

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2005

7:45 P.M.
Room 209

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ASSIGNED FOR 01-05-04

#480-04 GEORGE PALLI, 61-59 Cornell Street, Newton Lower Falls, petitioning for Construction of a Common Sewer in ATKINSON STREET, from the existing manhole in Cornell Street 150' southerly to a manhole in Atkinson Street.
PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST

#481-04 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting an update on the HVAC and plans to commission Newton South High School.

#432-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the 25% design plans for the reconstruction of Needham Street for review. The design plans provide a detailed depiction of the roadway layout for the "Three Lane Alternative," which provides the most substantial improvements for motorists, pedestrians and business in terms of safety, capacity and aesthetics as compared to the other alternatives.

#339-03 ALD. SALVUCCI, on behalf of Anthony R. Cuechi, requesting that the square at Watertown and Adams Streets be named San Donato Square.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#14-05 ALD. HESS-MAHAN AND JOHNSON requesting discussion of fire safety, health and environmental concerns in areas converted for instructional uses at Horace Mann Elementary School.

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.

- #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 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE 5-0 (Lipof, Harney not voting)
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- #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.
- #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.
- #178-04(2) ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on progress and implementation of the construction information database.
- #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.
- #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 PUB. FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**
- #202-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of replacing windows at the Pierce Elementary School. (Held 05-19-04)
- #144-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the area along UNION STREET in Newton Centre be designated as Picadilly Square.

#108-04 ALD. SAMUELSON AND YATES requesting the creation of requirements and municipal review before a utility company can locate a utility pole on private property especially in residential areas.

#105-04 ALD SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion with members of the Designer Selection Committee regarding selection of an architect for Newton North High School.

#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 PUBLIC FAC. AND PUBLIC 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.

#15-04 ALD. BAKER requesting discussion and planning of upcoming committee agendas, process, future work, and how to streamline committee work on minor or routine approvals in order to allow time to focus on more major or non-routine matters.

#522-03 ALD. PARKER AND LENNON requesting an ordinance amendment to improve enforcement related to snow removal.

REFERRED TO PROG&SERV, PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#369-03 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a presentation of the findings and results of the *Newton North Feasibility Study* to the Board of Aldermen in a public forum to allow a greater number of the public to hear the presentation and offer public comment.

34-03 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion with Executive Department and Fire Department relative to street light maintenance contract with Wellesley Power and Light with the possibility transferring this function to of the Fire Department's Wire Group.

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.

- #261-02 ALD. STEWART, BRYSON, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, COLETTI, GENTILE, LINSKY, BULLWINKLE, YATES, SAMUELSON, MERRILL, BASHAM, FISCHMAN, PARKER AND GERST requesting the creation of a special committee of the Board of Aldermen to continually monitor the sewer problems, prepare periodic reports for the public on the actions being considered by the City to address the problem, and serve as an initial clearinghouse for information for Board of Aldermen and for citizens.
- #259-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an informational discussion of authorization of a lease for municipal parking purposes of property owned by NSTAR located on Homer Street immediately west of the Main Library parking lot.
- #257-02 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion of the state and federal laws that govern the shared use of utility poles, including a review of the standards and procedures employed in determining whether poles have adequate space and weight-bearing capacity to support the attachment of additional cables and wires.
- #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