

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS & SERVICES AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2001

7:45 PM

Room 222

NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 96-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of the budget deficit in the School Department.
- #101-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on April 2, 2001 STEVEN R. SMITH, (Republican Seat) 442 Chestnut Street, Waban, as a member of the Election Commission for a term of office to expire April 1, 2005 (Board action date 06-01-01)
- #102-01 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on April 2, 2001 FAY COHEN (Democratic Seat) 15 Cottonwood Road, Newton Centre, as a member of the Election Commission for a term of office to expire on March 31, 2005. (Board action date 06-01-01)
- #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-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.

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).
- # 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).
- 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).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED

REFERRED TO PUBFACIL. 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)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES, ZAP & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 64-01 ALD. PARKER, M. LIPOF, YATES, TATTENBAUM, SANGIOLO, BAKER, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON, SAMUELSON, MERRILL requesting discussion of possible implementation of the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act in Newton.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

RECOMMITTED TO PROG. AND SERV. AND COMMITTED TO ZAP

- #508-98(3) **ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE** recommending that ARTICLE 1 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

#40-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting a report on the status of repairs and improvements to the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course.

#42-01 ALD. PARKER & LIPSITT requesting discussion of resolution endorsing state legislation to create universal system of quality health care for all Mass. residents.

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.

94-00 ALD. PARKER, JOHNSON & SANGIOLO requesting discussion regarding the operation of the current voting machines and their possible replacement.

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)**

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.

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

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)

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.

#336-98 ALD. PARKER, MANSFIELD SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to

limit light trespass across property lines.

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

#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.

#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.

#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)

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Parker, Chairman