

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

7:45 PM
Room 202

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #414-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) be appropriated from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing a new ladder truck for the Newton Fire Department to replace Fire Ladder #1. [11/27/12 @ 12:45 PM]
- #337-12 ALD. LINSKY, CICCONE, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, requesting authorization for the installation of a bicycle corral adjacent to 321 Walnut Street, Newtonville. [10/11/12 @ 8:18 PM]
HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting on 11/07/12
- #146-12 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, requesting possible amendment to Chapter 19 to allow the Commissioner of Department of Public Works to restrict parking up to 10 feet away from crosswalks. [05/14/12 @ 4:06 PM]
HELD 7-0 on 10/03/12
- #392-12 ALD. FULLER & SCHWARTZ, requesting a review of **Sec. 19-333. Number of licenses.** the City issues annually for both taxis and public autos. [11/13/12 @ 5:16 PM]

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAF. & TRANS. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #409-12 ALD. DANBERG, RICE, BLAZAR, BAKER, CROSSLEY, LINSKY, LAREDO, SALVUCCI, KALIS, MERRILL, HESS-MAHAN, FISCHMAN, ALBRIGHT, HARNEY, AND SCHWARTZ requesting an amendment to City of Newton Ordinances Chapter 26 Section 8D **Trial program for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.** by extending the expiration date of the trial from November 1, 2013 to November 1, 2014. [11/19/12 @ 9:59 AM]

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.

- #391-12 ALD. LENNON, filing on 11/14/12 an appeal from TC36-12, which requested parking spaces on Richardson Street, which are currently reserved for Parks & Recreation Employees on weekdays, be changed back to metered parking spaces (Ward 1), approved as amended by Traffic Council on October 25, 2012.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #322-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY14-FY18 Capital Improvement Program pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/09/12 @ 2:38 PM]
- #300-12 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, requesting amendments to Chapter 19 to establish parameters around which parking meter “holidays” may be allowed and identifying the authority for making determinations of eligibility. [09/24/12 @ 3:17 PM]
- #299-12 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, requesting a discussion regarding a policy-based management plan for parking. [09/24/12 @ 3:17 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #281-12 HARRY SANDERS requesting creation of an ordinance to allow pawnbrokers in the City of Newton pursuant to G.L. c. 140 section 70 with potential for non-fixed location of business. Secured property storage would not entail retail walk-in; model would entail possible satellite locations enabling the possibility of integrating Newton students. [08/31/12 @ 12:25 PM]
- #268-12 WARD 2 ALDERMEN, filing an appeal from TC29-12 (A&B), which requested removal of metered parking spaces on Walnut Street across from Washington Park and Madison Avenue (Ward 2), approved by Traffic Council on July 26, 2012. (Appeal filed 08/13/12)
A) HELD removal of Meter #266, Walnut Street across from Washington Park (6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting) on 10/03/12
B) APPEAL DENIED removal of Meters #253 and #254, Walnut Street across from Madison Avenue (6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting) on 10/03/12
- #267-12 ALD. CICCONE, proposing that **Sec. 19-309. Requirements as to vehicles generally. and 19-332. Procedure for obtaining licenses.** be amended to include limousines and that **Sec. 19-338 Limousine Permits** be amended to include an annual fee of \$25 and an annual inspection. [08/21/12 @ 10:29 AM]
HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting on 10/03/12

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. 9-1 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.
- #232-12 FRANK TERRIO on behalf of NEWTON YELLOW CAB requesting either an exemption from the City of Newton Ordinances 2012, Sec. 19-309. **Requirements as to vehicles generally - c), no vehicle shall be approved for use as a taxicab or public automobile or van in the city when the vehicle is ten (10) years old or older, the age of each vehicle to be determined from the year of manufacture to the year for which the vehicle license is to issue.** or an amendment to allow a vehicle to be used as a taxicab, public auto or van when the vehicle is over ten years old if it passes Police Department inspection. [08/02/12 @ 2:53 PM]
HELD 7-0 on 10/03/12
- #196-12 ANN BASSI et al. filing an appeal from TC-68-11, which requested a one-hour parking restriction on school days between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Atwood Avenue (Ward 2), voted No Action Necessary by Traffic Council on June 14, 2012. (Appeal filed 07/02/12).
- #194-12 ALD. CICCONE proposing that **Sec. 19-309. Requirements as to vehicles generally. and 19-332. Procedure for obtaining licenses.** be amended to include vans and that **Sec. 17-3. Fees for certain licenses and permits.** be amended to include a \$25 annual fee for vans. [06/21/12 @ 11:28AM]
HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting on 10/03/12
- #125-12 ALD. YATES, HARNEY, SANGIOLO & GENTILE, requesting the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) to work with the Town of Wellesley, MetroWest Regional Transit Authority, Mass Bay Community College, Wellesley College and other institutions that provide bus service to the MBTA and Newton Wellesley Hospital to operate their vehicles along Route 16 and request that they pick-up and discharge passengers in Lower Falls. [04/20/12 @ 1:55 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]
HELD 6-0, Ald. Harney not voting on 05/23/12
- #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]
HELD 5-0, Ald. Harney and Swiston not voting on 05/23/12

