

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

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM RECOMMITTED BY FULL BOARD ON 3/19/01:

#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.)**

94-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,618 in the FY01 Health Department operating budget to cover the cost of paying a placement fee to an employment agency after the department hired a temporary clerical worker as a full-time employee:

FROM:	Environmental Health; Full-Time Admin. Salaries (0150102-511001).....	\$5,618
TO:	Administration; Clerical Services (0150101-5313).....	\$5,618

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

95-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$217,651 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing both the snow and ice and tree emergency accounts in the Parks and Recreation Department FY01 operating budget as follows:

FROM:	Budget Reserve.....	\$217,651
TO:	Snow – Equipment Rental (0160242-5273).....	\$147,531
	Snow – Overtime (0160242-5130).....	\$ 8,051
	Tree Emergencies – Equipment Rental (0160243-5273).....	\$ 52,162
	Tree Emergencies – Overtime (0160243-5130).....	\$ 9,907
	TOTAL.....	\$217,651

PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 5-0-1 (COLETTI ABSTAINING; BAKER, JOHNSON NOT VOTING) ON 3-21-01

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

96-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$879,190 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the FY01 School Department operating budget.

PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 8-0 ON 3-21-01

CHAIRMAN'S NOTE: THIS ITEM WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AFTER ALL REQUESTED BACKUP INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED BY THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

97-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$303,764 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the environmental cleanup and compliance projects as follows:

PROJECT	COST
Burr School Environmental Compliance.....	\$ 40,595
Cabot School Environmental Compliance.....	\$ 44,016
Elliot St. Garage Environmental Compliance.....	\$ 72,263
Emerson Community Center Environmental Compliance.....	\$ 26,250
Health Department Fuel Tank Removal.....	\$ 15,750
Horace Mann School Environmental Compliance.....	\$ 39,528
Waban Library Fuel Tank Removal.....	\$ 15,750
SUBTOTAL.....	\$254,152
<u>PUBFAC APPROVED 7-0 ON 3-21-01</u>	
Municipal UST Leak Detection System.....	\$ 33,075
Municipal UST Testing and Repairs.....	\$ 16,537
<u>PUBFAC HELD 7-0 ON 3-21-01</u>	
TOTAL.....	\$303,764

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

98-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$578,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the snow and ice accounts within the FY01 Department of Public Works operating budget as follows:

FROM:	Free Cash.....	\$578,000
TO:	Overtime	
	(0140110-5130).....	\$200,000
	Special Compensation	
	(0140110-5143).....	\$ 30,000
	Rental of Vehicles and Equipment	
	(0140110-5273).....	\$223,000
	Salt and Sand	
	(0140110-5532).....	\$125,000
	TOTAL.....	\$578,000

PUBFAC APPROVED 7-0 ON 3-21-01

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

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 3/7/01

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 PROG. & SERV, PUB. FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #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.

PUBFAC APPROVED 7-0 ON 3-21-01

PROG. & SERV. HELD ON 3-21-01

- #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 COMPROLLER 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