

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2002

7:45 P.M.

ROOM 222

7:45 pm REGULAR BUSINESS

8:15 pm ELECTION BUDGET

8:45 pm VETERANS/LICENSING/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

9:15 pm JACKSON HOMESTEAD

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#70-02 ALISON GOULDER 73 Fairmont Avenue, West Newton 02465
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)

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)

REAPPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#113-02 RUTH CONCANNON, 279 Linwood Avenue, Newtonville, reappointed
by His Honor the Mayor on February 19, 2002 as a member of the
NEWTON COUNCIL ON AGING for a term of office to expire on March
1, 2004 (60-day Board action date 5-31-02)

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)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#134-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of
\$20,000 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the
overtime account in the Library.

- #124-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR in accordance with Section 5-1 of the
Newton City Charter, submitting FY2003 Municipal/School
- #130-02 ALD. JOHNSON requesting discussion with the Executive Department
regarding the establishment of a consistent process for the submission of
appointments/reappointments to Boards and Commissions to Board of
Aldermen for approval.
- #440-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting that any site
designated as a smoke-free zone include adjacent sidewalks.
- #114-02 PRESIDENT LIPSITT on behalf of the GREEN DECADE
COALITION/NEWTON requesting adoption
- #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.
(PUBLI HEARING HELD ON APRIL 3, 2002)
- #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.

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

#309-01 ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income seniors.

#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