

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

7:00 PM – NOTE EARLY START TIME

Room 202

Chairman's Note: This meeting will be a welcome and introduction to the Zoning and Planning Committee as well as an agenda item review.

Public Hearing assigned for January 25, 2010:

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#412-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting approval of an amended 121A Tax Agreement between the City of Newton and the New Falls Associates Limited Partnership ('the owner'), dated November 13, 2009, whereby the City will receive \$2,537,500 in deferred taxes upon the completion of refinancing by the owner and 41 affordable housing units will be extended for an additional 22 years, until 2040.

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#410-09 JOHN R. A. PEARS, 102 Parker Street, Newton Centre, appointed as a member of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION for a term to expire December 1, 2012 (60 days 2/19/10).

#411-09 ALD. DANBERG, MANSFIELD, PARKER requesting that §30-19(d)(13) be amended by adopting the Board of License Commissioners' current informal policies, which waive parking stall requirements for a set maximum number of seasonal outdoor seats in restaurants and require that indoor seats be temporarily reduced to compensate for any additional outdoor seats while they are in use, by establishing a by-right limit based on a proportion of existing indoor seats that will allow seasonal outdoor seats to be used without need for additional parking.

#391-09 ALD. DANBERG, MANSFIELD, VANCE AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an amendment to §30-19 to allow payments-in-lieu of providing required off-street parking spaces when parking spaces are waived as part of a special permit application.

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#391-09(2) ALD. DANBERG, MANSFIELD, VANCE AND HESS-MAHAN requesting the establishment of a municipal parking mitigation fund whose proceeds, derived from payments-in-lieu of providing off-street parking

spaces associated with special permits, will be used solely for expenses related to adding to the supply of municipal parking spaces, improving existing municipal parking spaces, or reducing the demand for parking spaces.

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

- #376-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY11-15 Capital Improvement Program, totaling \$140,377,285 and the FY10 Supplemental Capital budget, which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next five years.
- #207-09(2) ALD. PARKER, DANBERG & MANSFIELD, proposing that chapter 30 be amended to allow additional seating in restaurants.
- #164-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing the following amendments to the accessory apartment ordinances: (1) amend Sections 30-8(d)(1)a and 30-9(h)(1)a to explicitly allow the homeowner to live in the accessory apartment; (2) amend Section 30-9(h)(1) to allow accessory apartments in a single family residence located in Multi Residence 1 and Multi Residence 2 zoned districts; and (3) amend the provisions of Sections 30-8(d)(1)b and 30-9(h)(1)b to allow accessory apartments in residential buildings built 10 or more years before an application for a permit is submitted; (4) delete the provisions of Sections 30-8(d)(1)(h) and 30-9(h)(1)(h) that require landscape screening for fewer than 5 parking stalls; (5) amend Sections 30-8(d)(1)(d), 20-8(d)(1)(e), 30-8(d)(2)(b) and 30-9(h)(1)(d) to allow exterior alterations and add that any exterior alterations, other than alterations required for safety, are subject to FAR provisions.
- #475-08 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, DANBERG, JOHNSON, SWISTON, & PARKER proposing that the City of Newton accept the provisions of GL chapter 43D, a local option that allows municipalities to provide an expedited permitting process and promote targeted economic development.
- #474-08 ALD. HESS-MAHAN & VANCE proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to transfer from the Board of Aldermen to the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or the Planning & Development Board the special permit granting authority for special permit/site plan petitions not classified as Major Projects pursuant to Article X of the Board Rules. [12-09-08 @ 3:26 PM]
- #336-08 ALD. LAPPIN requesting a discussion re the creation of an index for the zoning ordinances. [9-12-08 @ 10:31 AM]

#150-08 ALD. GENTILE proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to clarify that for a commercial vehicle to be parked legally at a residential property, it must be registered to the owner/occupant of that residential property. [4-15-08 @2:17PM]

#111-07 ZONING TASK FORCE recommending amendments to 30-21(3)(c), referred to as the de minimis rule, by amending the existing language with provisions: (1) clarifying the applicability to and effect of the rule on (a) the minimum distance between buildings; and (b) all applicable dimensional controls; and (2) creating a new procedure for approving a de minimis extension of the nonconforming nature of a structure. [04-10-07 @4:17 PM]

#365-06 ALD. YATES requesting the establishment of an education program for realtors concerning properties in historic districts.

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#48-06 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, BURG, JOHNSON, DANBERG, PARKER & WEISBUCH proposing that the city provide financial incentives to rent accessory apartments to low- to moderate-income households at affordable rates that can serve housing affordability goals.

#10-06 ALD. JOHNSON, DANBERG, SANGIOLO, BAKER, & HESS-MAHAN requesting the adoption of legislation to enable the establishment of neighborhood conservation districts in Newton.

#440-04 ALD. JOHNSON, BAKER & LAPPIN proposing a definition of "accessory structure" which will include mechanical equipment.

#294-03 ALD. BAKER, YATES, JOHNSON AND MANSFIELD requesting analysis and discussion of possible remedies for demolition of modest housing and replacement with oversized structures out of character with the surrounding neighborhood, including examining the experience of other communities, including those out of state, who have worked to address this problem. **(Recommended by Full Board 8-14-06)**

#133-03 ALD. YATES proposing an amendment to Chapter 30 requiring a special permit for a so-called "snout house" (one with excessive/intrusive garage on the front) following the example of Fort Collins, Colorado.

#237-01 ALD. MANSFIELD proposing to amend Secs. 30-1, 30-11, 30-12, and 30-13 of the Revised Zoning Ordinances to clarify the definitions of and specify the distinctions between restaurants, retail food establishments, fast food establishments, and food processing and preparation as allowed and permissive uses in Business, Manufacturing and Mixed Use Districts.

- #20-99 ALD. YATES proposing that Chapter 30 be amended by removing radio and television towers as allowed uses in the Mixed Use 1 district.
- # 7-99 ALD. PARKER requesting discussion of possible zoning amendments to create additional residential districts with different FAR and lot size requirements.
- #333-97(2) ALD. YATES proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to prohibit without a special permit in any zoning district the approval of a subdivision that would be accessed by any public way on which the Level of Service at the point of access is already a D, E, or F, for at least one hour per week or if the additional traffic to be generated by the subdivisions would cause the Level of Service at the point of access to a public way to fall to D, E, or F for at least one hour per week. [8-7-07 @2:05 PM]

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Johnson, Chairman