

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

7:45 PM – Aldermanic Chamber

Chairman's Note: A Public Meeting will be held in the Chamber to discuss item #242-03.

- #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.
- #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.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#287-07 ALD. PARKER requesting a Testimonial Resolution to honor and recognize Olympic figure skater and Newton resident Tenley Albright and to request a discussion with the Parks and Recreation Department in regards to an appropriate marker or plaque to honor her skating exhibition at the Crystal Lake upon her return from the 1956 Olympic Games where she won a gold medal. [09-20-07 @ 1:22pm]

#227-07(3) PRESIDENT BAKER, ALD. SANGIOLO, JOHNSON AND COLETTI requesting consideration of an appropriate compensation schedule for the Clerk of the Board/City Clerk in light of any changed conditions since the compensation was last set in 2006. [08-06-07 @ 3:04PM]

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]

**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 (Salvucci not voting) on 9/19/07
HELD 6-1-1 (Parker opposed; Sangiolo abstaining)**

**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.

**PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 (Salvucci not voting) on 9/19/07
HELD 6-1-1 (Parker opposed; Sangiolo abstaining)**

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

REFERRED TO LAND USE & PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#274-07 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing that Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board relative to Special Permit and Site Plan Approval Petitions be amended to require the applicant to post on the subject property a notice that would include but not be limited to identifying the subject matter and the date and time of the public hearing.

#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]

#263-07 ALD. LINSKY, JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT, GENTILE, SANGIOLO, DANBERG, BURG, HESS-MAHAN, HARNEY, PARKER, WEISBUCH AND SAMUELSON, along with the recommendation from the smoke-free zone subcommittee of the Newton North High School Liaison Committee, Newton North High School Principal Jennifer Price, Chairman, requesting amendment of Newton ordinances to include, effective January 1, 2008, creation of a no-smoking zone on public properties extending from a set radius from the Newton North High School site boundaries for the purpose of assisting the cessation of smoking among Newton North High School students and staff as well as the protection of public health. [08-24-07 @ 9:38AM]

#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 @ 7:39PM]

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

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 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)
Finance NAN 6-0 on 09-24-07

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)
Finance NAN 6-0 on 09-24-07

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 PROG&SERVICES & POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT

#371-06 ALD. COLETTI respectfully docketing under section 2-11 of the Newton City Charter an investigation of the facts surrounding the failure to properly certify the proper number of citizen signatures relative to the site plan referendum question.

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]

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chairman