

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2006

8:00 p.m. **Please Note Late Start**
Room 209

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

Appointment by the President of the Board of Aldermen

#27-06 TERRY MORRIS, 57 Elm Road, Newtonville 02460, appointed as the community representative pursuant to Sec. 5-56(I) as a member of the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE for the duration of the Newton North High School renovations.

#82-06 ALD. SALVUCCI & SCHNIPPER requesting discussion with Verizon regarding complaints from constituents about debris left behind at Verizon work sites.

#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.

#246-05 ALD. LINSKY, SCHNIPPER, JOHNSON AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with representative(s) of NStar regarding why sections of Newtonville seem to be experiencing ongoing brown-outs despite representations by NStar that service to the area has been improved.

#83-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER & GENTILE requesting discussion with NStar regarding frequent power outages in the Newton Lower Falls area in particular Grayson Lane.

#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.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#95-06 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$756,533 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding snow and ice costs in the Public Works Department.

The Chairman does not anticipate discussion on the following reappointments but should any member wish to meet with any of the reappointments they will be invited to join the committee at the next meeting:

Re-appointment by Board President

#75-06 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Peter Barrer, 24 Hazelton Road, Newton Centre, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/07.

Re-appointment by Board President

#76-06 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Mark Chudy, 34 Prescott Street, Newtonville, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/07.

Re-appointment by Board President

#77-06 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 12/31/07.

Re-appointment by Board President

#78-06 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Ald. Anthony Salvucci be re-appointed as a non-voting Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/07.

Re-appointment by Board President

#79-06 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Howard Goldberg, P.E., 27 Theodore Road, Newton Centre be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/07.

Re-appointment by Board President

#80-06 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Jeremiah Eck, 14 Eliot Memorial Road, Newton be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/07.

Re-appointment by Board President

#81-06 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 12/31/07.

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

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

#453-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding a space needs study for the elementary schools throughout the City.

#371-05 KIT YEE KWONG TAM, 24 Silver Lake Avenue, petitioning for laying out, grading and acceptance of SILVER LAKE AVENUE as a public way from the

intersection of Adams Street easterly approximately 260' to the easterly property line of 24 Silver Lake Avenue.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#428-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY07-FY11 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$179,120,279 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (City-Funded)	\$ 12,544,000
PUBLIC WORKS (Grant/Fee Funded)	\$ 53,255,000
PUBLIC SAFETY.	\$ 3,910,289
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$ 5,420,420
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$ 92,415,000
PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 8,807,410
OTHER	\$ 2,768,160
TOTAL	\$179,120,279

#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

#478-04 ALD. SAMUELSON and CANDACE HAVENS, along with ALDS. JOHNSON, LENNON, HESS-MAHAN, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, HARNEY, SCHNIPPER,

YATES, DANBERG AND LIPOF proposing creation of a new Ordinance to allow for installation of raised crosswalks, where deemed necessary, as a traffic calming measure.

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.
- #144-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the area along UNION STREET in Newton Centre be designated as Picadilly Square.
- #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 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.

#93-99 RUTH M. THOMPSON 5 Belmore Park, Petition for Laying Out, Grading and
Acceptance of BELMORE PARK from Washington Street to end 505' to be the
width of 45 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman