

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002

7:45 P.M.
ROOM 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

BUDGET

CLERK OF THE BOARD

CITY SOLICITOR – 8:15 pm

PARKS AND RECREATION – 8:45 pm

#124-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR in accordance with Section 5-1 of the Newton City Charter, submitting FY2003 Municipal/School operating Budget, including Water/Sewer for a total of \$240,154,465

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

REFERRED TO PUB FACIL PROG&SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#156-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$119,994.96 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the High School renovation projects for the purpose of leasing four modular classrooms at Newton South High School for the 2002-2002 school year.

#148-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on May 6, 2001 JACK NEVILLE, 68 High Street Newton Upper Falls 02464 as an alternate member of the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission; effective April 1, 2002 (Board action date 07-05-02)

#74-02(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on May 6, 2001 MAGDA K.SCHMALZ, 304 Centreal Street, Newton 02466 as a member of the Newton Youth Commission, effective April 5, 2001 (Board action date 07-05-02)

REFERRED TO PROG.&SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#77-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer \$30,000 from the Assessing Personal Services to the Elections Department Personal Services and Expense budgets to fully fund the Election Department budget for FY'02 .

FINANCE APPROVED 8-0 ON 4-8-02

RECOMMITTED TO PROG/SERV BY FULL BOARD ON 4-16-02

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)

#336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to limit light trespass across property lines.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

#163-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing a reorganization of ARTICLE VI, the City Physician section 2-241-2-247 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001.

REFERRED TO FINAND AND PROG&SERV. COMMITTEES

#157-02 ALD. BULLWINLE requesting approval of Home Rule Petition that would waiv the annual earned income limitations under G.L. Chap. 32, the public employees retirement law, as applied to retired police officer Allan L. Ciccone of 105 Fair Oaks Avenue.

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

