



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

7:00PM - Room 211

Item Scheduled for Discussion:

#192-19 Reappointment of Seth Bai as Veterans Services Officer

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing SETH BAI as the City of Newton's VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER for a term to expire May 18, 2020. (60 days: 7/19/19)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Programs & Services Committee

#144-19 HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to the City of Newton Ordinances, Chapters 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 30 to rename the Department of Parks & Recreation to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture.

#543-18 Resolution to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day

COUNCILORS NORTON AND DANBERG requesting a Resolution to the Mayor and School Committee to require City and School Departments to change all references on City and School documents and calendars from "Columbus Day" to "Indigenous People's Day".

Referred to Public Safety & Trans. and Programs & Services Committees

#589-18 HRL to allow the Fire Chief to continue beyond the mandatory retirement age

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Home Rule Legislation to allow Fire Chief Bruce Proia to continue employment as the Fire Chief of the City of Newton beyond the mandatory retirement age.

Clerk's Note: Item recommended for vote of No Action Necessary

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Rice, Chair

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May 13, 2019

Honorable City Council
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Honorable City Councilors,

I write to request that your Honorable Council approve the reappointment of Seth Bai as the City's Veterans Services Officer for a period of one year. The state statute on municipal VSOs, M.G.L. Chapter 115, Section 3, requires that cities renew VSO appointments on a regular basis.

Mr. Bai has been the City's VSO since May 18, 2015. He has proven that he cares deeply about our City's veterans and works hard to honor their service to our country and to help them obtain needed services.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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April 8, 2019

Honorable City Council
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Councilors:

I write to request that your Honorable Council docket for consideration a request to authorize the renaming of the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture. I request that this change be made to all pertinent ordinances.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN NEWTON

VOTED: THAT THE CITY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Columbus Day has been celebrated unofficially since the early 18th century, and was officially made a federal holiday in 1937 to be celebrated on the second Monday of October, with M.G.L. Part I, Title I, chapter 4, section 7, clause 18 setting aside the second Monday of October as a Massachusetts state holiday, and M.G.L. Part I, Title II, chapter 6, section 12V providing that the Governor declare that day to be Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas specifically on the Caribbean islands of The Bahamas on October 12, 1492 and, later, on Hispaniola (present-day countries of the Dominican Republic and Haiti); and

WHEREAS, the first voyage of Columbus to the Americas initiated the transatlantic slave trade, journal entries from Columbus show his desire to enslave the Indigenous populations of the Caribbean, and he subsequently imprisoned and transported many hundreds of people to this end; and

WHEREAS, Columbus' second voyage of 1493 was one of conquest, wherein seventeen ships were led by him to the New World, and his governorship of the Caribbean instituted systematic policies of slavery and extermination of Indigenous populations, especially the Taino/Arawak people whose population was reduced from approximately 8 million to 100,000 during Columbus' reign, being further reduced by the continuation of his policies until near-extinction in 1542; and

WHEREAS, the example of the Taino/Arawak people is merely indicative of the policies of Columbus and his men, and all told millions of Indigenous persons were exterminated in the Caribbean Basin alone; and

WHEREAS, though the introduction of European diseases may account for some of these deaths, starvation and overt extermination policies were mostly to blame, and thus these atrocities cannot be reasonably attributed to forces outside of the control of European colonialists; and

WHEREAS, the devastation of Indigenous populations would lead to the kidnapping, deaths, and enslavement of at least 10-12 million African people, and the profound effects of the transatlantic slave trade and African diaspora continue to be felt to the present day; and

WHEREAS, the cultures of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas are worthy of being promoted, their history is rich, diverse, and worthy of celebration, and the actions and

policies of European colonizers of the Americas actively destroyed and suppressed parts of those cultures; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newton, Massachusetts (the "City") has a history of opposing racism towards Indigenous Peoples in the United States, this racism serving to perpetuate high rates of Indigenous poverty and leading to inequities in health, education, and housing; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to honor our nation's Indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the States of Alaska, Maine, Minnesota, New Mexico, South Dakota and Vermont, and localities including Somerville MA, Cambridge MA, Brookline MA, Portland ME, Los Angeles CA, San Francisco CA, Denver CO, Portland OR, Portland ME, Seattle WA, Columbus OH and many more have adopted Indigenous Peoples Day as a counter-celebration in lieu of Columbus Day, to promote Indigenous cultures and commemorate the history of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an occasion to strengthen the process of continental unity and struggle towards liberation, and thereby use the occasion to reveal a more accurate historical record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL VOTES AS FOLLOWS:

1. To establish that the second Monday of October henceforth be commemorated as Indigenous Peoples Day in Newton, in recognition of the position of Indigenous Peoples as native to these lands, and the suffering they faced during and after the European conquest,
2. The people of Newton to observe Indigenous Peoples Day by reflecting upon the dispossession of the homelands and villages of the Massachuset people of this region who lived here for millenia prior to the arrival of European settlers, and upon the history of the other Indigenous Peoples who have passed through and lived in Newton, and to celebrate the survival of Indigenous Peoples against all odds, as well as to celebrate the thriving cultures and values that Indigenous Peoples have brought and continue to bring to our City and the wider community,

3. In doing so, Newton shall include Indigenous representation from the City inasmuch as possible and will also seek representation from Indigenous organizations in the area such as the North American Indian Center of Boston, United American Indians of New England, Cultural Survival, and IndigenousPeoplesDayMA.org as well as other Newton community representation from segments of the community such as citizens, schools, non-profit organizations and businesses,

4. Newton Public Schools to observe this day, with appropriate exercises and instruction in all schools around the time of Indigenous Peoples Day, to the end that the culture, history and diversity of Indigenous Peoples be celebrated and perpetuated,

5. The City Council to encourage businesses, organizations, and public institutions to recognize and observe Indigenous Peoples Day, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall ensure that the Massachusetts Commission of Indian Affairs, North American Indian Center of Boston, IndigenousPeoplesDayMA.org, United American Indians of New England, Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness, the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Nipmuc Nation Tribal Council (including the Hassanamisco and Natick), the Assonet Band of Wampanoags, the Chappaquiddick Wampanoags, the Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuc, the Pocasset Wampanoag, the Ponkapoag, and the Seaconke Wampanoag, all of which include descendants of those people indigenous to Massachusetts, as well as the Newton School Committee and Newton Tab, receive a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution.

Or take any action relative thereto.

October 29, 2018

Dear City Council Members,

We are the ELL students of Oak Hill Middle School, and we are writing to you in support of Indigenous People's Day. Other local communities, including Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville, already have this day on their city calendars in place of Columbus Day.

There are many reasons why we support this motion, too many to put in one letter, so we are sending you our opinion paragraphs that we wrote in 8 ELL Social Studies. Our class also presented group projects about Native tribes of the Northwest Coast, the California Intermountain tribes, the Southwest Natives, the Natives of the Plateau region, the Great Plains and Eastern Woodlands tribes, and the Southeast Native Americans.

We think that it is important to honor Native Americans because they were here thousands of years before Columbus. During that time they used their natural resources to build up different cultures in each region. They were also very generous and shared their food resources with the European settlers when they first came here.

Columbus, on the other hand, was not good to the Native people of America. As you will see from our research, Columbus wrote in his own diaries about taking them as slaves. These are facts. The Spanish also separated them from their families, made them dig in mines, and killed them just for gold and fame. We read about these crimes in another diary by a Spanish priest named Bartolomeo de Las Casas.

We hope that you will read our opinion paragraphs and be convinced to agree with us. As soon as possible, please replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day. Thank you for reading our words!

Respectfully,

The 8th Grade ELL Students of Oak Hill Middle School

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Tomas Barroillet

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Mengyu Ge.

It is Time for a Change! Indigenous People Day

By Mai Gat

I believe Columbus Day should be re-named and called "Indigenous People Day" to honor and respect the native people in the U.S. and outside of it. Columbus opened the U.S. to the world, but he did not discover it: the Native Americans were already living here in 1492. For this important reason, Columbus is not the one who should be honored with this celebration of the discovery of America. Instead, the people who actually discovered this land need to get the honor, the celebration and the day. Furthermore, Columbus' way of conquering this land isn't something to celebrate. The Native Americans did not come in hate; in fact the opposite. They came with baskets full of goodies. Even with that, Columbus took the Natives into slavery and made them find gold. We should not celebrate and honor a man who came in hate and in war. Instead, we need to honor the people who came in peace and in love who got treated wrongly and mistakenly. As Christopher Columbus wrote in his own journal: "they brought us parrots and balls of cotton and spears and many other things... they would make fine servants... with fifty men we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want." Lastly, Columbus was not interested so much in discovering new land, but looking for gold, and thinking only about getting rich, thinking only about himself and making Spain worthy. Do we want to teach our new generation to run off for gold, to always look for more money and to always think about yourself? Calling this holiday "Columbus Day" is teaching and telling our next generation exactly this.

No Holiday for Colombus

by Tomas Barroilhet

Colombus Day should be changed to the Native Americans Day. For a long time people thought that Colombus was the first the first one arriving in America. However before him came the Vikings, and before them the native Americans. We know this because scientist found bones, and other things like jewelry that prove that they were here before Spanish men. However Colombus received all the credit.

Also, there is information about Colombus that we learned from his diaries. When he arrived in America with the Spanish, he killed many Native Americans. He also made them slaves. We know this because there is evidence in Bartolomeo de Las Casas's diary about how Spanish men treated Natives:

"... Mountains are stripped from top to bottom and bottom to top a thousand times; the natives dig, split rocks, move stones, and carry dirt on their backs to wash it in the river, while those who wash stay in the water all the time with their backs bent so constantly it breacks them; and when water invades the mines, the most arduous task of all is to dry the mines by scooping up pans full of water and throwing it up outside...."

~ Bartolome de las Casas

When Columbus arrived to America, Native Americans were receiving them like good people, but Colombus didn't treat them well. First he made them carry the Spanish men in hammocks and fan them with palmetto leaves. Then he begin to kill them for fun and make them slaves. Next, he separated woman from children, and finally he made them dig for gold, but there wasn't even much gold to find, and when the Native people didn't bring gold, the Spanish punished them.

Finally, Colombus didn't come here just for adventure and discovering: he came here for gold, and a person who didn't come with a good purpose doesn't deserve to be called a hero. With this information we can realise what Colombus did to the Natives, and this is why Colombus doesn't deserve a holiday.

Indigenous People Deserve Better, Let's Honor Them!

by Beatrice Carrozzo

I believe that the Columbus Day should be replaced by the Indigenous People Day. After learning in a more detailed way about the treatment that the Native Americans had to bear when Spanish people started colonising and destroying almost wherever they found sign of a "lived place," I completely recognized how they could have actually felt and I'll support them and their patience during that awful time.

Also, the fact that Columbus died still thinking that he had found India tells us that he didn't even try to discover something else about what he really had found. He apparently cared only about stealing that country from people who were there since long before. In all that time, they made it a much better country than Columbus did.

Finally, after learning more about the reactions of the Natives at the very beginning (how they offered food to Columbus and his troops) I wonder about all these new foods and animals that were suddenly introduced. They probably had never dreamt of, I also realized they must have felt confused, lost and left aside from what was their country. Quotes of Columbus said. "These people are very unskilled in arms...with 50 men they could all be subjected and made to do all that one wished." From this, it is clear that Indigenous people had no knowledge of the weapons brought by the Spaniards, they cut themselves when they tried to handle the knives. The colonists realised quickly that they could exploit the Natives as slaves and make them carry the soldiers or dig for gold.

Therefore I believe that we should honour instead these people for being so kind and noble to someone who, without them even knowing, was going to bring a lot of bad and unfair actions to their home country. Thinking of the most important things that should reign in a country such as justice for all citizens, I'll just say that the Columbus Day is celebrating a sad and scary event. This is a day of shame, not something to be proud of. Through all this, they were kind to the outsiders and shared their food. These are the ones who should have a holiday named for them.

