

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

Present: Ald. Rice (Acting Chairman), Sangiolo, Hess-Mahan, Blazar, Rice, Kalis, Norton, Leary and Baker

Also Present: Ald. Harney and Yates

City Staff Present: Dori Zaleznik (Chief Administrative Officer), Karyn Dean (Committee Clerk)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#379-14 PAT PALMER, 37 Arapahoe Road, Newton, appointed as an *at-large alternative member* of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire October 31, 2017 (60 days 1/2/15) [10/22/14 @ 1:14PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0 (Ald. Baker not voting)**

NOTE: Mr. Palmer joined the Committee. He explained that he has been involved in recreation his entire life as a player, coach and administrator. He has been an agronomist and golf course designer. He has overseen the construction and installation of artificial fields and tracks. In his role at the YMCA he has overseen over 400 programs for children and families and he loves the City of Newton and would like to see recreational programs continue to grow. He would like to see less technology-based recreation and more outdoor recreation for kids.

Committee members asked how Mr. Palmer felt about artificial turf materials that might be used in the City. He noted that he saw one program that showed a connection between cancer in young children and artificial turf and the rubber pellets. When the turf was installed in Newton, there was no connection made at that time. That was the only report he has seen and he believes the rubber pellets would not be on the market if there were a serious connection. The turf has been fantastic in terms of wear, usage and drainage. There has never been one day of delayed activities on that field. Ald. Sangiolo noted that the Newton Highland Playground is next on the list for artificial turf and she felt there are probably safer alternatives. Ald. Hess-Mahan reminded the Committee that there is an ordinance that requires the City to use the safest technologies available. Mr. Palmer said he would support that and recognizes it is a sensitive subject and will remain cognizant of the health issues involved.

Ald. Sangiolo moved approval and the Committee voted in favor.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#383-14 ANDREW STERN, 56 Tyler Terrace, Newton Centre, re-appointed as the *Ward 6 member* of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire April 20, 2016 (60 days 1/2/15) [10/22/14 @ 1:14PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0 (Ald. Baker not voting)**

NOTE: Ald. Blazar explained that he and Ald. Danberg spoke to Mr. Stern and told him he did not need to attend the meeting. Both Aldermen felt comfortable with Mr. Stern's appointment. Ald. Blazar said that the term seems shorter than usual because he and Ald. Danberg had some other suggestions for replacements but they never heard back from the Mayor's office.

Ald. Blazar would like to look at the process of appointing people because there are some long-term members and some turnover might be a good thing. If a term expires, the current member serves until someone else is appointed, and if the Mayor doesn't appoint anyone, that slot is occupied. Ald. Sangiolo noted that she has spoken to the Clerk's office and they are working with Reenie Murphy so that everyone can be on the same page and know who is up for re-appointment and what openings there might be. The Aldermen would like the chance to recruit and recommend some appointees. Ald. Hess-Mahan noted that this has been a problem for quite awhile and did not originate with this Mayor. Some of the Committees are in the ordinances and some are state mandated.

Ald. Blazar moved approval and the Committee voted in favor.

#356-14 ALD. HESS-MAHAN AND DANBERG, requesting a RESOLUTION of the Newton Board of Aldermen on behalf of Newton Dialogues on Peace & War, declaring support for the U.S. Conference of Mayors' program "Mayors for Peace," of which the City of Newton has been a member since 2005, and its goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons by 2020. [09/10/14 @ 3:15PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 7-0 (Ald. Baker not voting)

NOTE: Ald. Hess-Mahan explained that since the last meeting, he has worked with the members of Newton Dialogues to revise the Resolution so that it is now identical to the one adopted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 2014. The Committee had stated that it was much more comfortable with that version than with the one that had been presented. The only difference is that it replaces "U.S. Conference of Mayors" with "Board of Aldermen" wherever appropriate.

Gunther Mueller addressed the Committee as a member of Newton Dialogues of Peace and War. He noted that there is an increasing international movement by the cities of the world to take action on this. The elimination of nuclear weapons has been on the table since the day after the first explosion. In 1970 there was a non-proliferation treaty (NPT) between the nuclear haves and have-nots in which the haves agreed to negotiate to get rid of theirs and the have-nots agreed to never acquire them. The non-nuclear states are getting impatient because there has been no progress. There are many incidents of coming very, very close to accidental nuclear war and the world cannot count on luck alone to avert a tragedy any longer. The U.S. Conference of Mayors has voted this resolution 9 times already, both Democrats and Republicans.

