

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2005

**7:00 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE EARLY START TIME**

Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

**LATE FILE ITEMS: A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES WILL BE ENTERTAINED IN ORDER TO HAVE THESE ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:**

#369-05 ALD. JOHNSON on behalf of the Clerk of the Board/City Clerk Search Committee recommending David A. Olson for appointment by the Board of Aldermen to succeed Edward G. English as Clerk of the Board and Newton City Clerk.

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

#376-05 PRES. BAKER, ALD. COLETTI AND JOHNSON requesting an amendment to Section 4-21 of the City of Newton Ordinances, 2001, to set the salary for the new City Clerk/Clerk of the Board.

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)

#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.

#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.

#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.**

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**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.

**REFERRED TO 2006 2007 BOARD**

#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**

**REFERRED TO 2006 2007 BOARD**

**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.

##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.

#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.

#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.

- #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**
- #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 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