

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

**7:45 PM  
ROOM 209**

**Chairman's Note: There will be a discussion regarding the proposed trial of the automated trash pick-up.**

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

#350-07 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion with the utility companies regarding rectification of utility wires that are not mounted high enough on utility poles to avoid being torn down, thereby causing damage to persons and/or property. [10-17-07 @ 10:33 AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#228-08 THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT requesting authorization to settle from Window Services, Inc. a claim in the amount of twenty thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$20,752) for repairs to 154 windows at 3 different school locations (Countryside School, Franklin School, and the Education Center) in September and October of 2007. Funding source to be School Account # 98550690-52407 [6-10-08 @ 4:42 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#81-08(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of accepting and reconstructing Bencliffe Circle. [6-8-08 @ 5:12 PM]

#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]

#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:**

**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**  
**FINANCE HELD 7-0 (Johnson not voting) on 5-12-08**

**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**

- #34-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting that His Honor the Mayor immediately provide the latest "estimate" of the minimum price as per the Dimeo and Turner companies (for the Newton North High School Construction Project) to the Board of Aldermen with a date certain for the filing of a supplemental funding request. [01-15-08 @ 11:14AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #33-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting review of the scope of work and performance of Turner Construction and review of proposed 18-month extension of the Turner Construction contract. Included in discussion will be the process for review of future invoices of Dimeo and other vendor invoices by Turner. [01-15-08 @ 11:14 AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #32-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion of Architect Services Contract and additional \$8 million revision to the Dorr Whittier Contract for additional services. [01-15-08 @ 11:14 a.m.]

**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]
- #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]
- #304-07 LASALLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 210 Auburn Street, Auburndale, petitioning for construction of a common sewer in PINE MEADOW DRIVE EXTENSION from an existing sewer main in Pine Meadow Drive northwesterly 140' ± to a proposed sewer manhole in Pine Meadow Drive Extension. [03-30-07 @ 8:46 AM]  
**PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST**
- #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**

- #196-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,969,227 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the rehabilitation of Fire Station #4. [05-29-07 @ 5:54 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. [2-9-07 @ 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.
- #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.
- #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.
- #83-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER & GENTILE requesting discussion with NStar regarding frequent power outages in the Newton Lower Falls area in particular Grayson Lane.
- #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. ROBART 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