

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2008

**7:45PM – ROOM 222**

Chairman's Note: The Programs & Services Committee will meet jointly with the Public Facilities Committee to discuss item #192-08

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

Re-appointment by President R. Lisle Baker

#433-08      ROBERT E. GERST, 51 Claremont Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire June 30, 2010. (60 days: 1-30-09) [11-19-08 @ 9:00 AM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#434-08      CONCHITA ULLMAN, 47 Mosman Street, West Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on June 30, 2009. (60 days: 1-30-09) [11-12-08 @ 2:01 PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#435-08      MARK WADNESS, 35 Laudholm Road, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on June 30, 2010. (60 days: 1-30-09) [11-12-08 @ 2:01 PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#436-08      KATHLEEN OLESKY, 124 Dickerman Road, Newton Highlands, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on June 30, 2010. (60 days: 1-30-09) [11-12-08 @ 2:01 PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#437-08      JOANNE RAYMOND, 15 Fair Oaks Avenue, Newtonville, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on June 30, 2010. (60 days: 1-30-09) [11-12-08 @ 2:01 PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#438-08 MICHAEL J. SHULEY of the Zervas Afterschool Program, re-appointed as an ex-officio member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on June 30, 2010. (60 days: 1-30-09 @ 2:01 PM]

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

#192-08 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$5,069,783 from the following sources for the purpose of installing new fields and track at Newton South High School:  
Capital Stabilization Fund.....\$1,851,783  
Bonded Indebtedness.....\$3,218,000  
(C) and to establish an appropriate vehicle into which \$500,000 may be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund to support the annual maintenance of these fields. [05-13-08 @ 5:02 PM]  
**(A) BOARD APPROVED \$300,000 FOR DESIGN on 07-14-08**  
**(B) BOARD HELD BALANCE @ \$1,551,783 FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND AND \$3,218,000 FROM BONDED INDEBTEDNESS on 07-14-08**  
**(C) HELD ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE**

#224-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to submit Home Rule Legislation to establish a permanent fund for the maintenance of artificial turf fields at Newton South High School. [06-10-08 @ 5:12 PM]

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

#464-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing two heavy duty trucks for the Parks and Recreation Department [11-25-08 @ 4:58 PM]

#439-08 ALD. BRANDEL, FREEDMAN, MERRILL, JOHNSON, SANGIOLO, VANCE, PARKER AND LINSKY proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor to establish a definitive schedule and committed capital funding plan for the repair and rehabilitation for all appropriate Newton parks to be made handicapped-accessible. [11-21-08 @ 10:17 AM]

#440-08 ALD. BRANDEL, YATES, CICCONE, LENNON, MERRILL, DANBERG, MANSFIELD, PARKER, HARNEY, SANGIOLO, LINSKY, JOHNSON, SALVUCCI, SWISTON, VANCE AND GENTILE proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor to establish a definitive schedule and committed capital funding plan for the repair and rehabilitation for Newton parks that include: Auburndale Cove, Bobby Braceland, New Cold Spring, Newton Centre, Newton Highlands, and Stearns-Pellegrini. [11-21-08 @ 10:17 AM]

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

- #294-08 SUPERINTENDENT YOUNG requesting a vote of the Board of Aldermen to complement the vote of the School Committee to instruct him to submit a statement to the Massachusetts School Building Authority confirming the City's top three priority elementary schools: Angier, Cabot and Zervas, with Angier being the first priority, by September 15, 2008. [07-24-08 @ 2:21 PM]

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

- #465-08 ALDERMEN HARNEY, GENTILE AND SANGIOLO requesting the Newton Retirement Board seeking aldermanic adoption and mayoral approval of special legislation that would authorize it to award to Frank Albano a superannuation retirement allowance in accordance with G.L. c.32, Sec. 5 notwithstanding the provisions of G.L. c.32, Sec. 3(6)(e) requiring a former member who re-enters active service to remain in active service for at least two consecutive years before becoming eligible to receive a retirement allowance. [11-17-08 @ 10:26 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB. FAC., AND LAND USE COMMITTEES**

- #329-08 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY requesting amendment to §20-13, *Noise Ordinance*, of the City of Newton Ordinances to prohibit the City from exceeding the parameters of time and decibel restrictions unless it receives approval from the Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen. [09-02-08 @ 12:00 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]
- #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 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 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**

- #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]

**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]
- #154-08      ALD. JOHNSON requesting to establish a definition and appropriate usage of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Aldermen as are all committees of the Board. [4-10-08 @9:09 AM]
- #153-08      ALD. JOHNSON requesting to establish a definition and appropriate usage of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Aldermen as are all committees of the Board. [4-10-08 @9:09AM]
- #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]
- #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]

**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]

**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]

**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]

#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 RECOMMITTED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES ON 4-22-08 HELD 07-09-08**

#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 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 5/7/08**

#329-05(2) ALD. PARKER & JOHNSON requesting further amendment to the noise ordinance to: improve enforceability and effectiveness of the ordinance; remove the source-based exemption for noise generated by birds, and; address the differential treatment of construction noise on weekends. [08-26-08 @ 3:15 PM]

**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 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.

#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





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Mayor

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November 25, 2008

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Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to appropriate one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing two heavy duty trucks for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

David B. Cohen  
Mayor

DBC: srb

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DAVID B. COHEN  
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FRAN L. TOWLE  
COMMISSIONER

November 25, 2008

Honorable David B. Cohen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Ave.  
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Mayor Cohen:

I respectfully request that you docket for consideration a request to appropriate and expend \$110,000 for the purpose of purchasing a Cabover Truck with a one ton chassis and a One Ton 4X4 Truck with a plow.

The appropriation of \$110,000 will be used for the purpose of purchasing these vehicles to replace two vehicles that are no longer street worthy.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fran Towle  
Commissioner

cc: Sandy Pooler, Chief Administrative Officer  
Susan Burstein, Chief Budget Officer

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# 464.08

Back-up Information:

|    | Proposed New Vehicle       | Estimated Cost | Current Vehicle Replacement                         |
|----|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| 1. | Cabover w/ one ton chassis | \$50,000       | #434-1995 Chipper Truck with radio                  |
| 2. | One ton 4x4 w/ plow        | \$60,000       | #445-1990 Chevrolet 1-Ton Dump<br>with radio & plow |

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