

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2001

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

#391-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to pay previous fiscal year bills using FY02 School Department funds in the amount of \$11,000. Said payments are necessary to cover school lunch invoices from 1997 and 1998 which were not paid in a timely manner.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#113-01(7) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the FY02 School Department budget appropriation be increased by the sum of \$881,420. The source of funding will be FY02 revenue. This increase in estimates of revenue is possible because the final figure for property tax revenue is higher than the original estimate from the spring of this year.

PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 7-0 ON 11/7/01

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#392-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to pay the sum of \$24,304 to Chartwells, the food management company that manages the school lunch program, to settle a dispute over personnel charges for school lunch monitors during FY01. These funds will be paid from the School Department FY02 budget.

PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 6-0 (SANGIOLO NOT VOTING) ON 11/7/01

#272-99(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$85,000 be appropriated and expended from the Liability Insurance Fund for the purpose of settling a claim filed against the City of Newton by Ms. Sydney Altman.

#393-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$2,950 be transferred within the FY02 Public Works Department Operating Budget from expenses to capital outlays in order to purchase traffic management software for the traffic division.

ITEMS NOT TO BE DISCUSSED:

PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR WEDNESDAY, 11/28/01 @ 7:30 P.M.

#113-01(5) DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION submitting for Board of Aldermen review and approval FY02 Municipal Property Tax Levy Distribution Percentages among residential, open space, commercial and industrial classes of Real Property.

#233-01(2) ALD. COLETTI respectfully requesting investigation, under Sec. 2-11 of the Newton City Charter, of the circumstances surrounding acceptance of gift and subsequent naming of the proposed Millennium Park and other matters pertaining to Mr. Salvatore Balsamo.

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB.FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#113-01(6) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the FY02 DPW Operating Budget be decreased by the sum of \$150,000 and that said funds be appropriated to the FY02 School Department Operating Budget. It is anticipated that the reduction in the DPW budget will be more than made up by increases in Chapter 90 payments from the State for road and sidewalk work.

PROG. & SERV. APPROVED 7-0 WITH RESOLUTION ON 11/7/01
PUBFAC HELD ON 11/7/01

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#395-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY03-FY07 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 \$164,339,428 over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (GRANT/FEE FUNDED).....	\$ 51,675,171
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED).....	\$ 7,215,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.....	\$ 2,296,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS.....	\$ 2,260,650
PUBLIC EDUCATION.....	\$ 92,243,907
PARKS & RECREATION.....	\$ 3,951,900
OTHER.....	\$ 4,696,800
TOTAL.....	\$164,339,428

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED:

**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
ZAP APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0 ON 10/30/01

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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.

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
c) Parks & Recreation	Field Renov/Water Control	\$ 25,000

PROGRAMS & SERVICES HELD 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 APPROVED 3-2 (SALVUCCI, MANSFIELD OPPOSED)
ON 10/17/01**

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 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

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