

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

7:45 pm
Room 209

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANSP., PUB. FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#378-05(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$58,385 from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing funds authorized under board order #378-05 (approved 11/21/05) for the installation of windows at Fire Station #4.

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANSP., PUB. FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#378-05(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$90,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of providing funding for the Fire Department Wires Division to replace and/or repair fire alarm systems in the firehouses throughout the city.

#296-06 VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. petitioning for Grant of Location to relocate pole 104/8 in CORNELL STREET to a point 4 feet east of its current location. This movement is required to maintain a handicapped access ramp.

#252-06 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install one pole (758/4) in PRINCETON STREET on the easterly side at Hilltop Street.

#251-06 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install one pole (#1282/0) in FARQUHAR ROAD on the northerly side approximately 49' east of Harvard Street.

Item Recommended by the Board on May 15, 2006

#180-06 VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC., petitioning for a grant of location to place one new pole (100/8) on COLUMBUS STREET on the southeasterly side 15' southwesterly from Standish Road.

Item Recommended by the Board on May 15, 2006

#157-06 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install one pole (330/8) on the westerly side of OLD ORCHARD ROAD 737'± east of Hammond Street.

Item Recommended by the Board on May 15, 2006

- #156-06 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR petitioning for a grant of location to install one pole (212/28A) on the southerly side of HOMER STREET at Greenland Avenue.
- #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.
- #321-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER proposing a Resolution from the Public Facilities Committee to His Honor the Mayor to proceed with the Street Light Replacement Program as soon as possible.
- #160-06 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting that the City further investigate possible benefits of hiring an energy savings performance contractor for possible energy conservation and cost saving.

A MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE ENTERTAINED

- #178-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER, LINSKY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a report on the commissioning of Newton South High School.

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #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.
- #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.
- #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 PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND PUB. FAC. COMMITTEES

- #250-06 ALD. YATES requesting a report on the effectiveness of the Fire Department's administration of the Street Light Program.

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

- #247-06 ALD. PARKER, LINSKY, SANGIOLO, VANCE, MANSFIELD, DANBERG, & HARNEY proposing placement of a question on the November 2006 state election ballot in Newton that would ask voters whether they wish to finance the construction of the proposed new Newton North High School project through debt exclusion. Said question would be written as a binding debt exclusion in accordance with the provision of Proposition 2 ½.

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

- #246-06 ALD. LINSKY, PARKER AND DANBERG requesting discussion of placement of debt exclusion questions on the November 2006 state election ballot in Newton that would ask voters whether they wish to finance repairs, renovations and improvements to Newton Fire Stations as well as other high-priority capital and infrastructure needs through debt exclusions. Said questions would be written as binding debt exclusion in accordance with the provisions of Proposition 2 ½.
- #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.
- #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.
- #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'.

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.

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.
- #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 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.
- #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.

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.
- #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 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