Let's Celebrate Indigenous People, not Columbus

By Minkyung Park

I think we should change Columbus day to Indigenous Peoples Day. First of all, Columbus was not actually the first one who discovered America. Natives were living in America for a very long time. Also, Vikings found America before Columbus and other Europeans. Second of all, Columbus treated the American Natives very badly. He and his people used the Natives as slaves. They made them to do hard work, abusing their kindness to the Europeans. For example, working in mines to find gold killed a lot of Natives. The Spanish soldiers who Columbus supervised also killed Natives for no reason. Bartoleme de las Casas, a Spanish priest said, " Endless testimonies ... prove the mild and pacific temperament of the Natives... But our work was to exasperate, ravage, kill, mangle and destroy; the admiral {Columbus} it is true, was blind as those who came after him, and he was so anxious to please the King that he committed irreparable crimes against the Indians." Last of all, Europeans destroyed the Native American way of life. The natives of Hispaniola had a unique culture. But when the Europeans started to destroy their villages, they ran away or died. When they left, the Europeans replaced their culture. Now, most of their culture is gone and this all started when Columbus came. Therefore, I think on this day, we should think about Natives, and honor the indigenous people for the beautiful culture they lost. I believe it is right to call this holiday "Indigenous People's Day" from now on.

Take Columbus Day off the Calendar

by Dana Liu

I believe that Columbus Day should be renamed to Indigenous People Day to honor the Native Americans who lived here before Columbus. Columbus opened America to other explorers, but he also did a lot of wrong things.

First of all, the Spanish soldiers under Columbus turned Natives to slaves. They made them find gold, but if they didn't bring the gold to them, they had the risk of punishment. Columbus thought this was right to do, because he said God was on his side. In Columbus diary he says: "Let us in the name of the Holy Trinity go on sending all the slaves that can be sold." Columbus believed God and the Holy Trinity approved of this.

Most of all, Columbus wanted gold. Even if he opened the way to other explorers, his main purpose was finding gold to make himself and Spanish wealthy. Columbus arrived four times. At first, Natives traded with him and gave everything they had, because their culture believed in sharing. Columbus did not thank them, even make fair trades with them when he did get gold. He just wanted to get richer.

In addition, the Spanish were very violent toward the Natives. For example, because of the European arrival, diseases spread in Hispaniola. Natives didn't know how to cure the diseases, so they grew sick and when they couldn't dig for gold, the Spanish cut off their hands. Maybe the Europeans brought all the diseases accidentally, but it was very unfair that the Natives suffered this way. The Natives had no need for gold and there wasn't much gold anyway. So the Natives didn't even understand why the Spanish were there. However, the Spanish didn't listen to them. Instead they killed many of the Natives Americans and took their land. They should be ashamed of this. Above all, we should honor people who were in America first, the Natives who brought good to the world, not a killer.

Barking Up the Wrong Tree

NOT "Columbus Day" but Indigenous People Day!

by David Zhang

In my opinion, I think the Columbus Day should be changed to Indigenous People day. The first reason is that Christopher Columbus did bad things to people of Hispaniola more than the good things he did. The Spaniards made many Natives they met into slaves, treated them badly, and didn't care about their lives. Columbus used their lives as a tool for him to make money. We probably should not celebrate a person who only cares about money, not people's lives. History is never a fairy tale; there is no such thing as absolute evil or justice, and many people just want to be successful in society or the world, but what Columbus did to be "successful" in the New World was vicious, greedy and only about wealth and honor. When Christopher Columbus arrived at what he thinks was "India" the first thing he did is he made the people into slaves and ask them for gold. He did not make good trades with them or try find their king to let them know he was here, or check if he really arrive in India. The Natives did not know what terrible things he would do, or that he would rob the gold the civilians maybe had.

Second of all, when the first sailor saw seacoast of America and yelled "land" Columbus quibbled that he saw it first. Even if he really saw it first, why didn't he yell to let other people know? If he wasn't the one who called out to tell others, than he can't count himself as the first person who saw the land. His behavior tells us who Columbus really is. We can see he was greedy about money and his fame.

Last of all, Christopher Columbus wasn't even the first person who found or came to the American continents. There were Natives living in there for thousands of years, and Vikings also sailed to America in the 1000. Even if Columbus did help Europeans know more about American continents, he didn't even know what he found. He reported that he found a shortcut to the Asian continent and landed in India. Besides treating the natives badly and taking all the credit for finding the land, Columbus was barking up the wrong tree.

