

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 45-01 PRESIDENT LIPISTT recommending review of Sec 4-21 of the Revised Ordinances, 1995, re compensation level of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen (Ord V-134, 10/6/97).

PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 4-0 ON 2/7/01

- # 45-01(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$7,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the administrative salary in the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen's office to allow a retroactive salary adjustment for the Clerk of the Board as part of an overall compensation adjustment (the said salary schedule to be set by ordinance).

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 46-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$333,333 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding current and future snow and ice and tree emergency expenses in the Parks and Recreation Department.

PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 4-0 ON 2/7/01

- # 51-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,000 to pay for a temp who performed clerical services during a vacancy in the Health Department, as follows:

From: Health Administration FT 01-50101-511001
To: Health Administration Clerical 01-50101-5313

- # 52-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the establishment of revolving fund for the *Newton Women's Commission*, with a spending limit of \$10,000 through June 30, 2001, in order to fund an all-day Annual Women's Conference on March 31 in celebration of Women's History Month and to fund materials related to the work of the Commission.

- # 53-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$7,902 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of funding unanticipated costs in the Sealer of Weights and Measures and the Veterans Benefits accounts, these costs include further repairs to the Sealer of Weights and Measures Van and increases in annuity payments to disabled veterans and Gold Star parents .
- #139-00(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend an increased Enhanced School Health Services grant of \$305,889 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to fund 3.0 full-time additional school nurses, capital equipment for health rooms, education support for school health staff, information system support for school health records, and support for participating non-public schools. The original notice of grant was for the amount of \$109,000 (#139-00).
- # 54-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of found in the amount of \$2,000 to hire a consultant who will help evaluate and streamline the departmental workflow and permit processes, as follows:
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| From: Inspectional Services Dept Admins Salary Acct | \$2,000 |
| (0122002-511001) | |
| To: Inspectional Services Dept Consultant Acct | \$2,000 |
| (0122001-5301) | |

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 55-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$14,600 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of adding an Assistant Executive Secretary position in the Election Commission department.
- PROG. & SERV. HELD ON 2/7/01**

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 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 (§5J.of MGL Chapter 59).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUB.FACIL., PROG&SERV, AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #268-00(B) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$89,220,407 for the purpose of funding the construction and renovation of Newton North and South High Schools, which source of funding will be the issuance of long term debt. **(Public Hearing held 1/10/01.)**

#518-00 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting adoption of an ordinance providing for the acceptance of gifts of tangible personal property by the mayor, a department, board, agency, or commission. **(SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTED: GERST, PARKER, R. LIPOF ON 12/11/00.)**

#158-00 ALD. COLETTI requesting review and discussion of the fifteen items identified in the Powers & Sullivan management letter of December, 1999, including actions taken thus far and the city's status as it prepares for the next financial audit.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES 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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#478-99 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$5,400,000, which funding will be long term debt as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, Section 8(7)(a), for the purpose of replacing water meters throughout the City.
PUBFAC HELD ON 1/5/00

89-99 ALD. CICCONE AND ANTONELLIS recommending that there be a requirement that all H-grade employees hired in the future who will earn an annual salary in excess of \$60,000 reside in Newton.

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#350-98 ALD. CICCONE requesting discussion regarding the demand for (vs. the current number of) Constables in Newton, and the possibility of creating an ordinance which would require Police background checks on each Constable candidate prior to his/her appointment/reappointment.
NOTE: #350-98(2) RESOL. TO MAYOR REQUESTING POLICY FOR APPOINTMENTS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE ON 9/28/98 AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON 10/5/98

#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.

#362-93(C) FINANCE COMMITTEE proposing that a fee for non compliance be set in order to assist the Fire Department in enforcement of MGL Ch.148, Section 56.

- #295-96 ALD. COLETTI requesting that the Comptroller of Accounts and the Director of Personnel implement a Weekly Payroll Time Sheet to monitor attendance for all salaried City of Newton employees.
- #296-96 ALD. COLETTI requesting that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen create a policy which defines the circumstances regarding the earning and use of Compensatory Time by all H-Grade employees.
- #297-96 ALD. COLETTI seeking adoption of a new Ordinance which would require public disclosure of all outside employment and consulting work conducted by City of Newton employees earning above a certain level of compensation for serving as a Department Head or Assistant Department Head.
- #174-99 ALD. CICCONE requesting that Board of Aldermen staff members be removed from their current “H-grade” status and that all future salary adjustments be governed by City Ordinance, in the same manner as the Board of Aldermen sets the salary for the City Clerk.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #128-98 ALD. PARKER, SANGIOLO, MERRILL, MANSFIELD requesting an adjustment to the water and sewer rate structure to allow rate relief for low-volume water and sewer users.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #476-97 ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER & COHEN requesting that the Board of Aldermen consider options that could be provided to City of Newton employees to provide additional family members, blood relatives, etc. with health benefits.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #477-97 ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER AND COHEN requesting that the Board of Aldermen explore the ways that the City of Newton could provide an umbrella organization that residents could join in order to obtain group health benefits (i.e. self-employed, individual insurance, etc.).

ITEM RECOMMENDED BY FULL BOARD ON 4/5/99:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #20-96 ALD. CICCONE requesting discussion with the Director of Utilities regarding the re-implementation of the use of sprinkler/garden meters to measure outside water use for all residences city-wide.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#132-98 **COMPTROLLER** recommending that the Board of Aldermen conduct a review of existing state and federal grant programs and how the City and School Department integrate grant programs into ongoing service activities.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#237-97A2 **COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS** informing the Board of Aldermen that a plan is being drafted for passive recreational use of 2.5 acres of land at the Rumford Avenue landfill site. Plan is being drafted in accordance with the request of the Bd of Aldermen upon its approval (on 8/11/97) of increase in bond authorization (\$350,000) for the capping of Rumford Avenue landfill.

PUBLIC FACILITIES NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 12/8/99

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman