

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2007

**NOTE EARLY START TIME**

7:00 p.m.

Room 209

7:45 pm

Room 222

**ITEM TO BE DISCUSSED:**

*Chairman's Note: The Committee will first be meeting jointly with the Public Facilities Committee on the following item only at 7:00pm in Room 209*

7:00 pm

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

#205-07 SUPERINTENDENT YOUNG requesting vote of the Board of Aldermen to complement the vote of the School Committee to instruct him to submit a statement of interest to the School Building Authority by July 31, 2007. [06-08-07 @ 9:52 AM]

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

7:45 pm

*The Dogs Off-Leash Task Force will be in attendance to provide information on the work they have just completed. All are invited to attend.*

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#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**

- #209-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$124,106 from E-rate Receipts for the purpose of purchasing hardware necessary to implement the School Department Wireless Technology Plan for the elementary level. [06-12-07 @ 3:11 PM]
- #422-06 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting creation of an ordinance prohibiting the use of portable gasoline-powered leaf blowers within the City limits.
- #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.

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

- #224-06(4B) 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**

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #204-07 STEPHEN J. SMALL, 822 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course Foundation for a term to expire on December 31, 2009 (60 days: 8-17-07). [06-07-07 @ 1:33pm]

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

**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]

#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 PROGAMS & 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, 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.  
**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**

- #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.

**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