

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

Room 222

7:45 pm

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

- #460-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$210,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing heavy equipment and heavy duty trucks for the Parks and Recreation Department. [11-28-06@4:29 PM]

**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.

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

**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.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**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.

- #370-06 ALD. SANGIOLO, PARKER, MANSFIELD requesting home rule legislation to allow advisory questions to be asked in a Newton special election.

- #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  
**(SEE ATTACHED BACKUP)**

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #435-06 LISA DEFELICE, 280 Nevada Street appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the NEWTON CHILD CARE COMMISSION for a term to expire on January 1, 2008 (60 days 2-3-07). [11-22-06@1:37 PM]

- #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.

**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 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.FACIL. & 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.

**REFERRED TO PROG&SERV. PUB. FACIL. & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #379-06 ALD. BAKER, SCHNIPPER, HESS-MAHAN & VANCE requesting a report from the Executive Department and City Comptroller on state reimbursement and loan subsidies available for Newton School projects, including Newton North High School, as well as how best to ask for further clarification, as desired, from staff of the Massachusetts School Building Authority as to such issues as timing, amount and conditions of such funding.

**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 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.
- #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.
- #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.

#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.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#459-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY08-FY12 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$74,304,723 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 37,630,557
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 5,256,874
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 2,889,498
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 10,035,826
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 2,390,713
OTHER	\$ 6,874,938
CPA – Historic	\$ 615,500
CPA – Open Space	\$ 6,515,418
CPA - Recreation	\$ 2,185,399
TOTAL	\$ 74,304,723

[11-20-06@8:52 P.M.]

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chair

