

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

**7:15 p.m. Please note early start  
ROOM 209**

**Chairman's Note: NStar representatives will provide a presentation on guy wires after the site plan approval public hearing.**

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

#224-06(2) ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, BAKER & SCHNIPPER requesting further deliberation on the conditions set forth in the Site Plan Approval Board Order relating to the Newton North High School project, considering possible expansion and modification of the conditions.

**NOTE: The discussion will focus on traffic circulation on Elm Road.**

**Public Hearing to be assigned for 03/17/10**

#67-10 NATIONAL GRID requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 200' ± of 4" gas main in RAMSDELL STREET from the existing 4" gas main at Pole #145 easterly to the rear of 936 Boylston Street and 65' ± of 4" gas main in CURTIS STREET from the existing 4" gas main at 9 Curtis Street to the end of the traveled way. (Ward 5) [02/22/10 @ 11:22 AM]

**Public Hearing to be assigned for 03/17/10**

#288-09(2) DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE petition pursuant to Sec 5-58 for site plan approval to place four modular classrooms with associated connectors at Oak Hill Middle School in order to accommodate increased enrollment. [02/23/10 @ 7:20 PM]

#24-10 ALD. ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion regarding requiring any utility company that requests permission to bury wires in the street (to handle increased capacity or for any other reason) be required to: (1) choose a section of the street that has enough clearance to add additional conduit at the time of the work, or in the future, to bury additional conduit; (2) to add sufficient conduit to bury that utility's wires currently on the poles on that street at the time the work requested is undertaken. 01/11/10 @ 11:47 AM]

#418-09 ALD. ALBRIGHT requesting discussion with NStar Electric Company regarding standards for installing underground conduits and the possibility of providing additional conduit for future undergrounding projects.

#457-08 ALD. LAPPIN AND SALVUCCI requesting discussion with NStar regarding the timely repair of City streetlights and the development of a standard response timeframe. [11/20/08 @ 12:51 PM]

#367-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Law Department on how to resolve the dispute with NStar regarding whose responsibility it is to repair the streetlight connection between the manhole and the base of the streetlight. [10/21/09 @ 9:00 PM]

#111-09 ALD. ALBRIGHT AND MANSFIELD requesting discussion of recent information (made available to the Land Use Committee) from NStar related to double poles, focusing on the 350 double poles waiting only for removal of wires or streetlights by the City of Newton.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#81-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend ninety-one thousand dollars (\$91,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of funding operating costs associated with the new Newton North High School building for the month of June 2010. Ongoing operating costs for the new building have been included in the School Department's budget beginning July 1, 2010. [03/09/10 @ 7:08 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#82-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the Public Works Department's budget for concrete supplies as follows:

Bituminous Concrete .....\$60,000

Redi-Mix Concrete.....\$90,000

[03/09/10 @ 7:08 PM]

#385-07 ALD. SCHNIPPER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11/21/07 @ 10:23 AM]

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO CMT ON COMM PRES., PUB. FAC. AND FIN. COMMITTEES**

#83-10 THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of sixty three thousand, eight hundred forty five dollars (\$63,845) be appropriated from the FY10 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves to be expended by the Public Buildings Department to complete the design of storage and accessibility improvements for the archives at the Jackson Homestead. [03/09/10 @ 4:20 PM]

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND PUBLIC FACILITES COMMITTEES

- #68-10 ALD. FULLER, CROSSLEY, SCHNIFFER, DANBERG, FREEDMAN, JOHNSON, LAPPIN, SWISTON, BAKER, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & YATES requesting a Resolution to His Honor the Mayor to conduct a comprehensive survey of the physical condition, maintenance and renovation/replacement needs of municipal buildings, roads, sidewalks, recreational, utility and other infrastructure elements throughout the city, resulting in a database for prioritizing, maintaining and tracking of maintenance, and capital projects. [02/23/10 @ 2:04 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #53-10 ALD. FULLER, SCHNIFFER, CROSSLEY & BAKER requesting a Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting the implementation of new parking meter payment methods and/or parking meter systems to eliminate the sole use of coins. [02/09/10 @ 12:43 PM]  
**(A) Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the pay station for the Cypress Street Municipal Lot be installed within 120 days APPROVED 7-0 on 03/03/10**  
**(B) Resolution to His Honor the Mayor requesting the implementation of new parking meter payment methods and/or parking meter systems to eliminate the sole use of coins –HELD 7-0 on 03/03/10**
- #50-10 ALD. CROSSLEY, HESS-MAHAN & LINSKY requesting the adoption of a policy to reduce energy use baseline inventory for municipal buildings, vehicles, street and traffic lighting by 20%, in order to satisfy the requirements to qualify as a Green Community under Mass General Law Ch. 25A, §10(c). [02/09/10 @ 7:25 PM]
- #23-10 ALD. YATES & DANBERG proposing a Resolution urging His Honor the Mayor to re-present the city's request for State bond money to be appropriated to implement the Needham Street reconstruction plan developed in partnership with the Needham Street property owners over the past decade. [01/04/10 @ 8:16 PM]
- #22-10 ALD. YATES & DANBERG requesting a report from current and former members of the Design Review Committee on the treatment of the members of the committee relevant to the Newton North High School Project. [01/04/10 @ 8:16 PM]
- #397-09 NSTAR ELECTRIC petitioning for a grant of location to install a new pole (233/4-1X on the northeasterly side of HOMER STREET opposite Grafton Street. (Ward 6) [11-10-09 @ 12:24 PM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #376-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY11-15 Capital Improvement Program, totaling \$140,377,285 and the FY10 Supplemental Capital budget, which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next five years.

#175-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting monthly updates from the Department of Public Works on the Commonwealth Avenue project. [06-03-09 @ 10:30 PM]

#126-09 ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on the status of repairs and rental of the Kennard Estate. [04/17/09 @ 2:49 PM]

**REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#60-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY requesting the installation of traffic islands on CONCORD STREET to be funded with the Cabot, Cabot and Forbes Traffic Mitigation Fund for Lower Falls (Ward 4). [02/03/09 @ 1:01 PM]

**RECOMMITTED TO FINANCE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES ON 02/17/09**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#13-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$385,000) from bonded indebtedness to the Public Works Department for the purpose of replacing both the salt shed and the Quonset hut at Crafts Street. [12/30/08 @ 5:04 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

#8-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, FREEDMAN, MANSFIELD, JOHNSON, HARNEY & VANCE proposing an ordinance requiring that the installation of synthetic in-filled turf athletic fields on city-owned property shall use sustainable, recyclable, lead-free, non-toxic products to the maximum extent feasible. [12/30/08 @ 9:55 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

#271-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Department of Public Works in order to determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the work of managing our public resources. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

#208-08 ALD. GENTILE, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI AND SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion on establishing a permanent Building Committee in the City of Newton. [05/16/08 @ 11:47 AM]

**REFERRED TO COMM. PRESERV, PUB. FAC. & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#147-08 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$359,400, including \$2,000 for legal costs, be appropriated from the FY'08 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves, for a project to rehabilitate and expand storage space for the research library and archives at the Newton History Museum, to preserve the existing collections, and enhance public access to the collections. [04/01/08 @ 4:10 PM]

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPROVED 6-0 on 4-29-08**

**(A) DESIGN FUNDS ESTIMATE \$37,500.00 – BOA APPROVED ON 07/21/08**

**(B) BALANCE OF PROJECT ESTIMATE \$321,900.00 HELD**

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB.FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #89-08 ALD. PARKER requesting the following:
- A) review of the maintenance practices for buildings, parks and other properties owned by the City (including School Department facilities and grounds)
  - B) development of a comprehensive maintenance plan that includes regular schedules for preventive maintenance for each specific site or facility
  - C) a RESOLUTION requesting that implementation of said maintenance plan be funded using operating budget funds. [02/13/08 @ 12:07 PM]

**ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE ON 6/19/08**

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #11-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the installation of four modular classrooms. [01/02/08 @ 4:53 P.M.]
- B) \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness**
- NOTE: Letter received from Mayor on 1/4/08 requesting that appropriation amount be amended to \$1.3 million. Letters received 5/7 and 5/21 requesting that the funding source to capital stabilization for costs incurred for design work and the remaining \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness be voted no action necessary. Part A) \$75,000 from Capital Stabilization approved on 6/19/08.*
- #253-07 ALD. LINSKY ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, HARNEY, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, MANSFIELD, BURG, SCHNIPPER requesting (1) a review as to how provisions of applicable ordinances, specifically 5-58, were implemented during the course of the Newton North project, and (2) consider proposed revisions of 5-58 including, but not limited to:
- (a) timely provision of documentation by the public building department to the Board of Aldermen and Design Review Committee;
  - (b) establishment of liaison committees to facilitate communications and input from neighborhoods affected by projects subject to this ordinance;
  - (c) approval of final design plans by the Board of Aldermen of projects subject to this ordinance;
  - (d) oversight during the construction phase of projects subject to this ordinance by appropriate Board committee(s) both in respect to approval of change orders as well as design changes; and
  - (e) generation of a required record detailing the entire construction process by the public building department to guide present and future oversight of projects subject to this ordinance. [08/07/07 @ 3:12 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #76-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of conducting a study of the municipal buildings throughout the city. [02-27-07 @ 4:16 PM]

#54-07 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the School Department and the Public Buildings Department about giving the School Department increased control over maintenance of school building facilities thereby allowing the School Department to have direct authority to deploy/hire staff to make necessary repairs to their school facilities. [02/09/07 @ 1:46 PM]

#152-06 PS&T COMMITTEE requesting discussion re Road Classification Design Types (as outlined by the Planning and Development Department) for future use as an overall management tool for the City.

#386-04 ALD. SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, AND DANBERG proposing an ordinance to require that designers selected have LEED certification and include high performance/life cycle analysis for all municipal construction projects in the City of Newton.

#321-04(2) ALD. JOHNSON requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he expeditiously as possible find funding to create traffic calming measures on Mill Street as requested by the Traffic Council.

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB. FAC. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman