infrastructure and traffic improvements associated with the Chestnut Hill Square Project. The City will oversee all projects associated with the grant. The City has already received a grant of \$1.85 million from Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development for the same purpose.

The Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development is willing to give the City the grant to facilitate the infrastructure and traffic improvements that were originally part of the proposal submitted by New England Development for the I-Cubed Program. By giving the grant, the Chestnut Hill Square Project will be able to move forward with the improvements this construction season. In addition, these grant funds and the previous \$1.85 million grant will reduce the funds available under the I-Cubed Program by \$6.85 million and reduce the City's obligation to pay the debt service if New England Development fails to make the payments on the bonds issued by the I-Cubed Program by the \$6.85 million.

New England Development has not received the I-Cubed funding because the project is not fully leased. At this point, the health center is leased and over 80% of the retail space is leased. However, most of the medical space has not been leased, which is typical. Medial space usually lags behind because potential medical tenants would like to view the actual space before signing a lease. The State understands this and that is why the grant is being made available. The I-Cubed Program funding is expected in November.

The \$5 million grant will be used to make traffic signal upgrades and roadway improvements at six intersections, as detailed in the attached memo and plan provided by Public Works Commissioner David Turocy. The work on the Route 9 intersections is expected to take place between 8 PM and 5 AM to avoid traffic delays. The City will be in control of the improvements and manage the project. New England Development has agreed to provide funding for a Resident Representative, who will report to the City Engineer, to handle the day-to-day issues related to the project, much like a Clerk of the Works. The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department will manage the payments to contractors and bigger picture issues. The addition of a Resident Representative should minimize the drain on the City's engineering resources.

Ald. Fuller and Ald. Linksy voiced concern that the workload related to these improvements was being shifted to the City from New England Development without any type of reimbursement to the City. It did not seem appropriate for the City to absorb New England Development's costs. It was pointed out that the developer agreed to pay for the additional Resident Representative. In addition, the State frowns upon a developer paying the City for grant work. Ald. Fuller felt that the City should pursue reimbursement from the developer.

Committee members questioned how a cost overrun on the project would be handled. The City will not have to pay cost overruns as New England Development is obligated to ensure that the conditions related to the roadwork in the Special Permit Board Order are met. With that Ald. Ciccone moved approval, which carried by a vote of four in favor and two abstentions.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#106-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing a street sweeper. [04-09-12 @ 3:39]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 AS AMENDED @ 172K on 07/18/12
ACTION: APPROVED 6-0 AS AMENDED @ 172K

NOTE: Public Works Commissioner David Turocy presented the request for funding to purchase a new street sweeper. The request for the sweeper is part of the Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvement Plan and will be funded through bonded indebtedness. The new sweeper will replace a 1999 sweeper that has been taken out of service. The Public Works Department needs at least six street sweepers to meet their goal of sweeping all streets four times a year and sweeping village centers and parking lots once a week. With one of the sweepers out of service, there are six functional sweepers available for street sweeping. Street sweepers are a high-maintenance machine, which means that one machine is generally being serviced on any given day. The Department of Public Works requires seven sweepers in order to keep six out on the streets.

The Commissioner explained that there is a request to amend the item to \$172,000, as the estimate the City received is \$12,000 more than the original request of \$160,000. Ald. Lappin moved approval of the item as amended, which carried unanimously.

#206-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of four hundred ninety-three thousand seven hundred eighteen dollars and ninety-three cents (\$493,718.93) from the July 2, 2012 Declaration of Overlay Surplus as declared by the Chairman of the Board of Assessors to be used for the purpose of funding the statutory interest charges incurred by the City of Newton beginning September 8, 2009 through June 21, 2012 pursuant to the Appeals Court reversal of the Appellate Tax Board's order for Verizon New England, Inc. to pay back taxes for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008. [07/02/12 @ 5:03 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 3-0-3 (Gentile, Linsky, Rice abstaining)

NOTE: Director of Assessing Elizabeth Dromey presented the request for an appropriation of \$493,718.93 from the Declaration of Overlay Surplus Account. Ms. Dromey as Chairman of the Board of Assessors declared this amount surplus on July 2, 2012. The declaration includes surplus from Fiscal Year 2003 through Fiscal Year 2011, as detailed in the attached letter from the Director of Assessing. The funds will be used to cover the statutory interest charges incurred because of an Appeals Court reversal of the Appellate Tax Board's order to require Verizon to pay back taxes for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008. The interest charges begin on September 8, 2009 and run through June 21, 2012.

