

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

7:45PM – Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#272-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor that he work with the Board of Aldermen, School Department, and School Committee in order to determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the Human Resources Departments. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#258-08 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the Executive Department regarding reorganization of senior transportation services and establishment of intra-village transportation systems. [07/08/08 @ 1:29 PM]

#306-08 ALD. BAKER, DANBERG, MANSFIELD & PARKER requesting discussion of how swimming at Crystal Lake might be lawfully and safely extended beyond mid-August. [08/26/08 @ 5:03 PM]

#124-09 ALD. HARNEY requesting to amend the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen to place a term limit on the President of the Board to two consecutive terms. [04-27-09 @ 10:38 PM]

#111-08(2) ALD. JOHNSON and PARKER requesting regularly scheduled updates and discussion each month in regard to the offering of a RESOLUTION to the Mayor, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Chair of the School Committee that they, during the budget development and review process, identify short term tactics to improve the City's operational efficiency and effectiveness. In addition, they establish a citizen advisory group to assist in planning for additional tactics and strategies to improve the City's operational efficiency and effectiveness in future fiscal years, and report progress to the Board of Aldermen, School Committee and the public before any vote is taken by the citizens of Newton for any operational override. [04/01/08 @ 11:22 AM]

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #146-09      ALD SANGIOLO requesting a discussion to explore the possibility of the sale of City of Newton-related merchandise to benefit various city departments. [05-06-09 @ 4:46 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #130-09      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend from Cable Receipts the sum of twenty-four thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars (\$24,918) for the purpose of purchasing equipment to provide for archived web casting of the Board of Aldermen and School Committee meetings. [4/28/09 @ 6:02 PM]
- #129-08      ALD. JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND BRANDEL requesting establishment of a new Rule of Board of Aldermen stating that any new item submitted but not yet approved or accepted by the Full Board of Aldermen is prohibited from any formal or informal discussion by any formal, informal or special committee of the Board. [03/24/08 @ 9:11 AM]
- #125-09      THE POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE requesting creation of a public tree protection ordinance and amendment of the current tree ordinance as recommended in the Tree Preservation Ordinance Report. [04-17-09 @ 9:14 PM]
- #95-09      TOM SHEFF requesting the Board of Aldermen appoint an advisory committee made of up persons who are not elected officials to review the daily processes of the Board of Aldermen and report recommended efficiency improvements to the Board of Aldermen. [03/26/09 @8:34 pm]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

- #8-09      ALD. HESS-MAHAN, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, FREEDMAN, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON, HARNEY & VANCE proposing an ordinance requiring that the installation of synthetic in-filled turf athletic fields on city-owned property shall use sustainable, recyclable, lead-free, non-toxic products to the maximum extent feasible. [12/30/08 @ 9:55 AM]

**REFERRED TO LAND USE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES**

- #474-08(2)      ALD. HESS-MAHAN & VANCE proposing that Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board of Aldermen be amended to conform with a proposed amendment to Chapter 30 re transfer of the special permit granting authority to the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or the Planning & Development Board for projects that are not classified as Major Projects pursuant to Article X.

**REFERRED TO PS&T AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES**

#391-08      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Board of Aldermen approval to  
(#122-92(3)) petition the General Court for an amendment to the legislation that  
governs the appointment of a Police Chief in the City of Newton in order  
to add two members to the committee: an additional representative of the  
Newton Superior Officers Association and an additional citizen member.  
[11/4/08 @ 12:31 PM]

#292-08(2)      PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting that His Honor  
the Mayor develop a written policy of standards and processes that could  
be uniformly followed by community groups for the use of the branch  
library buildings. [11/07/08 @ 11:11 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#274-08      ALD. JOHNSON AND SANGIOLO proposing a RESOLUTION to His  
Honor the Mayor requesting that he create a plan to move the Child Care  
Commission to a self-sustaining model for FY2010. [07/17/08 @ 9:53  
AM]

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., ZONING & PLANNING, PUB. FACIL.,  
PUB. SAFETY 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]

