



# Public Facilities Committee Agenda

## City of Newton In City Council

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### Items Scheduled for Discussion:

#### *Public hearing*

**#195-17 Verizon petition for grant of location at Dedham Street**  
VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. petitioning for a grant of location to relocate Pole T.86/E86 on Dedham Street at the intersection of Dedham Street/Brookline Street/Carlson Avenue to provide service. (Ward 8) [06/06/17 @ 2:59 PM]

#### Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

**#199-17 Appropriate \$338,397 for undergrounding utilities for Austin St Redevelopment**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred thirty-eight thousand three hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$338,397) from previously declared Overlay Surplus to cover the costs associated with Eversource undergrounding utilities associated with the Austin Street Parking Lot Redevelopment Parking Lot. [06/12/17 @ 5:15 PM]

#### Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

**#200-17 \$875,000 to fund the Accelerated Roads Program**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$375,000) from previously declared Overlay Surplus and transfer a total of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the below accounts for the 2017 Pavement Program: [06/12/17 @ 5:15 PM]

Public Works Full-time Salaries..... \$300,000  
Public Works Street Department – Health Insurance..... \$200,000

**Chairs Note:** *The Chair’s will discuss updates to pending agenda items.*

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*The Intention is to NAN the following items:*

**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 of an observation deck on the greenway walking corridor. [10/31/16 @ 2:05 PM]

**Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees**

- #27-16**      **Updates from the Administration on the renovations at the Aquinas site**  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES requesting that the School Department and/or Executive Department provide updates on removal of asbestos and other toxic materials that were identified at the Aquinas site, the scope and timing of window replacement in particular, and renovations that may be necessary to facilitate short and long-term plans for uses and operations at the site. [01/10/16 @ 1:14 PM]

**Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities, PS&T and Finance Committees**

- #59-17**      **Appropriate \$350,000 for construction of a Parks & Recreation/Police building**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) from Overlay Surplus for the purpose of funding the construction of a new combined Parks & Recreation and Police Department facility to be located at the Elliot Street DPW yard. [02-17-17 @ 9:29 AM]
- #206-16**      **Resolution requesting the administration hire a composting expert**  
COUNCILOR LEARY requesting a Resolution to the Mayor requesting that he consider hiring a composting expert: either a consultant, a composting operator, or the Mass DEP to review the Rumford Avenue Composting site. [05/31/16 @ 4:52 PM]
- #207-16**      **Review of the management of the Rumford Avenue site**  
COUNCILOR LEARY requesting the Executive Office and the Commissioner of Public Works review the management of the entire Rumford Avenue site with the input of the Solid Waste Commission and present their findings to the Public Facilities Committee within a 3 to 6 month timeframe. [05/31/16 @ 4:52 PM]

**Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Public Facilities Committees**

- #208-16**      **Update on fire prevention at the compost operation at Rumford Avenue Landfill**  
COUNCILOR LEARY requesting the Executive Office, the Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works provide an update on fire safety issues at the compost operation at the Rumford Avenue Landfill including details about who is currently managing the site for fires. [05/31/16 @ 4:52 PM]

## Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

### *Public hearing*

#### **#196-17      Petition for Drain Extension in Park Avenue**

ADAM KESSLER, 94 Park Avenue, petitioning for a main drain extension in PARK AVE to a proposed drain manhole from the existing main drain at Cotton Street 155' ± in a northwesterly direction to proposed manhole located in front of 94 Park Avenue.

**PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST** (Ward 7) [06/07/17 @ 12:15 PM]

### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#### **#123-17      Pilot Program for curbside food waste collection**

COUNCILORS SANGIOLO, NORTON, CROSSLEY, LENNON, AUCHINCLOSS, HARNEY, FULLER, ALBRIGHT, LAPPIN, AND LAREDO requesting the City through the Department of Public Works, pilot a curbside food waste collection program. [04/21/17 @ 11:15 AM]

#### **#12-16      Discussion with the DPW regarding the City's recycling and solid waste programs**

COUNCILOR LEARY, NORTON, KALIS, HESS-MAHAN, ALBRIGHT, AND CROSSLEY requesting an update from and discussion with the Department of Public Works and the Solid Waste Commission on the current status of Newton's solid waste management and recycling program operations and performance objectives, future goals and objectives, staffing, program challenges, and survey data due to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. [12/28/15 @ 8:44 AM]

### **Referred to Programs & Service, Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#### **#178-17(B)      Appropriate \$500,000 for renovations to the Newton Free Library**

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding renovations at the Newton Free Library to include expansion of the Children's Room and other improvements to the First Floor. [05/30/17 @ 2:38 PM]

### **Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

#### **#171-17      Ordinance Amendment Sec 29-80 Sewer Use Charge**

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an amendment to Section 29-80 Sewer Use Charge of the City of Newton Ordinances by adding the following sentence at the end of Paragraph (a): Notwithstanding the foregoing, seasonal water takers not eligible for an outdoor meter under said Section 29-24, shall pay a charge for the use of sewerage works in proportion to water consumption. [05/30/17@ 3:21 PM]

**Referred to Public Safety & Transportation, Public Facilities, and Finance Committees**

- #179-17**      **Request for parking meter pilot(s)**  
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, KALIS, LAREDO AND LEARY requesting a parking meter pilot or multiple pilots in Fiscal Year 2018 using the latest technology, which allows payment by credit card and other features, such as monitoring meter usage, providing feedback to administrators, information to drivers, and allowing time-based fee adjustment. [05/22/17 @ 9:15 AM]
- #166-17**      **Resolution that the City become 100% renewable by 2027**  
COUNCILORS SANGIOLO, NORTON & BROUSAL-GLASER requesting a resolution from the City Council urging the Newton Legislative Delegation in the State Legislature to do everything in its power to bring Massachusetts closer to 100% renewable energy by 2027 and ensure that the benefits of renewable energy are realized by Massachusetts residents from all walks of life. The Resolution should also include a statement that the City Council supports a goal of using 100% clean and renewable energy citywide by 2027. [05/19/17 @3:17 PM]

**Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

- #91-17**      **Licensing agreement for wireless carriers to install equipment on city poles**  
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT AND LAPPIN requesting a discussion with the administration regarding possible licensing agreements with wireless carriers, and to create a policy and to develop and adopt a uniform license agreement for wireless carriers to install wireless communication devices on city-owned poles in the public way. [03/27/17 @ 4:44 PM]

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

- #56-17**      **Request to increase the Public Works Department by one full-time position**  
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to add one full-time employee within the Public Works Department to manage all detail requests submitted to the Police Detail Coordinator. [02/27/17 @ 2:42 PM]
- #5-17**      **Discussion with DPW regarding salt use for snow clearing operations**  
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works about City Policy that determines the use of salt on roadways during snow clearing operations, to understand how we might minimize the amount of salt used overall and consider eliminating the placement of salt barrels at certain locations throughout the City. [12/23/2016 @ 8:37 AM]

**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]

**Referred to Public Facilities Committee**

**#317-16**

**Discussion with Double Poles Working Group**

COUNCILOR LAREDO requesting a discussion with the Double Poles Working Group to receive an update on the work of the group and the status of double poles. [07/11/2016 @ 12:44 PM]

**Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees**

**#344-16**

**Discussion regarding oversight of all city/school buildings to improve efficiencies**

COUNCILOR LAPPIN requesting a discussion regarding the Public Buildings Department overseeing all public buildings, including School Department facilities, to improve efficiencies. [10/07/16 @ 10:47 AM]

**Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees**

**#141-15**

**Discussion on tracking and improving the condition of the gas utility infrastructure**

ALD. BROUSAL-GLASER, SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, COTE, NORTON AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Director of Urban Forestry, a representative of the Department of Public Works and a representative of the Law Department about tracking and improving the condition of the gas utility infrastructure in Newton, new state statutes governing infrastructure repairs, coordination of increased repair work with city operations, the status of negotiations with National Grid to compensate for tree deaths resulting from gas leaks, and the possibility of creating a utilities working group to monitor progress on these and related issues. [05/26/15 @ 2:52 PM]

**#163-16**

**Request for discussion with DPW to consider amend Ordinance for street reconstruction**

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, LAREDO & LAPPIN requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works, to review city policy and/or ordinances governing repairs to city streets within a period of years after full reclamation and/or milling and repaving of said streets, and to consider strengthening the requirements for repairs so as to protect the public investment in said streets.

**#26-16**

**Proposed amendments to Sec. 5-54 through 5-58 of the Ordinances**

COUNCILOR CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT, HARNEY AND SANGIOLO requesting revisions to Sections 5-54 through 5-58 of the City of Newton Ordinances to clarify the City Council's role and decision-making process with respect to design review, funding, and budget oversight during the construction process of municipal capital building

projects; in particular, to better align City Council decisions with typical steps in the design development process, and where applicable, with Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and other state requirements. [01/11/16 @ 4:53 PM]

**#313-15 Request for an update on the Second Water Meter Program**

ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update from the Department of Public Works on the second water meter program including: the progress of the inspection and programming of the approximately 900 new outdoor irrigation meters provided by the City to property owners that have yet to be inspected and/or programmed by the City; the process going forward for the issuance, inspection, programming and tracking of second meters; and the notification of residents who already had second meters regarding the process for registering their meters. 10/26/15 @ 7:15 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]

**Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees**

**#201-15 Discussion regarding the condition of the Kennard Estate building**

ALD. SANGIOLLO requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Buildings, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Department regarding the condition of the property located at 246 Dudley Road (Kennard Estate) and how much, if any, repairs and upgrades will be needed as the City relocates the Parks and Recreation Department to that location. [09/01/15 @ 4:00 PM].