In late April there will be a review conference of the NPT at the UN. There will be much support in negotiating down the number of nuclear weapons through rallies and demonstrations. The City of Osaka is sending 300 people for this event. Mr. Mueller asked the Committee to approve this important resolution.

The Committee was supportive and more comfortable with this version. Ald. Norton moved approval and the Committee voted in favor.

Clerk's Note: Ald. Hess-Mahan discovered several days after the meeting, via an email from Newton Dialogues, that a paragraph was inadvertently omitted from the draft that was submitted to the Committee. It should read as follows:

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Newton send copies of this resolution to the elected representatives of this municipality, including the U.S. Congressman, the U.S. Senators and the President, and further, to the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald and the Newton Tab.*

Ald. Sangiolo will address this at the Full Board meeting.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#464-14 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the Department of Veteran's Services and the Executive Department regarding updates on programming at the Newton Senior Center and budgeting for new initiatives.[11/24/14 @ 3:41PM]

ACTION: **HELD 7-0 (Ald. Baker not voting)**

NOTE: Dori Zaleznik, Chief Administrative Officer, addressed the Committee. She explained that there is no budget because all they are doing at the Senior Center is running a once a month session of the Veteran's Center from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. There is no custodian there and anyone who is there is volunteering. Food is donated and speakers attend for no charge.

Ald. Sangiolo asked when a new Veteran's Agent would be hired. There has been some confusion and she knows of one instance where veteran's showed up at the Senior Center looking for programming. Ms. Zaleznik said there is currently a substitute Veterans Agent, Bill McCarthy, who works 8-10 hours at week at City Hall since September. Mr. McCarthy is a retired Veterans Agent and is being paid an hourly rate out of the Veterans Services budget. He is not doing any work at the Veteran's Center at the Senior Center. Prior to that someone was here from the state who was primarily taking phone calls and handling the benefit checks. At the end of December, Mr. McCarthy will be leaving and a different temporary person will be brought on board until a permanent Veteran's Agent is hired.

They have been conducting interviews and thought they found someone, but then agreed it was not the right match. They have several candidates in the pipeline and are hopeful. They would like someone who knows Chapter 115 laws to handle benefits, and who can also do some outreach to veterans in the City. There are 2,000 self-identified veterans in Newton per the census. They form the group that is invited to the monthly Veteran's Center events. There is suspicion that there are more than 2,000 veterans in Newton. There are currently only 34 veterans on the rolls for benefits right now, which is quite low, so they would like more to be identified and assisted. It has been found that many who are Vietnam War veterans are reluctant to talk about their experiences. When more are identified, the program could grow and then the agent could spend some time at the Senior Center as well. They would like the new agent to be state certified as there are some new requirements up and coming.

The Committee asked who ran the Veterans Center events. Ms. Zaleznik explained that the Mayor is the primary person in charge and is present at the events, along with other members of his staff, including herself, Meghan Mayer, Linda Walsh, Jayne Colino, Ruth Hoshino and usually someone from IT to make sure the audio visual equipment is working well.

The Committee was concerned with the physical plant of the Senior Center. Ms. Zaleznik said that the gutter and drainage problems have been fixed. One of the stairwells outside the basement is in poor condition and they have received an estimate for repair and that is getting fixed very soon. Most of the HVAC work has been done, but there are some heating issues lately, but nothing that needs to be added to the CIP. She was not sure if the CIP items would be moved up anytime soon.

Ald. Sangiolo said she is looking forward to meeting the new Veteran's Agent when hired. Most of the Committee was unaware an interim person had been put in place. Ms. Zaleznik said the Mayor has the authority to appoint an interim department head for 6 months and if it needs to be extended past that, then it comes to the Board. She noted that an appointment letter was submitted to City Clerk, David Olson for Bill McCarthy.

Ald. Sangiolo moved hold and the Committee voted in favor.

#340-14 ALD. NORTON requesting to amend the City of Newton Charter to ~~also include the term "Alderwoman" in text that refers to individuals who serve on the Board of Aldermen as "Aldermen"~~ replace the term "Board of Aldermen" with "City Council" and replace the term "Alderman" with "Councillor".
[09/08/14 @4:10PM]

AMENDED IN PROGRAMS & SERVICES 11/5/14

ACTION: APPROVED 6-1-1 (Ald. Baker opposed; Ald. Blazar abstaining)

NOTE: Ald. Norton reminded the Committee that there have been discussions regarding this issue and perhaps just eliminating gender as a descriptor of the position entirely. A vote was taken at the last meeting to amend the item to change Board of Aldermen to City Council and Alderman to Councillor. Home Rule Legislation would be required to make the change to the City Charter. The Board would have to approve this change, and then the Mayor. It would then go to the state senate and house of representatives for approval.

Ald. Norton said that one role of government at all levels is to stay modern with the society that is being served. There are many examples of how language and practices have changed to reflect a modern sensibility. That is what this is. And for those women who were elected recently, it often came up whether or not they would be called Aldermen even though they were women. On many occasions, they are all asked what an alderman is and the common reply is that it is the same as a city councillor, which is a much more commonly used and understood term. She went on to say that same may ridicule this as not important and waste of time, but she would argue that language is very important. For example, the representatives from the Newton Dialogues for Peace and War were just in Committee for a resolution to end nuclear weapons by

2020. They don't really think that Newton is going to stop nuclear war. They want the board as city leaders to voice their support because it is important.

Ald. Norton said the term "alderman" makes it OK to call a woman by a masculine term and infers that women should be happy enough to just be in the position. It infers that the default human is a man and that is not OK. If the Committee does not want to go with a feminine/masculine term, then a generic human term should be used.

Ald. Baker said that a number of communities use the term alderman in Massachusetts and in other states. He does not support this change. He consulted his wife and daughters and they felt that the term was generic.

Ald. Blazar explained that he would abstain. Some of the women on the Board are against the change and the term does not bother them at all. He's not sure how he will vote at the full Board.

Ald. Hess-Mahan said that Newton used to have a bicameral system that included a Board of Selectman and a Common Council. The legislative body was at one time the City Council which was made up of Alderman and Councillors. In order to serve on the Board of Alderman, the School Committee or be the Mayor one had to be a registered voter, however, women did not have the vote until the 1920s. The first woman served in the 1950s. This Board's term has the most women it has ever had with one Ward represented by all women. In his opinion, words do matter and the change should be made.

Ald. Baker thought that Councillor was spelled with one l and not two. It can be spelled either way and two l's is the preferred spelling. The City of Cambridge spells it with two.

Ald. Sangiolo moved approval and the Committee voted in favor with Ald. Baker opposed and Ald. Blazar abstaining.

#95-13(2) THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting an update from the Health Care Advisory Committee. [09/12/13 @ 9:49AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0-1 (Ald. Baker abstaining)**

NOTE: Ald. Sangiolo explained that there is a similar item on the agenda and she felt this was redundant. She also did not want to have to bring the Health Care Advisory Committee back in as they have delivered their report and their recommendation. Further action needs to come from the Administration.

Ald. Blazar reported that the Administration, in the past, would not discuss this because they said they were in union contract negotiations. The recommendations were made by the HCAC over a year ago and he has not seen any progress from the Administration. He felt it would have been better to discuss this and take some action before the contract negotiations. It's important because health care costs have risen and other communities have gone to the GIC. He's not sure if the City should or should not go into the GIC, but he is disappointed that there have been no discussions.

Ms. Zaleznik said she sat in on every one of the HCAC meetings as the staff person at the time. The Mayor, Maureen Lemieux and she met with them before they started and asked them not to give recommendations about how the health care plans could change because the city was about to go into negotiations with the union. Doing so would position them in an unfortunate manner. They look at these things all the time, but they didn't want to make it a focal point of negotiations. The HCAC did have some ideas about putting together a Committee to look at the range of health care options with members of the unions. This is something that was already in place and continues. The HCAC looked hard at whether wellness programs and incentives might be something that would be both attractive to employees and help save the city money. The conclusion was that at this time, there was not enough data because they had largely proven to be ineffective or not as much of a cost saver as thought. She did not think it was fair to say that nothing was taken into account from the HCAC work. It was clear that the belief was that getting more concessions on health care was not going to be a huge part of the negotiations.

Ald. Blazar said he worked with John Freedman and Steve Linsky in setting up the HCAC and was involved in most of the meetings. He felt there was not a lot of cooperation from the administration with getting data as well as the insurance companies. It was clear to him that it was critically important to look at other health care insurance costs and options. This was before negotiations had even started. To him, this was a golden opportunity to look at this major cost for the City and incorporate any new options into the negotiations.

Ald. Sangiolo reminded the Committee that the HCAC said that the data they would have liked to see was not available in any kind of organized way. The recommendation from them was to start collecting and organizing the data. Ms. Zaleznik does not know if that is being done or not. Maureen Lemieux and the HR director would be the sources for this information. Executive Session could be an option if necessary.

