

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002

7:45 PM
ROOM 222

#229-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on June 11, 2001 the following individuals to the URBAN TREE COMMISSION for a term of office expiring 07-30-01. (Board action date 08-17-01)

A. Jacob Jacobson
91 Exeter Street
Newton, MA 02465

D. Deborah Howard
43 Fairfax Street
Newton, MA 02465

#400-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on November 19, 2001 ANDREW R. STERN, 56 Tyler Terrace, Newton Centre, as the Ward 6 Representative to the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission effective January 1, 2002; term of office to expire on 12-31-03. (Board action date: January 18, 2002) (Mr. Stern is replacing the late Josephine Pepper.)

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#395-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY03-FY07 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, pursuant to Section 5-3 of the NEWTON CITY CHARTER, which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance new local capital projects totaling \$164,339,428 over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (GRANT/FEE FUNDED).....	\$ 51,675,171
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED).....	\$ 7,215,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.....	\$ 2,296,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS.....	\$ 2,260,650
PUBLIC EDUCATION.....	\$ 92,243,907
PARKS & RECREATION.....	\$ 3,951,900
OTHER.....	\$ 4,696,800
TOTAL.....	\$164,339,428

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

- #158-01 ALD. GERST seeking Home Rule Legislation for the purpose of raising qualifying income level for the Newton 41A (Senior Citizen real estate tax deferral) program.
- #158-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting ordinance to implement increase in eligibility threshold for Clause 41A Senior Citizen Tax Deferral program.

REFERRED TO FINANCE, PUBFAC; & PROG&SERV COMMITTEES

- #309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.
- #336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to limit light trespass across property lines.
- #230-01 **ALD. PARKER** requesting an amendment to the Rules and Orders of the Board re the release of 'Confidential' documents.
- # 94-00 ALD. PARKER, JOHNSON & SANGIOLO requesting discussion regarding the operation of the current voting machines and their possible replacement.
- # 442-00 ALD. JOHNSON & ALD. PARKER requesting a dialogue with the Election Commission & Executive Secretary of the Commission regarding Election processes, procedures and practices.
- #113-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with Commissioner of Parks and Recreation regarding ongoing expenditures for maintenance of public land and other items contained in the Parks and Recreation Department FY2002 Operating Budget, particularly with respect to the effectiveness of work being done that has been contracted out as of this fiscal year.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 96-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of the budget deficit in the School Department.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- #510-00 ALD. GERST seeking a report from the departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation on the operational status of water fountains in city parks and schoolyards.

- # 73-00 PRESIDENT LIPSITT transmitting the request of Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss with the MWRA the possibility of developing the Sudbury Aqueduct for the benefit of Newton residents.
(Prog. & Serv. approved Resolution on Feb. 7, 2001)

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #276-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$110,000 be appropriated from Overlay Surplus and that the sum of \$95,000 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund in order to fund the following capital projects:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COST</u>
c) Parks & Recreation	Field Renov/Water Control	\$ 25,000

- #346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.

- #211-99 ALD. GERST, LIPSITT requesting report on Student Information Management System and Newton's response options.

- #411-99(4) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion on the potential for requesting home rule legislation to allow local control of other departmental fees.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #477-97 ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER AND COHEN requesting that the Board of Aldermen explore the ways that the City of Newton could provide an umbrella organization that residents could join in order to obtain group health benefits (i.e. self-employed, individual insurance, etc.).

- #22-98(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting development of a policy for preservation and replacement of trees on city-owned property.
PROGRAMS & SERVICES HELD; REFERRED TO URBAN TREE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully submitted,