

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011

6:45 PM  
Room 222

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #143-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of ninety-seven thousand eight hundred five dollars (\$97,805) from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with tree emergencies through June 30, 2011. [04-25-11 5:54 PM]  
**PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0 (Rice not voting) on 05/18/11**

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #54-11(2) ALD. YATES, CICCONE, HARNEY, FREEDMAN requesting that Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC of the Revised Ordinances be amended by reinstating the Community Parking Program in a manner that charges the participants for the full cost of the program. [05-01-11 @ 10:05AM]
- #140-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting acceptance of MGL Chapter 59 §5c which allows communities to shift the tax burden away from homeowners who live in lower than average valued single and multi-family homes to owners of higher valued homes, second homes, and most apartment buildings. {04-15-11 @ 3:07 PM]

**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION & FINANCE**

- #103-11 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that \$1,103,500 be appropriated from the fiscal 2011 housing & general reserves of the Community Preservation Fund to the control of the Director of Planning & Development, for a grant to create 4 units of affordable ownership housing in a mixed-income development at 112-116 Dedham Street, as detailed in the Committee's funding recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. [03-21-11 @ 8:48AM]

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible, and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, please contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Kathleen Cahill, 617-796-1125, via email at [KCahill@newtonma.gov](mailto:KCahill@newtonma.gov) or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting date.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #309-10(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of six hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$620,000) from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund to restore the full transfer from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund that was reduced to address a projected shortfall in the Water Fund, which was approved by the Board of Aldermen on November 15, 2010.

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

- #130-11 PAUL COLETTI, ALD. SANGIOLO, DANBERG, & JOHNSON requesting Home Rule Legislation to create a Capital Preservation Fund for the City of Newton modeled on the Community Preservation Fund to address the capital needs of the City. [04/11/11 @9:42 PM]

**REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #102-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER LOJEK, AND CANDACE HAVENS requesting an amendment to Chapter 17 to establish a fee for filing a notice of condo conversion. [03-29-11 @ 4:55PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #89-11 FINANCE COMMITTEE recommending that **Sec. 29-72(b) Same— Assessments upon owners of estates passed by new sewers.** of the City of Newton Rev Ordinances, 2007, be amended to increase the fixed uniform rates assessed upon owners of all estates passed by new sewers to rates that more accurately represent the estimated average cost of installing such sewers. [03-07-11 @9:30 AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #60-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the budget for the Newton North High School construction project be amended by transferring funds from the owner's contingency line item to the construction manager at risk line item for the purpose of funding additional costs related to the demolition phase of the project. [02/10/11 @ 9:18 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROG. AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #373-10 ALD. GENTILE, HARNEY, SANGIOLO requesting amendment to §20-13, *Noise Control*, of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances to prohibit outdoor athletic events from starting before 7 AM and increase the maximum fine to \$300. [12-10-10 @ 12:53 PM]

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES HELD on 02/09/11**

**REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUBLIC FACIL. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #367-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from bonded indebtedness for the following:  
(B) installation of up to six modular classrooms at five elementary schools as well as the addition of permanent classrooms and renovations to the core of F.A. Day Middle School. [11/29/10 @ 3:23 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #363-10 ALD. ALBRIGHT & DANBERG proposing a trial of parking meter free Saturdays between Thanksgiving and New Year for the shopping areas to support shopping at local businesses in Newton. [11/15/10 @ 6:30 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #311-10(A) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of three million three hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$3,035,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Plan projects as follows:  
(A) Architectural Design and Engineering/Next Scheduled Fire Station \$400,000  
A-2 - HELD \$270,000 for final design bidding and construction admin  
[11/29/10 @ 3:23 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #311-10(B) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the Manet Road Emergency Communications Radio Tower Replacement, which is included in the FY 2011 Capital Improvement Plan. [11/29/10 @ 3:23 PM]  
**PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION APPROVED 7-0 on 12/08/10**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES, PROG&SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #312-10 ALD. LENNON, LAPPIN, SCHNIPPER, SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the School Committee on its plans to address space needs in the Newton public schools. [10-27-10 @ 11:07 AM]
- #259-10 COMPTROLLER transmitting Annual Financial Report for the audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 for Board of Aldermen review/acceptance. [09/13/10 @ 12:26 PM]

**REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #391-09(2) ALD. DANBERG, MANSFIELD, VANCE & HESS-MAHAN requesting the establishment of a municipal parking mitigation fund whose proceeds, derived from payments-in-lieu of providing off-street parking spaces associated with special permits, will be used solely for expenses related to adding to the supply of municipal parking spaces, improving existing municipal parking spaces, or reducing the demand for parking spaces.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #87-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, BRANDEL, FREEDMAN AND HESS-MAHAN requesting a Home Rule Petition to allow the City of Newton to require elected officials to contribute a higher percentage rate for health insurance benefits than is required for other employee groups. [03-10-09 @ 9:17 AM]  
**PROGRAM & SERVICES APPROVED 5-1-1 (Baker opposed; Merrill abstaining; Parker not voting) on 4/15/09**

*Item recommitted by full Board on 03/07/11:*

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEES**

- #245-06 ALD. JOHNSON AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an amendment to the City Charter to require the Mayor annually to prepare and submit to the Board of Aldermen a long-term financial forecast of anticipated revenue, expenditures and the general financial condition of the City, including, but not limited to identification of any factors which will affect the financial condition of the City; projected revenue and expenditure trends; potential sources of new or expanded revenues; anticipated municipal needs likely to require major expenditures; and a strategic plan for meeting anticipated municipal needs, to include, but not be limited to, any long or short-term actions that may be taken to enhance the financial condition of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chairman



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April 25, 2011

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to appropriate and expend the sum of \$97,805 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with tree emergencies through June 30, 2011.

As you know the City has more than 30,000 street trees and many more thousands in the parks and playgrounds. Tree emergencies may be a single instance of a tree being damaged by an accident, or a weather related emergency requiring one, two, or more crews to respond for cleanup. This appropriation includes the rental cost for a tub grinder which will be utilized for all of the brush that was picked up after this winter.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

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NEWTON, MA 02159

From:	Free Cash	
	01-3497	\$97,805
To:	Parks Dept. Expenses	
	01602011-5273	\$97,805

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ROBERT J. DERUBEIS  
COMMISSIONER

April 19, 2011

Honorable Mayor Setti D. Warren  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, Mass. 02459

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am writing to respectfully request that you docket with the Honorable Board of Aldermen for consideration a request to appropriate ninety-seven thousand, eight hundred and five dollars for the purpose of tree emergencies through June 30, 2011.

Tree Emergency costs – actual and pending invoices from 1/1/11 to 4/1/11:

Equipment Rental	\$ 70,402.00	Requesting	\$ 52,805.00
Department Overtime	\$ 1,565.00	Requesting	\$ -
Other Department Overtime	\$ -	Requesting	\$ -

Tree Emergency costs – estimated from 4/1/11 to 6/30/11:

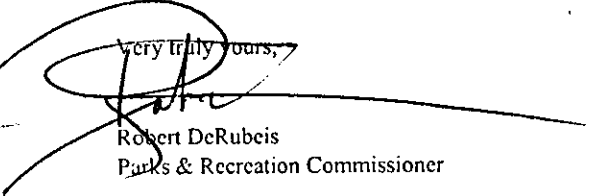
Equipment Rental (tub grinder \$ 20,000 plus \$25,000 anticipated Spring emergencies)	\$ 45,000.00	Requesting	\$ 45,000.00
<b>Grand Total:</b>			<b>\$ 97,805.00</b>

In the above request, equipment rental for tree emergencies has been primarily Northern Tree Service. This contractor was procured on a bid process. Department overtime includes Department Supervisory staff and in-house crews. In some instances Other City Departments have augmented in-house crews.

A tree emergency maybe a single instance of a tree being damaged by an accident, or a weather related emergency requiring one, two or more crews to respond for cleanup. These expenses have occurred since January 1, 2011.

This request will cover the actual and estimated Forestry Emergency Equipment Rental expenditures from January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert DeRubeis  
Parks & Recreation Commissioner

01602011 5273	\$ 97,805.00	Tree/ Equipment Rental
01602011 513001	\$ -	Tree/ Department Overtime
	\$ 97,805.00	TOTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer