

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2005

7:45 PM  
Room 222

*Items to be discussed:*

- #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.
- #482-04      ALD. GERST & YATES offering a RESOLUTION requesting that NewTV take any and all actions necessary to comply with the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 prohibition against Al Manar Broadcasting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- #11-05      EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION requesting Board of Aldermen approval of the following:  
“To fix the date of Tuesday, September 20, 2005 (City Preliminary Election) for the nomination of Mayor, sixteen (16) Aldermen-at-Large, eight (8) Aldermen-by-Ward, eight (8) Members of the School Committee. Polling places will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.”

Reappointment by His Honor the Mayor:

- #12-05      THOMAS ELKIND, 29 Wamesit Road, Newton reappointed as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Foundation for a term of office expiring on July 30, 2007. (60-day Board action date March 4, 2005)

Reappointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #13-05      HARMON WHITE, 50 Valley Springs Road, Newton reappointed as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Golf Foundation for a term of office expiring on July 30, 2007. (60-day Board action date March 4, 2005)

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

- #16-05      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$24,576 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of allowing the Health Department to pay for the 1,024 flu vaccinations the Department and the Visiting Nurses Association administered on November 22, 2004.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- #214-04 ALD. JOHNSON requesting that the City Charter relative to the schedule for Preliminary Municipal Elections be amended in order to make the Charter consistent with state election statutes.
- #215-04 ALD. JOHNSON requesting that the City Charter be amended to allow more flexibility when filling a vacancy for Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and School Committee.
- #346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.
- #464-04 PRESIDENT BAKER appointing CARISA OLIVO, 251 Pearl Street, Newton Corner as a member of the CHILD CARE COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2007. (60-day Board action date 2/4/05)
- #171-04 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting home rule legislation authorizing local voting rights for permanent resident aliens residing in Newton.
- #336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to limit light trespass across property lines.

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. FINANCE & PROG. AND SERV.**

- #273-04 ALD. GENTILE requesting home rule legislation to reclassify the two "dedicated fire apparatus mechanic" positions from Group 1 to Group 4 in the State Retirement System.
- #431-04 ALD. LIPOF, HESS-MAHAN, HARNEY recommending the reduction of the size of the Board of Aldermen from 24 members to 16 members: 8 Ward Aldermen and 8 At-Large Aldermen.
- #465-04 ALD. YATES requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Health on how to better distribute flu vaccine to senior citizens to avoid lengthy wait times in the cold.
- #503-03 ALD. PARKER AND STEWART requesting discussion of the possibility of including re-importation from Canada in City of Newton health plans, as pioneered by the City of Springfield, MA.
- #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.

- 79-04 ALD. PARKER & GERST requesting discussion of the development of a citywide wireless internet access network in Newton.
- #158-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting ordinance to implement increase in eligibility threshold for Clause 41A Senior Citizen Tax Deferral program.
- #172-04 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending George Corey, 65 Harding Street be re-appointed to the BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire January 13, 2007. (60-day Board action date 6-5-04).

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

- #432-02 ALD. PARKER, JOHNSON, LINSKY, LIPSITT, LAPPIN, BAKER requesting ordinance change and home rule legislation to implement a policy of indexing automobile excise tax to emissions and/or fuel economy, so low-pollution vehicles have lower taxes than those that pollute more.
- #335-04 PRESIDENT BAKER requesting an amendment to the Board of Aldermen Rules and Orders 2004-2005 to allow the majority of reappointments to be made without discussion so as to avoid duplication of effort.  
**REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE**
- #56-04 ALD. YATES requesting an amendment to the Rules of the Board to eliminate the requirement that Home Rule petitions be referred to the Programs & Services Committee.  
**REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE**
- #44-03 ALD. STEWART proposing that the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen be amended to allow a public comment period before one Board of Aldermen meeting a month.  
**Rules Subcommittee voted No Action Necessary on 1/28/04**
- #28-04 ALD. BAKER proposing amendments to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen by consolidating Post Audit and Oversight into other committees.  
**Rules Subcommittee Approved 2-0-1 as amended (Baker, Hess-Mahan in favor; Johnson abstaining) on 1/28/04.**
- #421-02 ALD. PARKER, LINSKY, JOHNSON, BRYSON, LENNON & MANSFIELD requesting rules amendment to improve opportunity for public participation in deliberative process.  
Rules Subcommittee Approved 2-1 (Johnson & Parker in favor, Lipsitt against) on 10/24/03;  
**Rules Subcommittee Held on 11/3/04**

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#548-03 ALD. GENTILE, SALVUCCI AND LENNON requesting discussion and possible City acceptance of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, an Act relative to public employees serving in the armed forces. If accepted, city employees who have been granted a military leave of absence as members of the armed forces called to service after September 11, 2001 will be entitled to receive pay at regular base salary and will not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND LAND USE**

#267-02 ALD. BASHAM requesting creation of rules for Board of Aldermen acting as Special Permit granting authority.

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

#309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

#189-03(2) BOARD OF ALDERMEN proposing amendments to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen by consolidating Real Property Reuse into another Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Johnson, Chair