

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

- #295-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$89,833 from Salary Reserve in order to fund the cost items set forth in the labor contract agreed upon with the AFSCME, Local 2913, the Newton Police School Traffic Supervisors. This settlement also includes the Parking Control Officers and two Detention Attendants.
- #296-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$140,000 from the Liability Insurance Fund for the purpose of settling a claim against the City of Newton under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) by the members of the Newton Patrolmen's Association. This appropriation will fund the first of two payments to be made (the second payment in the amount of \$110,000 is to be paid before 2/1/02). The claim relates to overtime payment and work week rules.
NOTE: in accordance with Section 2-9 of the City Charter, the Mayor has declared this item to be an emergency measure (since payment is required to be made prior to 10/01/01.
- #193-01(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$12,000 be appropriated from Budget Reserve and expended for the purpose of funding professional services to conduct an assessment center to test and evaluate the administrative and technical skills of candidates for the position of Chief of Police.
- #297-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$15,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of settling the claim of Silverman v. City of Newton.

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #277-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$23,000 be transferred from the Public Buildings Department Administrative Salary account to the Inspectional Services Department Administrative Salary account in order to fund an additional full-time plumbing inspector position in ISD.

- #274-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$15,000, received as a contribution from Michael S. Fields, Trustee of the 74 Longwood Road Realty Trust, to the Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission.

- #226-01(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$267,000, received from the Avalon Bay Company for the purpose of completing design plans for the reconstruction of Needham Street. Said funds were received in accordance with condition #22 of ZBA variance #16-01.

- #275-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$96,618.83 be transferred from the Federal Grant Fund to the Capital Stabilization Fund. This amount represents the final reimbursement to the City of Newton from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for costs from severe storms last winter.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #276-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$110,000 be appropriated from Overlay Surplus and that the sum of \$95,000 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund in order to fund the following capital projects:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COST</u>
a) Conservation Commission	Marty Sender Path	\$ 5,000
b) Parks & Recreation	Tree Planting	\$ 50,000
c) Parks & Recreation	Field Renov/Water Control	\$ 25,000
d) Parks & Recreation	Turf Control	\$ 50,000
e) Public Works	Sidewalk Betterments	\$ 50,000
<u>PUBFAC APPROVED 4-0-1 (MANSFIELD ABSTAINING; GERST NOT VOTING) ON 9/5/01</u>		
f) Veterans/Licensing	Veterans Graves	\$ 25,000
TOTAL		\$205,000

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#266-01 JOSEPH MICHAEL ALBANO, 260 River Street, West Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#267-01 LORETTA M. BACCARI, 104 Los Angeles Street, Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#268-01 MARIA G. BIANCHI, 41 Aspen Avenue, Auburndale, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on May 1, 2003 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#269-01 FRANK M. CARUSO, 262 River Street, West Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#270-01 MARC EPSTEIN, 18 Travis Drive, Chestnut Hill, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on December 1, 2003 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#271-01 EDWARD W. GOURDEAU, 81 Dalby Street, Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on November 1, 2003 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#272-01 DANIEL T. MARZILLI, 38 Farquhar Road, Newtonville, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#273-01 JEFFREY SILTON, 120 Cherry Street, West Newton, re-appointed on July 24, 2001 as a CONSTABLE of the City of Newton; said term of office to expire on June 1, 2004 (60-day Board action date: October 12, 2001).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

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
- #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.

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 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.

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 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