

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

REFERRED TO FINANCE, PUBFAC; & PROG&SERV COMMITTEES

#309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 |
| <u>PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 7-0 ON 9/19/01</u> | | |
| c) Parks & Recreation | Field Renov/Water Control | \$ 25,000 |
| <u>PROGRAMS & SERVICES HELD 7-0 ON 9/19/01</u> | | |
| d) Parks & Recreation | Turf Control | \$ 50,000 |
| <u>PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 7-0 ON 9/19/01</u> | | |
| 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 |
| <u>PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 7-0 ON 9/19/01</u> | | |
| TOTAL | | \$205,000 |

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.
PUBFACILITIES APPROVED 5-0 ON 9/19/01

REFERRED TO FINANCE, ZONING&PLANNING, PROG&SERV COMMITTEES

- #64-01(3) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE recommending ordinance to implement Community Preservation Act in Newton.
PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 7-0 ON 9/19/01

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 FOR 10/3/01

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 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 RECOMMENDED 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