

CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2003

8:00 p.m.  
Room 222  
City Hall

***NOTE: Due to the fact that this will be the final meeting of this Committee for the 2002-2003 term, all of the following items will be considered and voted upon (whether approved, denied, NO ACTION NECESSARY or referred)***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- #523-03      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$18,075 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the AFSCME Local 2443 (Newton Foremen) Union.
- #524-03      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$20,721 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the Massachusetts Nurses' Association.
- #525-03      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$7,444 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the salary and benefit costs for the employees of the Retirement Board.
- #526-03      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$148,365 (\$145,143 from Salary Reserve and \$3,222 from Sewer Surplus) in order to fund salary and benefit costs for Hay group and other non-union employees.
- #527-03      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$28,325 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the AFSCME Local 2913 (Newton Police School Traffic Supervisors) Union. This settlement includes Parking Control Officers and two Detention Attendants.

- #528-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$172,904 (\$167,091 from Salary Reserve and \$5,813 from Sewer Surplus) in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the AFSCME Local 3092 (City Hall Associates) Union.
- #529-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$13,459 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the AFSCME Local 3092B (Building Inspectors) Union.
- #530-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$49,109 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the Newton Police Superior Officers Association union.
- #531-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$8,885 from Budget Reserve in order to fund the purchase and installation of partition panels in the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board's office.
- #532-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$7,966 be appropriated from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the City's matching funds to a federal COPS Homeland Security Overtime Program Grant.

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

- #533-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the overtime account in the Library.  
**PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 5-1 (Coletti opposed) ON 12/3/03**

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

- #535-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$310,000 (\$300,000 from Overlay Surplus and \$10,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund) for the purpose of funding the replacement of Newton Fire Engine Three with a new state-of-the-art foam truck.  
**PS&T APPROVED 5-0-1 (Lennon abstaining) on 12/3/03**

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

- #94-03(4) ALD. PARKER requesting His Honor the Mayor submit Home Rule Legislation to create a separate rate structure for water and sewer rates for condominiums and apartments.  
**PUB. FACILITIS REFERRED TO 2004-2005 BOARD ON 12/3/03**  
**PROG. & SERV. REFERRED TO 2004-2005 BOARD ON 12/3/03**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #534-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$50,000 be transferred from the Department of Public Works salary account to an expense account for the purpose of allowing the Engineering Division to employ the services of an independent traffic engineering firm. These funds will allow the Engineering Division to proceed on its review of several proposed projects, including special permit applications.  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 ON 12/3/03**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #536-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 (to be funded equally from the Water and Sewer Surplus funds) for the purpose of funding a consulting contract between the Utilities Division of DPW and the Weston and Sampson company to perform an evaluation of the City's water meter system in order to make recommendations for upgrading the system.  
**PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 ON 12/3/03**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- #380-02 ALD. YATES proposing that the City of Newton exercise the new option offered by Ch.184 and Ch.51 of the Acts of 2002 to adjust the age, income and asset requirements seniors must meet to qualify for tax exemption under Ch.59 and Ch.51 (41C) and the amount of the exemption granted to eligible seniors.

**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.  
**ZAP REFERRED TO 2004-05 BOARD 6-0 on 11/24/03**

- #429-02 ALD. PARKER requesting progress report from Treasurer/Collector on addressing Management Letter audit issues.

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

- #295-99 ALD. GENTILE, COLETTI AND SALVUCCI, requesting an ordinance that would require any proposed settlement, which would include any funds from the Liability Trust Fund, must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Aldermen.  
**PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 4-0 on 2/23/00**

- #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, which funds will 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. (ITEM HELD IN COMMITTEE AT 6/19/00 FULL BOARD)

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

- #221-02 ALD. COLETTI et al requesting home rule legislation or any other legal instrument that would allow the City a maximum of \$350,000 to be set aside in overlay reserve to provide tax relief for eligible senior homeowners.  
**PROG&SERV NAN'D 5-0 ON 11/19/03**
- #120-98 ALD. PARKER AND COMPTROLLER recommending the appointment of a special subcommittee of the Board to work with the Comptroller in developing a summary level financial report for public information.
- #33-01 ALD. YATES proposing an ordinance to establish a special assessment policy for the substantial rehabilitation of owner-occupied residential properties listed in the State Register of Historic Places (Sec. 5J. of MGL Chapter 59).
- #239-02 ALD. LENNON requesting a discussion with appropriate personnel regarding the process for appealing parking tickets.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman