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Monday, September 21, 2020

7:45 PM, Virtual

To be reported on
Monday, October 5, 2020

The City Council will hold this meeting as a virtual Zoom meeting on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 7:45 PM. To view this meeting use this link at the above date and time:

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City of Newton

In City Council to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Land Use Committee

Public hearing to be Assigned

#368-20

Petition to alter nonconforming height and exceed FAR at 14 Hollis Street

HOLLIS REALTY LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze an existing detached garage, construct a larger garage and addition to the rear of the existing dwelling, creating an FAR of .55 where .45 exists and .48 is allowed at 14 Hollis Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 72 Block 06 Lot 21, containing approximately 9,811 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.2.3, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.2.11 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you need a special accommodation, *please contact Jini Fairley, at least two days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov, or 617-796-1253.* For Telecommunications Relay Service dial 711.

Public hearing to be Assigned

#369-20 Petition to exceed FAR at 18 Walter Street

BARRY AND SUSAN BERGMAN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct additions totaling 128 sq. ft. including an elevator shaft at the rear of the dwelling and a second story laundry room over an existing mudroom, creating an FAR of .55 where .53 exists and .48 is allowed at 18 Walter Street, Ward 8, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 62 Block 24 Lot 17, containing approximately 4,950 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

Public Hearing to be Assigned for October 1, 2020

#30-20(2) Ordinance amendment to repeal Zoning Ordinance 3.4.4 Garages

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting amendment to Chapter 30 of Newton's Zoning Ordinance, section 3.4.4 on garages. This request is being resubmitted due to several deficiencies in the original vote.

#370-20 Appointment of Elizabeth Sweet to the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Elizabeth Sweet, 281 Lexington Street, Newton, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on October 15, 2021. (60 days: 11/20/2020)

#371-20 Appointment of Denise Chicoine to the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Denise Chicoine, 275 Islington Road, Newton, Newton, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on October 15, 2021. (60 days: 11/20/2020)

#372-20 Reappointment of Michael Quinn to the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Michael Quinn, 115 Staniford Street, Newton, Newton, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on October 15, 2021. (60 days: 11/20/2020)

#373-20 Reappointment of Treff LaFleche to the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Treff LaFleche, 1603 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on October 15, 2021. (60 days: 11/20/2020)

#374-20 Reappointment of Lei Reilley to the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Lei Reilley, 130 Pine Street, Newton, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on October 15, 2021. (60 days: 11/20/2020)

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #375-20 Request for a discussion on library re-opening plans**
COUNCILORS NOEL, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, DANBERG, DOWNS, KELLEY, AND LAREDO requesting a discussion with the administration about the plans to re-open the library, plans to inform the public about the options the public has for using the library, and to update the Council on the Library's needs.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation

- #376-20 Requesting three (3) new public auto licenses**
ANDY WARNER, 6 Silver Lake Avenue, Newton, MA 02458 requesting **three (3) new public auto licenses** for NetCars Inc.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Public Hearing to be assigned for September 23rd, 2020

- #377-20 Request for a main drain extension at 11 & 19 Shute Path**
GREGORY KESHISHYAN, 11 Fay Lane, Needham, petitioning for a main drain extension from a manhole at the intersection of "E" Roadway & Spiers Road westerly 315' +/- to provide an overflow on the on-site drainage systems for #11 & #19 Shute Path. (Ward 8)
PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST
- #378-20 Appointment of SingNing Kuo to the Design Review Committee**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing SINGNING KUO, 1395 Washington Street, Newton, to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE for a term to expire December 31, 2021. (60 days: 11/20/2020)
- #379-20 Discussion with the Commissioner of DPW regarding water usage**
PUBLIC FACILITES COMMITTEE requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of the Public Works Department and the Director of Public Utilities regarding water usage fees, billing and patterns throughout the City regarding billing for water usage.

Referred to Finance Committee

- #380-20 Appointment of Aaron Goldman to the Horace Cousens Industrial Fund**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing AARON GOLDMAN, 11 Jerome Avenue, Newton, as a trustee of the Horace Cousens Industrial Fund for a term to expire on June 1, 2023. (60 days: 11/20/2020)

#381-20

Acceptance of funds for LED lighting projects and an insulation project

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept, appropriate and expend the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Green Communities Grant from the Department of Energy Resources and authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-three thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$23,195) from the Energy Stabilization Fund for the LED lighting project at Newton South High School, the Utilities Building at 60 Elliot Street and the insulation project at the Auburndale Community Library.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#382-20

Authorization to enter a contract for Emergency Ambulance Services

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to enter into a contract for Emergency Ambulance Services for up to five years.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#383-20

Authorization for the MWRA loan program for sewer improvements

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to borrow the sum of four million five hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$4,580,000) from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance Program, Phase 13 as an interest-free loan payable in 1/10 installments over 10 years.

Referred to Committee of the Whole

Pursuant to the Rules of the Council, items which are within the jurisdiction of the six standing committees which are referred to a Committee of the Whole, must be placed on second call and the decision of the referral shall be subject to a majority vote of the Council.

#384-20

Discussion regarding the impact of COVID-19 on restaurants

COUNCILORS BOWMAN DOWNS, NOEL, ALBRIGHT AND DANBERG requesting a discussion with the Administration about the impact on restaurants due to COVID-19. The discussion should include efforts taken to assist restaurants, information on what adjacent communities are doing for their restaurants, what restaurants have requested of the city and potential financial impact as well as an opportunity for restaurateurs to speak directly to the Council about their COVID-19 business.

The following two items were filed after the close of the docket and require a suspension of the Rules to be referred to Committee:

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#385-20 Request for easements in Staniford Street

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting taking of four public utilities easements in the private way portions of STANIFORD STREET, as outlined in the below descriptions:

Staniford Street, from west of Freeman Street westerly to the bend in Staniford Street taking a main drain and common sewer easement.

Staniford Street, from west of Freeman Street westerly to the bend in Staniford Street taking a Water Main Easement.

Staniford Street, from the bend in Staniford Street southerly to West Pine Street, taking a main drain and water main easement.

Staniford Street, from the bend in Staniford Street southerly to previous Common Sewer Taking, taking a common sewer easement.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#386-20 Request to move the Ward 3 Precinct 1 polling location

CITY CLERK requesting that the polling location for Ward 3, Precinct 1, which is currently located at the Newton Community Service Center on 492 Waltham Street be relocated to a new location.