

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006

7:45 PM  
ROOM 209

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #382-06      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$190,165 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of replacing the roof at Fire Station #4.
- #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.
- #386-05      ALD. SAMUELSON requesting an ordinance to require Board of Aldermen approval through the Traffic Council of new crosswalk locations.  
***TRAFFIC COUNCIL APPROVED 4-0 ON 2-16-06; Committed to PS&T for review of draft crosswalk policy; PS&T APPROVED POLICY 6-0 (Linsky, Harney not voting) on 3/22/06; postponed on 4/3/06 to date certain of 5/1/06; postponed on 5/1/06 to 5/15/06; postponed on 5/15/06 to date certain of 6/19/06; postponed on 7/10/06 to date certain of 8/14/06; referred to Public Facilities Committee on 8/14/06.***
- #376-06      ALD. YATES requesting discussion of the recommendations of the Bicycle Task Force and markups to be made in road to implement them.
- #289-03(4)      COMMISSIONER ROONEY requesting approval of roadway modification plans for curb-line geometry changes to calm traffic at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #289-03(5)      HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$25,000 from the Bradford Development Traffic Mitigation Fund for the purpose of installing curb-line geometry changes at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets in Newton Centre.
- #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.

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:****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.

**PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2006**

- #373-06 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 180' ± of 6" gas main in COMMONWEALTH AVENUE from the existing 12" gas main in Commonwealth Avenue at Building No. 1326 east to Building No. 1311.

**PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED DECEMBER 6, 2006**

- #374-06 BOSTON EDISON COMPANY d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC petitioning for a grant of location to install one new pole (130/10) in EASTBOURNE ROAD on the easterly side 103' ± north of Ward Street and remove one existing pole (130/10)

**PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR DECEMBER 6, 2006**

- #375-06 VERIZON petitioning for a grant of location to relocate existing pole 194/24 to the southerly side 16 ½' ± in a westerly direction from the original location on MOFFAT ROAD.

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

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