Columbus was Great, but Cruel

by Thomas Ge

Columbus Day has been a US holiday since 1937, because children all around the world think he discovered America. Christopher Columbus was born in 1451 in Genoa. Columbus heard some stories about India, that made Columbus want to be a sailor. Columbus was a great sailor and he knew a lot about the world, and he made Spain very famous. But he was also sometimes a bad man and we know from his diary. "As soon as I arrived in the Indies, on the first island which I found, I took some of the natives by force in order that they might learn and might give me information of whatever there is in these parts." When Christopher Columbus arrived to the America land he got some native American to be his slaves, for work but not pay. He learned useful information about America from Native Americans, like where to find all the natural resources and to make them get the gold for him. America did not have a lot of gold but Columbus did not listen them. If they didn't bring gold some Spanish people cut their hands off. Also Columbus was not the first European to find the Americas. The first people here were Native Americans and then some Vikings found America 500 years before Columbus. Columbus brought important information back to Europe, but he was not the first discoverer. In conclusion, Columbus was a great man, but also had a cruel side, just like the Chinese Mengde Cao-- great but cruel.

It's Time to Change the Columbus Day Holiday

by J.J. Park

I think that it is time to change the Columbus Day holiday to Indigenous People's Day. First of all, Columbus was not the first person to go to America. The first to come to America were the Viking ships. We have evidence from bones and metal tools used, that tells that the Vikings came to North America in 1000.

Secondly, the men from Spain killed Native Americans. They also killed children. They did this because Columbus wanted to find gold. Native Americans didn't care about gold, so they didn't understand. He made them look for gold, but Hispaniola didn't have much gold, just a little in the rivers. When they didn't find gold, the Spanish soldiers killed them.

Columbus also made Natives to be slaves. In his diaries Bartolemo de Las Casas writes: "Mountains are stripped from top to bottom to top a thousand times; the natives dig, split rocks, move stones, and carry dirt on their backs to wash it in the rivers, while those who wash gold stay in the water all the time with their backs bent so constantly it breaks them; and when water invades the mines, the most arduous task of all is to dry the mines by scooping up pans full of water and throwing it up outside." This means Native American dug the mountains because Columbus wanted to find gold. When water came into the mine, then Native American had to throw water outside to dry mine. They hurt their backs this way and they also had to dig and carry heavy stones all the time. Therefore it's time to change the Columbus Day holiday to Indigenous People's Day, because the Native Americans came first and they did more good for America than Christopher Columbus.

Rename Columbus Day!

by Jacqueline Huang

Columbus Day should be renamed Indigenous Peoples Day.

First of all, Columbus was not the first person who discovered America. The Scandinavians were the first people who discovered America, and the Indigenous people were already there.

Second of all, Columbus was not very nice to the natives. The Natives were very good to the Europeans when they landed. They tried their best to help them, and they never said no to anything. ("Hispaniola is a miracle. Mountains and hills, plains and pasture ,are both fertile and beautiful..the harbors are unbelievably good and there are many wide rivers containing gold.....the natives are no naive and so free with their possessions that no one who has not witnessed them would believe it. When you ask for something they have,they never say no. To the contrary, they offer to share with anyone....thus the eternal God, our Lord, gives victory to those who follow His way over apparent impossibilities. ") Since the Natives were so peaceful Columbus killed them, used them as transportation, and made them slaves.

Third of all, we should be honoring the natives instead of Columbus, because they were the first people here and they built up different cultures in different parts of America. They created the first tribal cultures, like each tribe has its own way of making their houses and clothes. For example the Creek tribe from the southeast region made tall houses called "chickees" out of wood. They made leggings out of deerskin to protect from mosquitoes. And the Sioux from the Rocky Mountains to the Mississippi River valley made houses called tepees from buffalo skin and they made blankets out of buffalo hides to wear in the winter. And they were mostly kind and peaceful. They also protected the natural world very well. But when the whites came, they cut down a lot of the trees in the forests. In conclusion, Columbus Day should be rename

Columbus was Lying All That Time

by Paul Deynega

I think that Newton should change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.

First of all Columbus was exploring just because he wanted to be rich, and get credit from the King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. Also he lied to the natives and told them that God was on his side. He was searching mostly for gold, even though Hispaniola only had a tiny bit of gold. Secondly, he used the natives to get these riches and he did this in terrible ways. A priest who visited there, Bartoleme de las Casas, said "Endless testimonies...prove the mild and pacific temperament of the natives. But our work was to exasperate, ravage, kill, mangle and destroy; the admiral [Columbus] it is true, was as blind as those who came after him, and he was so anxious to please the king that committed irreparable crimes against the Indians." De Las Casas saw the Spanish men hurting and killing the Natives just because they couldn't find the gold Columbus wanted. Why do we need this day to be named after a guy who was killing everyone just because of gold? if we can, make this day a day of memory of America's indigenous people. Thirdly we should add this holiday about Native people because they were mostly peaceful and every tribe had their own culture. For example the Plateau tribe I studied believed in equality between men and the women and they also invented a lot of useful tools, like digging sticks that they used almost every day to find roots. It is time for Columbus Day to be changed to a Indigenous People Day, not for someone who only wanted riches and killed people for them. In conclusion Native Americans had many tribes before Columbus came, and there should be a new holiday just for them, to celebrate the culture of Native Americans.



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City Councilors,

I write to docket for your consideration a request to approve the appointment of Gino P. Lucchetti as the City's Fire Chief. Currently he serves as the Assistant Fire Chief / Chief of Operations, a position he has held since 2015. He is my clear choice and I am confident that the safety of our City and the excellence of our Fire Department are in good hands with our new Chief, Gino Lucchetti.

As Assistant Chief / Chief of Operations, he has been ably managing response to fires and emergencies, daily scheduling of department personnel, coordinating the activities of the bureaus, participating in union negotiations and budget preparations, and overseeing departmental office functions. In this position he has spent many hours with fellow leaders across the City, forging close working relationships that will prove valuable as he becomes Chief of the Department.

Prior to his current position, he served as Deputy Chief / Shift Commander for four years responsible for shift staffing, strategies and tactics at emergency operations, and procurement of fire tools and equipment. He joined the Department in January 1986 and served in Station 1, Ladder 3. He was promoted to Lieutenant and served as Company Officer of Station 2, Ladder 1 for twelve years from 1991 to 2003. He then served as a Captain until 2011 when he was promoted to the Deputy Chief / Shift Commander position. He is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and has been through numerous trainings at the Massachusetts Fire Academy in arson awareness, terrorism response, explosives and bomb threat procedures, vehicle extrication and first responder operations.

Assistant Chief Lucchetti is a "firefighter's firefighter." From his years of service in the Department and his lifelong residence in the City, Assistant Chief Lucchetti's commitment extends to all members of the Fire Department as well as the people who live and work in the City of Newton. He has frequently displayed his ability to be a leader and a listener simultaneously and has the ethical standards and strength to lead.


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Assistant Chief Lucchetti has the deep experience necessary to plan, direct, manage and oversee the City of Newton Fire Department and its wide range of activities from fire-fighting, fire prevention, rescue operations, hazardous materials management, incident and disaster management and all other emergencies requiring trained rescue personnel and equipment. Chief Lucchetti will also serve as the Emergency Management Director for the City and be the leader in emergency prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery planning and management.

As of May 1st Assistant Chief Lucchetti will serve as Acting Chief until the City Council approval process is completed.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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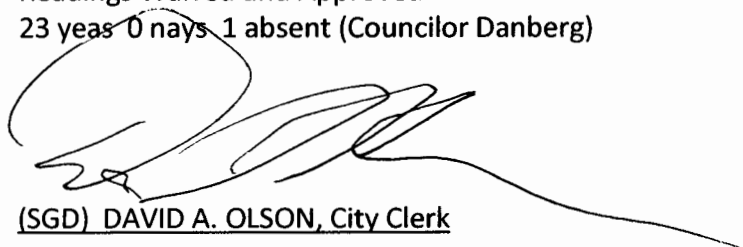
IN CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 2019

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of Her Honor the Mayor and with the confirmation of the Honorable City Council, be it known that GINO LUCCHETTI is hereby appointed as the Fire Chief for the City of Newton.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
23 yeas 0 nays 1 absent (Councilor Danberg)



(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON, City Clerk