



Programs & Services Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

7:45 PM
Room 211

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Clerk's Note: The Chair will discuss scheduling of the leaf blower items, however, the items will not be taken up in Committee at this meeting.

- #23-16** **Mayor's re-appointment of Sheila Mondshein to Human Rights Commission**
SHEILA MONDSHEIN, 31 Green Park, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2017 (60 days 3/19/16) [12/31/15 @ 2:11 PM]
- #24-16** **Mayor's re-appointment of Jane Brown to Human Rights Commission**
JANE BROWN, 104 Atwood Avenue, Newtonville, re-appointed as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2018 (60 days 3/19/16) [12/31/15 @ 2:11 PM]
- #25-16** **Mayor's re-appointment of Dianne Chilingirian to Human Rights Commission**
DIANNE CHILINGIRIAN, 89 Montrose Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2018 (60 days 3/19/16) [12/31/15 @ 2:11 PM]
- #10-16** **Polling location change from Memorial Spaulding School to Temple Beth Avodah**
NEWTON ELECTION COMMISSION requesting the Newton City Council approve a change of polling location for Ward 8, Precinct 2 from the Memorial Spaulding School to Temple Beth Avodah at 45 Puddingstone Lane, Newton beginning with the September 2016 State Primary Election. [12/17/15 @ 5:21 PM]
- #332-15** **Resolution to the Governor regarding the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant**
CITY CLERK reporting that the November 3, 2015 Non-binding Ballot Question asking that a resolution be sent by the City of Newton to Governor Charles Baker asking him to instruct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to revoke the operating

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license of the 42-year-old Pilgrim Nuclear Station, 38 miles from Newton in Plymouth, MA, because the safety of the public cannot be assured, was approved by the voters of Newton, 6,168 in favor and 2,819 opposed. [11/18/15 @ 11:03 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

#140-15

Request for updates on the purchase of the Aquinas Site

PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES requesting that the School Department and/or the Executive Department provide updates on the progress of the potential purchase of the Aquinas site as well as short and long term plans for uses and operations at the site. [05/20/15 @ 8:53 PM]

Recommended for No Action Necessary as an updated item has been docketed (see below)

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

#27-16

Updates from the Administration on the renovations at the Aquinas site

PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES requesting that the School Department and/or Executive Department provide updates on removal of asbestos and other toxic materials that were identified at the Aquinas site, the scope and timing of window replacement in particular, and renovations that may be necessary to facilitate short and long-term plans for uses and operations at the site. [01/10/16 @ 1:14 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#357-15

Request for CPA funding for the Newton Highlands Playground

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Community Preservation Fund's open space and general reserves or fund balance to the Parks & Recreation Department, for the rehabilitation of the Newton Highlands Playground at Winchester and Dedham Streets, as described in the proposal submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in November 2015. [12/15/15 @ 12:32 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities & Transportation Committees

#312-15

Update from Health Department on opiate overdose epidemic

ALD. COTE, HARNEY AND NORTON, requesting a review and discussion of the opiate overdose epidemic including an update from the Health Department appraising the board on the current situation to include comparative statistics from previous years as to the number of opiate overdoses handled by first responders. In addition, what is being done immediately to take this on and what support can the Board provide.

Referred to Finance and Other Appropriate

- #288-15** **Submittal by the Mayor of the FY17 Capital Improvement Plan**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY 2017-FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/01/15 @ 1:53 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

- #201-15** **Discussion of the condition of the Kennard Estate on Dudley Road**
ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Buildings, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Department regarding the condition of the property located at 246 Dudley Road (Kennard Estate) and how much, if any, repairs and upgrades will be needed as the City relocates the Parks and Recreation Department to that location. [09/01/15 @ 4:00 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

- #141-15** **Discussion on tracking the gas utility infrastructure in Newton**
ALD. BROUSAL-GLASER, SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, COTE, NORTON AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with *the Director of Urban Forestry*, a representative of the Department of Public Works and a representative of the Law Department about tracking and improving the condition of the gas utility infrastructure in Newton, new state statutes governing infrastructure repairs, coordination of increased repair work with city operations, the status of negotiations with National Grid to compensate for tree deaths resulting from gas leaks, and the possibility of creating a utilities working group to monitor progress on these and related issues.
05/26/15 @ 2:53 PM]

Referred to Public Facilities, Programs & Services and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

- #46-15** **Discussion of parking options and permits at municipal & school parking lots**
ALD. JOHNSON & CICCONE, requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Department of Public Works and the School Department to determine and discuss parking options including use of school properties based on the current municipal parking lot programs including the issuance of permits. [02/11/15 @1:35 PM]
- #31-15** **Proposing an ordinance to limit leaf blower use**
PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing an ordinance to limit the use of leafblowers. [01/26/15 @ 2:20 PM]
- #31-15(2)** **Amend Noise Ordinance restrictions for yard maintenance equipment**
THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting to amend *Chapter 20-13, Noise Control*, relative to time restrictions on the use of yard, garden or grounds maintenance equipment. [03/19/15 @ 12:14 PM]

#483-14 Resolution to promote cooperative programs with food establishments
PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing a RESOLUTION to promote a cooperative program with food establishments in the City, the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Commission, the Director of Economic Development and members of the Board of Aldermen, to find opportunities for these establishments to provide their food services for events in the City. [12/02/14 @ 3:56 PM]

#377-14 Discussion of proposed changes of use of the Senior Center
THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting a discussion with the Director of Senior Services, the Council on Aging and the Executive Department relative to changes in the use of the Senior Center at 345 Walnut Street. [10/16/14 @ 5:43 PM]

Respectfully Submitted,

John B. Rice, Chair