



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

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~~Monday, February 13, 2017~~

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - Rescheduled due to storm

7:00 PM
Room 211

Chair's Note: The Committee will review the June 30, 2016 Independent Financial Audit Report with Matt Hunt of Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLC, the City's independent auditor. Please bring the Management Letter, GAO and OMB A-133 Reports, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 that you received in the January 27, 2017 packet.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

- #27-17** **Mayor's reappointment James Shaughnessy to the Board Assessors**
JAMES E. SHAUGHNESSY, 17 Whirly Circle, Hopkinton, reappointed to the Board of Assessors for a term of office to expire on February 1, 2020. (60 days 04/07/17) [01-30-17 @ 12:46 PM]
- #28-17** **Grant Acceptance to support the operations of the City Council**
CITY CLERK/CLERK OF THE COUNCIL requesting the acceptance of a grant of two thousand nine hundred forty-seven dollars (\$2,947) from the Amelia Sillman Rockwell and Carlos Perry Rockwell Charities Fund to support the operations of the City Council.
- #30-17** **Increase the staff at the Newton Free Library**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to increase the authorized number of full-time employees at the Newton Free Library by one full-time employee as the part-time archivist position is being increased to a full-time position. [01-23-17 @ 5:17 PM]
- #114-16(2)** **Amendment to a previously approved Betterment Council Order**
CITY CLERK/CLERK OF THE COUNCIL requesting that the City Council revoke the following mentioned sidewalk/driveway apron and/or curb betterments; said betterments to be levied under the provisions of MGL Chapter 83, Sec. 26, authorizing the assessment of betterments for construction. **Note:** Council

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Order #114-16 was approved on April 4, 2016 but since that date, the Law Department made the Clerk's Office aware of some required amendments are needed before the Order could be registered with the Registry of Deeds, which requires a revote of the item.

Address	Owner Name	Book/Page	Sec/Block/Lot	Total Cost
1790 Commonwealth Ave	Holland Ward, III & Christine H. Ward	59610/426	43008 0001	\$3,237.50
76 Annawan Road	Steven D. Weatherhead & Sarah M. Weatherhead	59840/001	55041 0004	\$3,237.50
88 Annawan Road	William & Stacia Baker	35754/0494	55041 0003	\$2,705.00
98 Annawan Road	Terrance F. McGowan and Mark C. Divincenzo	49883/308	55041 0002	\$2,932.50
16 Balcarres Road	Jaqueline L. Wolf & David M. Perlman	18594/151	32050 0011	\$2,745.00
19 Balcarres Road	John G. & Mary Ruggie	32712/228	32050 0007	\$2,445.00
28 Balcarres Road	Robert & Cherise Bransfield	36599/119	32050 0010	\$2,900.00
28 Lenox Street	Jane E. Obbagy & Sheldon E. Ratnofsky	23803/516	32050 0004	\$2,055.00
98 Baldpate Hill Road	William C. Hahn & Ivana K. Kim	1454/0056 Cert. 256812	82026 0011	\$5,272.50
105 Baldpate Hill Road	Janice P. Lipof	1177/196 Cert. 238389	82025 0058	\$3,745.00
30 Berwick Road	Philip E. & R. Heather Palmer, Trustees	50134/0279	52017 0001	\$2,522.50
290 Central Street	Terence P. Farmer	36493/409	43023 0015	\$2,055.00
295 Central Street	Leslie David Whitham & Donna Cahaly Whitham	26726/573	43029 0011	\$2,055.00
315 Central Street	Neritan Mustafa & Mimoza Mustafa	62468/082	43029 0013	\$2,477.50
321 Central Street	Melissa H. Parente & Gregg H. Nelson	68358/576	43029 0013A	\$3,400.00
330 Central Street	James E. & Louise Kennedy Corrigan	31297/420	43024 0002	\$2,172.50
347 Central Street	Wendy R. Woodruff & Jeffrey Pike	35169/526	43029 0015	\$3,615.00

348 Central Street	Joel Shames & Janet K. Linder	22103/426	43025 0004	\$2,587.50
29 Fern Street	Dennis Howard	63271/410	43025 0008	\$2,867.50
51 Lake Ave	Marc H. Fogel & Deborah R. Fogel, Trs.	46206/501	62008 0009	\$2,587.50
7 Leewood Road	Jed M. Roberts & Suzanne Szescila	1074/024 Cert. 188774	83022 0001	\$3,120.00
12 Leewood Road	Richard Green Tr., Richard Green 1996 Revocable Trust & Esme H. Green, Tr., Esme H. Green 1996 Revocable Trust	1430/079 Cert. 253301	83023 0009	\$5,467.50
15 Leewood Road	Eugene L. Pogany & Judith Bond Pogany Trs., Pogany Family Revocable Living Trust	1449/0086 Cert. 256107	83022 0002	\$2,900.00
24 Leewood Road	Arthur T. Noonan III & Kathryn M. Noonan	857/075 Cert. 145245	83023 0007	\$2,770.00
274 Otis Street	Mary E. Kirsch	22239/298	32050 0006	\$5,817.50
70 Varick Road	Susan R Heyman & Kenneth E. Heyman	15190/447	55025 0018	\$2,347.50
362 Waban Ave	Steven M. Smith & Sarah Prager Smith	49962/367	42008 0002	\$3,505.00

