

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003

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

Absent: Ald. Gerst

City personnel: Nick Parnell (Commissioner of Public Buildings) Arthur Cabral (Budget and Projects Specialist; Public Buildings Department) and Sandy Pooler (Chief Budget Officer)

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#168-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the City (#124-02(11)) of Newton Charter, submitting the FY04 Municipal/School Operating Budget totaling \$256,208,165, passage of which shall be concurrent with the FY04-FY08 Capital Improvement Program, submitted in October, 2002. EFFECTIVE DATE OF SUBMISSION 4/22/03.

**ACTION:** **PUBLIC BUILDINGS PORTION APPROVED 7-0**

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

#124-02(11) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY04-FY08 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, pursuant to Section 5-3 of the NEWTON CITY CHARTER, which requires Board of Aldermen approval of a plan to finance new local capital projects totaling \$160,847,242 over the next several years:

SUMMARY

PUBLIC WORKS (GRANT/FEE FUNDED) .....	\$ 58,022,114
PUBLIC WORKS (CITY FUNDED) .....	\$5,820,000
PUBLIC SAFETY .....	\$3,349,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS .....	\$3,941,400
PUBLIC EDUCATION .....	\$80,156,728
PARKS & RECREATION .....	\$7,479,000
OTHER .....	\$2,079,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$160,847,242</b>

**ACTION:** **PUBLIC BUILDINGS PORTION APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0**

**REFERRED TO PROG.& SERV., PUB.FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

# 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.

**ACTION:** **HELD 7-0**

**NOTE:** Commissioner Parnell provided the Committee with photos of the ongoing Newton South renovations and construction. He has been giving the Committee updates and current change orders for Newton South every month. The project is moving along. Mello Construction is doing their site work and the classroom addition is complete. Peabody Construction is working diligently on renovating two classroom wings. Commissioner Parnell would like to give a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee every month or every other month showing slides of all the construction activity that is occurring.

The Committee had a brief discussion surrounding the cuts to the project and change orders. There is concern about the change orders and the fact that they are a result of design flaws. It was the Committee's understanding that when a project manager was hired it would give the City some oversight and protection. Commissioner Parnell would like Dick Ampster, project manager, and Carl Franchesci, architect; to join the Committee to discuss the change orders and design flaws. Ald. Lappin made a motion to hold the item until June when the architect and project manager will be available to discuss the item with the Committee. In addition, Commissioner Parnell will give a PowerPoint presentation. The Committee voted unanimously to hold the item.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#94-03 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Board of Aldermen support of a RESOLUTION affirming a change in water and sewer billing policy that will result in individual condominium units being billed on par with single family homes.

**ACTION:** **HELD 7-0**

**NOTE:** The Law Department needs more time to give a quality opinion regarding #94-03 and #199-03, as they are complicated issues. Therefore, the items were held until the Law Department could provide an opinion.

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#199-03 ALD. STEWART recommending a change in water and sewer billing policy that will result in individual rental units being billed on a par with single family homes.

**ACTION:** **HELD 7-0**

**NOTE:** See above note.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman