

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- #136-01 RETIREMENT BOARD requesting that the City of Newton accept the provisions of Chapter 411 of the Acts of 2000, the Non-Contributory Retirement Pop Up Act, effective April 12, 2001.
- #137-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation and authorization to expend the sum of \$35,000 from Sewer Surplus for the purpose of supplementing the Workers' Compensation account for the Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works.
- #138-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$35,233.44 from the gift fund from monies given to the City from RCN, pursuant to its franchise agreement with the City of Newton. These funds will be expended for the promotion of public, educational, and governmental access programming and for other cable-related purposes.

TENTATIVE DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #145-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$129,808 be appropriated in order to fund the cleaning, disposing, and testing for the presence of asbestos in the basement of City Hall as follows:

FROM:	Reduction of request for item #97-01.....	\$ 16,000
	Capital Stabilization.....	\$ 15,000
	Closeout of C11401 (WHDH LAND).....	\$ 35,000
	Free Cash.....	\$ 63,808
	TOTAL.....	\$129,808

**PUB FAC APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 3-0-1 (YATES
ABSTAINING) ON 4/18/01**

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #146-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$70,000 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of installing a lift and handicapped accessible bathroom at the Angier School to accommodate a student in a wheelchair who will attend the school this fall.
PUB FAC APPROVED 4-0 ON 4/18/01

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #147-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$405,000 be appropriated from Free Cash for the purpose of funding construction activities for the replacement of the roof at the Pierce Elementary School.
PUB FAC APPROVED 4-0 ON 4/18/01

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 APPROVED 4-0 ON 4/18/01

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #123-01 ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT requesting Board of Aldermen authorization to submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY2002 Annual Action Plan for the City of Newton and the Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown HOME Consortium. This Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2001.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #113-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the Newton City Charter, submitting the FY2002 Municipal/School Operating Budget, including Water/Sewer for a total of \$232,421,103.
EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION: APRIL 17, 2001
LAST DAY TO PASS BUDGET: JUNE 1, 2001

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #144-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$425,900 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the overtime account in the Fire Department.
PS&T APPROVED ON 4/18/01

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #143-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$26,966.66 be appropriated from Additional Lottery Receipts for the purpose of paying for a replacement van purchased by the School Department.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #142-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$36,744.67 be appropriated from the E-rate receipts reserved account for the purpose of purchasing telephone and computer technology equipment at various schools.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #141-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated from Marathon Receipts for the purpose of purchasing new playground equipment at Burr Park and Weeks Park playgrounds.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #140-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated from Marathon Receipts for the purpose of conducting a safety audit of playground equipment at playgrounds throughout the City of Newton and making emergency repairs, as necessary.

- #139-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation from Overlay Surplus in the amount of \$350,000 for the purpose of funding the triennial revaluation costs in the Assessing Department.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #135-01 ALD M. LIPOF offering a resolution urging His Honor the Mayor to hire an independent auditor to oversee and report monthly through the Mayor to the Board of Aldermen for the duration of the construction and renovations to the high schools.

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 APPROVED 4-0 AS AMENDED ON 4/18/01

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 APPROVED 4-0 AS AMENDED ON 4/18/01

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

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

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

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #96-01(3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing a RESOLUTION to the Mayor and School Administration requesting that the hiring freeze not cause the elimination of any program that was voted on as part of the FY01 budget.

Prog&Serv Approved 6-0-1 (Baker & Parker Abstaining) on 3/21/01; Held in Committee and referred to Finance by Full Board on 4/2/01.

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.
- #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.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#118-00(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY02-FY06 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, pursuant to Section 5-3 of the NEWTON CITY CHARTER, which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance new local capital projects totaling **\$173,907,870** over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (GRANT/FEE FUNDED)	\$ 46,394,228
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED)	\$ 2,710,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 2,911,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 2,351,575
PUBLIC EDUCATION	\$111,782,167
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 2,215,000
OTHER	\$ 5,543,900
TOTAL	\$173,907,870

ITEM HELD IN COMMITTEE AT 6/19/00 FULL BOARD:

#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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman