

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

JOINT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES AGENDA

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008

7:45 p.m.  
Aldermanic Chamber  
City Hall

*Chairman's Note: Please bring your Budget Book and CIP Program Book.*

**BUDGET**

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#177-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter, submitting the FY09 Budget, totaling \$318,354,461 passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY09-FY13 Capital Improvement Program.

**Effective date of submission: 5/5/08; last day to pass budget: 6/19)**

**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

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#173-08      BARBARA LIETZKE, 68 Highland Avenue, Newtonville, appointed as a member of the NEWTON FREE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEE to replace Sandra Butzel for a term to expire June 30, 2010 (60 days: 7/4/08). [4-11-08 @ 9:41 AM]

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

#162-08      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation of twenty nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the Newton Library Overtime accounts. [4-15-08 @6:35 PM]

#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 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]

**HELD 4/23/08**

**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]

#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]

**HELD 4/23/08**

**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 1/23/08**

#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]

#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**

#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]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#422-06 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting creation of an ordinance prohibiting the use of portable gasoline-powered leaf blowers within the City limits. **PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED AS AMENDED 4-2-2 (Brandel, Sangiolo opposed; Baker, Merrill abstaining) on 3/19/08**  
**MOTION TO RECOMMIT TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES**  
**VOICE VOTE APPROVED ON 4-22-08**

#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 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.

**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.  
**HELD 4/23/08**

**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