The City discussed the possibility of waiving the interest with Verizon but they were not interested in waiving the payment. The City met with Verizon and came up with a proposal

regarding the interest owed; however, it appears that the upper management at Verizon did not favor the proposal. The Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux stated that the City continues to try to work with Verizon as not all pieces of the case are settled. There is a possibility that Verizon will look for the interest generated between June 22, 2012 and the point where they receive all of their interest money. In addition, the similar Fiscal Year 2009 Verizon case is still outstanding, which could mean that the City is liable for up to an additional \$700,000.

The Chairman was upset with the 8% simple interest required by State law, as in the current economic climate 1% interest is considered good. Although Verizon is entitled to the interest, it would seem like they would be willing to work with the City on the interest rate. He would hope that Verizon would take the \$493,718 and not claim the additional interest. The Chairman explained that he would be abstaining, as he would like to talk with the Mayor regarding further negotiations before voting on the item.

Ald. Lappin moved approval, which carried by a vote of three in favor and three abstentions.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#108-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of three hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding design and Phase I construction and administration for replacement of a portion of the roof and repair of exterior masonry at the welding shop at the Crafts Street Garage. [04-09-12 @ 3:40]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 AS AMENDED @ 260K on 06/20/12
ACTION: APPROVED 5-0-1 AS AMENDED @ 260K (Gentile abstaining)

NOTE: Public Buildings Director of Operations Josh Morse presented the request for funds to address the Crafts Street Garage Roof and the masonry issues at the Welding Shop in the addition to the garage. The project is included in the Fiscal Year 2013 Capital Improvement Plan. The roof on the garage is 25 years old. It is past its useful life and it is leaking in multiple spots. Many patches have been applied to the roof over the years but at this point the condition of the roof is making it difficult to patch and the patches are less effective.

The masonry issue at the welding shop is related to the settling of that part of the buildings, which is an addition to the main building. There is a large crack where the shop meets the main building and the roof is pulling away from the building in that area, as a result of the settling. The City needs to determine if the building has finished settling before proceeding with masonry repairs. Mr. Morse stated that there are a number of indications that the building is done settling, which would result in minor masonry repairs. If the settling is not complete, there could be a significant cost increase in the project.

The Public Buildings Department has determined that the project should be done in two phases spread over two years, as the masonry issues should be addressed before the roof

replacement. The first phase will include the roof replacement design and addressing the structural and masonry issues at the building. The second phase will be presented in Fiscal Year 2014 and will be the funding for the roof replacement. Therefore, there is a request to amend the item by reducing from \$320,000 to \$260,000. The estimates for the design and repair of the masonry and the roof design are based on the costs of the very similar projects at Countryside Elementary School, which is almost identical in size to the garage.

There was concern that the City was putting money into a building that is in poor condition. The leaks create a hazardous work condition for the dozen people who work in the building all day. The repairs and roof replacement were given a high priority due to the safety issues and structural deterioration resulting from the leaks and masonry issues. Superintendent of Equipment Ron Mahan explained that there is no space available to remove the operations that take place at the garage. The building is critical to the Department of Public Works' operations, as 570 pieces of equipment are maintained out of the garage.

The Public Buildings Department plans on proceeding with the structural evaluation as soon as the funds are available. As soon as the evaluation is complete, the department will know whether further funds are necessary to address the structural issues within the building. The Public Buildings Department will not proceed with the project if it is determined major structural repairs are needed without coming back to the Board of Aldermen. If the building requires a larger investment, the Administration will need to look at other options.

Ald. Lappin moved approval of the item as amended at \$260,000, which carried by a vote of five in favor and one abstention. Committee members requested that Mr. Morse inform the Committee of the results of the structural evaluation, as soon as they are available.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

 #187-12 <u>ALD. SALVUCCI AND GENTILE</u> requesting discussion with the Administration regarding the contracts that the City has entered into pertaining to natural gas and electricity. [05-31-12 @11:02 AM] **PUBLIC FACILITIES VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0 on 07/18/12** <u>ACTION:</u> <u>NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0</u>

<u>NOTE</u>: The discussion began with a brief overview by Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux of the electricity contract, as there was an extensive discussion in the Public Facilities Committee on July 18, 2012. The City opted to procure its electricity through an on-line reverse auction. The City created 18 different tranches (possible scenarios for the length of contract, amount of electricity to be supplied, and percentage of green electricity) that were bid on in five-minute increments. The City opted to enter into contracts with Reliant for 100% green energy.

Although the green energy cost the City approximately \$150,000 more than the mix of brown and green energy, the City is still saving money compared to the costs of electricity in previous years. By spending a little more money, the City is working to meet its obligation as a

Green Community to reduce municipal energy consumption by 20% over five years. The purchase of green electricity also meets the goals of the City's Energy Action Plan. Ed Craddock of the Energy Commission added that for \$150,000 the City is keeping 70 million kilowatt hours from being generated by coal and significantly reducing its carbon footprint.

The City entered into a 4-year contract with PowerOptions for the supply of natural gas in June of 2011. The previous three-year contract locked gas prices in at \$13.18 per dekatherm. The new contract locks gas prices in at \$8.53, which is a savings of \$4.65 per dekatherm compared to the last contract. The new contract should result in total savings of close to \$2 million over the next four years.

There is always a chance that once the City signs a contract for natural gas, the cost of gas will go down. Gas prices reached a commodity price of \$4 per dekatherm in May 2012; however, the cost of transmission of gas has increased. It is likely that a three or four year contract would currently cost \$8 per dekatherm. The City would have saved additional money if it had opted to go with a one-year contract in 2011 but there would have been a risk that prices increased. The contract with PowerOptions provides an option of blending prices for successor pricing. This option creates a balanced approach to budget certainty, while the City still benefits from positive future pricing.

Committee members suggested that the Administration look at getting advice on energy contracts from the Energy Commission and unbiased professionals in the community. There was also discussion by Committee members regarding locking in utility prices at intervals. Ms. Lemieux explained that she is not comfortable with that, as a set price for utilities provides budget stability.

Utility contracts do not require Board of Aldermen approval; however, Ms. Lemieux apologized to the Committee for not bringing the contracts to the Board earlier in the decision making process. With that, Ald. Rice moved no action necessary, which carried unanimously.

#203-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting that the Board of Aldermen accept the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) in the form of donations to be used to fund a parking study for the Cypress Street Parking Structure. [07/02/12 @ 5:03 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0

NOTE: Planning Director Candace Havens presented the request for acceptance of \$18,000 in donations to be used to fund a parking study to determine if there is a need for a parking structure in Newton Centre. The City will contribute \$6,000 from available economic development funds to the parking study. The study is expected to cost between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

The Planning Department has been meeting with abutters to the Cypress Street parking lot to resolve the issue of unmet demand for parking, particularly long-term parking, in Newton Centre. One of the options suggested was a parking structure over the MBTA tracks. Architect John Pears volunteered his time to create a conceptual design of a 400 space, multi-level parking structure with a plaza area next to the structure. In order to gauge the need for the structure, a study is needed to evaluate the current parking conditions and determine what impact the parking structure would have on the demand for parking now and in the future.

Should it be determined that a parking structure is the optimum way to address parking demand, the Planning & Development Department will look at obtaining grant money for construction. The construction of the parking garage would also require rezoning, a land swap and a declaration of surplus.

The Committee inquired if the residential abutters on Braeland Avenue had been informed that there some consideration to adding a parking structure across the street from their properties. Ms. Havens responded that the neighbors were invited to all discussions but were not present at any discussions. Ald. Danberg also made an effort to speak with the neighbors. There is some distance between the abutting properties and the possible parking structure.

