



## City Council Reports Docket

May 28: Zoning & Planning

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7:45PM, Hybrid  
To be reported on  
Monday, June 3, 2024

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:45PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link

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### City of Newton

### In City Council Items to be Acted Upon

#### Unfinished Council Business

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**Referred to Public Facilities Committee**

**#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.

**Public Facilities Approved 7-0 (Councilor Danberg Not Voting) on May 15, 2024**

**Item Chartered by Councilor Oliver on May 20, 2024**

**Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee**

05/28/2024

PRESENT: Councilors Baker (Chair), Oliver, Albright, Wright, Krintzman, Getz, Danberg, and Kalis; also present: Councilors Farrell, Leary, Humphrey, Block, Greenberg, Lobovits, Malakie, Kelley, and Gentile

**#230-24**

**Reappointment of James Miller to the Auburndale Historic District Commission**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing James Miller, 85C Seminary Avenue, Auburndale as an alternate member of the Auburndale Historic District Commission for a term of office set to expire on June 6, 2027. (60 Days: 07/19/2024)

**Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0**

**#42-24**

**Request for Discussion and Ordinance to require energy use reporting**

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG and LEARY, on behalf of the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy (NCCE), requesting discussion and an ordinance that would require large property owners (campuses and large commercial buildings) to report energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions annually to the city of Newton, to be used to encourage reductions in said energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in accordance and support of the goals set forth in the Newton Climate Action Plan.

**Zoning & Planning Held 8-0**

**#49-24**

**Discussion and possible adoption of an ordinance requiring electrification of all new construction and substantial renovations**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, LEARY, HUMPHREY, KALIS, DOWNS, LIPOF, WRIGHT, MICLEY, BIXBY, AND GETZ requesting discussion and possible adoption of an Electrification Ordinance that would require all new construction and substantial renovations in

Newton to be all-electric. This is in conjunction with the City's recent conditional approval by the State Department of Energy Resources (DOER) for participation in the Ten Communities Program.

**Zoning & Planning Held; Public Hearing Set for 02/26/24 8-0 on January 22, 2024**

**Zoning & Planning Held 7-1 (Councilor Kalis Opposed) on February 26, 2024**

**Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 on March 11, 2024**

**City Council Referred Back to Zoning and Planning 22-0-2 (Councilors Grossman and Micley Absent) on March 18, 2024**

**Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Councilor Kalis Not Voting)**

### **Referred to Public Facilities and Zoning & Planning Committees**

#63-24

**Requesting an update on the status of implementing the Climate Action Plan**

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting an update from the Sustainability Team and appropriate staff on the status of implementing Climate Action Plan measures, expanding municipal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs as follows: Newton Power Choice participation rates, municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; Solar Power Purchase Agreement including operational and PV installations under construction, municipal energy consumption (DOER report) Green Communities grant funded efficiency projects to date, Energy Coach/ "4 our Future" program and zoning ordinances both to increase building energy efficiency/renewables in the private sector and foster sustainable development patterns.

**Zoning & Planning Held 8-0**