

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

Room 222

**8:30 pm**

**NOTE LATE START TIME**

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**Chairman's Note: There will be a discussion regarding the appointment of a Rules Subcommittee.**

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#120-08 VANESSA ALLEN, 27 Whittier Road, Newtonville, appointed as a member of the Newton Child Care Commission for a term to expire on January 2, 2010. (06-07-08) [03-12-08 @ 2:30 PM]

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#121-08 PHILLIP A. SHARP, 36 Fairmont Avenue, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the Biosafety Committee for a term to expire on March 31, 2011. (06-07-08) [031-54-08 @2:04 PM]

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#122-08 ROY KISLIUK, 65 Grasmere Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the Institutional Biotechnology Committee for a term to expire on March 31, 2011. (06-07-08) [03-14-08 @2:04 PM]

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#123-08 DAVID SHEIN, 441 Ward Street, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Health and Human Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on March 31, 2011. (06-07-08) [03-14-08 @2:04 PM]

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#124-08 SARA SCHULMAN BRASS, 1400 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Health and Human Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on February 1, 2011. (06-07-08) [03-13-08 @3:51 PM]

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#125-08 MARY PANAGGIO, 108A JFK Circle, Newton, re-appointed as a tenant representative member of the Newton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a term to expire on February 1, 2013. (06-07-08) [03-13-08 @ 3:51 PM]

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#126-08 JEFFREY W. SACKS, 45 Old Colony Road, Chestnut Hill, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Housing Authority for a term to expire on March 31, 2013. (06-07-08) [03-12-08 @2:29 PM]

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#127-08 LEONARD GOLDBERG, 14 Oxford Road, Newton Centre, re-appointed to the Newton Free Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire June 30, 2011. (06-07-08) [03-12-08 @2:29 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROG&SERV, PUB FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#85-08 DANIEL PROSKAUER et al. filing on February 7, 2008 a group petition pursuant to Section 10-2 of the City Charter for a public hearing regarding the cost of construction of Newton North High School, specifically requesting the Board of Aldermen to establish a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the said project prior to the installation of foundations of the said school; and establish a maximum cost of construction of the said project that, in the opinion of the honorable Aldermen, the City can afford without sacrificing the repair and construction of other public buildings. ***NB: Board action shall be taken not later than three months from the date the petition was filed.***

**PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD 8-0**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD 8-0**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD 8-0**

**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]

#36-07      ALD. JOHNSON, LINSKY, VANCE, SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, ALBRIGHT, FISCHMAN, MANSFIELD, LIPOF, LAPPIN, BURG, PARKER, & DANBERG proposing the use of general overrides and/or debt exclusions of Proposition 2 ½ limits in addition to other revenue enhancing or cost saving measures as proposed by the *Blue Ribbon Commission* to close the gap between revenue and expenses and enhance the City's ability to invest in annual capital maintenance requirements. [02-13-07 @ 8:57 AM]

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

#141-08      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) from Marathon Receipts for the purpose of funding park improvement and repairs and to install playground equipment at the Carr and Angier schools and replace the safety material Fibar at various playgrounds throughout the city. [4-08-08 @ 5:31 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROG& SERV, PUB.FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#143-08      ALD. LINSKY requesting a resolution to recognize and adopt the establishment by the mayor of a cap to the Newton North High School project. [4-01-08 @ 5:30 PM]

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #130-08      ALD JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND BRANDEL requesting establishment of a new Rule of Board of Aldermen requiring that referral of any and all new business, communications, petitions and orders docketed before the Board of Aldermen be restricted to one or more of the standing committees of the Board of Aldermen: Land Use, Programs and Services, Public Safety and Transportation, Zoning and Planning, Finance, Real Property Reuse, Post Audit and Oversight, Public Facilities and Committee on Community Preservation. [03-24-08 @ 9:11 AM]
  
- #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]
  
- #128-08      ALD. YATES requesting a RESOLUTION to congratulate Newton resident, Harvard Law Professor Mary Anne Glendon on her appointment as US Ambassador to the Vatican. [03-03-08 @ 11:01 PM]
  
- #111-08(2)    ALD. JOHNSON and PARKER requesting regularly scheduled updates and discussion each month in regard to the offering 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]

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

- #37-08      ALD. BAKER, MANSFIELD & FISCHMAN proposing a revision to the Rules & Orders of the Board to allow Land Use Committee public hearings to be held on more than one night per month.  
**LAND USE APPROVED 7-0 on 2-12-08**
  
- #7-08      ALD. ALBRIGHT requesting to create a task force whose members will be jointly appointed by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to investigate the creation of a Commission on Public Art. The job of the Commission would be to raise funds, solicit commissions, and select public art for villages and/or parks. [12-18-07 @ 12:48 PM]

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

- #397-07 ALD. JOHNSON AND COLETTI requesting to increase the fee for dogs being off-leash except where dogs are legally able to be off-leash.  
[12-04-07 @ 12:22 AM]  
**HELD 6-0 1/23/08**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

- #358-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY09-FY13 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$194,907,647 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (CITY AND GRANT/FEE FUNDED)	\$ 67,632,500
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 6,230,535
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 16,772,295
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 94,259,767
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 7,366,000
OTHER	\$ 2,646,546
 TOTAL	 \$194,907,647

- #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]

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

- #274-07 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing that Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board relative to Special Permit and Site Plan Approval Petitions be amended to require the applicant to post on the subject property a notice that would include but not be limited to identifying the subject matter and the date and time of the public hearing.  
**LAND USE APPROVED 7-0 on 2-12-08**
- #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]
- #130-07 ALD. LENNON proposing amendments to Section 20-56, **Musical performers; regulations; license.**

- #114-07 ALD. LINSKY requesting to evaluate whether the present location of the Johnny Kelley statue represents the best possible location for achieving the established purpose when it was erected. [04-10-07 @ 7:39 PM]

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

- #86-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$2,300,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the construction of a new synthetic turf recreation complex at Newton South High School. [03-13-07 @ 7:04 PM]  
**FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 10-22-07**

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

- #276-06(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,800,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the construction of a new synthetic turf recreation complex at Newton South High School.  
**FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY ON 10-22-07**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND 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]
- #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.
- #109-06 ALD. PARKER proposing charter amendments to improve the operation and accountability of City government.

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

- #246-03(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.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chairman