

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2004

7:45 P.M.
Room 209

Chairman's Note: The Commissioner of Public Works will be giving a presentation on the upcoming street construction scheduled for this season.

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR MARCH 17, 2004

- #143-04 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 56'± of 4" gas main in ADAMS AVENUE, West Newton from the existing 4" gas main in Adams Avenue at House #167 westerly to House #160.
- #146-04 ALD. STEWART recommending creation of a commission to investigate the technical, financial and policy feasibility of placing utility wires in the City underground.
- #145-04 ALD. STEWART recommending review of and possible changes in Article II, Section 26-53 "Construction of streets and ways" to make it easier and quicker to improve the condition of private ways in the City.
- #159-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that Chapter 26-49 of the City of Newton Ordinances, 2001 be amended to provide for a revised system of street betterments, using Department of Public Works employees to perform the work
- #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.
- #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.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #161-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing Ordinance amendment to provide for new water and sewer rates structure for condominium units and apartments to be billed on par with single family homes.

- #158-04 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 on 12/31/05. (60-day Board action date 05/14/04)

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

- #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.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #549-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY05-FY09 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance \$170,899,860 of new local projects over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (City-Funded)	\$8,075,000
PUBLIC WORKS (Grant/Fee Funded)	\$54,256,057
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$4,611,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS	\$4,555,750
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.....	\$89,293,029
PARKS AND RECREATION.....	\$8,143,500
OTHER	\$1,965,524
TOTAL	\$170,899,860

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #519-03 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion and possible ordinance amendment to Sec. 29-36 "Rates, schedule" and 29-80 "Sewer use charge" of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 regarding water and sewer rates for condominiums.

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.

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#94-03(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing Sec. 29-36(a) and Sec. 29-80(b) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton, 2001 be amended to include language and a definition for single meter/multi-residence water and sewer rates.

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

#94-03(4) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting His Honor the Mayor submit Home Rule Legislation to create a separate rate structure for water and sewer rates for condominiums and apartments.

REFERRED TO PUB. FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#83-03 ALD. GENTILE, BRYSON, COLETTI AND LIPSITT requesting that the Health Commissioner conduct/oversee a testing program to evaluate the air quality at Newton North High School and, if necessary, make recommendations to ensure the safety of all students and staff in the building.

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.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#258-02 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion of feasibility and appropriateness of more progressive water/sewer rates.

#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.

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#55-02 ALD. YATES requesting that the water/sewer discount rate be made available to homeowners who receive Fuel Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Food Stamps, Supplementary Disability Income, General Relief, Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance, School Breakfast and Lunch and other income based State and Federal programs.

REFERRED TO FINANCE, PUBFAC; & PROG&SERV 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. ROBERT 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