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Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, January 8, 2024



7:00 pm
Room 204

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Item Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: *Attached to this agenda are two documents. The first is a memo is designed to lay out some process and policy issues for the Committee to consider in shaping its upcoming work. The second is a memo from Councilor Wright about economic feasibility of some of the recent zoning amendments based on earlier work for the City by the Landwise consulting firm. I do not anticipate extensive discussion about that matter as related work by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council of recent amendments has not yet been completed, but I will ask the Planning Department for a brief update on its progress, for which Councilor Wright's memo provides some helpful background.*

#21-24 Discussion concerning ZAP Committee workplan for the new term
COUNCILORS BAKER AND OLIVER requesting a discussion with Zoning and Planning Committee concerning the work plan of the ZAP Committee for the new 2024-2025 term.

Chair's Note: *The Chair will entertain a motion to hold for the following items. The purpose of hearing these items is in relation to the discussion concerning the work plan of the ZAP Committee.*

#23-24 Update on Short-term rental ordinance compliance and enforcement
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, WRIGHT, KELLEY, LAREDO, LIPOF, HUMPHREY, LUCAS, ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, AND OLIVER requesting an update on Short-term Rental

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ordinance compliance and enforcement, including data on registrations, complaints, investigations and fines issued; types of violations being found (e.g. non-owner occupied, room limits, annual time limits, other code violations like noise, health & safety, trash); ability to compare STRs registered with the city vs registered with the state vs listings on public platforms; ability to obtain listing information from STR companies; adequacy of resources or other obstacles to enforcement.

#24-24 Request for discussion and possible ordinance amendments relative to aiding small businesses impacted by development

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND KELLEY request the Planning Department with the assistance of the Economic Development Commission, research and develop mechanisms including ordinance changes or other means to assist local businesses impacted by development similar to the Somerville work. The goal of this docket item will be to help small commercial/retail/independent and locally-owned businesses remain in Newton as development occurs.

Referred to Zoning & Planning & Finance Committees

#22-24 CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$125,000 in CPA funding

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of \$125,500 in Community Preservation Act funding from the FY24 Historic Resource Reserve Funds to the control of the Planning & Development Department for a grant to the Second Church in Newton for the restoration.

**Respectfully Submitted,
R. Lisle Baker, Chair**