



City Council Docket

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Monday, October 7, 2024

7:45PM, Hybrid

To be reported on

Monday, October 21, 2024

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers
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*The City Council will be joined by Her Honor the Mayor after first call for the presentation of
the FY26-FY30 Financial Forecast.*

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Referred to Land Use Committee

Public Hearing 10-22-2024

- #360-24 Request to allow parking in the front setback and within five feet of the front lot line at 31 Chase Street**
CARA CANDAL petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to expand the existing driveway to accommodate two parking stalls within the front setback and to further extend nonconforming parking to allow an additional parking stall within five feet of the front lot line at 31 Chase Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 61 Block 37 Lot 05, containing approximately 7,036 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.7.A, 5.1.13, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

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- #363-24 Request to allow parking in the front setback and within five feet of the front lot line at 140 Derby Street**
DERBY HOLDINGS LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to convert the existing attached garage into living space, requiring construction of a second parking stall in the driveway, resulting in two parking stalls within the front setback and an additional stall within five feet of the front lot line at 140 Derby Street, Ward 3, West Newton, on land known as Section 34 Block 35 Lot 03, containing approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.7.A, 5.1.13, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

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- #362-24 Request to allow four single-family attached dwellings, to reduce the side setback, and to allow a driveway within 10 feet of the side lot line and parking within 20 feet of a boundary line at 51 Oak Avenue**
YZ FLEET LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to demolish the existing dwelling and construct four single-family attached dwellings in two buildings, resulting in a reduced side setback, a driveway within 10 feet of the side lot line, and parking within 20 feet of a boundary line at 51 Oak Avenue, Ward 3, West Newton, on land known as Section 33 Block 22 Lot 17, containing approximately 29,700 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 3.4.1, 3.2.4, 6.2.3.B.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

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- #361-24 Request to allow a dormer exceeding 50% of the wall plane below at 67 Chester Street**
NANCY BAUER AND MARK RICHARD petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a dormer allowing a combination of dormers exceeding 50% of the length of the wall below at 67 Chester Street, Ward 6, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 52 Block 03 Lot 12, containing approximately 10,200 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 1.5.4.G.2.b of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

- #369-24 Requesting discussion and amendments to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion and amendments to Newton's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance, so it complies with the State's Zoning Act (Ch. 40A).
- #372-24 Appointment of Jennifer Pucci to Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Jennifer Pucci, 22 Florence Court, Newtonville as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office set to expire on April 30, 2025. (60 Days: 12/06/24)
- #375-24 Requesting discussion and possible amendments to Chapter 30 Zoning to allow certain routine residential alterations by right**
COUNCILORS KELLEY AND LIPOF requesting discussion and possible amendments to Chapter 30 Zoning to allow certain routine residential alterations by right to streamline City processes for Newton property owners.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #378-24 Request for discussion/possible amendments to Tree Ordinance**
COUNCILORS DANBERG, LIPOF, KALIS, AND KELLEY requesting a discussion and possible changes to the Newton Tree Ordinance to avoid causing financial hardship to homeowners seeking to make improvements to their homes.

#377-24 Request to set date for a Special Election

CITY CLERK requesting the setting of a date for a special election to fill the vacancy on the Newton School Committee, in the position of Ward 7, due to the resignation of Committee member Davenport.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#364-24 Discussion and possible ordinance change on the categories and levels of parking fines

COUNCILORS DOWNS, GROSSMAN, FARRELL, LUCAS, LOBOVITS, OLIVER, DANBERG AND LIPOF requesting a discussion and possible ordinance change on the categories and levels of parking fines and whether these need adjustment.

#365-24 Discussion and possible ordinance change on residential parking programs and fee structures

COUNCILORS DOWNS, GROSSMAN, LEARY, FARRELL, OLIVER, DANBERG, LIPOF AND LOBOVITS requesting a discussion and possible ordinance change on residential parking programs and fee structures and whether these need adjustment.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#359-24 Requesting Discussion regarding Dam Flooding at Wells Avenue

COUNCILORS FARRELL and LIPOF requesting a discussion with DPW Utilities Director and Conservation Commission Director to understand the problem of restoring culvert operations at Wells Ave with respect to non-lethal beaver intervention, protection of conservation land and accessing recently discovered sewer main. This would include discussion of the importance of beavers to conservation land, alternative solutions to the beaver population and City needs for access to sewer main.

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#374-24 Eversource petition for a grant of location in Christina Street

EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain one new jointly owned pole 604/11A on the north side of Christina Street, approximately 248 feet west of Bernard Street. (Ward 8)

Referred to Finance Committee

- #366-24 Appropriate and expend \$14,350 for Fire training**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of fourteen-thousand three-hundred fifty dollars (\$14,350) from Fire Prevention Fine Receipts Reserve for Appropriation, Account #5500-335519 for enforcement, training and education of Fire Prevention Officers
- #367-24 Authorization to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant from the FY25 Community Compact Grant Program**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of a fifty-thousand-dollar (\$50,000.00) grant from FY25 Community Compact grant program for the development of a Wage and Classification Plan.
- #368-24 Appropriation to accept and expend a \$50,000 grant for an Economic Development Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of a fifty-thousand-dollar (\$50,000.00) grant from the FY25 Community Compact grant program for the development of an Economic Development Plan.
- #370-24 Authorization to accept and expend a \$217,800 grant from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Program**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a two hundred seventeen thousand- and eight-hundred-dollar (\$217,800) grant from MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces Program for BlueBikes bike share operations in the City of Newton.
- #371-24 Authorization to accept and expend a \$585,989.09 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a five-hundred eighty-five thousand nine hundred eighty-nine dollars and nine cents (\$585,989.09) Assistance to Firefighter Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the purchase of AEDs, training and fitness/wellness classes.

The following item was filed after the close of the docket and requires a suspension of the Rules to be referred to Committee:

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#380-24 Police Chief Selection Committee by President Laredo

PRESIDENT LAREDO recommending that the following individuals be appointed to the Police Chief Selection Committee in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of Chap. 279 of the Acts of 1992 and Sec. 3-3 of the City Charter:

- (A) Councilor Tarik Lucas, as the Council appointee
- (B) Dr. Lauren Solotar, 191 Grant Ave, Newton, as the City Council appointee.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#381-24 Police Chief Selection Committee by Her Honor The Mayor

HER HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that the following individuals be appointed to the Police Chief Selection Committee in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1992 and Sec. 3-3 of the City Charter:

- (A) Karl O'Hara, business executive of the City of Newton
- (B) Michelle Leung, attorney
- (C) Judge Nancy Holtz, member of the Judiciary
- (D) Chief Kevin O'Connell, Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association
- (E) Derege B. Demissie, citizen of the City of Newton
- (F) Rabbi Keith Stern, citizen of the City of Newton