It was pointed out that a parking structure has the potential to increase the value of the Health Department. Ms. Havens stated that the impact of the garage on the Health Department buildings depends on what happens with the building, which has yet to be determined. With that, Ald. Ciccone moved approval, which carried unanimously.

#205-12 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting an amendment to the F.A. Day Middle School Construction Project Appropriation Schedule included in Board Order #115-12 approved June 18, 2012 by reducing the amount of thirty-five thousand three hundred thirty-four dollars (\$35,334) from the appropriation for "General Contractor" and adding that sum to the "Undistributed Project Budget." [07/02/12 @ 5:03 PM]

ACTION: HELD 6-0

<u>NOTE</u>: Chief Financial Officer Maureen Lemieux requested that the item be held until the next Committee meeting on September 4, 2012, as additional line items in the Board Order may need to be reallocated. Ald. Linsky moved hold on the item, which carried unanimously.

The Committee adjourned at 9:40 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

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Safety and Transportation Committee through its Chairman Allan Ciccone, Jr. and the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the acceptance of the sum of on hundred ninety-six thousand dollars (\$196,000) from New England Development Chestnut Hill LLC be and is hereby accepted, appropriated and expenditure authorized for the purpose of funding the purchase of Opticom equipment and other Fire Department equipment, as approved by the Fire Chief as follows.

FROM:	Receipts Reserved (14K201A-5901)\$196,000
TO:	Ch SQ., Fire Protection (C401072-58508)\$196,000

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk (SGD) SETTI D. WARREN Mayor

Date _____

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor and with the confirmation of the Honorable Board of Aldermen, be it known that ROBERT FANNING is hereby appointed as a CONSTABLE for the City of Newton for a term to expire on June 26, 2012.

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor, and the confirmation of the Honorable Board of Aldermen, MICHAEL FLYNN be and is hereby re-appointed to the BOARD OF ASSESSORS of the City of Newton for a term expiring February 1, 2015.

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO:Alderman Leonard Gentile, Chairman, Newton Finance CommitteeCC:Board of AldermenDATE:August 3, 2012SUBJECT:MassWorks 2

As you know, the Finance Committee and the Board of Aldermen previously accepted a \$1.85 million grant from the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) to fund public infrastructure improvements at the Parker Street Interchange, Centre Street/Cypress Street and Centre Street/Beacon Street Intersections, Route 9 at Elliot Street and Woodward Street, and Florence Street (the "MassWorks 1 Project").

We are pleased to inform you that EOHED has provided a second grant to the City of Newton in the amount of \$5 million to fund certain additional public infrastructure improvements (the "MassWorks 2 Project"). In anticipation of the Finance Committee's meeting on August 6, 2012, enclosed is (i) a summary of the specific improvements to be included in the MassWorks 2 Project; and (ii) an 11x17 plan illustrating the location of the MassWorks 2 Project.

Lou Taverna will be available at the Finance Committee's meeting to review these documents and respond to any question from the Committee. Thank you.

Summary of MassWorks Infrastructure Improvements

MASS WORKS 2 - \$5 MILLION GRANT FROM EOHED

Location 1 – Hammond Pond Parkway

- Widen Hammond Pond Parkway at the Route 9 eastbound and westbound ramps.
- Reconstruct Hammond Pond Parkway to eliminate the existing U-turn westbound.
- Modify the Route 9 eastbound and westbound ramp intersections to provide full access to and from Hammond Pond Parkway and Route 9.
- Install drainage infrastructure.
- Install traffic signals at the Route 9 eastbound and westbound ramp intersections with Hammond Pond Parkway (2 traffic signals)
- Install traffic signal at the Chestnut Hill Shopping Center intersection with Hammond Pond Parkway
- install sidewalks, wheelchair ramps, pavement markings and signing.
- install street trees and ornamental light poles
- Mill and repave the roadway surface

Location 2 - Centre Street at Walnut Street

- Replace pedestrian signal heads.
- Install emergency vehicle preemption system.
- Adjust the timing and phasing of the existing traffic signal.