#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]

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]

#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

#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]
PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 6-0 (Ald. Salvucci not voting) on 02/09/11
HELD 6-0 on 02/09/11

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]
HELD 7-0, Ald. Johnson voting on 06/20/12

#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]
HELD 7-0, Ald. Harney and Swiston not voting on 6/20/12

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman



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November 26, 2012

Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to authorize the following appropriation and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the purpose of funding the replacement costs of Ladder #1 in conjunction with the FY2013 Capital Improvement Plan.

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|---------------|
| Purchase of Fire Apparatus – Replacement of Ladder #1 | \$1,000,000 |

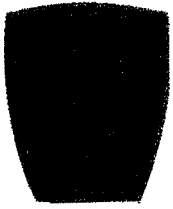
Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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David A. Olson, CMC
Newton, MA 02459





Bruce A. Proia
Chief

**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

**1164 Centre Street, Newton Center, MA 02459-1584
Chief: (617) 796-2210 Fire Prevention: (617) 796-2230
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Setti D. Warren
Mayor

November 26, 2012

The Honorable Setti D. Warren
Mayor
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Mayor Warren:

Please consider the request to docket item for the purchase of a new Ladder Truck for the Newton Fire Department, the cost will be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

The above mentioned new Ladder Truck will replace our old Ladder Truck 1 which will in turn be our only spare Ladder.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Bruce A. Proia
Chief of Department

Cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Rooney, Chief of Operations

#337-12 ALD. LINSKY, CICCONE, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, requesting authorization for the installation of a bicycle corral adjacent to 321 Walnut Street, Newtonville. [10/11/12 @ 8:18 PM]

ACTION: HELD 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting

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

Chair Ciccone stated this is an initial discussion to provide an overview of proposed bike corral locations that he recommends holding to allow residents the opportunity to attend a future meeting.

Mr. Paille provided Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report. He provided existing conditions and a location map including proposed areas for bike corral locations. He said that ideal locations for a bike corral include Washington Park at Walnut Place or Madison Avenue at Walnut Street, near the crosswalks. He then said that in July 2012, Traffic Council approved removal of two meters on Walnut Street to improve visibility and provide pedestrian safety with the intention of installing a bike corral.

Ald. Linsky said it is important to create alternative uses in areas where parking is removed. He suggested implementing a bike corral trial to determine if it would be beneficial. He agreed holding this item allowing the community the opportunity to discuss implementing a bike corral. Perhaps an ideal location would be in the area of Walnut Street at Madison Avenue where the Police Department has removed parking.

Committee members asked if bike corrals could be installed effectively on a street. Do they work with parallel parking and are they safe?

Mr. Koses provided Committee members with several bike corral options including estimated costs and revenue. In order to install a bike corral an 18' parking space is necessary.

Sgt. Babcock said that he has spoken with Rob Caruso, Commission on Disability asking him to review the location of the current handicap parking space and perhaps consider relocating the space to the opposite side of Walnut Street as suggested in Traffic Council in July 2012. Perhaps it could be an ideal location for a bike corral (a protected area). He suggested using the City's European barriers to create a temporary trial designating and creating a safe area to determine if a bike corral would benefit this area.

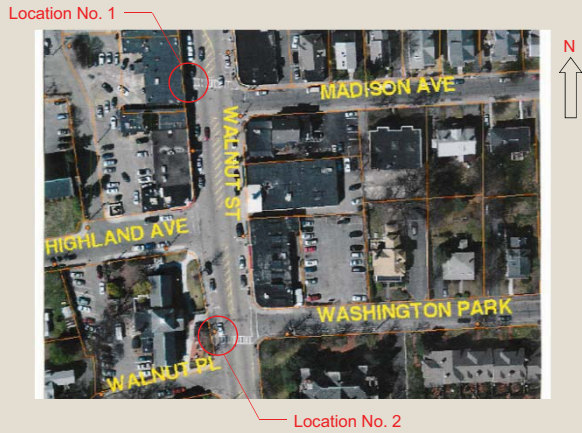
Without further discussion, Ald. Swiston made the motion to hold this item. Committee members agreed 6-0, Ald. Kalis not voting.

At approximately 9:40 pm, Ald. Yates made the motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

Location Map



Existing Conditions



Bike Corral Options



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|---------------------------|--------|
| <u>Estimated Cost</u> | |
| Cycle Stall= | \$2700 |
| S+H= | \$300 |
| Total= | \$3000 |
| <u>Estimated Revenues</u> | |
| Reimb.= | \$1000 |
| Short= | \$2000 |



#146-12 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, requesting possible amendment to Chapter 19 to allow the Commissioner of Department of Public Works to restrict parking up to 10 feet away from crosswalks. [05/14/12 @ 4:06 PM]

HELD 7-0 on 05/23/12

ACTION: HELD 7-0

NOTE: One email was received supporting this item, attached to this report.

Commissioner Turocy and Mr. Paille joined the Committee for discussion on this item. Mr. Paille provided Committee members with a PowerPoint presentation, attached to this report. The recommendation is to amend the City Ordinance to the following. “Upon any street or roadway within twenty five (25) feet from the edge of an existing or proposed crosswalk in order to provide a safe crossing zone for pedestrians. The Commissioner must demonstrate this need based on field data or technical analysis of said crosswalk that can be made available to the Alderman and their constituents.”

Chair Ciccone opened the discussion to the public who were present. Approximately two residents spoke in favor of this item stating safety is necessary, do not feel 10’ away from a crosswalk is adequate site distance and feel the amendment would benefit village centers that have high traffic and high pedestrian counts.

Committee members asked if this ordinance amendment would be used in future considerations. Mr. Paille answered yes.

Ald. Yates made the motion to hold this item for draft ordinance language and an appeals process similar to that of Traffic Council but with an appeals time limit of ten days, not twenty days. Committee members agreed 7-0.

The Committee adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chairman

#146-12

Requesting possible amendment to Chapter 19 to allow the Commissioner of Department of Public Works to restrict parking up to 10 feet away from crosswalks. [05/14/12 @ 4:06 PM]

Recommend amending Chapter 19, Sec. 19-166, with the following:

Upon any street or roadway within twenty five (25) feet from the edge of an existing or proposed crosswalk in order to provide a safe crossing zone for pedestrians.

The Commissioner must demonstrate this need based on field data or technical analysis of said crosswalk that can be made available to the Alderman and their constituents.

#392-12

On November 29, 2012, the City of Newton's Election Commission Department estimates the City's population at 85,146.

Sec. 19-333. Number of licenses.

(a) No more than one (1) taxicab license shall be issued for each population unit of one thousand (1,000) or additional fraction thereof, except that if a greater number of such licenses shall have been granted, issued or were in force as of November 1, 1992 than would be permissible under said limitation, such licenses shall remain in full force and effect and no subsequent requests for renewals of such licenses by those persons holding such licenses as of November 1, 1992 shall be denied solely for reasons of declining population. If the number of taxicab licenses outstanding as of November 1, 1992 exceeds the limitation set forth herein, no further licenses shall be issued or granted until the number of licenses outstanding shall have been reduced, by cancellation, revocation, failure to renew, failure to use as provided in section 19-336, or otherwise, to an amount less than that permitted by the limitation of this subsection, and, thereafter, licenses may be issued only as provided herein.

(b) No more than one (1) public automobile license shall be issued for each population unit of five thousand (5,000) or additional fraction thereof, except that if a greater number of such licenses shall have been granted, issued or were in force as of November 1, 1992 than would be permissible under said limitation, such licenses shall remain in full force and effect and no subsequent requests for renewals of such licenses by those persons holding such licenses as of November 1, 1992 shall be denied solely for reasons of declining population. If the number of public automobile licenses outstanding as of November 1, 1992 exceeds the limitation set forth herein, no further licenses shall be issued or granted until the number of licenses outstanding shall have been reduced, by cancellation, revocation, failure to renew, failure to use as provided in section 19-336 of this ordinance, or otherwise, to an amount less than that permitted by the limitation of this subsection, and, thereafter, licenses may be issued only as provided herein.

(c) *Special taxicab or public automobile licenses:* Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the board of aldermen, in its discretion, may grant additional taxicab or public automobile licenses to a person who has, on or after the effective date of this section, a written contract to provide transportation services by means of a taxicab and or public automobile to a specially identifiable population, including, but not limited to, elderly persons or persons with special needs. In order to obtain a special license, such a person must file an application for a special license with the city clerk in the manner provided in section 19-332 and provide a notarized copy of such contract.

The board of aldermen may grant such licenses for one year, or for the term of the contract, not to exceed a maximum of three years, provided that the licensee shall be required to provide a current notarized copy of the contract to the board of aldermen for each year of the license term of a special license. Special licenses granted pursuant to this provision shall not be included in the number of licenses outstanding for purposes of maintaining the limit on the total number of licenses as set forth in subsections (a) and (b). (Rev. Ords. 1973, § 21-10; Ord. No. T-66, 12-18-89; Ord. No. T-291, 8-9-93; Ord. No. W-59, 9-18-01)