

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002

7:45 PM

Room 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#375-02 SONIA ROBINSON, 497 Boylston Street, Newton_ appointed on October 4, 2002 as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, effective November 1, 2002 for a term expiring July 1, 2005. (60-day Board action date 12/20/02)

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#376-02 TED HESS-MAHAN, 871 Watertown Street, Newton appointed on October 4, 2002 as a member of the NEWTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, effective November 1, 2002 for a term expiring July 1, 2005.(60-day Board action 12/20/02)

APPOINTMENT BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

#377-02 JENNIE DEVITO, 26 RUSTIC STREET, Newton appointed on September 20, 2002 as a member of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, effective June 9, 2002 for a term of office expiring January 1, 2005. (60-day Board action date 12/20/02)

#294-02 ALD. JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND PARKER requesting discussion regarding public disclosure via the internet/newspaper, etc. regarding how each member of the Board votes on docketed items.

#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.

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

#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.

- #334-02 ALD. SALVUCCI requesting an amendment to the Rules and Orders of the Board of Aldermen allowing for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America at the commencement of each full Board of Aldermen meeting.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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.
- #343-02 PRES. LIPSITT requesting that the Honorable Board of Aldermen and His Honor the Mayor adopt a RESOLUTION to our President, Senators and Congressman urging due deliberation before making a commitment to war with Iraq.
(ITEM REFERRED TO PROG/SERV BY FULL BOARD ON 10/7/02)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #264-02 ALD. SALVUCCI AND LUCKY STAR GROUP requesting policy discussion regarding the feasibility of allowing taxpayers to voluntarily make donations to establish an Aid to the Elderly Taxation Fund for the purpose of defraying the real estate taxes of elderly citizens in Newton.

REFERRED TO PROG&SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #221-02 ALD. COLETTI et al requesting home rule legislation or any other legal instrument that would allow the City a maximum of \$350,000 to be set aside in overlay reserve to provide tax relief for eligible senior homeowners.
- #22-02 ALD. JOHNSON AND SANGIOLO requesting update from the Urban Tree Commission regarding city-side tree ordinance.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

- #181-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen approve a new agreement between the City of Newton and the Town of Wellesley that will allow the Town of Wellesley to continue to pump sewerage through Newton's Cochituate Aqueduct to the MWRA collection system in Brighton.
- #293-02 ALD. R. LIPOF, MANSFIELD, LAPPIN requesting amendment to Sec. 20-13(e)(5) changing prohibition of deliveries and pick-ups for commercial business purposes to 12 am to 7 am.

REFERRED TO FINANCE & PROG&SERV COMMITTEES

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

- #440-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting that any site designated as a smoke-free zone include adjacent sidewalks.
- #21-02 ALD. GERST, BASHAM, PARKER seeking increased use of digital delivery systems for Board of Aldermen documents.
- #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.)
- #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.

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.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICE AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #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.
- #211-99 ALD. GERST, LIPSITT requesting report on Student Information Management System and Newton's response options.
- #158-01(2) PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting ordinance to implement increase in eligibility threshold for Clause 41A Senior Citizen Tax Deferral program.

- #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 & 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

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REFERRED TO THE RULES SUB-COMMITTEE:

- #294-02 ALD. JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND PARKER requesting discussion regarding public disclosure via the internet/newspaper, etc. regarding how each member of the Board votes on docketed items.
- #230-01 ALD. PARKER requesting an amendment to the Rules and Orders of the Board re the release of Confidential documents.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chairman