CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2004

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chair), Albright, Salvucci, Stewart, Yates, Mansfield and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Gerst

City personnel: A. Nicholas Parnell (Public Buildings Commissioner), Arthur Cabral (Budget and Project Specialist; Public Buildings), Robert Rooney (Public Works Commissioner), Brian Connolly (Deputy Commissioner of Administration; Public Works), Angela Clark (Executive Administrator; Public Works), Stephen Tocci (Director/Highway Operation; Public Works), Elaine Gentile (Director of Environmental Affairs, Public Works), Ron Mahn (Superintendent of Equipment; Public Works), John Daghlian (Acting City Engineer), Lou Taverna (Director of Utilities; Public Works) and Shawna Sullivan (Committee Clerk)

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| #219-04 | <u>GEORGE RODMAN</u>, Administrator of the Estate of A. Harvey Rodman, requesting relocation (which involves abandoning an existing 15' sewer easement and granting a new 20' easement) of a sewer easement at 232 BROOKLINE STREET and construction of a common sewer in HARTMAN ROAD from existing manhole in Hartman Road approximately 52' southerly. |
| **ACTION:** | **APPROVED 7-0 WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT. APPROVE TREE REMOVAL** |

**NOTE:**     Attorney Michael Peirce, representing the Rodman family, presented the petition to the Committee.  The Rodmans are selling the property and the existing sewer easement bisects the property.  Therefore, they are petitioning to abandon the existing sewer easement and relocate the easement to the westerly edge of the property.  The movement of easement will require that a new sewer main be placed in Hartman Road.  The petitioner will pay all costs associated with the relocation and sewer main.

The Engineering Division of Public Works previously submitted a memo stating that there is a city tree that would need to be removed in order to construct the sewer.  The tree in question is in very poor condition and Mr. Peirce explained that there will be a hearing before the Parks and Recreation Department for the removal of the tree.  The petitioner is willing to replace the tree with three new trees.  There was a question of whether the sewer service for Memorioal Spaulding School is connected to the existing easement.  Mr. Peirce stated that the sewer for the school does not tie into the easement.

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke for or against the petition.  Ald. Lappin moved approval of the item with the condition that the Parks and

Recreation Department approve the removal of the tree.  The motion carried unanimously.

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#209-04     HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City of Newton Charter, submitting the FY05 Municipal/School Operating Budget totaling $266,992,346, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY05-FY09 Capital Improvement Program, submitted in November, 2003.  EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 4/20/04.

**ACTION:** **PUBLIC BUILDINGS PORTION APPROVED 7-0**
**PUBLIC WORKS PORTION APPROVED 6-0 (Ald. Mansfield not voting)**

**NOTE:** The budget and CIP reports will follow next week before Committee of the Whole discussions.

**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

**ACTION:** **PUBLIC BUILDINGS PORTION APPROVED 7-0**
**PUBLIC WORKS PORTION APPROVED 6-0 (Ald. Mansfield not voting)**

**NOTE:** The budget and CIP reports will follow next week before Committee of the Whole discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman