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September 17: Land Use

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September 23: Finance and Zoning & Planning

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The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers Monday, September 16, 2024, at 7:45 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/88088609635

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Referred to Land Use Committee

#358-24 Request for Extension of Time to Exercise Special Permit #416-22 at 39 Floral Street

CELIA IVANOV petition for Extension of Time to October 3, 2025 to allow the construction of an attached garage with living space above, further extending the nonconforming front setback and further reducing the nonconforming open space at 39 Floral Street, Ward 6, Newton, on land known as Section 52 Block 38 Lot 13, containing approximately 7,589 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.2.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing 10-01-2024

#357-24 Request to further extend nonconforming FAR at 15 York Road

HARDAGIRI REDDY AND VEENA MOLAGAVALLI petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a single story rear addition as well as an attached garage in the location of an existing carport further extending nonconforming FAR at 15 York Road, Ward 5, Waban, on land known as Section 55 Block 44 Lot 07, containing approximately 8,075 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing 10-01-2024

Request to increase the nonconforming FAR and to alter the nonconforming #356-24

second story of a detached accessory building at 6 Lowell Avenue
LISA DONFRANCESCO petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to
establish an accessory apartment as of right within the existing detached
historic barn by altering the roofline for additional habitable space further
extending the nonconforming FAR and stories at 6 Lowell Avenue, Ward 2,
Newtonville, on land known as Section 23 Block 12 Lot 11, containing
approximately 6,921 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1.
Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.4.3.A.3, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.9 of Chapter 30 of the City of
Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing 10-01-2024

Request to allow a mix of for-profit education, personal instruction, non
#355-24 accessory parking, wholesale bakery, vehicle storage and vehicle repair,
sales and service and to waive 41 parking stalls at 28-30 Riverdale Avenue

TERESA JONES petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a
mix of for-profit education, personal instructions, non-accessory parking,

wholesale bakery, vehicle storage and vehicle repair, sales and services, and to waive 41 parking stalls at 28-30 Riverdale Avenue, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 11 Block 01 Lot 04, containing approximately 31,138 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MANUFACTURING. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 4.4.1, 5.1.4, 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #345-24 Request for Updates from School Committee and Newton Public Schools
 COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN AND OLIVER requesting semi-annual updates from
 the School Committee and Newton Public Schools. The goal of this item will
 be to increase information sharing between these parties and the City Council
 per the recommendation from the Community Dialog Working Group.
- #349-24 Appointment of Caitlin Cusick to the Parks and Recreation Commission

 HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Caitlin Cusick, 50 Prentice Road, Newton as a Ward 7 member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term of office set to expire on October 21, 2027. (60 Days: 11/15/2024)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Requesting a discussion with the Department of Public Works on the work to upgrade the water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT, on behalf of the Public Facilities Committee, requests a discussion with the Commissioner of DPW, Jim McGonagle, regarding the City's past successes in updating Newton's water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure, cost savings from these upgrades, our present position, and what future work is planned to continue the multi-year plan to upgrade this infrastructure, including a timeline for future enhancements.

Public Hearing 10-09-2024

#354-24 Eversource petition for a grant of location in Wells Avenue EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain approximately 242 feet of conduit in a southeasterly from manhole MH26129, approximately 2430 feet southeast of Nahanton Street. (Ward 8)

#347-24
Requesting a discussion and possible ordinance amendment regarding how water movement between properties is assessed, monitored, and tracked COUNCILORS KALIS, LIPOF, MALAKIE, ALBRIGHT, GETZ, LAREDO, LUCAS, GREENBERG, DANBERG, LOBOVITS AND FARRELL requesting a discussion with

ISD and Engineering and possible ordinance amendment to better understand the details around how water movement from one property to another is assessed, monitored, and tracked over time. The discussion should include what types of drainage systems engineering requires of developers to ensure water remains on site as well as what steps are taken if an approved plan is unsuccessful with the objective of strengthening the City 's ordinance.

#346-24 Requesting a discussion on installation of solar panels at Brown and Oak Hill Schools

COUNCILOR FARRELL AND LUCAS requesting a discussion and potential pause of the solar panel installation in the summer of 2025 at Brown and Oak Hill Schools in light of recent School discussions on plans for a revitalized campus at Brown, Oak Hill, and Newton South Schools.

Referred to Finance Committee

#350-24 Appointment of Meghan Kennedy to the Horace Cousens Industrial Fund HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Meghan Kennedy, 62 Newtonville Avenue, Newton as a member of the Horace Cousens Industrial Fund for a term of office set to expire on June 1, 2027. (60 days: 11/15/24)

#353-24 Acceptance of a \$1,240,000 Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness State grant

HER HONOR THE MAYOR respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend one-million two-hundred forty-thousand dollars (\$1,240,000) Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness State grant to address flooding challenges around Cheesecake Brook by Albemarle Park.

Referred to Finance & Appropriate Committee

#351-24 Submittal of the FY2026 to FY 2030 Capital Improvement Plan HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2026 to 2030 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.

#352-24 Review/Acceptance of the FY 2026 – FY 2030 5-year Financial Forecast and Long-Range Financial Plan

HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2026-2030 5-Year Financial Forecast and Long-Range Financial Plan for City Council review/acceptance.