#29-17 Appropriation of \$164,166 to cover costs associated with the bond sale
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred sixty-four thousand one hundred sixty-six dollars (\$164,166) from Bond Premium Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Treasury Expenses to fund bond issuance costs associated with the City's January 2017 bond sale.
 [01/30/17 @ 12:46 PM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#31-17 Ordinance Amendment to eliminate sewer cleaning fees
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing an ordinance amendment to remove Section 29-67A, Sewer cleaning fees from the City of Newton Revised Ordinance, 2012.
 [01/30/17 @ 3:39 PM]
Public Facilities on 02/08/17

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#32-17

Transfer \$55,000 for engineering services

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) from the Department of Public Works Engineering Full-time Salaries Account to the Department of Public Works Engineering, Engineering Services Account to hire engineering consultants to prepare final engineering design services for the Newton Corner ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Improvements Project. [01/30/17 @ 3:39 PM]

Public Facilities on 02/08/17

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#33-17

Appropriate \$121,000 for engineering services for West Newton Square Project

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred twenty-one thousand dollars (\$121,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of funding additional design engineering services for the West Newton Square Rehabilitation Project. [01/30/17 @ 3:39 PM]

Public Facilities on 02/08/17

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#34-17

Transfer \$1 million for snow and ice removal expenses

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Budget Reserve – Snow and Ice Removal Account to the following accounts:

Personnel Costs – Overtime

(0140110-513001) \$300,000

Sand & Salt

(0110410-5532) \$700,000

[01/23/17 @ 5:17 PM]

Public Facilities on 02/08/17

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#386-16

MWRA loan financing for homeowners to replace lead service lines

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY AND GENTILE proposing to establish policies and procedures for the use of approved Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) no interest loan financing to encourage homeowners to participate in the lead service line replacement program. [10/26/16 @ 3:12 PM]

Public Facilities on 02/08/17

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

Referred to Programs & Services, Land Use and Finance Committees

- #35-17** **Appropriation of CPA funds for design of the Crescent Street Project**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) from the Community Preservation Fund to the Public Buildings Department for feasibility and design work on affordable housing and playground expansion and improvements at 70 Crescent Street, as envisioned by Council Order #384-11(4) and as described in the December 2016 proposal to the Community Preservation Committee and the Community Preservation Committee's detailed funding recommendation. [01/23/17 @ 5:19 PM]

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

- #10-17** **Appropriate \$2 million for development of housing units at 70 Crescent Street**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the November 16, 2016 Overlay Surplus Declaration for the purpose of funding the City's share of the development of market rate and affordable housing units at 70 Crescent Street. {12/28/16 @ 4:48 PM}

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

- #444-16** **Amendment add fines for certain violations of the Accessory Apartment Ord.**
COUNCILOR BAKER AND COMMISSIONER OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES proposing an amendment to Chapter 20 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances to allow non-criminal ticketing of certain violations of the Accessory Apartment Ordinance. [12/16/16 @ 1:40 PM]

- #397-16** **Discussion w School Administration re \$1.2 million budget deficit**
COUNCILOR GENTILE requesting a discussion with the School Department and members of the School Committee regarding the \$1.2 million deficit in the School Department budget as outlined in the 2017 Fiscal and Operational Update Memo dated October 24, 2016. [11/16/16 @ 10:48 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #387-16** **Appropriate \$250,000 for renovation of 1st Floor of the Ed Center**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the Override Capital Stabilization Fund for the purpose of renovating the space on the 1st floor of the Ed Center which has been vacated by the relocation of the Pre-K Program to the Aquinas site to house the Central High School Program, additional professional development meeting space, and general office space. [10/31/16 @ 2:05 PM]

Programs & Services Approved 4-0 on 11/09/16

Public Facilities Held on 11/09/16

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #385-16** **Discussion about the Community Solar Share Program**
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Administration and Public Buildings Department about the Community Solar Share Program, which intends to provide credits resulting from solar power generated at 70 Elliot Street to qualifying low income residents. [10/26/16 @ 4:20 PM]
Public Facilities Held on 11/09/16

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #384-16** **Appropriate \$71,000 to build an observation deck on the greenway**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-one thousand dollars (\$71,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of construction an observation on the greenway walking corridor. [10/31/16 @ 2:05 PM]
Public Facilities Held on 11/09/16

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]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #357-16** **Reallocate \$250,467.24 for decommissioning two elevated storage tanks**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to reallocate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty-four cents (\$250,467.24) from the Waban Hill Reservoir Improvements Account to be used for the decommissioning of the Stanton Avenue and Winchester Street elevated storage tanks. [10/11/16 @ 11:29 AM]
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 on 10/19/16

- #353-16** **Review/Acceptance of the FY 2018 – FY 2022 5-year Financial Forecast**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2018 to 2022 5-Year Financial Forecast for City Council review/acceptance. [10/11/16 @ 11:28 AM]

Referred to Land Use, Programs & Services and Finance Committees

- #256-16** **Request to extend notification area of notice for special permit petitions**
COUNCILORS COTE, NORTON, HARNEY, BLAZER, BROUSAL-GLASER, AND LEARY requesting an amendment to the City Council Rules, Article X; Section 6 – Additional Notification Requirements, to include that the area of notice for special permit petitions be expanded beyond the abutters to abutters within 300' required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A to also include property owners within 600' of the subject property. This notification will apply to all classes of building except for residential 1 and 2-family units that will remain 1 or 2-family units after receiving a special permit. Only abutters to

abutters within 300' will be entitled to the rights conferred by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40A. [07/01/16 @2:09 PM]

- #209-16** **Discussion of expenditures related to the Complete Streets Grant**
COUNCILOR FULLER requesting discussion regarding expenditures related to the Complete Streets grant with representatives of the Department of Public Works. [05/26/16 @ 1:11 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #175-16** **Authorization to enter into a settlement agreement with National Grid.**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization for the City to enter into a settlement agreement with Boston Gas Company d/b/a National Grid. [04/25/16 @ 6:52 PM]

- #112-16** **Appropriation of mitigation funds for pedestrian and traffic improvements**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the following Mitigation Funds:

A. Village Café at 719 Washington Street	\$2,500
B. 258 Nevada Street at Linwood Street	\$1,500
C. Cherry Street at Washington Street	\$2,000
D. O'Hara's Restaurant, Newton Highlands	\$2,500
E. Rox Diner Parking & Pedestrian Improvements	\$2,500
G. Canton Circle LLC, 714-724 Beacon Street	\$10,000

- #40-16** **Request to accept MGL 149 Sec 148C related to earned sick time for employees**
COUNCILOR SANGIOLO requesting that City of Newton formally accept and/or take all necessary steps to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 149, Section 148C, in order to qualify full-time, part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees coverage under the earned sick time regulation, 940 CMR 33, as approved by the voters of Massachusetts in the 2014 Election as Ballot Question 4 – Earned Sick Time for Employees. [01/19/16 @ 2:35 PM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #223-15** **Discussion on the process of licensing the use of city buildings**
ALD. LAREDO requesting a discussion of the process of licensing the current and future use of city building, including: (a) how licensees may request the use of city buildings; (b) the process for determining which licensees will get the use of city buildings; (c) how the fees for the use of city buildings are set; and (d) how the current process compares to the process for permitting the use of school buildings. [08/13/15 @ 11:20 AM]

- #190-15** **Discussion of policy to record all meetings and post meeting materials online**
ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Executive Department relative to creating a policy to require audio recordings of all meetings of boards and commissions and requiring them to be posted to the City's website, as well as posting of all documentation that is reviewed by boards and commissions and/or by their designated City staff member.

Referred to Zoning & Planning, Land Use and Finance Committees

- #104-15** **Qualification of affordable units developed at Comm Ave, Pearl St, and Eddy St**
ALD. JOHNSON, LAREDO, AND GENTILE requesting a report from the Planning Department re how many of the affordable units developed at Commonwealth Avenue, Pearl Street, and Eddy Street qualify for inclusion on the State's Subsidized Housing Inventory List; if a property is not on the list, what can be done to make it eligible. [04/09/15 @ 12:00 PM]

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

- #49-14** **Implementation of technology to monitor compliance with special permits**
LAND USE COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Information Officer regarding the critical need to implement technology which enables the development, management and use of shared, searchable, mobile-accessed (both read and write) database which contains parcel-based information that can be accessed by all city departments (including Planning, Inspectional Services (ISD), Assessing, Engineering, Fire, Police, Health), the Board of Aldermen and the community. This technology must support the work of ISD and other departments in both the office and the field to more effectively and efficiently monitor and enforce compliance with approved special permits and other related Board Orders. [02/10/14 @ 6:47 PM]

Respectfully submitted;

Leonard J. Gentile, Chair