

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

7:45 PM
Room 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#289-06 STEPHEN P. FAUTEUX, 71 Elmhurst Road, Newton, appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH GOLF FOUNDATION for a term to expire May18, 2009 (60 days 10-13-06).

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#290-06 DENA SALZBERG, 65 Kenilworth Street, Newton, reappointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES for a 3-year term to expire February 2, 2009 (60 days 10-13-06).

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#301-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$25,000 from Marathon Receipts for the purpose of funding park improvements and repairs at the Charlesbank and Bowen playgrounds.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#302-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 from FY07 Revenue for the purpose of supplementing the FY07 School Department budget. This sum represents 70% of the new state aid given to the City of Newton by the Massachusetts General Court in the final conference committee budget passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

#320-06 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Director of Planning and Development and other relevant officials as to how the Bureau of the Census can be persuaded to allow the city to use the Sudbury and Cochituate Aqueduct as the boundaries just as they were before 2000.

#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 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.

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.

#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 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.

#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.

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

