

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

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

- #251-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that the sum of \$982,676 be appropriated (\$802,676 from Salary Reserve and \$180,000 from Budget Reserve) in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the Newton Firefighters' Association.
- #248-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$10,751 be appropriated from Budget Reserve and expended for the purpose of paying a prior fiscal year bill for the legal services of the law firm of Morgan, Brown & Joy related to collective bargaining and the defense of legal actions against the City of Newton.
- #249-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$8,000 be transferred from the Planning Department full-time personal services account to the Planning Department expenses account for the purpose of paying temporary clerical staff while the Administrative Assistant and Senior Clerk positions within the department are vacant.
- #250-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$8,000 be appropriated from Budget Reserve and expended for the purpose of contracting with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, for work on the land use and transportation elements of the City of Newton comprehensive plan.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #252-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$130,000 of FY02 General Fund Revenue be transferred to the NEXUS transportation budget.

PS&T APPROVED 6-0 ON 7/18/01

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 252-01(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$12,500 be transferred from the Human Services Department Senior Transportation account (015203-5392) to the NEXUS transportation fund.
PS&T APPROVED 6-0 ON 7/18/01

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #253-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$130,000 be appropriated from the Parking Meter Receipts fund and expended for the purpose of supplementing the street light budget.
PUBFAC TO MEET

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #233-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend \$400,000 from various gifts for the purpose of funding design and construction of the Balsamo Millennium Park adjacent to City Hall.
PUBFAC HELD 5-0 AT MAYOR'S REQUEST ON 6/20/01

ITEM RECOMMITTED BY FULL BOARD ON 6/18/01:

- #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.
APPROVED 6-0 ON 6/11/01

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERVICES, ZAP & FINANCE COMMITTEES

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

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEES

- #64-01(3) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE recommending ordinance to implement Community Preservation Act in Newton.
PROG. & SERV. HELD 6-0

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 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

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.

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