

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2005

7:45 pm
Room 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#53-05(2) JOANNE KAZARIAN, 131 Cypress Street, Newton appointed as a full member of the Newton Youth Commission for a term of office which will expire on October 31, 2007. (60-day Board action date 07-01-05).

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#151-05 JAMES H. MITCHELL, 83 Countryside Road, appointed to the Board of License Commissioners for a term of office expiring June 1, 2011. (60-day Board action date 07-01-05)

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#195-05 JANE BROWN, 104 Atwood Avenue Newton appointed as a member of Newton Human Rights Commission for a term of office which will expire on April 30, 2008. (60-day Board action date 8-05-05)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#196-05 KENNETH R. HARTFORD, 30 Clarendon Street, Newton 02460 appointed as a member of the Newton Election Commission for a term expiring on April 1, 2009 (60-day Board action date 8-05-05)

#198-05 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION requesting the Board of Aldermen approval of the following:
To fix the date of November 8, 2005 for the election of nine (9) members of the Newton Highlands Area Council. The polling location will be the Hyde Community Center and will open for voting from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#210-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$31,540 from Lottery Receipts for the purpose of funding tree emergency response costs by contractors working for the Parks and Recreation Department. Most of these costs were incurred as a result of the spring Nor'easter at the end of May. This request also includes additional funds in the amount of \$5,200 for the remainder of this fiscal year in case there are more high wind storms during the month of June.

#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.

FOLLOWING REGULAR COMMITTEE BUSINESS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#197-05 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting Resolution to our State Delegation asking that the State of Massachusetts join other states in the suit against the federal government regarding underfunding for implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

#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.

#548-03(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE seeking consideration of an ordinance relative to benefits for city employees who are called into active military service, in order to provide benefits similar to those provided under Chap. 137 of the Acts of 2003, in the event that such state law is not extended beyond its expiration date of September 11, 2005.

#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.

#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.

#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 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

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Johnson, Chair