CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2001

7:45 p.m. Room 222 City Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

- #423-01 <u>COMPTROLLER</u> requesting review and approval of the FY2001 Annual Financial Audit.
- #402-01 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$10,504.10 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of paying a judgement against the City of Newton arising out of an accident between a Parks and Recreation Department vehicle and another vehicle.
- #426-01 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$12,000, received as a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. These funds will be used to increase awareness and recognition of the East Parish, West Parish and South Burying Grounds.
- #425-01 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting that the sum of \$6,000 be transferred within the FY02 Planning Department budget in order to allow the Department to pay for temporary clerical services contracted during a period of vacancies in two administrative positions as follows:

FROM: Administrative Salaries

(0111401-511001)......\$6,000

TO: Clerical Services

(0111401-5313).....\$6,000

- #403-01 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$7,600 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of funding payments for new police recruits attending police academy training. These funds are necessary because there are more recruits than was originally anticipated.
- #424-01 <u>CITY CLERK</u> requesting authorization for annual holiday disbursement of the sum of \$200 from the Kenrick Fund for holiday gifts to the Newton needy.

#389-00(VII)2 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting that sidewalk betterment #389-00(VII), approved by the Board of Aldermen on October 2, 2000, be withdrawn. Said betterment was assessed to Mr. Ching-Yun Chen, 120 Prospect Street, in the amount of \$1,908.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEMS RECOMMENDED NO ACTION NECESSARY:

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#476-97 <u>ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER & COHEN</u> 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.

PROG. & SERV. NAN 7-0 ON 12/5/01

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#132-98 <u>COMPTROLLER</u> 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.

PROG. & SERV. NAN 7-0 ON 12/5/01

ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO 2002-2003 BOARD

#233-01(2) <u>ALD. COLETTI</u> 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

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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

REFERRED TO FINANCE, PUBFAC; & PROG&SERV COMMITTEES

#309-01 <u>ALD. PARKER</u> 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 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> 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:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	COST
a) Conservation Cor	nmission 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 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> 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 <u>ALD. YATES</u> 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 <u>ALD. GENTILE, COLETTI AND SALVUCCI</u>, 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 <u>HIS HONOR THE MAYOR</u> 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 <u>ALD. PARKER AND COMPTROLLER</u> 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) <u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u> 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 <u>ALD. PARKER, SANGIOLO, MERRILL, MANSFIELD</u> 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

#477-97 <u>ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER AND COHEN</u> 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul E. Coletti, Chairman