

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012

7:45 PM
Room 202

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

It is the Chairman's intention to entertain a motion to vote No Action Necessary on the following item:

- #70-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting to increase the full time complement of personnel in Police Dispatch by 1 FTE for the period beginning April 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Currently, a full time employee is out on extended medial leave on a "no pay" status. This request enables the department to cover the dispatch center with a technician as opposed to paying overtime to a sworn officer. [03/12/12 @ 4:09 PM]
- #86-12 ALD. CICCONE, requesting possible changes to City Ordinance 19-30(a), Procedures for Traffic Council, to require all Traffic Council meetings be held in the evening. [03/16/12 @ 1:44 PM]
- #87-12 ALD. SALVUCCI, requesting the establishment of a permit parking program for the Melrose Avenue Municipal Parking Lot in Auburndale to assist abutting businesses with parking for their employees. [03/23/12 @ 12:52 PM]

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #78-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing amendments to Sections 19-9 and 19-199 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2007 to increase the penalties for handicap parking violations in Section 19-9 and to clarify that handicap parking violation penalties apply not only to spaces on public ways but also to handicap spaces on private property open to public access in accordance with Section 19-199; to update language in Section 19-199 regulating minimum width of handicap spaces; to add language pertaining to cross-hatch areas as required by state law; and to reference governing Architectural Access Board regulations. [03/12/12 @ 4:09 PM]

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, please contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Trisha Guditz at 617-796-1156 or tguditz@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089 at least two days in advance of the meeting.

- #69-12 DANIEL HERMON, One International Place, 100 Oliver Street, Suite 1400, Boston, MA 02110 requesting issuance of a van license to operate Dan's Coach in Newton. [03/08/12 @ 2:16 PM]

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION ON 03/19/12

- #60-12 ALD. YATES, requesting a report from His Honor the Mayor as to how the City can support the recommendations of the MBTA Advisory Board that the Massachusetts Port Authority assume the costs of the commuter ferries into Boston. [02/21/12 @ 8:29 PM]

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION ON 03/19/12

- #59-12 ALD. YATES, requesting a report from His Honor the Mayor as to how the City can support the request of the MBTA Advisory Board that the costs of the MBTA Police Department be assumed by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security. [02/21/12 @ 8:29 PM]
- #417-11 ALD. JOHNSON requesting a discussion with the Department of Transportation regarding sound barriers along the Turnpike. [12/07/11 @ 9:29 PM]
HELD 8-0 on 01/04/12

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]

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #383-11 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY13-FY17 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter and the FY12 Supplemental Capital budget which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next several years. [10/31/11 @ 3:12 PM]
- #289-11 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, SWISTON, SALVUCCI, requesting a discussion with the Animal Control Department regarding the presence of coyotes in Newton and the recent attack on a dog in West Newton. [10/06/11 @ 9:07 AM]
- #278-11 ALD. YATES, requesting a report from His Honor the Mayor on the likely impacts on traffic in Newton from the changes to the Route 9/128 intersection as part of the Add-A-Lane Project. [09/26/11 @ 2:37 PM]
HELD 5-0, Ald. Johnson not voting on 03/21/12
- #233-11 ALDERMEN CROSSLEY, YATES AND RICE requesting a discussion with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) regarding design and location of the recently created pedestrian access from Quinobequin Road to the revised DCR trail parallel to the Charles River, where pedestrians are concealed and unprotected from oncoming traffic, and further to consider redesign and/or relocation to make access points to the trail safe for both pedestrians and drivers. [08/01/11 @ 4:18 PM]
HELD 6-0, Ald. Fuller and Harney not voting on 01/04/12

#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. [4/26/11 @ 9:52 AM]
HELD 8-0 on 01/18/12

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

#41-11 ALD. JOHNSON, LENNON AND DANBERG requesting discussion of the elimination, except during snow emergencies, of the overnight parking ban which is in effect from November 15 through April 15. [01/18/11 @ 9:00 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY&TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#363-10(2) ALD. ALBRIGHT proposing a trial of parking meter free Saturdays between Thanksgiving and New Year for the shopping areas to support shopping at local businesses in Newton. [02/10/12 @ 9:13 AM]

#279-10 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY, requesting the development of a comprehensive traffic and parking plan for the Newton North High School neighborhood with the following streets as its borders: Commonwealth Avenue, Washington, Harvard and Valentine Streets. This plan to be completed by November 30, 2010 will include a fix to short term (immediate needs) and longer term needs to effectively manage the traffic circulation within the neighborhood, provide pedestrian and vehicular safety, and preserve quality of life for the neighborhood, school staff and faculty. [10/06/10 @ 12:33 PM]

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

Deleted language struck through:

Sec. 19-30. Procedures for Traffic Council; effective date.

(a) In order to promote citizen participation, the traffic council shall ~~endeavor to~~ hold its meetings during evening hours when the board of aldermen or its committees do not have regularly scheduled meetings.

(b) A majority of the members of the traffic council shall constitute a quorum. A vote to adopt, amend or repeal a regulation or to establish or discontinue a field trial shall require agreement among no fewer than three of the members, but while a quorum is present, any other motion may be adopted by a simple majority vote.

(c) The traffic council shall make every effort to complete its review of each item within three (3) months from the date the matter first appears on its agenda.

(d) Whenever the traffic council receives a petition concerning a matter which was the subject of a traffic council decision within the prior twelve month period, the traffic council shall immediately deny the petition on the ground that no action is deemed necessary, unless the traffic council determines that there has been a material and compelling change of conditions which merits further analysis.

(e) In rendering a final decision on a petition, the traffic council may approve, deny, or amend the petition, provided the petition as amended is effective within the same or a reduced geographic area.

(f) Subject to the provisions of section 19-33(c), regulations adopted, amended or repealed by the traffic council pursuant to section 19-26(a) shall become effective at the expiration of twenty days or at any later date specified by the traffic council.

(g) By September 30 of each year, the traffic council shall submit to the board of aldermen an annual report on the work of the council, which shall include a statistical summary of the items on the council's agenda, and the disposition or status of each item. The report shall include the date of the filing of each petition and the date of its disposition. (Ord. No. Z-12, 12-03-07)

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DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES:

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ORDINANCE NO.

March , 2012

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF NEWTON AS FOLLOWS:

That the Revised Ordinances of Newton, Massachusetts, 2007, as amended, be and are hereby further amended with respect to **Section 19-30 Procedures for traffic Council, effective date** as follows:

Delete, in the second clause of paragraph (a) of Sec. 19-30, after the word "shall" and before the word "hold", the words: "endeavor to"

Approved as to legal form and character:

DONNALYN B. LYNCH KAHN
City Solicitor

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Approved: June 21, 2006

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) SETTI D. WARREN
Mayor