

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

**7:45 PM
ROOM 209**

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- #368-08 ALD. LINSKY requesting approval of the Board of Aldermen of the design for improvements affecting the area where Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street intersect including a traffic island, curb extensions and the dead ending of Lowell Avenue. [10/14/08 @ 12:53 PM]
B) HELD 6-0 LOWELL AVENUE CLOSURE AT WATERTOWN STREET
- #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.
- #384-09 THOMAS KRAUS appealing approval of Traffic Council Decision TC43-09 voted on November 5, 2009 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting the installation of a full traffic signal at the intersection of Walnut Street and Trowbridge Avenue before the opening of the new Newton North High School. (Appeal filed on 11/10/09 @8:35 AM)
- #385-09 THOMAS KRAUS appealing denial of Traffic Council Decision TC45-09 voted on November 5, 2009 ALD. ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON AND LINSKY requesting a) to create a mid-block pedestrian activated crossing signal (between Trowbridge Avenue and Clyde Street) and 2) to create a delta island at the opening of the NNHS ceremonial drive. 3) To place turn restrictions at the ceremonial entrance; right turn in and out only. (Appeal filed on 11/10/09 @8:35 AM)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #70-09(10) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to the FY10 Water and Sewer budgets be amended by reducing Sewer Bond Maturities by \$300,000; reducing Sewer Bond Interest by \$87,000; increasing Water Bond Maturities by \$300,000 and increasing Water Bond Interest by \$87,000 to transfer the full cost of the water meter replacement debt to the Water Fund and help eliminate the anticipated revenue shortfall in the Sewer Fund in concert with docket nos. 70-09(8) and (9) [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #70-09(9) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an amendment to the FY10 Water revenue budget to three million one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$3,160,000) from Water Reserve to offset the reduction in anticipated Water Revenue. [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]
- #127-09 IRA KRONITZ requesting that the Board of Alderman rescind Board Order #289-03(4) dated November 20, 2006, relating to roadway modification plans for curb-line geometry changes to calm traffic at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets. [04/28/09 3:48]
- #289-03(6) JOHN S. MAYPOLE proposing a Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works to install curb-line geometry at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets as originally designed by the Traffic Engineer and approved by the Board of Aldermen on November 20, 2006.
- #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 SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR DECEMBER 7, 2009

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #70-09(8) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting proposed mid-year rate changes, effective January 1, 2010, to the FY10 Water and Sewer rates as most recently amended by Ordinance Z-49, dated 5/18/09, to eliminate the anticipated revenue shortfall in the Sewer Fund and in concert with docket #70-09(9) to amend the Water and Sewer budgets. [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]
- #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]

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.
- #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]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #289-09 ALD. PARKER requesting development of a property tax rebate program for households that opt for smaller trash containers. [09/08/09 @ 10:57 AM]

#239-09 ALD. PARKER requesting a resolution be sent to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the Rumford Avenue Recycling Center be reopened as soon as possible. [07/07/09 @ 12:45 PM]

#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]

#174-09 ALD. YATES proposing a Resolution to the Public Buildings Commissioner urging that the City apply for funding through the Fire Station Reconstruction Program established by the American Recover and Rediscovery Act for the reconstruction of the next scheduled fire station.

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

#112-09 ALD. YATES requesting the City seek energy conservation funds from the American Re-Investment and Recovery Act to replace the energy inefficient boiler at the Emerson Community Center.

#82-09 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting the Executive Department apply for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resource's Energy Audit Program for any and all municipal and school building facilities. [03/03/09 @ 1:19 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]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 4-0-2 (Ald. Gentile and Mansfield abstaining) on 01-07-09

FINANCE APPROVED 2-1-3 (Ald. Gentile opposed; Ald. Parker, Lennon and Freedman abstaining) on 02/09/09

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]

#309-08 ALD. BAKER AND DANBERG requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works regarding street signage at intersections as well as signage and house number visibility in order to assist citizens and public safety personnel in locating addresses.

#297-08 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate Pole #223/5 on the westerly side of IRVING STREET ± 129' north of Commonwealth Avenue (Ward 7). [07/21/08 @ 11:02 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]

#241-08 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting an update on the progress of the design for the reconstruction of Needham Street. [6/13/08 @ 11:45 AM]

#208-08 ALD. GENTILE, 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 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION & 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

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]

Re-appointment by Board President

#50-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Joseph Michelson, 94 Park Avenue, Newton be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

Re-appointment by the Board President

#48-08 ALD. BAKER recommending Lawrence Bauer, 42 Eliot Memorial Road, Newton, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

Re-appointment by Board President

#46-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Robert O. Smith, P.E., 55 Chester Street, Newton Highlands be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01/17/08 @ 3:48 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#31-08 ALD. COLETTI proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor expressing a no confidence vote pertaining to the current status of the Newton North High School Construction Project and related Financing Plan. [01/15/08 @ 11:14 AM]

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.

#352-07 ALD. SANGIOLO AND PARKER request Turner Construction, Project Manger for the Newton North High School Project and the DEP representative overlooking this project to discuss the issues and concerns raised regarding asbestos removal, transportation and disposal for the Newton North site and also information on 5,000 cubic feet of loam being removed to the Elliot Street and Rumford Avenue Yards. [10/17/07 @ 11:54 AM]

#351-07 ALD. PARKER AND SALVUCCI requesting that the Department of Public Works create an inventory and inspection regimen of bridges and culverts less than 20' in length and develop a maintenance plan for all city-owned bridges including those over 20', as recommended by the Undersecretary of Public Works at the Executive Office of Transportation, Robert Rooney. [10/17/07 @ 12:11 PM]

#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]

- #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]
- #451-06 KEYSPAN ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 450' ± of 8" gas main in HULL STREET from the existing 8" gas main in Hull street at 90 Hull Street easterly to the existing 6" gas main in Hull Street at 60 Hull Street. All of which is to replace the existing 4" gas main in Hull Street, which is to be abandoned. [11/15/06 @ 11:19 AM]
- #345-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting that the contingency on smaller Public Buildings projects be increased from 5% to at least 8%.
- #294-06 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting creation of a method for the collection of parking meter receipts to ensure maximum collection.
- #280-06 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing an Ordinance to create a Building Committee made up of Finance, Construction and Building experts in addition to several Aldermen to oversee construction and renovation projects in all municipal buildings.
- #226-06 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion of initiatives in respect to monitoring of water meter readings to better inform water and sewer users of significant increases in usage.
- #178-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER, LINSKY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a report on the commissioning of Newton South High School.
- #159-06 PRESIDENT BAKER & ALD. SCHNIPPER presenting the City of Newton Energy Action Plan for review and such action that may be appropriate by the Board of Aldermen.

- #155-06 JAMES A. BLACKBURN, 105 Wood End Road, Newton Highlands petitioning for laying out, grading and acceptance of WOOD END ROAD as a public way from the intersection of Mountfort Road westerly to the intersection of Nantucket Road (a distance of 360'±) to be the width of 45'.
- #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.
- #84-06 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting a waiver from the Board of Aldermen of surfacing materials used on the sidewalk of a public way in front of 161 Pond Brook Road, as provided in §26-47 of the City of Newton Ordinances.
- #424-05 ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY requesting an update from the School Department regarding the energy audit that was begun during last year's budget review.
- #467-04 ALD. YATES AND SCHNIPPER requesting a response from the Commissioner of Public Works to the findings of the Environmental Protection Agency that pollution enters the Charles River from Newton.
- #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.

ITEM REFERRED BY PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION:

- #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.
- #246-04 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the 25% design plan submittal for Walnut Street from Homer Street to Centre Street including a small section of Centre Street to Route 9.
- #178-04(2) ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on progress and implementation of the construction information database.
- #104-04 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Chief of Police as to how the ordinance prohibiting the blockage of sidewalks with snow can be more easily enforced.

REFERRED TO PUB FAC. AND PUB SAF & TRANS. COMMITTEES

- #35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON AND DANBERG requesting an ordinance amendment to Section 26-8 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 to require all property owners or residents to remove snow from sidewalks abutting their property.

#522-03 ALD. PARKER AND LENNON requesting an ordinance amendment to improve enforcement related to snow removal.

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.

94-99 RALPH S. ROBERT 28 Richardson Road, Petition for Laying Out, Grading, and Acceptance of RICHARDSON ROAD from Route 9 northerly 180'± to be the width of 30 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman

Double Pole Summary By Location

Report Date: 03/11/2009 07:55 AM

NSTAR

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Search Criteria:

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State: MASSACHUSETTS
 Work Center:
 Municipality: NEWTON
 Ownership: Sole-Owned Poles/Joint-Owned Poles/Not An Owner But Attached

Municipality	Transfers						Remediation		Total Poles	
	Electric	Street Light	Fire Alarm	Private	Fiber	Cable TV	Telephone	Telephone		
NEWTON	112	29	324	2	3	122	319	3	47	961
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FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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Joseph E. LaCroix
Chief

October 21, 2009

Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Regarding NSTAR and VERIZON pole transfers of Fire Department cables:

The Fire Department is continuously working on pole transfers, utilizing both the NSTAR Pole Management database and field discovered transfers.

To this date, the department has had no requests or contact from NSTAR indicating any problems. The Pole Management database, that the Fire Department has access to, appears to contain data that is not exclusive to Fire Department cables. The Wire Division continues to find poles where work was completed months ago, still in the system and poles, where work needs to be completed, are constantly being located in the field and are not in the system.

The Fire Department is requesting to meet with a representative from NSTAR that has an understanding of the Pole Management Database and is familiar with pole transfer problem areas, to resolve these issues.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. LaCroix
Chief of Department

Jeffrey Knight
Superintendent of Fire Alarm

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November 10, 2009

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration of amendments to the FY10 Water and Sewer budgets.

- Reduce Sewer by \$300,000 - Bond Maturities
- Reduce Sewer by \$87,000 - Bond Interest

- Increase Water by \$300,000 - Bond Maturities
- Increase Water by \$87,000 - Bond Interest

These amendments transfer the full cost of the water meter replacement debt to the Water fund and are part of a plan to eliminate the anticipated revenue shortfall in the Sewer fund. They work in concert with my request to amend the Water Revenue Budget and implement mid-year rate changes for Water and Sewer operations.

The Department of Revenue has been watching the decline in the Sewer fund for the past several years and will be looking for a plan to address this decline in revenue as part of the review and approval of the FY10 tax rate. Failure to adopt these measures could delay approval and impact the city's ability to issue timely tax bills in time for the third quarter.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

David B. Cohen
Mayor

DBC: srb

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DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE

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November 10, 2009

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Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration an amendment to the FY10 Water revenue budget to \$3,160,000 from Water reserve to offset the reduction in anticipated Water revenue. This amendment is part of a plan to eliminate the anticipated revenue shortfall in the Sewer fund and works in concert with my request to amend the Water and Sewer Budgets and implement mid-year rate changes for Water and Sewer operations.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

David B. Cohen
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DEDICATED TO COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE

October 29, 2009

Dear Alderman Schnipper and members of the Public Facilities Committee:

In order to help clear the docket and expedite the implementation of board order #289-03(4) to change curb-line geometry at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets, I would like to withdraw my proposed resolution #289-03(6). At a community meeting Wednesday evening with the Ward 6 Aldermen and the Department of Public Works, consensus was reached on a new design which I hope will provide traffic calming and meet the needs of the entire neighborhood.

Sincerely,



John S. Maypole, M.D.

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