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

#271-08      ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor  
requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, the Parks and  
Recreation Department, and the Department of Public Works in order to  
determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the work of  
managing our public resources. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#270-08      ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor  
requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, School Department,  
and School Committee in order to determine the most effective and  
efficient way to organize the Information Technology Departments.  
[07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#261-08      ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the Executive Department  
regarding moving the Director of Arts in the Parks' salary to the Arts in  
the Parks revolving account. [07/08/08 @ 1:29 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #259-08 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the Executive Department regarding moving the salaries of the Parks & Recreation Commissioner and the Recreation Programs Director to the revolving accounts for various programs.  
[07/08/08 @ 1:28 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #207-08 ALD. BRANDEL AND SANGIOLO proposing that the following question be put before the Newton voters:  
“Shall the City of Newton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ the amounts required to pay for the bond issuance in order to fund Newton North High School?” [05/21/08 @ 12:58 PM]

**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]
- #287-07(2) ALD. PARKER requesting a discussion with Parks and Recreation Department in regards to an appropriate marker or plaque to honor and recognize Olympic figure skater and Newton resident Tenley Albright and her skating exhibition at the Crystal Lake upon her return from the 1956 Olympic Games where she won a gold medal. [09/20/07 @ 1:22 PM]
- #262-07 ALD. VANCE AND HESS-MAHAN seeking approval by the Board of Aldermen of a home rule petition to the General Court that would authorize an amendment to the charter of the City of Newton that would change the length of terms of the members of the Board of Aldermen to three years and would provide for electing one-third of the aldermen, one from each ward, every year. [08/22/07 @ 3:53 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #83-07 ALD. YATES requesting that the City of Newton take all possible steps to persuade the General Court to adopt the proportion of Governors Municipal Partnership that would allow the City to reduce employee health insurance costs by joining the Group Insurance Commission.  
[02/27/07 @ 10:21 PM]

- #82-07 ALD. YATES requesting that the City of Newton take all possible steps to persuade the General Court to allow the cities and towns to tax all telecommunications facilities in the City (which would yield at least \$1.6 million per year for Newton). [02/27/07 @ 10:21 PM]
- #52-07 ALD. PARKER, SANGIOLO, MANSFIELD, HARNEY, DANBERG, VANCE, LINSKY, HESS-MAHAN, BURG, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON requesting an ordinance amendment to create a health care advisory committee whose function would be to recommend measures to control the rate of increase of health insurance costs, as recommended by the Newton Finance & Management Working Group in 2005 and the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Municipal Budget in 2007. [02/09/07 @ 12:36 PM]
- #422-06(2) ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting that a task force be established to meet and prepare a report and recommendations regarding the regulation of noise, air pollution and best practices with respect to the operation of power equipment used in landscaping, property and yard maintenance, including, without limitation, leaf blowers. [01/27/09 @ 3:47 PM]
- #370-06 ALD. SANGIOLO, PARKER, MANSFIELD requesting home rule legislation to allow advisory questions to be asked in a Newton special election.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #267-06(3) ALD. PARKER, BURG, LINSKY, FISCHMAN, HESS-MAHAN, VANCE, HARNEY, JOHNSON, & DANBERG proposing Home Rule Legislation authorizing the City of Newton to apply the ordinance proposed in item #267-06(2) to assets held by the City's retirement system.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEES**

- #245-06 ALD. JOHNSON AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an amendment to the City Charter to require the Mayor annually to prepare and submit to the Board of Aldermen a long-term financial forecast of anticipated revenue, expenditures and the general financial condition of the City, including, but not limited to identification of any factors which will affect the financial condition of the City; projected revenue and expenditure trends; potential sources of new or expanded revenues; anticipated municipal needs likely to require major expenditures; and a strategic plan for meeting anticipated municipal needs, to include, but not be limited to, any long or short-term actions that may be taken to enhance the financial condition of the City.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#264-03(3) ALD. JOHNSON AND BAKER requesting update on the work of the Taxation Aid Committee established by the Board of Aldermen in March 2004 in administering aid to the elderly taxation fund.

#346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES, PUBLIC FACILITIES  
AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chairman