

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005

7:45 PM  
Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND 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.
- #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**
- #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.
- #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.
- #158-01(2)   PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting ordinance to implement increase in eligibility threshold for Clause 41A Senior Citizen Tax Deferral program.
- #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.  
**Rules Subcommittee voted NAN 3-0 ON 1/10/05**

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #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.
- #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 PUB. SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION AND PROG. AND SERVICES**

- #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.
- #74-05 DAVID DONAHUE & ALLAN CICCONE requesting an ordinance to prohibit a special election being called for the purpose of overriding Prop 2 ½ that has the effect of increasing the operating budget of any City Department including the Newton Public Schools and to guarantee that any future request to override Prop. 2½ with the intent of increasing the operating budget shall be held at the next regularly scheduled General Election that includes the election of Aldermen, School Committee or the Mayor.
- #119-05 ALD. YATES proposing that the City of Newton establish a Housing Trust Fund under the Enabling Act of Chap. 294 of the Acts of the General Court of 2004.
- #120-05 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, LINSKY, DANBERG, HARNEY, SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Superintendent of Schools regarding examination of expenditures for administrative functions in the proposed FY06 budget in light of current fiscal constraints.
- #79-04 ALD. PARKER & GERST requesting discussion of the development of a citywide wireless internet access network in Newton.
- #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.
- #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**

- #47-05 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting amendment to the Tree Preservation Ordinance to provide a provision for notification to the Board of Aldermen of any price adjustment for payment for trees removed in accordance with the ordinance.
- #346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.
- #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 PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. FINANCE & PROG. AND SERV.**

- #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.
- #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  
**Rules Subcommittee Held 2-1 (Johnson) on 1/10/05**

**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.  
**Rules Subcommittee voted NAN 3-0 ON 1-10-05**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#110-05(2) **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter, submitting the FY05 Municipal/School Operating Budget totaling \$276,658,206, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY06-FY10 Capital Improvement Program (docket item #110-05).

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION: 4/19/05**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Johnson, Chair