Ms. Zaleznik said the HCAC wanted Harvard Pilgrim to supply the same kind of data that Tufts provided and she know that they found that a difficulty.

Ald. Sangiolo moved No Action Necessary and the Committee voted in favor. Item #59-14 speaks to the same issue.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Rice, Acting Chair

From: Guntram Mueller <guntrammueller1@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 12:38 PM

To: Theodore M. Hess Mahan; Victoria Danberg; smirsky; bevdroz@comcast.net; Dan Shaw; Elizabeth B. Gerlach; Nancy Wrenn; Joan Ecklein; David Ascher; Guntram Mueller

Subject: The U.S. Conference of Mayors resolution, adapted to Newton Board of Aldermen

Hello Ted,

Here is the resolution passed unanimously by the U.S. Conference of Mayors in June 2014, except that I've changed all the "Be it resolved that the U.S. Conference of Mayors ..." to "Be it resolved that the Newton Board of Aldermen ...".

We fully support both versions. If there is a problem with whichever one you want to put forward, please let me know. I'm pretty well informed, and could probably answer any questions in short order.

Many thanks for your help and support.

Guntram Mueller

CALLING FOR CONSTRUCTIVE GOOD FAITH U.S. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT FORUMS

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT), which entered into force in 1970, and is part of the supreme law of the land pursuant to Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, states: "Each of the Parties to the Treaty undertakes to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament"; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the judicial branch of the United Nations (UN) and the highest court in the world on questions of international law, issued an authoritative interpretation of Article VI, unanimously concluding: "There exists an obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament in all its aspects under strict and effective international control"; and

WHEREAS, forty-four years after the NPT entered into force, an estimated 16,400 nuclear weapons, most held by the U.S. and Russia, pose an intolerable threat to humanity, and there are no disarmament negotiations on the horizon; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. and the eight other nuclear weapon possessing states are investing an estimated \$100 billion annually to maintain and modernize their nuclear arsenals while actively planning to deploy nuclear weapons for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. - Russian conflict over the Ukraine may lead to a new era of confrontation between nuclear-armed powers, and nuclear tensions in the Middle East, Southeast Asia and on the Korean peninsula remind us that the potential for nuclear war is ever present; and

WHEREAS, in December 2012, the UN General Assembly established a working group open to all member states (the "Open-Ended Working Group") "to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons," and scheduled for September 26, 2013 the first-ever High-Level meeting of the UN General Assembly devoted to nuclear disarmament; and

WHEREAS, in December 2013, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution which: "Calls for the

urgent commencement of negotiations, in the Conference on Disarmament, for the early conclusion of a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons to prohibit their possession, development, production, acquisition, testing, stockpiling, transfer and use or threat of use, and to provide for their destruction;".... "Decides to convene, no later than 2018, a United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament to review the progress made in this regard;" and "Declares 26 September as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons devoted to furthering this objective, including through enhancing public awareness and education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination;" and

WHEREAS, delegations representing 146 States, the UN, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Red Cross and Red Crescent movement and civil society organizations participated in the Second Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons held in Nayarit, Mexico, February 13 – 14, 2014, to discuss global and long-term consequences of any nuclear detonation, accidental or deliberate, including impacts on public health, humanitarian assistance, the economy, the environment, climate change, food security and risk management; and

WHEREAS, Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo, Mexico's Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Chair of the Nayarit Conference, concluded: "The broad-based and comprehensive discussions on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons should lead to the commitment of States and civil society to reach new international standards and norms, through a legally binding instrument...[The] time has come to initiate a diplomatic process conducive to this goal... compris[ing] a specific timeframe, the definition of the most appropriate fora, and a clear and substantive framework... The 70th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki attacks is the appropriate milestone to achieve our goal"; and

WHEREAS, August 6 and 9, 2015 will mark the 70th anniversaries of the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which killed more than 210,000 people by the end of 1945, while the remaining "hibakusha" (A-bomb survivors) continue to suffer from the physical and psychological effects of the bombings; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) continue to suffer from the health and environmental impacts of 67 above-ground nuclear weapons test explosions conducted by the U.S. in their islands between 1946 and 1958, the equivalent of 1.6 Hiroshima-sized bombs detonated daily for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the RMI on April 24, 2014 filed landmark cases in the ICJ against the U.S. and the eight other nuclear-armed nations claiming that they have failed to comply with their obligations, under the NPT and customary international law, to pursue negotiations for the worldwide elimination of nuclear weapons, and filed a companion case in U.S. Federal District Court; and

WHEREAS, the Administration's FY 2015 budget request for maintenance and modernization of nuclear bombs and warheads, at more than \$8.7 billion, in constant dollars exceeds the amount spent in 1985 for comparable work at the height of President Reagan's surge in nuclear weapons spending, which was the highest point of Cold War spending; and

WHEREAS, this enormous commitment to modernizing nuclear bombs and warheads and the laboratories and factories to support those activities does not include even larger amounts of funding for planned replacements of delivery systems – the bombers, missiles and submarines that form the strategic triad; in total, according to the General Accounting Office, the U.S. will spend more than \$700 billion over the next 30 years to maintain and modernize nuclear weapons systems; the James Martin Center places the number at an astounding one trillion dollars; and

WHEREAS, this money is desperately needed to address basic human needs such as housing, food security, education, healthcare, public safety, education and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has adopted resolutions each year since 2010 calling for deep cuts in nuclear weapons spending and redirection of those funds to meet the needs of cities and adopted an additional resolution in 2011 "Calling on Congress to Redirect Military Spending to Domestic Needs"; and in 2013 called on the U.S. to participate in good faith in the UN Open-Ended

Working Group and High-Level Meeting on nuclear disarmament, and the Nayarit Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons; and

WHEREAS, Mayors for Peace continues to advocate for the immediate commencement of negotiations to eliminate nuclear weapons by 2020 and its membership has grown ten fold since the “2020 Vision Campaign” was launched in 2003, surpassing 6,000 members in 158 countries, representing one seventh of the world’s population; and Mayors for Peace, with members in the U.S. and Russia; India and Pakistan, and Israel, Palestine and Iran can be a real force for peace,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen expresses its deep concern that the UN Open-Ended Working Group on nuclear disarmament and the Nayarit Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons took place without the participation of the U.S., Russia, the United Kingdom, France and China; that at the September 26, 2013 UN High-Level Meeting on nuclear disarmament, the U.S. joined with France and the UK in a profoundly negative statement, delivered by a junior British diplomat: “While we are encouraged by the increased energy and enthusiasm around the nuclear disarmament debate, we regret that this energy is being directed toward initiatives such as this High-Level Meeting, the humanitarian consequences campaign, the Open-Ended Working Group and the push for a Nuclear Weapons Convention”; and that the U.S. voted against the 2013 UN General Assembly resolution calling for urgent commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament for the early conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen calls on the U.S. to participate constructively and in good faith in the Third Conference on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons to be hosted by Austria in Vienna, December 8 – 9, 2014, and to press the other nuclear weapon states to do likewise; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors calls on the U.S. to participate constructively and in good faith in urgent commencement of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament for the early conclusion of a comprehensive convention on nuclear weapons, and to press the other nuclear weapon states to do likewise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen commends the Republic of the Marshall Islands for calling to the world’s attention the failure of the nine nuclear-armed states to comply with their international obligations to pursue negotiations for the worldwide elimination of nuclear weapons, and calls on the U.S. to respond constructively and in good faith to the lawsuits brought by the RMI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen calls on the U.S. to demonstrate a good faith commitment to its disarmament obligation under Article VI of the NPT by commencing a process to negotiate the global elimination of nuclear weapons within a timebound framework, under strict and effective international control, at the May 2015 NPT Review Conference, and to press the other nuclear weapon states to do likewise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen urges President Obama to engage in intensive diplomatic efforts to reverse the deteriorating U.S. relationship with Russia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen calls on the President and Congress to reduce nuclear weapons spending to the minimum necessary to assure the safety and security of the existing weapons as they await disablement and dismantlement, and to redirect those funds to meet the urgent needs of cities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen proclaims September 26 as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and supports activities to enhance public awareness and education about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen encourages all U.S. mayors for join Mayors for Peace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Newton Board of Aldermen expresses its continuing support for and cooperation with Mayors for Peace.

#340-14

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION 12/03/2014

CHAPTER _____ AN ACT TO AMEND THE CITY OF NEWTON CHARTER TO CHANGE THE TITLE OF NEWTON'S LEGISLATIVE BRANCH FROM "BOARD OF ALDERMEN" TO "CITY COUNCIL."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Newton Charter is hereby amended to change the title of the City's legislative branch from "Board of Aldermen" to "City Council" and to replace all references to "Board of Aldermen" and "Alderman" appearing therein to "City Council" and "Councillor", respectively. The powers and duties of the legislative body shall not change.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.