

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002

7:45 P.M.
ROOM 222

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#74-02 MAGDA K. SCHMALZ, 304 Central Street, Newton 02466 appointed on January 31, 2002 as a member of the Youth Commission, effective April 5, 2002. (60-day Board action date April 20, 2002)

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#48-02 JOSEPH DEVITO, 457 Wolcott Street, Apt. 2 Newton 02466 appointed on by His Honor the Mayor as a member of the Youth Commission effective April, 2002; said term to expire on April 4, 2005. (60-day board action date April 5, 2002)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#72-02 BEVERLY STACHOWICS, Dept. of Human Services, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton Centre reappointed on January 31, 2002 as a member of the Newton Child Care Commission, effective January 1, 2002; said term of office to expire on January 2, 2004. (60-day Board action date April 20, 2002)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#70-02 ALISON GOULDER 73 Fairmont Avenue, West Newton 02465 reappointed on January 31, 2002 as a member of the Newto Child Care Commission, effective January 1, 2002; said term of office to expire on January 1, 2004. (60-day board action date April 20, 2002)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#71-02 BARBARA SULLIVAN, 89 Arlington Street, Newton Corner reappointed on January 31, 2002 as a member of the Newton Child Care Commission, effective January 1, 2002; said term of office to expire on January 1, 2004 (60-day board action date April 20, 2002)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#69-02 PATRICIA DAVIDSON, 257 Webster Street, Auburndale reappointed on January 31, 2002 as a member of the Newton Child Care Commission, effective January 1, 2002; said term of office to expire on January 1, 2004. (60-day board action date April 20, 2002)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#68-02 KENNETH BRENNAN, Auburndale Cooperative Bank, 307 Auburn Street, Auburndale reappointed on January 31, 2002 as a member of the Newton Child Care Commission, effective January 1, 2002; said term of office to expire on January 1, 2004 (60-day board action date April 5, 2002.)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#43-02 AUDREY COOPER, 114 Berkeley Street, West Newton, reappointed on January 9, 2002 as a member of the NEWTON COUNCIL ON AGING for a term of office to expire on 1/31/05 (60-day board action date 4/5/02)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#73-02 JACOB JACOBSON, 91 Exeter Street, Newton 02465 reappointed on January 29, 2002 as a member of the Urban Tree Commission, effective January 1, 2002. (60-day Board action date 4/5/02).

REFERRED TO PROG&SERV, PUBFAC AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#105-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting acceptance of and authorization to expend the sum of \$115,200, received as grant funds from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative. This grant will provide funding for the design assistance program of the Green Schools Program. It will fund the design of the installation of high performance energy equipment at Newton South High School and to investigate other energy-efficient technologies. **(NOTE: the MTC has also set aside \$500,000 in a reserve for the purchase and installation of this equipment which will be made available to the City pending review of the design plans)**

#158-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting ordinance to implement increase in eligibility threshold for Clause 41A Senior Citizen Tax Deferral program.

#440-01 ALD. GENTILE & MEMBERS OF THE JOHN M. BARRY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB requesting the establishment of a smoke free zone around and within the perimeter of the Horace Mann School and the Boys & Girls Club.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR APRIL 3, 2002

#88-02 ALD. JOHNSON requesting discussion with Health Commissioner, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Director of Human Services and Director of the Library about effect on operations of cuts associated with "allocation" budget.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 77-02(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$1,396 be appropriated from Budget Reserve for the purpose of paying the fees of Mr. Peter Koutoujian, former Clerk of the City of Waltham for consulting performed in the Election Department. (NOTE: The balance of funds paid to Mr. Koutoujian will be paid using some of the money transferred from the Assessing Department through docket item #77-02)
- #309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income seniors.
- #22-02 ALD. JOHNSON AND SANGIOLO requesting update from the Urban Tree Commission regarding city-side tree ordinance.
- #21-02 ALD. GERST, BASHAM, PARKER seeking increased use of digital delivery systems for Board of Aldermen documents.

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.

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.).
- # 442-00 ALD. JOHNSON & ALD. PARKER requesting a dialogue with the Election Commission & Executive Secretary of the Commission regarding Election processes, procedures and practices.
- #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 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

- #346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.
- #336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to limit light trespass across property lines.
- #295-99 ALD. GENTILE, COLETTI AND SALVUCCI requesting an ordinance that would require any proposed settlement, which would include any funds from the Liability Trust Fund, must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Aldermen.

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

- #230-01 ALD. PARKER requesting an amendment to the Rules and Orders of the Board re the release of 'Confidential' documents.
- #211-99 ALD. GERST, LIPSITT requesting report on Student Information Management System and Newton's response options.
- #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.

- # 94-00 ALD. PARKER, JOHNSON & SANGIOLO requesting discussion regarding the operation of the current voting machines and their possible replacement.
- # 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)
- #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,

Marcia Johnson, Chair