

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005

7:00 PM - Note Early Start

Aldermanic Chambers & Room 209

***CHAIRMAN'S NOTE:** The Committee will meet together with the Finance Committee in the Aldermanic Chamber to hold a public hearing on the group petition (#238-05.) Upon completion of the hearing, the Public Facilities Committee will move to room 209 to discuss the remaining item scheduled for discussion:*

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#238-05 WENDY KIMMEL, et al. filing on 6/20/05 a group petition pursuant to Section 10-2 of the City Charter for a public hearing for the purpose of capping the cost of the Newton South High School project at the "revised current budget" of \$59,305,020.

Public Hearing Continued

#142-05 BOSTON EDISON d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC requesting a grant of location to relocate Pole 52/3 located 160' north of Washington Street on the northerly side of COURT STREET approximately 16' north of Washington Street.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#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.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#203-05 ALD. STEWART proposing the establishment of a commission to investigate the creation of a municipal electric distribution enterprise in Newton.

#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. SAFETY/TRANS. AND PUBLIC 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 PUBLIC SAFETY & PUBLIC 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 PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #134-05 CITIZEN'S PETITION, Newton North Ballot Committee of the Newton Taxpayers Assoc., Samuel Robbins, 300 Prince Street, W. Newton submitting a petition pursuant to Section 10-2 of the City Charter, which contains approximately 73 signatures validated by the Newton Election Commission requesting the Board of Aldermen to hold a Public Hearing which seeks the passage of the following measure:
"The total cost of renovating and expanding Newton North High School shall be limited to \$65 million including reimbursements. Cost increases due to inflation, as reported by the Consumer Price Index of the U.S. Department of Labor, will be allowed."

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.

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, SCHNIFFER, 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.
- #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)
- #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 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.
- #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

- #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