

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001

Room 222  
7:45 pm

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#96-01(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$600,000 be appropriated from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the FY01 budget of the School Department.

#192-01 ALD. SALVUCCI offering a RESOLUTION that the City of Newton observe OCTOBER as ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH as established by the Governor of Massachusetts on 10/7/99 when Chapter 97 of the Acts of 1999, an Act Providing for the Annual Observance of October as Italian Heritage Month, was enacted and as expressed on 10/28/99 in a Resolution by the U.S. House of Representatives.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#113-01 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the Newton City Charter, submitting the FY2002 Municipal/School Operating Budget including Water/Sewer totaling \$ 232,421,103.  
**EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION: APRIL 17, 2001**  
**LAST DAY TO PASS BUDGET: JUNE 1, 2001**

**ELECTION DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

**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.
- #133-01     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on April 17, 2001 STEPHEN J. SMALL, 833 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Foundation Golf Course Management Committee; for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2003 (Board action date June 16, 2001).
- # 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).
- # 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).

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-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.

- # 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).

- #134-01     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing on April 17, 2001 ALAN GREEN, 403F Dedham Street, Newton Centre, as a member of the Newton Commonwealth Foundation Golf Course Management Committee; for a term of office to expire on April 1, 2004 (Board action date June 16, 2001).

**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
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED)	\$ 2,710,000
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 2,911,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 2,351,575
PUBLIC EDUCATION	\$111,782,167
PARKS & RECREATION	\$ 2,215,000
OTHER	\$ 5,543,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$173,907,870</b>

**SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2001**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

# 96-01(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of the budget deficit in the School Department.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

#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 FINANCE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES**

#158-01 ALD. GERST seeking Home Rule Legislation for the purpose of raising qualifying income level for the Newton 41A (Senior Citizen real estate tax deferral) program.

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

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**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#96-01(3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing a RESOLUTION to the Mayor and School Administration requesting that the hiring freeze not cause the elimination of any program that was voted on as part of the FY01 budget.

**Prog&Serv Approved 6-0-1 (Baker & Parker Abstaining) on 3/21/01;  
Held in Committee and referred to Finance by Full Board on 4/2/01.**

**SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING MAY 31, 2001:**

**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.

**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.

# 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)**

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

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

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# 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.
- #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.
- #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, Chair