Location 3 – Beacon Street at Hammond Street

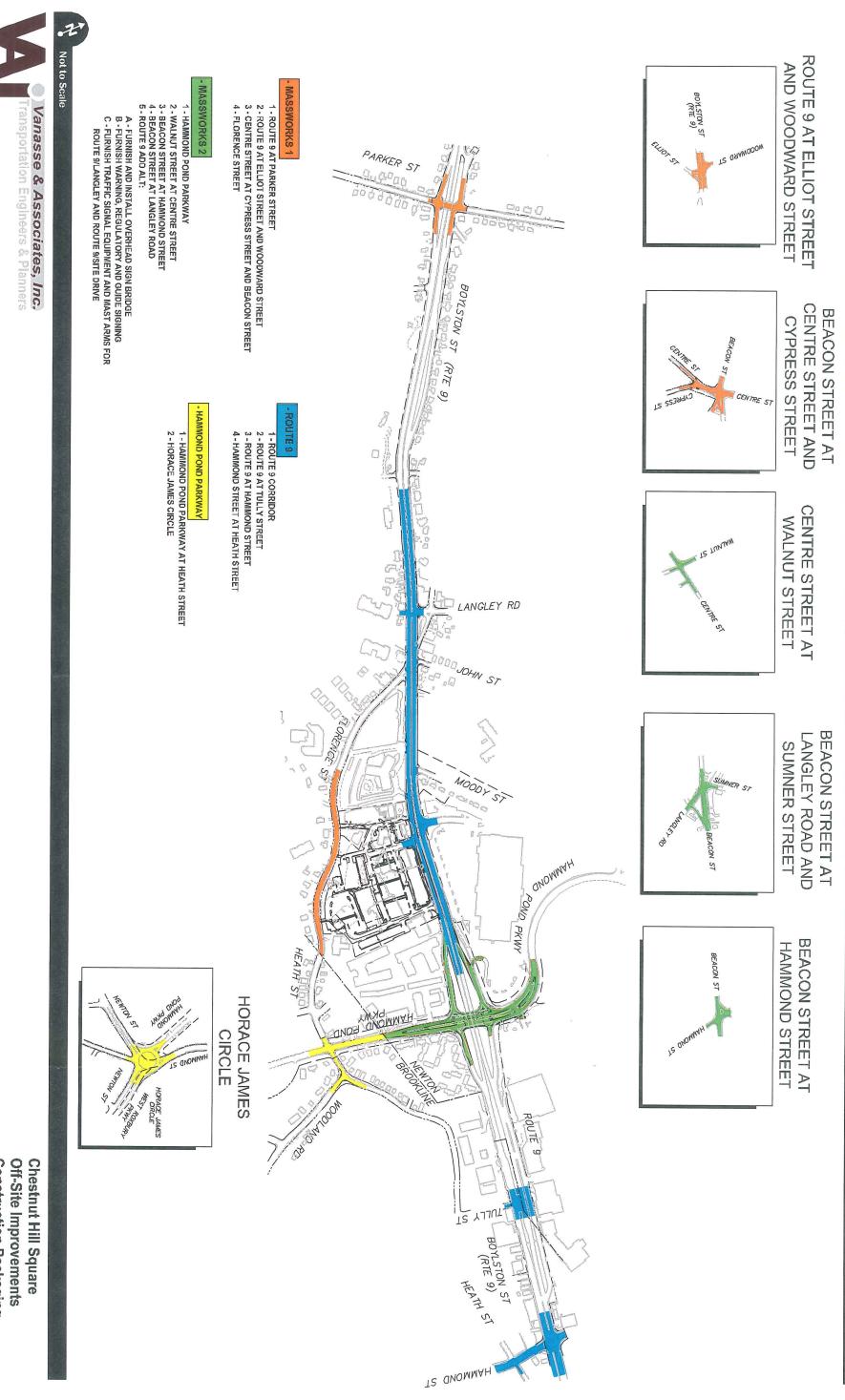
- Replace pedestrian signal heads.
- Install emergency vehicle preemption system.
- Adjust the timing and phasing of the existing traffic signal.

Location 4 - Beacon Street at Langley Road and Sumner Street

- Modify existing traffic signal equipment on Langley Road southbound approach.
- Install emergency vehicle preemption system.
- Adjust timing and phasing of the existing traffic signal.
- Replace/install select vehicle detection equipment.
- Upgrade existing signs and pavement markings.

Location 5 - Route 9 Corridor (Dudley Street to Hammond Pond Parkway)

- Furnish overhead sign bridge.
- Furnish warning, regulatory and guide signing.
- Furnish all traffic signal equipment and mast arms for the new traffic signal at the Route 9/Site Drive/Chestnut Hill Mall Drive intersection and for the replacement of the existing traffic signal at the Route 9/Langley Road intersection.



Construction Packaging

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept and expend a Mass Works Infrastructure Program reimbursable grant awarded by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to be used for infrastructure improvements consisting of traffic signal upgrades and roadway safety improvements associated with the Chestnut Hill Square Project.

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN Mayor

Date: _____

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, for the purpose of paying costs of purchasing a street sweeper for the Department of Public Works, and any and all other costs associated therewith, there be and hereby is appropriated and authorized to be borrowed under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9) of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended and supplemented or pursuant to any other enabling authority, the sum of two hundred seventy-two thousand dollars (\$272,000).

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Adopted

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk (SGD) SETTI D. WARREN Mayor

Date: _____

City of Newton



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Setti D.Warren Mayor

July 2, 2012

David C. Wilkinson, Comptroller City of Newton 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

In accordance with Chapter 59, Section 25 of the Massachusetts General Laws, please accept this letter as formal notification of declaration of overlay surplus. This declaration covers the overlay accounts delineated in the table below:

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT DECLARED SURPLUS
FY 2003	\$ 786.00
FY 2004	\$ 29,258.38
FY 2005	\$ 26,763.30
FY 2006	\$ 24,051.35
FY 2008	\$ 89,691.60
FY 2010	\$ 186,516.05
FY 2011	\$ 136,652.25

The total amount declared surplus is \$493,718.93.

If you require additional information regarding this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dromey, Director Assessment Administration

cc: Mayor Setti D. Warren Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, Finance Chairman Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer James G. Reardon, Treasurer/Collector

> 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459-1449 www.newtonma.gov

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Alderman Leonard J. Gentile, the sum of four hundred ninety-three thousand seven hundred eighteen dollars and ninety-three cents (\$493,718.93) be and is hereby appropriated from the Overlay Surplus to the Interest on Tax Refunds Account for the purpose of funding the statutory interest charges incurred by the City of Newton beginning September 8, 2009 through June 21, 2012 pursuant to the Appeals Court reversal of the Appellate Tax Board's order for Verizon New England, Inc. to pay back taxes for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008.

FROM:	Overlay Surplus (01-3497)\$493,718.93
TO:	Interest on Tax Refunds (110774-5763)\$493,718.93

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk (SGD) SETTI D. WARREN Mayor

Date: _____

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

, 2012

ORDERED:

That for the purpose of paying for the repair of masonry and roof design services at the City's Crafts Street Garage, 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 two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000)

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN Mayor

Date: _____

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

, 2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Public Facilities Committee through

its Chairman Anthony J. Salvucci and the Finance Committee through its Chairman Alderman

Leonard J. Gentile, the following item be and is hereby voted NO ACTION NECESSARY:

#187-12 <u>ALD. SALVUCCI AND GENTILE</u> requesting discussion with the Administration regarding the contracts that the City has entered into pertaining to natural gas and electricity.

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Item Voted NO ACTION NECESSARY

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON, City Clerk

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

2012

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chairman Leonard J. Gentile, the acceptance and authorization to expend a gift of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) from private donations to be used for the purpose of funding a parking study for a proposed parking structure on Cypress Street, be and is hereby approved.

Under Suspension of Rules Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON City Clerk (SGD) SETTI D. WARREN Mayor

Date _____