

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007

7:45 p.m.
Room 222
City Hall

BUDGET

**CITY CLERK/CLERK OF THE BOARD
NEWTON HISTORY MUSEUM
ELECTION COMMISSION
VETERANS**

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#95-07 KENNETH REISMAN, 34 Roosevelt Road, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course Foundation for a term to expire December 31, 2009. [03-16-07 @1:57pm]

Note: See attachment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#96-07 CONSTANCE KANTAR, 382 Kenrick Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course Foundation for a term to expire December 31, 2009. [03-21-07 @4:03pm]

Note: See attachment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#97-07 ALAN F. GREEN, 403F Dedham Street, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course Foundation for a term to expire December 31, 2009. [03-21-07 @4:03pm]

Note: See attachment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#98-07 STEVE MEYER, 154 Woodchester Drive, Chestnut Hill, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course Foundation for a term to expire December 31, 2009. [03-22-07 @3:23pm]

Note: See attachment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#112-07 WALTER BERNHEIMER II, 75 Winslow Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2010 (60 days 6-16-07). [03-30-07 @9:51AM]

Note: See attachment.

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#113-07 THOMAS TURNER, 60 Wyoming Road, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Housing Authority Board for a term to expire on February 16, 2012 (60 days 6-16-07). [04-06-07 @4:07PM]

Note: See attachment.

#93-07 INTERIM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ELECTION COMMISSION requesting Board of Aldermen approval on the following: [3-14-07 @4:19 PM]

- Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 5:00 PM, last day and hour for submitting nomination papers and statement of candidacy with Election Commission
- Tuesday, September 18, 2007, City Preliminary Election Day. Polls open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, November 6, 2007, Municipal Election Day. Polls open 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. [03-14-07 @ 4:40PM]

Note: See attachment.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & 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.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

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.

Note: See *Gibson Consulting Group, Newton Public Schools Study on Management Structure, Fall 2005/Spring 2006*

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #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 @ 7:39PM]
- #94-07 ALD. LINSKY, BURG, SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, DANBERG, AND SALVUCCI requesting (a) a public informational hearing relative to safety and health concerns raised in respect to the proposed level 4 bio lab to be located at Boston University in conjunction with the city's prior request and present court mandate for further environmental impact review of the project and (b) consideration of the Board of Aldermen taking a public position on the project. [3-27-07 @5:55 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & 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]

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 @ 10:21PM]
- #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 @ 10:21pm]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #67-07 ALD. WEISBUCH requesting a RESOLUTION asking His Honor the Mayor to fund the INTERFACE SYSTEM, which coordinates mental health services among school age children. [2/26/07 @ 3:28 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 & SERVICES 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]
- #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 PROGRAMS & SERVICES, PUBLIC FACILITIES & 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
Public Facilities NAN 7-0 (Weisbuch not voting)

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

- #379-06 ALD. BAKER, SCHNIPPER, 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.
Public Facilities NAN 7-0 (Weisbuch not voting)

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.

- #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 & 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 PROGRAMS & 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 (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.

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

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:

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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.]

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair