

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2004

7:45 PM

Room 222

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #514-03      ALD. JOHNSON requesting discussion of election process, practices and hearings with new voting machines in preparation for the March Presidential Primary.
- #37-04(2)    ALD. COLETTI proposing that the following **non-binding referendum** question be included as part of the proposed Special Election to be held in order to fill the vacancy for Alderman-at-Large in Ward 6: "Shall the Board of Aldermen appropriate bond funds totaling 106 million dollars plus interest for 20 years to demolish the existing Newton North High School building and construct a new Newton North High School?"
- #214-04      ALD. JOHNSON requesting that the City Charter relative to the schedule for Preliminary Municipal Elections be amended in order to make the Charter consistent with state election statutes.
- #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.
- #190-03      PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with Human Services regarding the implementation of the Senior Volunteer program.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACIL. & PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES**

- #83-03      ALD. GENTILE, BRYSON, COLETTI AND LIPSITT requesting that the Health Commissioner conduct/oversee a testing program to evaluate the air quality at Newton North High School and, if necessary, make recommendations to ensure the safety of all students and staff in the building.
- #15-04      ALD. BAKER requesting discussion and planning of upcoming committee agendas, process, future work, and how to streamline committee work on minor or routine approvals in order to allow time to focus on more major or non-routine matters.

**REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING & PROGRAMS & SERVICES  
COMMITTEES**

- #265-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Home Rule legislation to amend the statutes that govern the Newton Community Development Authority (NCDA) and the Newton Housing Authority (NHA) relative to the NCDA acquiring affordable housing and to update the enabling acts in order to have them more accurately reflect the current operations of the NDCA and the NHA.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- #137-03(3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting revisions to the "Smoke-Free Newton" ordinance to prohibit smoking in private clubs".
- #158-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting ordinance to implement increase in eligibility threshold for Clause 41A Senior Citizen Tax Deferral program.
- #171-04 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting home rule legislation authorizing local voting rights for permanent resident aliens residing in Newton.

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

- #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.
- #172-04 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending George Corey, 65 Harding Street be re-appointed to the BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire January 13, 2007. (60-day Board action date 6-5-04).
- A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**
- #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.
- #346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.

**ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PROG.AND SERV. BY FULL BOARD ON 4/6/04**

- #336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to limit light trespass across property lines.  
**APPROVED 4-0-1 (Merrill abstaining)**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

- #209-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter, submitting the FY05 Municipal/School Operating Budget totaling \$266,992,346, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY05-FY09 Capital Improvement Program, submitted in November, 2003. EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 4/20/04.

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

- #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.
- #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.  
**REFERRED TO RULES COMMITTEE ON APRIL 7, 2004**

**ITEM RECOMMITTED BY FULL BOARD ON 3/1/04**

- #274-03(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing resolution requesting that the School Committee not charge a school bus fee in FY05.  
Motion to approve failed to carry 2-4 on 2-4-04 (Sangiolo & Parker in favor; Baker, Fischman, Johnson, Hess-Mahan opposed)
- #28-04 ALD. BAKER proposing amendments to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen by consolidating Post Audit and Oversight into other committees.
- #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.  
**REFERRED TO RULES SUB-COMMITTEE**
- #367-03 ALD. MANSFIELD requesting consideration of ordinance(s) to allow enforcement of Parks & Recreation Commission regulations regarding swimming and boating at Crystal Lake.
- #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.

**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.

**REFER TO PROG&SERV, PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#369-03 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a presentation of the findings and results of the *Newton North Feasibility Study* to the Board of Aldermen in a public forum to allow a greater number of the public to hear the presentation and offer public comment.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FAC., PROG&SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#94-03(4) ALD. PARKER requesting His Honor the Mayor submit Home Rule Legislation to create a separate rate structure for water and sewer rates for condominiums and apartments.

#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.

#189-03(2) BOARD OF ALDERMEN proposing amendments to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen by consolidating Real Property Reuse into another Committee.

**REFERRED TO PROG. & 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.

**REFERRED TO RULES SUB-COMMITTEE**

#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.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Johnson, Chair

