

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006

7:45 PM.  
Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #30-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$145,400 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of funding current and future snow and ice and tree emergency expenses in the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

- #17-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$29,000 be appropriated from the Newton 2000 Committee gift fund in order to establish an account for the purpose of providing maintenance to Balsamo Millennium Park. Said maintenance would fall under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.
- #47-05 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting amendment to the Tree Preservation Ordinance to provide a provision for notification to the Board of Aldermen of any price adjustment for payment for trees removed in accordance with the ordinance.
- #225-05 ALD. JOHNSON, DANBERG, FISCHMAN, HESS-MAHAN, PARKER AND SANGIOLO requesting a 3 month, 6 month, and 12 month update regarding the reorganization of the Health and Human Services organization in light of the Board's concern that there was an insufficient focus on youth services.
- #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.
- #79-04 ALD. PARKER & GERST requesting discussion of the development of a Citywide wireless internet access network in Newton.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

**REFERRED TO PROG. & 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 PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. AND PROG. & SERV. COMMITTEES**

#346-05 ALD. JOHNSON AND ALBRIGHT requesting discussion with the Mayor, Police and Fire Chiefs and Health Commissioner regarding the City of Newton's city-wide emergency preparedness.

#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 PS&T, PROG & SERV & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#273-04(2) ALD. GENTILE requesting home rule legislation to reclassify the two "dedicated fire apparatus mechanic" positions from Group 1 to Group 2 in the State Retirement System.

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

#367-03 ALD. MANSFIELD requesting consideration of ordinance(s) to allow enforcement of Parks & Recreation Commission regulations regarding swimming and boating at Crystal Lake.

#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. 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.

#191-03 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Information Technology and Clerk of the Board Departments re increasing efforts to source reduce the amount of paper to be duplicated and to disseminate more information via the Internet.

#431-04 ALD. LIPOF, HESS-MAHAN, HARNEY recommending the reduction of the size of the Board of Aldermen from 24 members to 16 members: 8 Ward Aldermen and 8 At-Large Aldermen.

#171-04      ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting home rule legislation authorizing local voting rights for permanent resident aliens residing in Newton.  
**Item recommitted by Full Board on February 7, 2005**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#428-05      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY07-FY11 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$179,120,279 of new local projects over the next several years:

**SUMMARY**

PUBLIC WORKS (City-Funded)	\$ 12,544,000
PUBLIC WORKS (Grant/Fee Funded)	\$ 53,255,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 3,910,289
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 5,420,420
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 92,415,000
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 8,807,410
OTHER	\$ 2,768,160
TOTAL	\$179,120,279

#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.

#438-05      ALD. YATES requesting that the maintenance, care, and management of the city's historic burial grounds be transferred from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Newton History Museum.

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

#453-05      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding a space needs study for the elementary schools throughout the City.

**NEW ITEMS**

#20-06      ALD. YATES, & ALD. SCHNIPPER proposing an amendment to the Rules and Orders of the Board stating that when the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board position is to be filled, a search committee shall be established consisting of representatives of all sectors of the board (officers, chairs rank and file) employees of the department, department heads who frequently interact with the Clerk's office and lawyers and other representatives of the public who frequently interact with the Clerk's office.

#21-06      ELLEN KRASNEY, 79 Chestnut Street, Newton appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the Newton Council on Aging effective immediately for a term expiring November 1, 2008.(60-day Board action date 3-18-06)

#22-06      ALD. PARKER,SALVUCCI & HARNEY requesting reorganization of the Clerk's office to create the position of Assistant Clerk of the Board.

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

#23-06      ALD PARKER AND LINSKY requesting that the City adopt §19 of MGL Chapter 42 to allow retiree coalition bargaining of health care benefits.

# 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Johnson, Chair