

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002

7:45 PM  
Room 202

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #112-02     **REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEES**  
**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
requesting authorization to submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the FY03 Annual Action Plan for the City of Newton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Programs and the Belmont-Brookline-Newton-Waltham-Watertown HOME Consortium Program.
- #124-02     **REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**  
**HIS HONOR THE MAYOR**, in accordance with Section 5-1 of the Newton City Charter, submitting FY2003 Municipal/School Operating Budget, including Water/Sewer for a total of \$240,154,465.

ITEMS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #128-02     **ALD. JOHNSON & LINSKY** requesting a discussion regarding protection of residential areas abutting Business and Manufacturing districts, e.g., required screening.
- #216-00     **ALD. YATES** requesting that Chapter 30 be amended to require a special permit to demolish an existing single-family dwelling on a pre-1953 lot that does not meet the current dimensional requirements for a lot in a Multi Residence District and replace it with a two-family dwelling.
- #217-00     **ALD. YATES** requesting that Chapter 30 be amended to require a special permit for the demolition of a structure aged 100 years or more containing one or more residential units in any residential district.
- #432-01     **ALD. SANGIOLO** proposing to add a definition for “recreational facilities” to Sec. 30-1.
- #373-01     **ALD. SANGIOLO** proposing an ordinance requiring setbacks for athletic fields and structures occupying athletic fields from abutting residential properties.

#430-01 ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE proposing discussion of the “phantom parking credit” in Sec. 30-19 ( c )(2)a).

# 86-02 ALD. MANSFIELD proposing to amend Secs. 30-11(a)(9) and 30-11(d)(9) to require a special permit for restaurants having not more than 50 seats that are within 300 feet of a Residence District.

**ITEM RECOMMITTED BY FULL BOARD ON 12/17/01:**

#225-01 ALD. LIPSITT requesting that Sec. 30-15(b)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance be amended to require that all rear lot subdivisions have 20’ of frontage upon a way. **PUBLIC HEARING HELD 9/24/01; ZONING&PLANNING APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-1 ON 11/26/01.**

#225-01(2) ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting discussion of further restrictions on rear lot subdivisions.

#371-01 ALD. PARKER, YATES, SANGIOLO, BASHAM, LIPSITT proposing an ordinance to require an appropriate review and approval process to control drainage and other environmental impacts in cases of major excavation or other topographic changes.

#372-01 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing that the requirement for a special permit for a grade change of more than 3 feet be moved from Section 30-5 to 30-15.

#409-01(2) ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting discussion of limitation of building permits for new residential units while reviewing possible changes to the city's zoning ordinances, including learning from recent experience with density, dimensional controls, or special permits.

#433-01 ALD. STEWART proposing that Sec. 20-6(a) be amended to allow gasoline service stations to open at 6:00 a.m. without a special permit.

#185-01 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD proposing that the definitions for “*Dwelling, attached*”, “*Dwelling, two-family*”, “*Common roof connector*” and “*Common wall connector*” in Sec.30-1 **Definitions.** be amended. **PUBLIC HEARING HELD 9/24/01.**

#128-00 ALD. YATES proposing an amendment to the ordinance governing the Upper Falls Historic District to make failure to complete a project approved by the Commission within one year of the issuance of the permit a violation of the ordinance.

#128-00(2) ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting the Law Department and the Inspectional Services Department develop an ordinance based on the City’s Home Rule powers requiring property owners to complete reconstruction once begun in a reasonable time and

- #128-00(3) ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting that the Planning, Law and Inspectional Services Departments develop an effective way to prevent in the historic districts the construction of structures that do not require building permits but nonetheless have impact on the historic character of the districts.
- #287-01 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance to require a permitting process for the construction of parking lots.
- #304-01 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing an ordinance that would detail what percentage of new building or additions would trigger a special permit in residential districts.
- #333-97 ALD. YATES proposing to amend the zoning ordinance to require a special permit for the subdivision of property where such subdivision would reduce the level of service for traffic at the intersection of the subdivision with a public way by one level of service or more.
- #366-98 ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting discussion and possible recommendation of further ordinance or statutory amendments to enhance the enforcement of Newton Zoning and other Land Use Ordinances.
- # 7-99 ALD. PARKER requesting discussion of possible zoning amendments to create additional residential districts with different FAR and lot size requirements.
- # 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.
- #82-99(3) ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting provision of Ordinance V-111 clarifying definition of height for residential districts be extended to clarify its application to other zoning districts.
- #106-00 ALD. MANSFIELD & PARKER on behalf of a petition signed by 70 residents, requesting that the Planning and Development Department undertake a study of the impacts of the potential build-out of the Bowen-Thompsonville area as it is currently zoned, including effects upon traffic, utilities, schools, and other infrastructure. **AWAITING RECEIPT OF STUDY FROM PLANNING DEPARTMENT**
- #127-00 ALD. YATES proposing an amendment to the ordinance governing the Upper Falls Historic District to prohibit the construction of attached garages facing public ways or facing private ways but visible from a public way.
- #422-00 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting adoption of an ordinance that would require filings every two years by non-profit and educational institutions of a growth management or master development plan.

- #40-02      ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting a discussion of how the zoning ordinance might be amended to control the conversion of existing commercial uses to other uses which have more impact because of size or type.
- #315-01      ALD. SANGIOLO requesting that notification to abutters for zone changes and special permits be increased to 600 feet.
- #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.
- #238-01      ALD. MANSFIELD & SAMUELSON proposing to amend Sec. 30-1 and 30-11(g)(5) of the Revised Zoning Ordinances to clarify the definition of and restrict the permissive use “drive-in food service establishment” to Limited Manufacturing Districts only.
- #239-01      ALD. MANSFIELD proposing to amend Secs. 30-1, 30-11, 30-12, and 30-13 of the Revised Zoning Ordinances to establish a definition of and to specify appropriate zoning districts in which to conduct food catering businesses.
- #326-99      ALD. YATES proposing amendments to Chapter 30 to encourage railroad related uses in Mixed Use Districts land adjacent to railroad.
- #297-00      ALD. YATES & SAMUELSON proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to require a minimum lot area of 5,000 square feet for a single-family dwelling and 7,500 square feet for a two-family dwelling in Multi Residence Districts.

**ITEMS REFERRED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

- #366-95      ALD. YATES proposing the establishment of a "Recycling Market Development Zone."
- #367-95      ALD. YATES proposing the establishment of a subzone of the "Foreign Trade Zone of the Port of Boston" within Newton.

**ITEM REFERRED TO THE “INCLUSIONARY ZONING TASK FORCE:”**

- #291-95      ALD. PARKER, BALSER, LIPSITT, MANSFIELD, & SAMUELSON requesting that Sec. 30-24 of the City of Newton Rev. Ords., 1995, be amended to require all large commercial development(s) to make a cash payment to be used for affordable/low-income housing. Such payments to be calculated individually for each development on the basis of costs incurred by the city; demands on infrastructure and services; increased need for area affordable housing; and other

impositions to the city and community that result from the construction of such projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Ald. Brian Yates, Chairman