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Tuesday, April 16, 2024

7:45PM, Hybrid

To be reported on

Monday, May 6, 2024

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:45 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link

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After the conclusion of first call the Mayor will present her FY24 Budget Address.

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Referred to Land Use Committee

Public Hearing 04-23-2024

#203-24 Request for an Administrative Site Plan Review to allow a day care use and a Special Permit to waive 6 parking stalls at 66 Needham Street

GJE & MJ & HM TRS, BROADWAY SAUGUS TRUST, AND SULLIVAN TRUST T/C petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to introduce a day care center into the space formerly occupied by a retail showroom, and to waive 6 parking stalls at 66 Needham Street, Ward 8, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 83 Block 11 Lot 18A, containing approximately 25,753 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Mixed Use 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 6.3.4.B.3.b, 6.3.4.B.3.c, 6.3.4.B.3.a, and 6.3.4.B.3.e of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing 04-23-2024

#202-24 Request to allow a series of retaining walls exceeding four feet in height in a setback at 21 Oakland Street, Unit 2

NEEL JOSHI petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to reconstruct the series of walls which exceed four feet in height within the side and rear setbacks at 21 Oakland Street, Unit 2, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 12 Block 17 Lot 3A, containing approximately 9,489 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Multi Residence 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.4.2.B of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

#180-24 Request for discussion and possible amendments to the sign ordinance for typical signs in typical locations

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, HUMPHREY, BIXBY, KALIS, WRIGHT, GREEBBERG, OLIVER, KRINTZMAN, LIPOF, KELLEY, LUCAS, AND DOWNS requesting discussion and possible amendments to Newton's sign ordinance to allow administrative review for small commercial signs for typical sign locations.

#181-24 Request for discussion and possible amendments to remove or reduce parking minimums for commercial uses in commercial centers

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, KRINTZMAN, AND LEARY requesting discussion and possible amendments to Newton's zoning ordinance to remove or reduce the parking minimums for first-floor commercial uses in commercial centers.

#182-24 Request for discussion and possible amendments to allow for-profit schools by-right

COUNCILORS LUCAS, KELLEY, LAREDO and LOBOVITS requesting a discussion with the Planning and Development Department to possibly amend Newton's Zoning Ordinance to allow Schools or other educational purposes, for-profit to be allowed by right.

#183-24 Appointment of Terrence Brown

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Terrence Brown, 183 Oka Street, Newton Upper Falls as an alternate member of the Newton Upper Falls Historic District for a term of office to expire on May 20, 2025. (60 Days: 06/15/2024)

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#186-24 Reappointment of Marcela Merino to Community Education Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Marcela Merino, 66 Cloverdale Road, Newton as a member of the Community Education Commission for a term of office set to expire on May 31, 2026. (60 Days: 06/15/2024)

#200-24 Appointment of Donald Siegel to the Newton Housing Authority

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Donald Siegel, 82 Paulson Road, Waban as a member of the Newton Housing Authority for a term of office set to expire on May 20, 2029. (60 Days: 06/15/2024)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#201-24 Requesting a policy discussion, review, and possible action related to parking on-street and in municipal lots

COUNCILORS GROSSMAN, DOWNS AND LAREDO requesting a discussion and review of parking policy related to on-street parking and parking in municipal lots, including possible action on related ordinances and permit programs.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#177-24 Discussion with National Grid regarding plans to fix gas leaks in Newton

Councilor Albright on behalf of the Public Facilities Committee requesting a discussion with National Grid about their plans, timetable, and methodology to correct gas leaks including the viability of repair vs. replacement of certain gas leaks.

#178-24 Discussion with National Grid regarding their Networked Geothermal project in Lowell
Councilor Albright on behalf of the Public Facilities Committee requesting a discussion with National Grid regarding their Networked Geothermal Project in Lowell Massachusetts. The discussion should include criteria for neighborhood selection, pros and cons of the project to date, and the costs and feasibility of this project.

#189-24 Approval of the 75% design of the Washington Street Pilot
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the approval of the 75% design for the Washington Street Pilot.

Referred to Finance Committee

#184-24 Appointment of Marcia Tabenken to John C. Chaffin Educational Fund
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Marcia Tabenken, 11 North Street, Newton as a trustee of the John C. Chaffin Educational Fund for a lifetime appointment.

#185-24 Appointment of Rabbi Allison Berry to John C Chaffin Educational Fund
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Rabbi Allison Berry, 42 Clarendon Street, Newtonville as a trustee of the John C. Chaffin Educational Fund for a lifetime appointment.

#204-24 Submittal of the ACFR, and external audit reports
COMPTROLLER transmitting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and external audit reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 for City Council review/acceptance.

#190-24 Authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism FY24 State budget earmark grant
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism FY24 State budget earmark grant in the amount of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) for improvements at the Pellegrini Field House.

#188-24 Authorization to accept and expand a Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Grant
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from a Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Grant, to complete the funding for the replacement of the Newton Free Library's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#191-24

Authorization to appropriate and expend \$200,00 from the Stormwater Management Operating Reserve FY2024 Operating Budget

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Stormwater Management Operating Reserve FY2024 Operating Budget to fund the design and installation of a subsurface system that will manage stormwater from Myrtle Street and McGrath Park.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#192-24

Authorization to transfer \$85,000 for HHS nursing staffing

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) from Account # 0150103-511001 Health & Human Services Clinical Health, Full Time Salaries to Account # 0150103-531300 Temporary Staffing for nursing staff.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#193-24

Authorization to transfer \$100,000 for library computers and technology

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Account # 0160110-511001 Main Library, Full Time Salaries to a Library Project Account for the purpose of replacing aging computers and technology at the Newton Free Library.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#197-24

Requesting authorization to transfer \$125,000 for Law Department legal services

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of \$125,000 from Account # 0110851-511001 Law Department, Full Time Salaries to Account # 0110851-530900 Legal Services.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#187-24

Authorization to appropriate and expend \$1 million for the DPW Vehicle Replacement Program

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from June 30, 2023, Certified Free Cash as part of the Vehicle Replacement Plan for the purpose of replacing one 2008 and two 2007 6-wheel dump trucks with two 6-wheel dump trucks and one 10-wheel swap loader truck for the Streets Division operations.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#196-24

Authorization to appropriate and expend \$615,000 for hydro vacuum excavator trailer

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of \$615,000 for the purchase of a hydro vacuum excavator trailer to enhance digging safety measures.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#199-24

Authorization to appropriate and expend \$500,000 for the water hydrant flushing program

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend a total of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the Water Fund Surplus -- Available for Appropriation, Account # 6000-3599 to Account # 60A40106-530203 Water Hydrant Inspections, Engineering Services to fund a water hydrant flushing program to ensure proper water circulation and water quality within the water main system.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#198-24

Authorization to expend grant and city funding for the Stormwater Asset Management Plan

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the State's Revolving Fund Grant of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to update the Stormwater Asset Management Plan, and to appropriate and expend the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Stormwater Management Operating Reserve - 2024 Budget to provide the City share of matching funds for this program. The grant also includes a twenty-five thousand dollar (\$25,000) additional match of in-kind services from city- staff.

Referred to Finance & Appropriate Committees***Public Hearing 05-06-2024***

#8-24

Submittal of the FY2025 to FY 2029 Capital Improvement Plan

HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2025 to 2029 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.

Public Hearing 05-06-2024

#194-24

Submittal of the FY2025 – FY2029 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan

HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY25 – FY29 Supplemental Capital Improvement Plan.

- #195-24 Submittal of the FY25 Municipal/School Operating**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter the FY25 Municipal/School Operating Budget, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY25-FY29 Capital Improvement Program (#8-24). EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 04/16/24; LAST DATE TO PASS THE BUDGET 05/31/24

Referred to Real Property Reuse Committee

- #205-24 Reuse of parcel of land on Chestnut Street**
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT submitting on April 8, 2024 a letter stating that the 8 parking spaces on City-owned property at 25 Chestnut Street, should be made available for sale or lease, pursuant to the City of Newton Ordinances Section 2-7.