**#328-14 Review of double utility poles**

ALD. ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, & LAREDO requesting a review of double poles in Newton including a random sampling of ten double poles on the north side and ten double poles on the south side of Newton to determine which utility is holding up the removal of double poles. [08/19/14 @ 9:16 AM]

**Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees**

**#119-14 Discussion with ISD on plans to address City non-compliance with ADA standards**

ALD. ALBRIGHT AND CROSSLEY requesting discussion with the Inspectional Services Department to explain the development of short and long term plans to identify and correct buildings, sidewalks, playgrounds, etc...that do not conform to American Disability Act (ADA) standards. The discussion should include information on how

improvements will be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan or if less than \$75,000 into a comprehensive budget plan to correct ADA deficiencies. [03/12/14 @ 4:18 PM]

### **Referred To Programs & Services And Public Facilities Committees**

**#36-12**

#### **Inspection of private sewer lines and storm water drainage connections**

ALD. CROSSLEY & FULLER requesting Home Rule legislation or an ordinance to require inspections of private sewer lines and storm water drainage connections prior to settling a change in property ownership, to assure that private sewer lines are functioning properly and that there are no illegal storm water connections to the city sewer mains.

- A) Sewer lines found to be compromised or of inferior construction would have to be repaired or replaced as a condition of sale;
  - B) Illegal connections would have to be removed, corrected, and re-inspected in accordance with current city ordinances and codes, as a condition of sale.
- [01/24/12 @ 8:07 AM]

**Programs & Services Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 on 11/17/14**

**#367-09**

#### **Discussion on repair of underground streetlight connections**

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Law Department on how to resolve the dispute with NStar regarding whose responsibility it is to repair the streetlight connection between the manhole and the base of the streetlight. [10/21/09 @ 9:00 PM]

**#131-13**

#### **Updates and discussion on the sewer, water and storm water systems**

ALD. CROSSLEY, FULLER, SALVUCCI, JOHNSON, CICCONE requesting periodic updates and discussion, at the discretion of the members of the Public Facilities Committee or the Commissioner of Public Works, on the condition functioning, operations and management of all elements of the City sewer, water and storm water systems including the following:

- Water meters
- Implementation of the ten project area strategic plan to remove infiltration in the City sewer system
- Implementation of the long range strategic plan to repair and replace City water mains, especially to correct for fire flow
- Status of the City's Private Inflow Removal Program to resolve and disconnect illegal storm water connections to the City sewer system
- Current billing practices
- Rates analyses needed to facilitate an informed comparison of billing options to include the following options either alone or in combination: seasonal rates, second meters, tiered rates, frequency of billing, low income credits.

**#188-14 Update on the Cabot School construction project**  
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting periodic updates on the Cabot Elementary School Project. [04/17/14 @ 10:48 PM]

**#237-15 Update on mitigation funds from Special Permits in Newton Centre**  
ALD. CROSSLEY, LAREDO, and SCHWARTZ requesting an update on funds accrued from voluntary contributions from Special Permits in Newton Centre, which can be made available to complete a safe pedestrian crossing at 714-724 Beacon Street via Special Permit Board Order #1-15 and conditions noted therein. 09/14/15 @ 10:40 AM]

**Referred to Public Safety & Transportation 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]

**Referred to Programs & Services Committees and Public Facilities**

**#12-17 Request for updates on the Library Expansion Project**  
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT AND BLAZAR requesting periodic updates from the Library Trustees and Library Director on the Library expansion project. [01/03/2017 @ 3:55 PM]

**Referred to Programs & Services Committees and Public Facilities**

**#13-17 Request for updates on the Archive Expansion Project**  
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT, AND BLAZAR requesting periodic updates from the City Clerk on the Archives expansion project. [01/03/2017 @ 3:56 PM]

**#200-15 Update on the strategic plan for street and sidewalk improvements**  
ALD. LAREDO requesting that the Department of Public Works provide an update on the creation of a strategic plan for the improvement of streets and sidewalks in the City. [08/13/15 @ 11:20 AM]

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Crossley, Chair