

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2001

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- #104-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing RE CAPPOLI as CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER, pursuant to Sec. 3-3(a) of the City Charter, effective April 18, 2001 (30-day Board action date 5/1/01).
- #105-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting establishing a CITY OF NEWTON CAMPERSHIP REVOLVING FUND with an annual expenditure limit of \$10,000. Said fund will be utilized to provide assistance with camping expenses for children from very low-income families that otherwise would not be able to attend camp.
- #105-01(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend funds in the amount of \$2,000, received as a private donation to the CAMPERSHIP REVOLVING FUND.
- #106-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$181,436 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the AFSCME City Hall Associates (Local 3092) union. This contract follows a base wage adjustment pattern of 3% in each of 3 years (FY01 through FY03).

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #107-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$33,621.39 be appropriated and expended from the Department of Public Works Damage Recoveries Fund for the purpose of making repairs to the Elliot Street Salt Shed. The salt shed was damaged by a trucking company vehicle. The City has received a check in the amount of \$33,621.39 from the Worcester Insurance Company as compensation for the damage.
PUBFAC HELD ON 4/4/01

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #108-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$60,000 be appropriated and expended from the Sewer Surplus Fund for the purpose of repairing the sewer main on FLORENCE STREET. The entire cost of the project is estimated at \$130,000; \$52,000 will come from capital improvement funds in the FY01 Sewer operating budget, and \$18,101 will come from Sewer Rate Relief Funds from the MWRA.
PUBFAC HELD ON 4/4/01

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #109-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$1,235,000 be appropriated and expended from the Water Surplus Fund for the purpose of completing repairs to the WABAN HILL RESERVOIR. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,185,200. The remaining costs will be met with the approximately \$1 million of capital improvement funds allocated in the FY01 Water operating budget.
PUBFAC HELD ON 4/4/01

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 96-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of the budget deficit in the School Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

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.)**
PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 5-0 ON 4/4/01
PUBFAC APPROVED 5-0 ON 4/4/01 SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL

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. APPROVED 5-0 ON 3-28-01

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

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: IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION ON 4/23, WHEN ALL REQUESTED BACKUP INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS THE ITEM WITH THE COMMITTEE

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

97-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$49,612 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the environmental compliance projects as follows:

PROJECT	COST
Municipal UST Leak Detection System.....	\$ 33,075
Municipal UST Testing and Repairs.....	\$ 16,537
TOTAL.....	\$ 49,612

PUBFAC HELD 7-0 ON 3-21-01

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).

#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 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

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman