

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006

7:45 p.m.  
Room 222  
City Hall

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***\*\*\*FIRST CALL ITEMS:***

- # 38-06      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$9,092 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of repairing conference room chairs in on the second floor of City Hall as well as replacing carpets in rooms 222 and 202.
- #133-05(2)      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that Board Order #133-05 (acceptance and reconstruction of Countryside Road, Patten Circle and Mosley Road) be amended by reducing the amount of authorized debt from \$650,000 to \$523,000 (the actual cost of the completed project).

***\*\*\*ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:***

- #28-06      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,201,930 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the Newton Municipal Employees' Association.
- # 37-06      PRES. BAKER, ALD. SANGIOLO AND COLETTI, pursuant to Sec. 2-7 of the City Charter, recommending re-appointment of DAVID C. WILKINSON as COMPTROLLER OF ACCOUNTS; said term will be two years or until a successor is duly qualified.

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

- #30-06      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of ***\$236,180*** from Budget Reserve for the purpose of funding current and future snow and ice and tree emergency expenses in the Parks and Recreation Department.  
**PROG. & SERV. APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 (Parker not voting) on 1/18/06**

**\*\*\*ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #29-06      ALD. JOHNSON AND PARKER requesting creation of a Citizen Financial Advisory Committee to work with city officials and staff to facilitate bench markers, strategic planning and other initiatives to improve the financial operation of the City.  
(President's Note: While not formally referred to the Long Range Planning Committee, this item might usefully be discussed there in light of prior discussions of similar issues.)

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

- #23-06      ALD PARKER AND LINSKY requesting that the City adopt §19 of MGL Chapter 42 to allow retiree coalition bargaining of health care benefits.

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

- #264-03(3)      ALD. JOHNSON AND BAKER requesting update on the work of the Taxation Aid Committee established by the Board of Aldermen in March 2004 in administering aid to the elderly taxation fund.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**\*\*\*ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED:**

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

- #17-06      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$29,000 be appropriated from the Newton 2000 Committee gift fund in order to establish an account for the purpose of providing maintenance to Balsamo Millennium Park. Said maintenance would fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.  
**PROG. & SERV APPROVED 5-0 (Parker not voting) on 1/18/06**  
**SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL**

**\*\*\*ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRES. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- #458-05      COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$55,675 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of studying and planning the restoration of the Crafts Street Stable Exterior Building Historic Preservation Study.

**REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRES. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- #459-05      COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$26,425 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the historic preservation study for Newton Health Department Building Improvements.

**REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRESERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- #466-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$320,550 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the pilot *Accessory Apartment Incentive Program* to create affordable apartments.

**REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRESERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- #467-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$23,633 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the design and study of the *Williams School Outdoor Intergenerational Community Classroom*.

**REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRESERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- #468-05 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$205,000 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund for purposes of funding the *Bowen Park Initiative* for open space and recreation improvements.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. PROG.& SERVICES & FINANCE**

- #273-04(2) ALD. GENTILE requesting home rule legislation to reclassify the two "dedicated fire apparatus mechanic" positions from Group 1 to Group 2 in the State Retirement System.

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

- #453-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding a space needs study for the elementary schools throughout the City.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #455-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of  
(21-05.2) \$6,000 from the Riverside Traffic Mitigation Fund for the purpose of funding the installation of a radar controlled speed limit sign at the intersection of Concord and Grove Streets. (#65-05)

**REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE BY FULL BOARD ON 1/18/05:**

- #134-04(2) TRAFFIC COUNCIL requesting public input regarding the following proposed changes to Washington Street between the Wellesley town line and Route 128: re-stripe Washington Street for four 12'-wide travel lanes and a parking lane on the south side between Concord Street and the ramps to/from Route 128; "No Parking" on the northerly side; "No Parking" on the southerly side from the Wellesley town line to Concord Street; add two to four 15-minute metered parking spaces in front of the Lower Falls Post Office; add 2-hour meters for the remainder of the southerly side to a point near #2278 Washington Street (Ward 4)

- #209-05      ALD. STEWART requesting that the Mayor provide the Board of Aldermen with a list of all salaried City employees who receive additional compensation (other than overtime) along with an explanation of the exact reasons for said additional payments.

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

- #168-02      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen establish new civil fines under Section 20-21 of the City of Newton Ordinances for the violation of various environmental provisions enforced by the Conservation Commission.  
**ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 ON 12/13/04**

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

- #364-04      ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor to ask that the City acquire, whether by eminent domain or by purchase, the two parking lots associated with the St. Bernard's property for the purpose of providing commuter parking.  
**ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED AS AMENDED 8-0 ON 9/13/04**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #55-02      ALD. YATES requesting that the water/sewer discount rate be made available to homeowners who receive Fuel Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Food Stamps, Supplementary Disability Income, General Relief, Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance, School Breakfast and Lunch and other income based State and Federal programs.  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 on 6/16/04**
- #206-00(2)      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend \$35,000 from Hebrew College pursuant to provisions of Special Permit #66-98(3) and a Traffic Mitigation Agreement between the City and Hebrew College, to be used toward the cost of traffic improvements, studies or transportation programs selected by the City for the purpose of mitigating potential impacts of the Hebrew College project on Herrick and Langley Roads or improving traffic and flow in the Herrick Road area. Note: #206-00, approved 6/5/00, authorized acceptance of these funds; #206-00(3), approved 6/19/00, requested implementation of accounting measures to track future expenditures; #206-00(2), the actual expenditure, was held in Committee on 6/19/00 to allow Board review of proposed mitigation measures and costs on a case-by-case basis.

**REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRESERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- #161-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing an ordinance amendment for the preservation of city-owned properties subject to funding under the Community Preservation Act.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND CMTE. ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION**

- #426-05 ALD. BAKER et als proposing acquisition by the City of Newton or related agencies of all or partial interests in appropriate properties in Newton using Community Preservation or other funds to preserve or enhance such properties for various public purposes.

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

- #309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

- #428-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY07-FY11 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$179,120,279 of new local projects over the next several years:

**SUMMARY**

PUBLIC WORKS (City-Funded)	\$ 12,544,000
PUBLIC WORKS (Grant/Fee Funded)	\$ 53,255,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 3,910,289
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 5,420,420
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 92,415,000
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 8,807,410
OTHER	\$ 2,768,160
TOTAL	\$179,120,279

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #160-05 ALD. HARNEY, SANGIOLO, PARKER AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an independent audit and possible appointment of an independent commission to investigate the Newton South construction project.

**PF AND FINCOM HELD IN COMMITTEE ON FLOOR OF THE BOARD ON 11/21/05**

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman