

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

7:45 PM
ROOM 209

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

Public Hearing assigned for March 7, 2007

#53-07 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to install 10' ± of conduit at Pole 770/3 and to relocate Pole 770/3 on the southeasterly side of MERRILL ROAD to approximately 295' southwest of Ward Street. [1-7-07 @ 2:23 PM]

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

#56-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$131,883,000 for the purpose of paying costs of engineering, designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new NNHS, demolishing the old NNHS structure, and all other associated costs with these projects. The funding source is to be a combination of long-term debt, MSBA low-interest loans, and grant funds. [02-13-07 @ 5:29 PM]

#68-07 ALD. LENNON, GENTILE SALVUCCI & COLETTI requesting discussion with the Public Buildings Commissioner and the Fire Chief regarding the structural integrity of Fire Station #7 and the inspection performed by DM Berg Consultants. {2/27/07 @ 12:33 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]

#69-07 ALD. WEISBUCH proposing an ordinance requiring all contractors working on City building projects to certify that they will not use undocumented workers, that they will not accept altered or fabricated documents from their employees and that contractors also be required to verify workers' immigration status without engaging in unlawful discrimination. {2/26/07 @ 3:28 PM}

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

Appointment by the Board President

#70-07 ALD. BAKER recommending Lawrence Bauer, 43 Eliot Memorial Road, Newton, be appointed as a member of the Designer Selection Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jeremiah Eck, which expires 12/31/07. {02-27-07 @ 3:34 PM}

- #71-07 ALD. BAKER AND VANCE requesting discussion of changing the system of city street light maintenance and repair to assure that outages are responded to in a timely manner, including the city assuming responsibility for work currently conducted by NStar, or other measures not currently in use, and to have some specific individual in the city whose specific responsibility is to manage and respond to street light outages. {02-27-07 @ 5:55 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]
- #27-07 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting immediate repairs be made to the bathrooms and water leaks throughout Newton North High School and any other “fixable” items listed in the recent accreditation report regarding Newton North High School. [01-24-07@10:41AM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #459-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY08-FY12 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$74,304,723 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 37,630,557
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 5,256,874
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 2,889,498
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 10,035,826
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 2,390,713
OTHER	\$ 6,874,938
CPA – Historic	\$ 615,500
CPA – Open Space	\$ 6,515,418
CPA - Recreation	\$ 2,185,399
TOTAL	\$ 74,304,723

[11-20-06@8:52 P.M.]

- #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]
- #391-06 (2) ALD. VANCE & BAKER proposing that Chapter 30 be amended by:
 (2) amending subsection (b) of section 5-54 establishing the Design Review Committee be amended by adding thereto a requirement that the Design Review Committee's study of the feasibility of a proposed public facility include the proposed facility's level of achieving efficient use and conservation of natural resources and energy.

REFERRED TO PROG&SERV., PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #357-06 ALD. COLETTI, PARKER, ALBRIGHT, LINSKY, JOHNSON, MANSFIELD, SANGIOLO, & HARNEY requesting discussion with School Building Assistance Bureau representatives regarding factors affecting state reimbursement for Newton school projects, including Newton North High School.

REFERRED TO PROG&SERVICES, PUB. FAC. & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #379-06 PRESIDENT BAKER, ALD. SCHNIPPER & HESS-MAHAN requesting a report from the Executive Department and City Comptroller on state reimbursement and loan subsidies available for Newton School projects, including Newton North High School, as well as how best to ask for further clarification, if any is desired, from staff of the Massachusetts School Building Authority as to such issues as timing, amount and conditions of such finding.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #345-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting that the contingency on smaller Public Buildings projects be increased from 5% to at least 8%.
- #328-06 ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, BAKER & SCHNIPPER requesting that the Design Review Committee periodically update the Board during the design phase of the Newton North High School project.
- #327-06 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion with representatives of NStar regarding why a particular section of Newtonville experiences ongoing power outages, including one occurring August 2, 2006, despite representations by NStar that service to this particular area has been upgraded and is more than adequate to carry the service load even though such load is soon due to increase with a new housing project coming on line.
- #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.

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

- #276-06(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,800,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the construction of a new synthetic turf recreation complex at Newton South High School (these funds will supplement the requested CPA funds for this project under item #276-06).

- #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.
- #206-06 ALD. SAMUELSON on behalf of the Fuller Street residents requesting that the reconstruction plan of Fuller Street from Chestnut Street to Commonwealth Avenue (westbound) include bump outs at three locations.
- #178-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER, LINSKY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a report on the commissioning of Newton South High School.
- #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.

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #127-06 ALD. YATES requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor to authorize the HISTORICAL COMMISSION to submit applications to the Mass Historic Commission and the National Park Services to place the Crafts Street stables on the National Register of Historic Sites.
- #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.
- #175-05 ALD. YATES requesting the School Department, School Committee and Public Building Department to request information from other communities across the Commonwealth and the nation as to problems encountered with HVAC systems in schools to find possible commonalities that might lead to possible joint legal action against defective suppliers or contractors and to possible connections to defective systems that have been successful elsewhere.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #160-05 ALD. HARNEY, SANGIOLO, PARKER AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an independent audit and possible appointment of an independent commission to investigate the Newton South construction project.

REFERRED TO PUB. SAF/TRANS. AND PUB FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #61-05 ALD. SAMUELSON, DANBERG AND CANDACE HAVENS requesting that, as part of the reconstruction process for TYLER TERRACE and/or CLARK STREET, speed humps be redesigned in order to improve safety for moving traffic while still slowing speeds to 25 mph.

REFERRED TO PUB. SAF/TRANS. AND PUB FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #21-05(5) ALD. STEWART requesting that certain pedestrian safety improvements, including traffic islands, rebuilt curb cuts, and relocation of a stop sign, be made at the intersection of Hagar and Concord Streets, Newton Lower Falls.

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #479-04 ALD. LENNON, GENTILE, SALVUCCI, COLETTI et al requesting that a detailed analysis be conducted by the Public Buildings Dept., Fire Dept. (and any necessary outside sources) of all necessary improvements for each fire station within the city. Said analysis should include, but not be limited to: living quarters (bedrooms, kitchens, etc); offices and workstations; HVAC and plumbing systems; window replacement; apparatus floor and any other physical plant improvements. Said analysis should assist the Board of Aldermen in understanding and prioritizing all needed improvements and create a "blueprint" and timeline to have improvements implemented and completed.
- #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.

#101-04 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting implementation of traffic calming measures on FULLER STREET, Waban and West Newton (Wards 5 and 3).

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

#35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON 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.

27-03 ALD. SALVUCCI, SCHNIPPER, LINSKY, STEWART, LAPPIN AND YATES requesting a review of all change orders to date with Public Buildings Commissioner and the Project Manager on the Newton South High School project.

#435-02(2) TRAFFIC ENGINEER proposing intersection safety improvement project at the intersection of HIGH STREET/ELLIOT STREET/OAK STREET (Ward 5).
PS&T APPROVED 5-0-1 (Lennon abstaining) REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING ON INTERSECTION RECONFIGURATION

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.

#146-99 GRACE J. VIGORITO, 33 Bencliffe Circle, petition for laying out, grading and acceptance of BENCLIFFE CIRCLE from Chaske Avenue to 730' to be the width of 45 feet.

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