

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005

7:45 pm

City Hall - Second Floor

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

REFERRED TO PS&T, FINANCE, & PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

- #281-05 ALD. PARKER on behalf of NEAL FLEISHER et al requesting that the Board of Aldermen place a question on the November 8, 2005 municipal election ballot to override proposition 2 1/2 for the purpose of restoring firefighter positions to the City of Newton operating budget such that fire engine 6 can be made operational for a total of 7 engine companies.
- #225-05 ALD. JOHNSON, DANBERG, FISCHMAN, HESS-MAHAN, PARKER AND SANGIOLO requesting a 3 month, 6 month, and 12 month update regarding the reorganization of the Health and Human Services organization in light of the Board's concern that there was an insufficient focus on youth services.
- #244-05 DEBORAH HOWARD, 43 Fairfax Street, West Newton, re-appointed as a member of the URBAN TREE COMMISSION for a term of office expiring July 30, 2008. (60-day Board action date 9/9/05)
- #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 PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #254-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$38,029 to staff the reference desk on Sundays and to purchase supplemental reference materials to enable the Newton Free Library to fulfill its duties as a Regional Reference Provider
FINANCE APPROVED 5-0 on 7/18/05
- #243-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing the Revised Ordinances, 2001, re the Jackson Homestead and the city's museum operation be amended to clarify the duties and roles of the Director and Trustees of the Jackson Homestead.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#293-05 RHONA SHOUL, 9 Exmoor Road, Newton. reappointed as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH, for a 3-year term to expire February 1, 2008. (60 day Board action date 11-5-05)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#294-05 ELIZABETH WILKINSON, 14 Trowbridge Street, Newton appointed as a member of the LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (Ms. Wilkinson is filling the position vacated by Joan Harrington for a five-year term of office to expire on June 30, 2010. (60-day Board action date 11-5-05)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#295-05 ROBERT COWDEN, 21 Waterston Road, Newton, lifetime appointment as a Trustee of the CHAFFIN EDUCATIONAL FUND. (60-day board action date 11-5-05)

#296-05 ALD. VANCE, JOHNSON & SANGIOLO requesting discussion with Parks and Recreation Commissioner of the status and content of the Parks & Recreation Department's plan for managing the maintenance of the city's parks, recreation areas, and other public open spaces, per the resolution OF the Board of Aldermen calling for the development of such a plan in connection with the approval of the Department's budget for Fiscal year 2006.

#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.

#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.

#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

#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.

- #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.
- #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.
- #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.
- #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.

- #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.

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

- #226-05 MARY CLAFLIN, 247 Linwood Avenue, Newtonville, appointed as a member of the NEWTON COUNCIL ON AGING for a term of office_expiring June 1, 2008. (60-day Board action date 8-19-05)

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

- #227-05 JOAN ROME 280 HARTMAN ROAD, appointed as a member of the NEWTON COUNCIL ON AGING for a term of office_expiring June 1, 2008. (60-day Board action date 8-19-05)

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

- #280-05 MYRA TATTENBAUM, 210 Upland Avenue, Newton Highlands, appointed as a member from Ward 8 (filling the position vacated by Robert Platt) to the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a 3-year term to expire on January 1, 2008 (60 days 10/7/05).

- #197-05(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE submitting a RESOLUTION to our Congressional Delegation requesting that the *No Child Left Behind Act* be fully funded and if not provide an exemption for those areas that they (states and communities) cannot fully fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Johnson, Chair

