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## Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

### City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

7:00 PM  
Room 205

#### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

The Committee will meet jointly with the Public Facilities Committee on the following item:  
**Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Public Facilities Committees**

- #7-17**      **Request for approval of intersection improvements at Harvard and Washington Street**  
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the design and installation of intersection improvements including a traffic signal and bump outs at the intersection of Harvard and Washington Street. [12/28/2016 @ 4:35 PM]
- #427-16**      **Accept Sec 193 & 194 of Ch 218 to establish a 25 mph speed limit on certain roadways**  
COUNCILORS LENNON and HESS-MAHAN requesting acceptance of Section 193 and 194 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, authorizing the City Council without further authority, to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the city on any way that is not a state highway; and to allow for the creation of designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the city which is not a state highway, with the approval of MassDOT if the same is a state highway. Such safety zones would have a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour. [12/5/2016 @ 9:13 AM]

#### Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this meeting:

- #4-17**      **Providing the 2016 Annual Report on the work of Traffic Council**  
TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, providing the Annual Report on the work of the Traffic Council for 2016 pursuant to Section 19-30(g) of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances 2012. [12/19/16 @ 4:53 PM]

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- #366-16 Requesting a review and update on Traffic Council responsibilities**  
COUNCILORS NORTON, SCHWARTZ AND AUCHINCLOSS, requesting a review and update on Traffic Council responsibilities by shifting certain areas to the executive branch, including the installation of stop signs and safety upgrades. [10/17/16 @ 9:15 AM]  
**HELD 5-0 on 12/07/16, Councilor Cote not voting**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAM & SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES**

- #443-16 Ord. amendment regarding immigration status and guidelines for community policing**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE, PRESIDENT LENNON, AND COUNCILOR KALIS, proposing an amendment to the City of Newton Revised Ordinances Chapter 12, Article V; Human Rights Commission and Advisory Council, to add a new section (C) to §12-50 defining: 1) the Policy of the City of Newton regarding immigration status and 2) the final Foundational Guidelines for Community Policing. [12/16/16 @10:45 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROGRAM & SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES**

- #443-16(2) Ordinance amendment to protect undocumented residents**  
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, AUCHINCLOSS, HESS-MAHAN, NORTON, CROSSLEY, BROUSAL-GLASER, HARNEY, FULLER, LEARY AND DANBERG, proposing an amendment to the City of Newton Revised Ordinances to protect undocumented residents which at a minimum does the following:
- 1) No city official will request or seek information regarding a person's immigration status.
  - 2) No city official will report to, respond to or cooperate with Immigration Customs Enforcement with regard to status of any persons who has contact with a city official or employee except in the case where that person has been convicted of a felony, is on a terrorist watch list, poses a serious substantive threat to public safety, or is compelled to by operation of law except as required by law. [12/16/16 @ 9:11 AM]

**REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES**

- #359-16 Submittal of the FY 2018 to FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2018 to 2022 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/11/16 @ 11:28 AM]

- #345-16 Requesting a review, amendment or elimination of the Winter Overnight Parking Ban**  
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, requesting a review and possible amendment or elimination of the winter overnight parking ban. [10/06/16 @ 9:10 AM]  
**HELD 6-0 on 11/02/16**

**REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEES**

- #312-15 Update from Health Department on opiate overdose epidemic**  
ALD. COTE, HARNEY AND NORTON, requesting a review and discussion of the opiate overdose epidemic including an update from the Health Department appraising the board on the current situation to include comparative statistics from previous years as

to the number of opiate overdoses handled by first responders. In addition, what is being done immediately to take this on and what support can the Board provide.

[10/19/15 @ 1:30 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUB FACIL, PROG & SERV, AND PS&T COMMITTEES**

- #46-15** **Discussion of parking options and permits at municipal and school parking lots**  
ALD. JOHNSON & CICCONE, requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Department of Public Works and the School Department to determine and discuss parking options including use of school properties based on the current municipal parking lot programs including the issuance of permits. [02/11/15 @ 1:35 PM]
- #28-14** **Discussion on duplicate street names**  
ALD. CICCONE AND FULLER, on behalf of the Health Department and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) requesting a discussion on duplicate street names. [01/09/14 @ 10:57 AM]
- #240-12** **Request Chapter 19 Motor Vehicles & Traffic be amended, Sec. 19-224 and 19-226**  
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.**

**REFERRED TO PS&T AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

- #413-11** **Updates on the renovations to the City's fire stations**  
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]
- #137-11** **Possible changes to long-term meter fees to discourage short-term use**  
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. [04/26/11 @ 9:52 AM]

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chair

City of Newton



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Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

December 28, 2016

To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff, and Chief Financial Officer

From: James McGonagle, Commissioner  
Nicole Freedman, Director of Transportation

Subject: Request for Docket Item for Harvard Washington Design Approval and  
Installation

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DAVID A. OLSON, CMC  
Newton, MA 02459

I request approval of the improved intersection design of Washington and Harvard Street, in addition to approval to proceed with installation.

This safety project was initiated after 17 crashes were reported in five years. The project will add a full and modern signal, install bump-outs to shorten the pedestrian crossing and add a third crosswalk to the intersection. The project will require removal of approximately five parking spaces and a slight adjustment to the existing bus stop location on the north side of the intersection.

Construction is on track to be complete June 30, 2017. Funding for construction will be provided via a MassDOT grant.

Please docket this request with the Honorable City Council for their consideration.

Sincerely,

James McGonagle  
Commissioner Public Works

SECTION 193. Chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17B the following section:-

Section 17C. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city council, the transportation commissioner of the city of Boston, the board of selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commission or traffic director of a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may, in the interests of public safety and without further authority, establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the city or town on any way that is not a state highway.

(b) Upon establishing a speed limit under this section, the city or town shall notify the department. The operation of a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of a speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.

SECTION 194. Said chapter 90 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 18A the following section:-

Section 18B. (a) Notwithstanding section 18 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city council, the transportation commissioner of the city of Boston, the board of selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commission or traffic director of a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may, in the interests of public safety and without further authority, establish designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the city or town which is not a state highway, and with the approval of the department if the same is a state highway. Such safety zones shall be posted as having a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

(b) The operation of a motor vehicle in such zone at a speed exceeding the speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.