

CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001

7:45 p.m.  
Room 222  
City Hall

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- #218-99(2)     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$7,600 be transferred from the personal services account in the office of the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board to a contractual account for the purpose of supplementing the contract for training members of the office of the Clerk of the Board in the use of the Legistar system.
- #197-01        HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$29,431.43 from Sewer Surplus for the purpose of paying the settlement of the claim of Ian and Janet Grable v. City of Newton. This claim was made as the result of damages incurred when the Quinobequin Road Sewage Pumping Station failed subsequent to the intense rainstorm of June 13, 1998.
- #198-01        HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated and expended from the Liability Insurance Fund for the purpose of settling a claim brought against the City of Newton by TLT Construction Corporation for work performed as the general contractor for the 1996 renovation of Newton South High School.
- #199-01        HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$4,600 be transferred within the FY01 operating budget for the Law Department in order to ensure that there are sufficient funds to pay the maternity leave of Catherine Lester Salchert and the salary of her temporary replacement, Catherine Farrell, as follows:

FROM:	Law Dept. expenses; Printing (01-108-01-5342).....\$4,600
TO:	Law Dept.; Admin. Salaries (01-108-01-5110001)....\$4,600

- #195-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation and authorization to expend funds in the amount of \$211,551 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA), Local 544.
- #214-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that the sum of \$29,250 be appropriated and expended from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the Massachusetts Nurses Association.
- #138-01(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that docket item #138-01 be amended to increase the gift expenditure authorization for monies due from Residential Communications Network (RCN) under its franchise agreement by \$2,309.60. This will increase RCN's total gift amount from \$35,233.44 to \$37,543.04.
- #196-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$2,000 be transferred within the Library department's FY01 operating budget in order to cover the full expense of electricity for the remainder of this fiscal year as follows:

FROM:	Library; Pers. Serv.; Perm. Part-time (0160103-5116).....\$2,000
TO:	Library; electricity (0160102-5210).....\$2,000

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #215-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the following transfers of funds within the FY01 Police Department operating budget be made in order to cover projected shortfalls in the gasoline and natural gas accounts for the remainder of this fiscal year:

FROM:	Police; Pers. Serv.; Traffic Control Salaries (0120105-511501).....\$25,000
	Police; Telephone (0120114-53401).....\$ 3,000
TO:	Gasoline (0120108-5480).....\$25,000
	Natural Gas (0120107-5211).....\$ 3,000

**PS&T APPROVED 5-0 ON 6/6/01**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #203-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$28,000 from personal services to the capital expenses account in the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of purchasing a large scale plan copier and scanner.  
**PUBFAC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL 3-0 ON 5/23/01**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #204-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$70,000 be transferred from the Department of Public Works supply account to a Sidewalk Betterments account in an effort to bolster the funds available to reduce the current 2-year sidewalk betterments backlog.  
**PUBFAC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL 3-0 ON 5/23/01**
- #213-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$463,319, received as a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation. This grant will offset the costs associated with the installation of pollution control devices at the Wheelbrator-Millbury facility to which the City of Newton sends its refuse. This grant is a pass-through of a subsidy from the State, to the City, for the operators of the incinerator.
- #200-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$6,400 be transferred within the FY01 Human Services Department operating budget for the purpose of funding a contract with a professional placement agency for the services of a temporary clerical staff person. The Department has hired a temp to fill in for its clerk/receptionist, who has been on an extended special leave.
- #113-01(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$1,166,000 be appropriated and transferred from the FY02 estimated revenue to the Capital Stabilization Fund for FY02 for the purpose of adding to the Debt Reserve established to fund capital expenses associated with the high school renovation projects.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- # 97-01(B) 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:

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

**PUBFAC APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0 ON 6-6-01**

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**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 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. APPROVED 5-0 ON 5/23/01**

**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.

**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