

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006

7:45 PM
Room 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#340-06 MARTINA JACKSON, 115 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville, re-appointed by His Honor the Mayor as Chairperson of the LICENSING COMMISSION for a term to expire on the first Monday of June 2012. (60 days 12-2-06).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#341-06 STEPHEN COLCHARMIRO, DMD. 23 VVOTERS DOCKET ITEMineyard Road, Newtonville, re-appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES for a three year term to expire February 1, 2009. (60 days 12-2-06)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#342-06 LINDA KATZ., 81 Park Avenue Newton re-appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES for a three year term to expire February 1, 2008. (60 days 12-2-06)

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

#224-06(3) PRESIDENT BAKER requesting the setting of a date for a special election in the event that it becomes necessary to call an election to refer to the voters docket item #224-06, passed by the Board of Aldermen on September 5, 2006.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#224-06(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the salary account of the Election Department to compensate Mr. Peter Koutoujian for his service as temporary Acting Department Head.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#224-06(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$70,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of funding the costs of holding a special election for the referendum considering the site plan for Newton North High School.

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

- #276-06(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,800,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the construction of a new synthetic turf recreation complex at Newton South High School (these funds will supplement the requested CPA funds for this project under item #276-06).

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.

- #326-06 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting discussion with the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation, Director of Urban Forestry, and the Chair of the Urban Tree Commission regarding policies for planting and maintaining city-owned trees.

REFERRED TO PROG&SERVICES, PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #357-06 ALD. COLETTI, PARKER, ALBRIGHT, LINSKY, JOHNSON, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO, & HARNEY requesting discussion with School Building Assistance Bureau representatives regarding factors affecting state reimbursement for Newton school projects, including Newton North High School.
SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION OF RULES

ITEMS NOT 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.

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING & PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

- #265-04(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that Home Rule Legislation approved by the Board of Aldermen on June 1, 2004 to amend statutes governing the Newton Community Development Authority (NCDA) and the Newton Housing Authority (NHA) re the acquisition of affordable housing by the NCDA and to update the

enabling acts reflecting more accurately the current operations of both the NCDA and the NHA, be upon the suggestion of the Senate Counsel's office further amended and re-voted by the Board of Aldermen for re-filing in December 2006 for the new legislative session.

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.
- #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.
- # 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.
- #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.
- #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, SCHNIFFER, 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.
- #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.
- #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.
- #346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.
- #79-04 ALD. PARKER & GERST requesting discussion of the development of a Citywide wireless internet access network in Newton.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair