

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006

7:45 PM.
Room 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #105-06 STUART LIPOFF, 192 Kirkstall Road, Newtonville, requesting a discussion of the decision on January 18, 2006 by the Newton Library Director requiring a search warrant from investigators looking into the source of a threat e-mailed to Brandeis University prior to providing access to the Newton Library public access computers, including the possibility of a review of guidelines for future decision-making by the director relating to library records, if and when such an incident were to recur.
- #106-06 ROBERT L. CERRA, 77 Auburn Street, Newton requesting that the Newton Board of Aldermen conduct an inquiry into the manner in which the City of Newton responded to a request by law enforcement authorities for assistance. This event which took place on January 18, 2006 at the main library has generated extensive and conflicting media reports, raised public concern and warrants a public review.
- #94-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$280,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the FY06 School Department budget . The School Department will use these funds to supplement its various energy accounts.
- #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.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- #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.

#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

#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.

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.

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

#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.

#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.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#71-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization, on behalf of the City and pursuant to the authority granted under MGL Ch.40, Sec.4A, to enter into a mutual aid agreement among Public Health Agencies. Said agreement will allow the Newton Department of Health and Human Services to both give and receive mutual aid to and from surrounding communities.

NEW ITEMS

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#107-06 NORMA W. FINK, 50 Beaumont Avenue, Newtonville, appointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for an a term to expire February 1, 2009 (60 days 4-22-06).

#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.

NOTE: The following item was filed after the Docket was closed, therefore, a motion for Suspension of the Rules will be needed in order to have it referred to Committee:

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#118-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$195,738 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding current and future snow/ice and tree emergency expenses in the Parks and Recreation Department.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE
COMMITTEES

#119-06 ALD. SALVUCCI requesting revocation of the Community Preservation Act (accepted by the Board of Aldermen as item #64-01(2) on 7/9/01 and approved by public vote at the 11/6/01 election) by vote by the Board of Aldermen and referral to the voters of Newton, pursuant to GL chapter 44B, Sec.16.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Johnson, Chair