

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

7:45 pm
Room 205

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #41-11(3) ALD. LENNON, LEARY, CICCONE, JOHNSON requesting implementation of an overnight parking pilot program for the period of November 15, 2014 through April 15, 2015 in Ward One. [07/07/14 @ 1:33 PM]
HELD 7-0 on 09/03/14
- #326-14 ALD. ALBRIGHT, requesting a discussion and a plan to replace all Newton parking meters within two years. [08/19/14 @ 9:16 AM]
HELD 5-0 on 09/17/14, Ald. Harney and Lipof not voting
- #150-13 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, requesting the Planning Department create a traffic and parking management plan for the Education Center, Day Middle School, Horace Mann Elementary School and Carr School neighborhood area by December 2013. (Wards 1 & 2) [03/29/13 @ 9:11 AM]

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #465-14 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY, requesting a discussion regarding reducing the fee charged to residents for permit parking programs. [11/17/14 @ 12:40 PM]
HELD 6-0 on 01/07/15

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #375-14 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY16-FY20 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/15/14 @ 3:01 PM]

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- #310-14 ALD. YATES requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor asking that the Director of Public Engagement develop a public outreach program in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation re the Add-a Lane Project on Route 128, including but not limited to emails to aldermen and members of the Upper Falls, Waban, and Newton Highlands Neighborhood Area Councils, and create a prominent link on the city's website to the new Department of Transportation website page on the project [07/31/14 @ 12:12 PM]
- #309-14 ALD. JOHNSON requesting a discussion re changes that may need to be made to the membership of the Traffic Council to make it more effective, efficient, and representative of the community. [07/28/14 @ 9:20 AM]
HELD 7-0 on 09/17/14
- #213-14(A)(2) BOSTON COACH TRANSPORTATION, requesting an amendment to board order #213-14(A) of the Boston College Shuttle Bus License, which includes a request and approval to provide shuttle bus service to The Street, Chestnut Hill Mall and Chestnut Hill Square. [11/25/14 @ 3:46 PM]
- #115-14 FRAN KUEHN, 37 Fairfield Street, appealing the Approval of TC1-14 Traffic Council Decision on February 27, 2014: SGT. BABCOCK, requesting a parking restriction on Fairfield Street, to allow for emergency vehicle access. (Ward 2) [03/17/14 @ 4:10 PM]
HELD on 06/18/14, 5-0-1, Ald. Ciccone abstaining, Ald. Schwartz not voting on a 60-day trial to remove the no parking, any time, west side of Fairfield Street parking restriction approved by Traffic Council on 02/27/14.
HELD on 09/17/14, 5-0-1, Ald. Harney abstaining, Ald. Cote not voting to continue the trial for an additional 180-days to remove the no parking, anytime, west side of Fairfield Street parking restriction approved by Traffic Council on 02/27/14.
- #72-14 ALD. CICCONE & JOHNSON, requesting a discussion of the installation of a possible bike lane on Walnut Street between Otis Street and Commonwealth Avenue. [03/03/14 @ 8:17 AM]
HELD 7-0 on 03/19/14
- #28-14 ALD. CICCONE AND FULLER on behalf of the Health Department and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) requesting a discussion on duplicate street names. [01/09/14 @ 10:57 AM]
HELD 8-0 on 01/22/14
HELD 8-0 on 05/07/14
- #302-13(2) PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, requesting the Chief of Police provide periodic updates to the Committee on the departmental review, completed in July 2013. [04/16/14 @ 1:10 PM]
HELD 7-0 on 05/07/14, Ald. Harney not voting

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #413-11 ALD. CICCONE, SALVUCCI, GENTILE & LENNON updating the Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees on the progress of renovations to the city's fire stations. [11/17/11 @ 11:07 AM]
HELD 6-0 on 01/07/15
PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 8-0 on 01/07/15
- #137-11 ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER requesting possible changes to City Ordinance 19-191, Parking Meter Fees, to require a minimum purchase at long-term parking meters in order to discourage short-term use. [04/26/11 @ 9:52 AM]
HELD 6-0 on 05/18/11, Ald. Freedman not voting
HELD 8-0 on 01/18/12
HELD 5-0 on 01/23/13, Ald. Fuller not voting

REFERRED TO PS&T, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #310-10(2) ALD. DANBERG, BLAZAR, KALIS, SCHWARTZ, ALBRIGHT, HESS-
 (#409-12) MAHAN, RICE, COTE, LEARY, AND NORTON, requesting amendments to Sec. 26-8D of the City of Newton Ordinances to modify and make permanent the trial program for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and to provide for enforcements and fines for violations. [09/10/14 @ 2:12 PM]
HELD 7-0 on 10/08/14, Ald. Schwartz not voting
PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 on 10/08/14

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #257-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.
- #240-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE requesting that **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended to determine who has jurisdiction for parking on municipal land, the owning department as described in **Sec. 19-224. Parking prohibited on city grounds.** or the Traffic Council as described in **Sec. 19-26. Authority and role of Traffic Council.**
- #239-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE requesting a discussion as to whether the increased Tiger Permit Fees in **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** and the process established as part of the temporary Tiger program are still valid for the smaller permanent program.
- #238-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE requesting a discussion to determine whether Hawk lights should be regulated in **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** or in the *Traffic and Parking Regulations*.

- #237-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE requesting a discussion relative to amending **Sec. 19-188 Establishment of spaces and installation of parking meters; type of meters; operation and maintenance.** of **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** by deleting in paragraph (a) the reference to specific denominations for payment.
- #236-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending **Sec. 19-175. Angle parking.** of **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended by deleting the words “board of aldermen” and inserting in place thereof the words “traffic council” and by inserting after the word “and” the words “the commissioner of public works”.
- #235-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that **Sec. 19-113. Pedestrians crossing ways or roadways.** in **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended by removing the existing description of a marked crosswalk.
- #234-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that the definition of *Speed humps* in **Sec. 19-1.** of **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended to make it consistent with current design/practice standards.
- #233-12 RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending that the definition of *Crosswalk* in **Sec. 19-1.** of **Chapter 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC** be amended to define that it is a portion of a roadway clearly indicated for pedestrians crossing with marked lines only.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

Without further discussion, Ald. Yates made the motion to approve this item. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Harney and Fuller not voting.

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ACTION: HELD 7-0, Ald. Harney not voting

NOTE: Committee members were provided with a letter on behalf of residents of 457 Centre Street, attached to this report.

Ald. Lennon, Mr. Koses, Captain Gromada and Sergeant Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Chair Ciccone stated that Ald. Lennon, Leary and Johnson agree that there are many residents opposed to implementing this pilot program.

Chair Ciccone stated that in February 2014, the Board of Aldermen approved raising the overnight parking fine from \$5.00 to \$25.00 effective on November 1, 2014. He then asked Sergeant Babcock to track the number of violations, violation locations and if any, number of complaints received from November 2014 to January 2015. Chair Ciccone requests that this item be held this evening pending Sergeant Babcock's report and stated that if residents continue to express their needs for parking, he anticipates discussing this item in January or February 2015. If there is no expression of needs, he anticipates this item will not be discussed.

Ald. Lennon said that this item was docketed because there are some residences within the City that do not have parking on-site creating a hardship for residents who need a place to park their cars. The intent is to allow a possible permitting process for residents with parking hardships. Many of the residents of Nonantum receive frequent tickets for overnight on-street parking during the winter months because they do not have a place to park overnight. The approval of overnight parking permits is at the discretion of the Police Traffic Bureau.

Without discussion, Ald. Yates made the motion to hold this item pending Sergeant Babcock's report. Committee members agreed 7-0.

#201-13(2) 128 BUSINESS COUNCIL, requesting an amendment to board order #201-13 of the Needham Shuttle Bus License, which includes revisions and approval to travel on Oak, Eliot, Woodward and Lincoln Streets and eliminate travel on Forest and Columbus Streets. [08/18/2014 @ 12:50 PM]

ACTION: APPROVED 6-0-1, Ald. Yates abstaining and Ald. Harney not voting

NOTE: Sergeant Babcock joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Sergeant Babcock stated that 128 Business Council contacted him requesting an amendment to their shuttle route. 128 Business Council would prefer to travel on Oak, Eliot, Woodward and

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#326-14 ALD. ALBRIGHT, requesting a discussion and a plan to replace all Newton parking meters within two years. [08/19/14 @ 9:16 AM]

ACTION: HELD 5-0, Ald. Harney and Lipof not voting

NOTE: Ald. Albright and Mr. Paille joined the Committee for discussion on this item.

Ald. Albright stated that she docketed this item due to the number of broken parking meters in the City. She is hopeful meters will be repaired and eventually new meters will be installed that are capable of receiving other forms of payment such as credit cards.

Mr. Paille answered that he anticipates new meters be installed within two-years. The City has been reviewing the status and condition of meters. Data is inaccurate due to the condition of the meters. The City is very far behind in repairing or replacing meters. The City has been reviewing, testing and performing trial runs on different style meters including what payment they accept, if pay by phone application is acceptable, if a credit card payment is acceptable, will coin remain an option, if paying electronically on-line is acceptable and other features. The City will determine and review the available options on what style meter will be purchased and installed in the municipal parking lots, on-street meters and if they will be a kiosk style. Kiosk style "Luke" in the Cypress Street lot is not working as expected.

Meter replacement is now timely because the Police Department hand-held computers can now verify if meters have been paid. There are approximately 830-850 on-street meters and approximately 700 municipal parking lot meters.

The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) includes \$850,000 to cover on-street meter replacement. Mr. Paille anticipates that new meters will begin to be installed in January/February 2015. Meter revenue is approximately 1.8 million dollars per year. This does not include tickets.

Ald. Yates made the motion to hold until Mr. Paille provides an update to this Committee on progress. Council members agreed 5-0, Ald. Harney and Lipof not voting.

At approximately, 9:45 pm the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman