

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012

7:45 PM
Room 222

SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

This item will be discussed in a joint meeting of the Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees:

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

#302-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, with the support of Ald. Rice, Crossley, Yates, Fischman, and Kalis, requesting authorization to execute a 99-year lease between the City of Newton and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) for .97 miles of unused MBTA rail bed that runs parallel to Needham Street to create a multi-purpose recreational pathway. [09/24/12 @ 5:00 PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#265-12 DINA CONLIN, 46 Shornecliffe Road, Newton, appointed as a member of the LICENSING BOARD, for a term of office to expire the first Monday of June 2018 pursuant to G.L. chapter 138 Section 5. [08-23-12 @10:24 AM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#286-12 DONALD FISHMAN, 68 Littlefield Road, Newton Centre, currently an *alternate member*, appointed as a full member of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire September 11, 2015 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#287-12 JOSEPH FRASSICA, 123 Spiers Road, Newton Centre appointed as an *alternate member* of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire September 11, 2015 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#289-12 INDIRA DESAI, 14 Clements Road, Newton, appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a one-year term to expire January 31, 2014 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#290-12 PETER BUECHLER, 177 Winchester Street, Newton Highlands, appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a one-year term to expire January 31, 2014 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#291-12 BRENDA MULLIGAN, 109 Adena Road, West Newton, appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a two-year term to expire January 31, 2015 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#292-12 BETTY COHEN, 104 Manet Road, Newton Centre, appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a two-year term to expire January 31, 2015 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#293-12 ARIC PARNES, 43 Beverly Road, Newton Highlands, appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a term to expire January 31, 2016 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#294-12 KRISZTINA A. BUKER-DOCZY, 32 Union Street, Newton Centre, as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a term to expire January 31, 2016 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#285-12 PETER JOHNSON, 121 Fairway Drive, West Newton, re-appointed as a member of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire September 11, 2015 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#288-12 JULIA FELDMAN, 50 Commonwealth Park West, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a term to expire January 31, 2016 (60 days 12/01/12). [09-14-12 @3:04PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#192-12 JOHN NEVILLE, 86 High Street, Newton Upper Falls, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION for a term to expire April 1, 2015 (60 days 09/07/12). [06/20/12 @11:14 AM]

- #295-12 ALD. LINSKY AND BAKER recommending an amendment to §12-67 of the City of Newton Ordinances to provide that the Health Care Advisory Committee shall issue its report by a date certain as set by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and thereafter by request of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen [09/24/12 @ 11:28 PM]
- #266-12 ALD. YATES proposing that the Rules & Orders of the Board of Aldermen be amended to conform to the standard practice that only zoning map changes relating to special permit petitions shall be referred to the Land Use Committee and all zoning map changes relating to individual, specific parcels be referred to Zoning & Planning Committee. [08-17-12 @1:32 PM]
- #162-11(2) DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT requesting a letter of support from the Board of Aldermen for the Draft *2013-2020 Recreation and Open Space Plan*. [08-06-12 @11:53AM]
- #230-12 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting the establishment of guidelines and policies regarding the creation of Neighborhood Area Councils particularly with respect to (1) boundary delineations and (2) description of area council authority. [08-06-12 @4:39PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #254-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO, DANBERG, KALIS, CROSSLEY proposing an ordinance relating to plastic bag reduction that would add a fee to single-use plastic and paper bags that are not at least 40% post-consumer recycled content, at certain retail establishments in Newton. [07/18/12 @4:34 PM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#231-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that **Sec. 11-11. Permit to cart trash and/or recyclable materials.** be deleted as G.L.c.111 §31A authorizes the Health Department to require registration. for “garbage,” which is addressed in Sec. 11-5.

#228-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that **Chapter 28 VETERANS' SERVICES** be amended by deleting **Secs. 8 through-10**, which refer to “a physician to the department of veterans’ services” – a position that no longer exists.

#229-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending a review and possible amendment to the *Board of Aldermen Rules & Orders 2012-2013* relative to review of draft ordinances by the Law Department.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FAC., ZAP, AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#256-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SANGIOLO & SWISTON proposing and ordinance promoting economic development and the mobile food truck industry in the City of Newton. [08/06/12 @4:46 PM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FACIL & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#170-12 ALD. SANGIOLO, BAKER, BLAZAR, JOHNSON, and YATES requesting the creation of an ordinance to govern the naming of public assets of the City, including the interior and exterior features of public buildings, lands, and water bodies of the City, as well as any public facilities and equipment associated with them, all to serve the best interests of the City and to insure a worthy and enduring legacy for the City’s physical facilities and spaces, including appropriately honoring historic events, people, and places. [05/29/12 @ 1:34 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#185-12 ALD. BAKER, BLAZAR, SANGIOLO, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & DANBERG requesting that the Board of Aldermen adopt a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that, when the Mayor seeks future Board approval for bonding the cost of additional capital facilities or equipment for the schools, he include in that funding request, as well as in the city-wide Capital Improvement Plan, the estimated costs needed for funding the capital technology needs of the Newton Schools, including the appropriate portions of the estimated project costs of the School Committee's three-year district-wide technology plan not anticipated to be funded by the Information Technology Department budget; the anticipated technology grants from Boston College for the elementary schools; and/or estimated revenue from the E-rate Technology Reimbursement Program. [06/11/12 @ 11:23 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#273-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the Executive and Human Resources Departments develop a comprehensive human capital strategy for the city to include: performance management, talent development, succession planning, and compensation. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]
FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY on 3/8/10

#205-11 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE, HARNEY, LINSKY requesting a discussion with the School Committee regarding a proposal to enter into contractual relationships with the Newton Schools Foundation to sell naming rights on behalf of the Newton Public Schools. [06/22/2011 @ 8:32AM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#39-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to establish a revolving account with an annual expenditure limit of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of receiving funds collected by the Newton Schools Foundation in connection with the sale of naming rights for Newton Public School buildings and facilities and to be distributed for the sole purpose of public school education technology and curriculum purposes. [01/30/12 @ 4:18 PM]

#165-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting (1) the report prepared by Kopelman & Paige PC, the consultant engaged to review the city's election procedures, and (2) proposing that Charter Sections 2-1(b) and 4-1(b) be amended to establish a particular date by which nomination papers are made available. [05/25/2012 @ 1:35PM]

#145-12 ALD JOHNSON requesting a review by the Solicitor's office as to what constitutes "reorganization" per our City Charter. [05/16/12 @ 10:24PM]

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

#36-12 ALD. CROSSLEY & FULLER requesting Home Rule legislation or an ordinance to require inspections of private sewer lines and storm water drainage connections prior to settling a change in property ownership, to assure that private sewer lines are functioning properly and that there are no illegal storm water connections to the city sewer mains.

A) Sewer lines found to be compromised or of inferior construction would have to be repaired or replaced as a condition of sale;

B) Illegal connections would have to be removed, corrected, and re-inspected in accordance with current city ordinances and codes, as a condition of sale.

[01/24/12 @ 8:07 AM]

#164-12 ALD. YATES requesting a discussion with the Executive Secretary of the Election Commission and other appropriate officials on how to use City Hall grounds and various other locations around the city to inform Newton voters about the unusual Thursday date of the September primary. [05/24/12 @ 1:41PM]

- #144-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing to repeal the time restrictions for filing special permit applications/site plan reviews for Major Projects during July and August in Article X Section 5 of the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen.
- #68-12 ALD. YATES, MERRILL asking that the Executive Department develop a detailed plan for the storage of the veterans archives currently housed in the War Memorial that allows for proper access to the records by veterans, their families, and historians, both amateur and professional. [03-05-12 @ 9:40 PM]
- #68-12(2) ALD. YATES requesting that a detailed inventory of the more than 100 photographs, paintings, drawings and other images of the Civil War, World War I, World War II in the office section of the War Memorial Hall be prepared and a plan be developed for their public display in whole or in part before or during the city's observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War through 2015 and the centennial of World War I from 2014-2015. [03/23/12 @ 1:43PM]
- #67-12 ALD. ALBRIGHT seeking a discussion with the Executive Department regarding a plan and timeline for funding an archivist/records manager position for the city to oversee the preservation, cataloguing, and organization of the city archives; provide guidance and assistance to city departments that are maintaining their own archives in order to ensure that records are preserved, accessible, and maintained; and, plan for future storage needs as the collection continues to expand. [03-12-12 @ 10:28 AM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUB. FACIL. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #312-10 ALD. LENNON, LAPPIN, SCHNIPPER, SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the School Committee on its plans to address space needs in the Newton public schools. [10-27-10 @ 11:07 AM]
FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY on 10/12/11 PUBLIC FACILITIES VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY on 11/18/11

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #245-10 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting discussion with National Grid regarding the possible damage to trees as a result of gas leaks. [09/01/10 4:00 PM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV. AND PUB. FACIL. COMMITTEES

- #99-11 ALD. ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, DANBERG requesting that the Department of Public Works coordinate data on the impact of the snow removal ordinance from the Departments of Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Executive and Senior Services into a monthly report for the winters 2012 and 2013, which will be sent to the Public Facilities Committee that includes the following data: (1) the number of people requesting exemptions; (2) the number of exemptions awarded; (3) the number of warning letters sent; (4) the ability of the City to maintain the same standard regarding treating the surface to preserve safe passage; and (5) cost of the implementation of the program.
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE APPROVED 4-0 on 10/5/2011

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB.FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#89-08 ALD. PARKER requesting the following:

- A) review of the maintenance practices for buildings, parks and other properties owned by the City (including School Department facilities and grounds)
- B) development of a comprehensive maintenance plan that includes regular schedules for preventive maintenance for each specific site or facility
- C) a RESOLUTION requesting that implementation of said maintenance plan be funded using operating budget funds.

[02/13/08 @ 12:07 PM]

FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 3/8/10

PUBLIC FACILITIES NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 11/3/10

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Sangiolo, Chairman