

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS & SERVICES AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2001

7:45 PM
Room 222

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

21-01 PRESIDENT LIPSITT requesting on January 4, 2001 the re-appointment of Nikki Sibley, 12 Cotton Street, Newton 02458 as at-large representative to the Newton Child Care Commission; for a term beginning January 1, 2001 and ending January 1, 2003 (Board action date 03-17-01).

22-01 PRESIDENT LIPSITT requesting on January 4, 2001 the re-appointment of Joanne Speidel, 100 Norwood Avenue, Newtonville 02460 as Family Child Care Provider representative to the Newton Child Care Commission; for a term beginning January 1, 2001 and ending January 1, 2003 (Board action date 03-17-01).

23-01 PRESIDENT LIPSITT requesting on January 4, 2001 the re-appointment of Alan DeCew, 260 Chestnut Street, West Newton 02465 as at large representative to the Newton Child Care Commission; for a term beginning January 1, 2001 and ending January 1, 2003 (Board action date 03-17-01).

#525-00 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing on December 6, 2000 CAROLYN DARACK, 1672 Beacon Street, Waban, to the Advisory Council of Health; for a term of office to expire on February 1, 2003. (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 Health Advisory Council; for a term of office to expire on September 1, 2002 (Board action date: February 16, 2001)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

37-01 WALTER BERNHEIMER, 75 Winslow Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, effective 1/1/01, for a term to expire on 1/1/04 (60 day Board action date 4/6/01).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

38-01 JOHN BOURGEOIS, 16 Brookdale Road, Newtonville, re-appointed as an Alternate member of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, effective 1/17/01, for a term to expire on 1/17/04 (60 day Board action date 4/6/01).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

39-01 WILLIAM RYAN, 163 Pearl Street, Newton Corner, re-appointed as an Alternate member of the PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, effective 1/17/01, for a term to expire 1/17/04 (60 day Board action date 4/6/01).

41-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing on January 3, 2001 DIANE TABOR, 329 Lexington Street, Auburndale, to the Newton Child Care Commission for a term expiring January 1, 2003 (60-day Board action date: 4-6-01).

44-01 PRESIDENT LIPSITT offering a RESOLUTION declaring March ALTERNATIVE TO PESTICIDES MONTH in Newton.

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

46-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$333,333 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding current and future snow and ice and tree emergency expenses in the Parks and Recreation Department.

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.

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.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.

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

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

45-01 PRESIDENT LIPISTT recommending review of Sec 4-21 of the Revised Ordinances, 1995, re compensation level of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen (Ord V-134, 10/6/97).

NEW ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PROG.& SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

55-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$14,600 from Budget Reserve for the purpose of adding an Assistant Executive Secretary position in the Election Commission department.

Re-appointments by His Honor the Mayor

- # 40-01 The following individuals are re-appointed to the NEWTON COMMONWEALTH GOLF FOUNDATION (60 day Board action date 4/6/01):
- A. Roberta Kosberg 173 Lakeshore Road, #3, Brighton, effective 3/31/00, for a term to expire 3/31/03.
 - B. Bart Hague, 110 Roundwood Road, Newton Upper Falls, effective 12/31/00 for a term to expire 12/31/03.
 - C. Steve Meyer, 154 Woodchester Drive, Chestnut Hill, effective 12/31/00, for a term to expire 12/31/03.
 - D. Edwin Resnick, 62 Manet Road, Chestnut Hill, effective 12/31/00, for a term to expire 12/31/03.
 - E. Robert Quirk, 1019 Washington Street, Newtonville, effective 12/31/00, for a term to expire 12/31/03.
 - F. Constance Kantar, 382 Kenrick Street, Newton, effective 12/31/00, for a term to expire 12/31/03.
 - G. Robert Perruzzi, 25 Warwick Road, West Newton, effective 12/31/00, for a term to expire 12/31/03.
- # 42-01 ALD. PARKER & LIPSITT requesting discussion of resolution endorsing state legislation to create universal system of quality health care for all Mass. residents.
- # 43-01 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Director of the Jackson Homestead on the placement of the Homestead on the National Park Grounds Underground Railroad itinerary and Underground Railroad Network of Freedom.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

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>PF APPROVAL RECOMMENDED 3-0 (McGrath & Mansfield Not Voting)</u>	
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED).....	\$ 2,710,000
<u>PF APPROVAL 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

REFERRED TO PUB FACIL. 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. **(Public Hearing Held 1-10-01)**

#78-00 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.

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).

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.
- #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.
- # 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

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. **(PENDING RULES SUB-COMMITTEE)**

#512-98 ALD. PARKER proposing amendments to the Rules & Orders to improve the efficiency of Board of Aldermen. **(PENDING RULES SUB-COMMITTEE)**

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)**

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Parker, Chairman