

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006

7:45 PM

Room 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#243-06 DR. ROBERT STAULO, 1157 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, re-appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION for a term to expire on March 31, 2009 (60 days 8-7-06).

#244-06 JACK NEVILLE, 68 High Street, Newton Upper Falls, re-appointed by His Honor the Mayor as an Alternate member of the NEWTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (60 days 8-7-06).

#221-06 PETER JOHNSON, 121 Fairway Drive, West Newton re-appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the NEWTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term to expire 01-01-09 (60 days 8-07-06)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#259-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Sections 3-3 and 3-4 of the City Charter, seeking confirmation of the appointment of Ms. Cynthia Stone as the Director of the Newton History Museum at the Jackson Homestead.

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.

#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.

#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.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#263-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend the sum of \$30,000 from the Marathon Receipts reserve fund for the purpose of funding park improvements and repairs for city playgrounds.

REFERRED TO PS&T, PUB. FAC., FINANCE AND PROG. & SERV. COMMITTEES

#246-06 ALD. LINSKY, PARKER AND DANBERG requesting discussion of placement of debt exclusion questions on the November 2006 state election ballot in Newton that would ask voters whether they wish to finance repairs, renovations and improvements to Newton Fire Stations as well as other high-priority capital and infrastructure needs through debt exclusions. Said questions would be written as binding debt exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½.

REFERRED TO PUB. FAC., FINANCE AND PROG. & SERV. COMMITTEES

#247-06 ALD. PARKER, LINSKY, SANGIOLO, VANCE, MANSFIELD, DANBERG, & HARNEY proposing placement of a question on the November 2006 state election ballot in Newton that would ask voters whether they wish to finance the construction of the proposed new Newton North High School project through debt exclusion. Said question would be written as a binding debt exclusion in accordance with the provision of Proposition 2 ½.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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.

#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.

#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.

#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

#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.

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.

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

#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.

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.

#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.
- 22-06 ALD. PARKER, SALVUCCI & HARNEY requesting reorganization of the Clerk's office to create the position of Assistant Clerk of the Board.
- #109-06 ALD. PARKER proposing charter amendments to improve the operation and accountability of City government.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEES

- #119-06(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting placement of an advisory question on the November 2007 municipal election ballot asking whether voters would like to see changes to the implementation of the Community Preservation Act in Newton, such as alteration of the percentage and/or inclusion of exemptions allowed by the statute.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair