

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2001

7:45 pm
Room 222

NEW BUSINESS:

- #525-00 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing on December 6, 2000 CAROLYN DARACK, 1672 Beacon Street, Waban, to the Health Advisory Council; term of office to expire on February 1, 2003. (Board action date: February 16, 2001)
- #526-00 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing on December 1, 2000 RUTH CONCANNON, 279 Linwood Avenue, Newtonville, to the Newton Council on Aging; term of office to expire on September 1, 2002 (Board action date: February 16, 2001)
- #527-00 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing on December 6, 2000 HELEN MELTZER, 22 Westminster Road, Newton Centre, to the Council on Aging; term of office to expire on September 1, 2002 (Board action date: February 16, 2001)
- #6 -01# HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing DAVID OLSON as DIRECTOR of the JACKSON HOMESTEAD effective February 5, 2001, pursuant to Section 3-3 and 3-4 of the City Charter.
- #528-00 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION requesting Board of Aldermen approval of the following:
- A. To fix the date of Tuesday, July 17, 2001 as the final day and hour for filing with the Election Commission nomination papers of candidates for office at the Preliminary City Election to be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, and for filing with Election Commission of all petitions or other papers for placing on the official ballot and questions which may be lawfully submitted to the voters at said election.
- B. To fix the date of Tuesday, July 3, 2001 as the deadline for submission to the Election Commission nomination papers and petitions or other papers for placing on the official ballot any questions for purpose of certifying as voters the names or signers thereof.

C. To fix the date of September 11, 2001 for the nomination of 1 Mayor, sixteen (16) Aldermen-at-Large, eight (8) Aldermen-by-Ward, eight (8) members of the School Committee. Polling places to be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

D. Election to be held November 6, 2001. Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

#529-00 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ELECTION COMMISSION setting the date of Tuesday, June 5, 2001 for the election of nine (9) members to the Newton Highlands Area Council, in accordance with Board Order #287-78 and Sec. 9-7 of the City Charter. Polls will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#530-00 ADHOC COMMITTEE ON RECODIFICATION transmitting for aldermanic approval and acceptance, the re-codified ordinances text of the City of Newton 2000 Revised Ordinances.

OTHER ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION JANUARY 3:

#469-00 ALD. GERST, ANTONELLIS, BAKER, BRYSON, BULLWINKLE, CICCONE, COLETTI, GENTILE, JOHNSON, M.LIPOF, R.LIPOF, LIPSITT, MANSFIELD, McGRATH, MERRILL, O'HALLORAN, PARKER, SALVUCCI, SAMUELSON, SANGIOLO, SCHNIFFER, YATES proposing a home rule petition requiring that referenda affecting all Newton voters must be placed before all Newton.

#468-00 ALD. GERST requesting discussion re replacing the verb "shall" wherever it appears in the City of Newton Ordinances with the verb "must" or the verb "may."

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.
(to be scheduled pending feedback from Law Dept.)

**ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 10:
REFERRED TO PUBFACILITIES, PROG&SERV, AND FINANCE
COMMITTEES**

#268-00(B) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$89,220,407 for the purpose of funding the construction and renovation of Newton North and South High Schools, which source of funding will be the issuance of long term debt.

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION JANUARY 17:

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

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 PUB. FAC. & PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#26-99(3) ALD. SALVUCCI requesting a re-vote of a previously submitted Home Rule Petition approved October 18, 1999 by the Board of Aldermen, for special legislation to allow the Commissioner of Public Works to grant orders and act upon utility petitions for the alteration in location or existing poles, pipes, abutments or conduits in circumstances in which the city is engaged in street construction or reconstruction or underground utility work and said work is to be erected within the limits of such street or utility work..

