

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004

7:45 PM  
Room 209

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

#232-04 DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE petition pursuant to Sec 5-58 for site plan approval of the Albemarle Playground to accommodate the addition of a gazebo and related site improvements.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

#220-04 KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 250'± of 4" gas main in CAPPY CIRCLE, West Newton from the existing 4" gas main in Derby Street north to House No. 18 Cappy Circle

**ACTION:** **APPROVED 4-0 (Mansfield not voting)**

#179-04 BOSTON EDISON CO. d/b/a NSTAR ELECTRIC requesting a grant of location to relocate pole 308/21 in NEVADA STREET located on the northeasterly side approximately 90' southeast of Linwood Avenue.

**REFERRED TO PS&T, PUB.FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#203-04(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$65,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the following Public Buildings Department project:  
Police Dispatch Ctr. Improvements.....\$65,000

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#201-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund Bonded account for the purpose of remodeling portions of the Newton Senior Center.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#258-04 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of \$86,625 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of making emergency repairs to the Newton Free Library main branch cooling towers.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #258-04(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Section 2-9 of the Newton City Charter, declaring docket item #258-04 to be an emergency measure, necessary to protect the health and safety of the people and property of the City of Newton.
- #258-04(3) PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE offering a Resolution to the Public Buildings Department congratulating them for their ability to create temporary coils for the library cooling system, which resulted in substantial savings for the City.

**REFERRED TO PUB. FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #268-00(6) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting issuance of long term debt in the amount of \$2,120,000 for the purpose of completing construction and renovation of Newton South High School. These funds are necessary to cover unanticipated costs associated with the project.
- #245-04 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the Dedham and Walnut Streets intersection design.
- #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.
- #247-04 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the Grant Avenue and Ward Street intersection design.

**ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #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 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.
- #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
- #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.

**RECOMMITTED BY FULL BOARD ON 04-06-04**

- #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.
- #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.

**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.
- #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.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

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

**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