

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

Room 222

7:45 PM

Chairman's Note: The Committee will meet jointly with Public Facilities at 8:15 PM for an update on Newton North and an initial discussion on #56-07 (Newton North High School funding request)

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#43-07 RICHARD DYER, 10 Terrace Avenue, Newton Highlands, re-appointed as member of the NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @3:02 PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#44-07 DONNA GORDON, 143 Windsor Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @3:02 PM]

#45-07 PRESIDENT BAKER appointing Robert Gerst, 51 Claremont Street, Newton to one of the two aldermanic positions on the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION, effective immediately, for a term to expire June 30, 2008. (60 days 4-21-07) [2-1-07 @4:03 PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#46-07 BETH TISHLER, 121 Bellevue Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire June 30, 2008 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-2-07 @3:02 PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#47-07 SONA PETROSSIAN, 71 East Quinobequin Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-5-07 @2:28PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#48-07 SUSAN THOMAS, 66 Moffat Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION for a term to expire January 15, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @3:02PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#49-07 KAREN HAYWOOD, 69 Walker Street, Newtonville, re-appointed as a member of the TRUSTEES OF THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD for a term to expire February 1, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @4:05PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#50-07 JOHN J. LONG, 56 Nehoiden Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the TRUSTEES OF THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD for term to expire February 1, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07). [2-1-07 @4:05PM]

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#51-07 PAUL ELDRENKAMP, 667 Sawmill Brook Parkway, Newton Centre, re-appointed as member of the TRUSTEES OF THE JACKSON HOMESTEAD for a term to expire February 1, 2010 (60 days 4-21-07) [2-1-07 @4:05PM]

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#11-07 MICHAEL J. SHULEY of the Zervas After School Program, Inc. in Newton as a member of the COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM COMMISSION for a term expiring June 30, 2008 (60 days 3-17-07).[1-9-07 @4:43PM]

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

#56-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$131,883,000 for the purpose of paying costs of engineering, designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new NNHS, demolishing the old NNHS structure, and all other associated costs with these projects. The funding source is to be a combination of long-term debt, MSBA low-interest loans, and grant funds. [02-13-07 @ 5:29 PM]

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#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 PROG.&SERV., AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#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]

- #24-07 Dr. HOWARD S. HONIG, 236 Kenrick Street, appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH GOLF COURSE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE for a term expiring February 5, 2010. (60 days 4-6-07) [1-19-07 @4:18 PM]
- #242-05 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting the Executive Department and IT Departments post all city board and commission meeting agendas and minutes on to the City Website.

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

- #357-06 ALD. COLETTI, PARKER, ALBRIGHT, LINSKY, JOHNSON, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO, & HARNEY requesting discussion with School Building Assistance Bureau representatives regarding factors affecting state reimbursement for Newton school projects, including Newton North High School.

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

- #379-06 ALD. BAKER, SCHNIFFER, HESS-MAHAN & VANCE requesting a report from the Executive Department and City Comptroller on state reimbursement and loan subsidies available for Newton School projects, including Newton North High School, as well as how best to ask for further clarification, as desired, from staff of the Massachusetts School Building Authority as to such issues as timing, amount and conditions of such funding.

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

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

- #224-06(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the salary account of the Election Department to compensate Mr. Peter Koutoujian for his service as temporary Acting Department Head.
Programs & Services approved as amended @ \$15,000 (224-06(4A)) and held \$15,000 (224-06(4B)) on 10/18/06, Finance approved as amended @ \$15,000 (224-06(4A)) and held \$15,000(224-06(4B)) on 10/23/06, Board Approved as amended @ \$15,000 on 11/6/06

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & 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 PROG. & SERV., PUB.FAC. 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 (these funds will supplement the requested CPA funds for this project under item #276-06).

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & 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.
- # 35-06 ALD. JOHNSON AND HESS-MAHAN requesting discussion with the School Department and School Committee members regarding the results of the studies addressing compensation for management and executive personnel and organizational structure of central administrative salaries.
- #437-05 ALLAN CICCONE, 22 West Street, Newton, requesting the Board of Aldermen file a home rule petition amending the Charter re filling vacancies on the Board of Aldermen and School Committee so if an alderman or school committee member resigns or dies while in office, the runner up to that person in the last election would fill that vacancy. If there is no runner up for this person the Mayor, with the approval of the Board of Aldermen, would appoint a citizen in that district to fill that vacancy.
- #108-06 ALDERMEN LIPOF, VANCE, HESS-MAHAN, LENNON, LAPPIN, SCHNIPPER, HARNEY, WEISBUCH, PARKER, AND SANGIOLO requesting that the Board of Aldermen and His Honor the Mayor submit a Home Rule Petition to the Legislature seeking approval by the Legislature of an amendment of the charter of the City of Newton reducing the number of aldermen by at least seven, the exact number and composition of the Board specified in such petition to be determined through discussion and vote by the members of the Board.
- #329-05 ALD. JOHNSON & ALD. ALBRIGHT requesting that the **Noise Ordinance** be revised and updated to better reflect the noise problem being faced by the City.
- #109-06 ALD. PARKER proposing charter amendments to improve the operation and accountability of City government.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEES

#119-06(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting placement of an advisory question on the November 2007 municipal election ballot asking whether voters would like to see changes to the implementation of the Community Preservation Act in Newton, such as alteration of the percentage and/or inclusion of exemptions allowed by the statute.

#242-03 ALD. JOHNSON, SAMUELSON AND SANGIOLO requesting a discussion to determine times and places where dogs may be off leash on public grounds excluding schoolyards.

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

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#459-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY08-FY12 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$74,304,723 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 37,630,557
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 5,256,874
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 2,889,498
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 10,035,826
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 2,390,713
OTHER	\$ 6,874,938
CPA – Historic	\$ 615,500
CPA – Open Space	\$ 6,515,418
CPA - Recreation	\$ 2,185,399
TOTAL	\$ 74,304,723

[11-20-06@8:52 P.M.]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#460-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$210,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing heavy equipment and heavy duty trucks for the Parks and Recreation Department. [11-28-06@4:29 PM]

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair