

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006

7:45 PM.  
Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

Re-appointment y His Honor the Mayor

#135-06 FRANCIS RICE, 2360 Commonwealth Avenue, Apt.2-3, Auburndale re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2008. (60 days 05-19-06)

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#136-06 ANDREW STERN, 56 Tyler Terrace, Newton Centre re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2008. (60 days 05-19-06)

#130-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that §14-34 of Article IV of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001, relative to the Human Rights and Advisory Council, be amended to apply the same coverage as state and federal law in Defining housing discrimination.

**REFERRED TO PROG/SERV. ZONING & PLANNING & 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.

**REFERRED TO PROG.SRV. AND FINANCE 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.

**REFERRED TO PROG & SERV, PUBLIC FACILITIES & 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.

- #79-04      ALD. PARKER & GERST requesting discussion of the development of a Citywide wireless internet access network in Newton.
- #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.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- #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.
- #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.
- #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**
- #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.

**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.

**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.

#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**

#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.

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

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

#131-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to file a Home Rule Petition with the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for special legislation which will allow the City Treasurer to use the Prudent Man Rule for investing trust funds of the City.

**Finance approved 8-0 on 3/13/06**

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair