

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2001

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 73-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$61,250 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of providing initial funding for construction at the Davis Community Playground. The City has been awarded a grant, but must expend the money and then seek reimbursement from the State.
PROG & SERV APPROVED 5-0 ON 2/22/01

REFERRED TO PUB FAC AND PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 76-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$20,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of completing work at Levingston Cove at Crystal Lake.
PROG & SERV APPROVED 5-0 ON 2/21/01
- #409-00(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$150,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of replenishing Budget Reserve for the appropriation of \$150,000 in docket item #409-00 which supplemented the NEXUS bus system for the remainder for FY2001.
- # 72-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the Comptroller's salary account to the Treasurer/Collector's budget for the purpose of contracting with an accounting firm to perform essential catch-up work on accounts in the Treasurer/Collector's office that have fallen behind timely reconciliation in the past six months.
- #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.)**

REFERRED TO PS&T AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 75-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$21,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the accreditation costs for the re-accreditation of the Police Department.
PS&T APPROVED 5-0 ON 2/21/01

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 74-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$55,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the Law Department's Legal Assistance account, which principal use has been for labor counsel.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS&SERVICES, ZAP & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 64-01 ALD. PARKER, M. LIPOF, YATES, TATTENBAUM, SANGIOLO, BAKER, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON & SAMUELSON requesting discussion of possible implementation of the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act in Newton.

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).

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.)**

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- #268-00(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$175,000 to lease four modular classrooms for Newton South High School.

#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 RECOMMITTED 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