

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2005

7:45 pm

Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#330-05 DEBORAH HOWARD, 43 Fairfax Street, Newton reappointed as a member of the URBAN TREE COMMISSION for a term expiring July 30, 2008. (60-day Board action date 12-04-05)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#331-05 JOANNE KAZARIAN, 131 Cypress Street, Newton appointed as a member of the NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION for a term expiring October 31, 2007.(60-day Board action date 12-04-05)

Re-Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#343-05 ADELE HOFFMAN, 80 Greenlawn Avenue, Newton Centre, reappointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the NEWTON COUNCIL ON AGING.for a term to expire on September 1, 2008. (60-day Board action date 12-16-05)

#344-05 DENA SALZBERG, 65 Kenilworth Street, Newton, reappointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the NEWTON COUNCIL ON AGING.for a term to expire on September 1, 2008. (60-day Board action date 12-16-05)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#345-05 ELLEN K. MEISELS, 183 Allerton Road, Newton appointed by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES for a three year term to expire February 1, 2008. (60-day Board action date 12-16-05)

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

#360-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$30,775.35 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of paying a previous fiscal year's electric bills. *This amount represents a deficit from FY05 and must be closed before the City sets its tax rate for FY06.*

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

- #361-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$86,120 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of funding current and future tree emergency tree expenses in the Parks and Recreation Department.
- #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.

**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.
- #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.
- #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**
- #324-05 ALD. LINSKY & LENNON offering a TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTION honoring FATHER WALTER CUENIN of OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

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

- #346-05 ALD. JOHNSON AND ALBRIGHT requesting discussion with the Mayor, Police and Fire Chiefs and Health Commissioner regarding the City of Newton's city-wide emergency preparedness.
- #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.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Johnson, Chair