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#118-00(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY02-FY06 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 **173,907,870** over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (GRANT/FEE FUNDED).....	\$46,394,228
<u>PFAPPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0 (McGrath & Mansfield Not Voting)</u>	
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED).....	\$ 2,710,000
<u>PFAPPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0 (McGrath & Mansfield Not Voting)</u>	
PUBLIC SAFETY.....	\$ 2,911,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS.....	\$ 2,351,575
PUBLIC	
EDUCATION.....	\$111,782,167
PARKS & RECREATION... ..	\$ 2,215,000
OTHER.....	\$ 5,543,900
TOTAL.....	\$173,907,870

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#378-00 ALD. PARKER requesting report from the Health Commissioner on the City's program of mosquito insecticide spraying to control the threat of the West Nile virus.

#508-98(3) ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE recommending that ARTICLE I of the Board of Aldermen Rules and Orders be amended by adding a new subsection to Section 3, Referral of Business to Committees, to reflect the ability of the Board sitting as a special permit granting authority to hire outside consultants pursuant to and in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, §53G.

- # 12-00(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing on February 25, 2000 JOSEPHINE PEPPER, 859 Beacon Street, Newton Centre to the NEWTON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION for a term of office expiring January 1, 2002 (Board action date: 5/5/00)

REFERRED TO PUB.FACIL. & PROG. AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- #259-00 BOARD OF ALDERMEN requesting report from the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation on the status of renovations and construction at Crystal Lake's Levingston Cove, Newton Center.
- # 37-99 ALD. PARKER requesting an update on the work of the Task Force on Technology in the Clerk's Office created by the Programs and Services Committee, including possible action on ideas discussed by the Task Force.
- #211-99 ALD. GERST, LIPSITT requesting report on Student Information Management System and Newton's response options.
- #346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.
- #181-99 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting report from the City Clerk/Clerk of the Board on progress in meeting his goals and objectives.
- #212-99 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting report from the City Solicitor on progress in meeting his goals and objectives.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

- #411-99 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen authorize the filing of a Home Rule Petition to allow the Collector-Treasurer to set the fee level for municipal lien certificates and other similar discharges, releases, disclaimer, and instruments acknowledging payment to the city.
FINANCE NAN 7-0 3/27/00
- #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.
- #428-97 ALD. PARKER requesting that the City support the nomination of the Charles River as an "American Heritage River"

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #132-98 COMPTROLLER recommending that the Board of Aldermen conduct a review of existing state and federal grant programs and how the City and School Department integrate grant programs into ongoing service activities.

ITEMS SCHEDULED PENDING RULES SUB-COMMITTEE INPUT:

- # 40-98 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting procedures/rules such as requirements that committees take minutes, tape record meetings, and keep records of all correspondence, by which any and all commissions and/or committees/subcommittees formed by the Board of Aldermen shall implement.
- #512-98 ALD. PARKER proposing amendments to the Rules & Orders to improve the efficiency of Board of Aldermen.
- # 442-00 ALD. JOHNSON & ALD. PARKER requesting a dialogue with the Election Commission & Executive Secretary of the Commission regarding election processes, procedures and practices.
(Pending Rules sub-committee recommendation)
- # 26-99(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing that special legislation pertaining to relocation of public utilities also contain the following language: "That there be a requirement, in cases where a street is being reconstructed, that a utility relocation plan be developed prior to street reconstruction."
HELD 4-0 ON 3-03-99
- #517-98 ALD. SALVUCCI seeking Aldermanic adoption and Mayoral approval of special legislation that would authorize him to be eligible to serve as a Constable while simultaneously serving as an alderman for the City of Newton.

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.).

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #476-97 ALD. SAMUELSON, LIPSITT, PARKER AND COHEN requesting that the Board of Aldermen consider options that could be provided to City of Newton employees to provide additional family members, blood relatives, etc. with health benefits.
- #115-94 ALD. BALSER, PARKER requesting report from Mayor on commissions and boards to determine if an adequate number of women are being appointed.
- # 94-00 ALD. PARKER, JOHNSON & SANGIOLO requesting discussion regarding the operation of the current voting machines and their possible replacement.
- #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,

Ken Parker, Chairman