



Finance Committee Agenda

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Room 211

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Note: The Finance Committee will meet jointly with the Programs & Services Committee to discuss #138-17(2), #220-17 and #259-17. Docket Item #138-17(2) is only referred to the Programs & Services Committee and Docket Item #220-17 is only referred to the Finance Committee; however, both Committees will discuss both items.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#138-17(2) Request to place question of new Charter on the November ballot
CITY CLERK requesting the City Council, as required by MGL 43B, Section 11, order the Newton Charter Commission's proposed new charter to be submitted to the voters of the City of Newton for their approval on the November 7, 2017 municipal ballot. The ballot question to read: "Shall the City of Newton approve the new home rule charter recommended by the Charter Commission as summarized below: Yes. No." [06/14/17 @ 2:42PM]

Referred to Finance Committee

#220-17 Transfer \$6,400 from Budget Reserve to mail Charter Commission Report
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of six thousand four hundred dollars (\$6,400) from Budget Reserve to supplement funds previously appropriated to the Charter Commission in order to distribute a printed copy of the Charter Commission's final report to all voter households, as required by Massachusetts state law. [07/06/17 @ 9:03 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#259-17 Increase the number of years the City can lease Weeks House
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting consideration of a request to petition the General Court for special legislation to increase the number of years the City of Newton is authorized to lease the Weeks House from the current period of sixty-five years, as authorized by the Acts of 1981, Chapter 330, to a period of up to ninety-nine years. [08/07/17 @ 2:23 PM]

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#218-17 Acceptance and expenditure of the Assistance to Firefighters’ Grant
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the Assistance to Firefighters’ grant, which is a 90/10 reimbursable grant in the amount of seventy-six thousand ninety-one dollars (\$76,091) for the purchase of Personal Safety/Bailout systems. [07/03/17 @ 12:28 PM]

#219-17 Acceptance and expenditure of the Green Communities Grant
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the Green Communities Grant in the amount of one hundred ninety-six thousand one hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$196,157) for energy efficiency improvements to the Franklin, Underwood, Williams, and Memorial Spaulding Elementary Schools. [07/03/17 @ 12:28 PM]

#257-17 Approval of various sidewalk/curb betterments
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of 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: [08-07-17 @ 2:23 PM]

Address	Owner Name	Book/Page	Sec/Block/Lot	Total Cost
193 Ward Street	OCONNOR PETER ALBERT & OCONNOR SARA VICTORIA	66267/302	73038 0015	\$3,187.50
1445 Commonwealth Ave	BC EAGLES 79 TRUST, OROURKE STACEY S TR	56555/507	32033 0009	\$6,312.50
2 Newbury Terrace	KAUFMAN HOWARD & BOGUSLAW JANET	28587/246	62006 0003	\$2,372.50
69 SouthGate Park	BENES RICHARD H & SUSAN J	28704/327	33031 0018	\$2,307.50
77 FairOaks Ave	FAIR OAKS AVE 77 RLTY TRST, FREEDMAN DONALD N TR	59923/267	21019 0023	\$3,550.00
				\$17,730.00

- #258-17** **Acceptance of a grant from Mass DOT for Complete Streets Program**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant of up to one hundred forty seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500) from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation offered as part of their Complete Streets Program. [08-07-17 @ 2:23 PM]

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

- #221-17** **\$977,000 for CAN-DO to create 8-units of affordable housing at 236 Auburn Street**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for historic rehabilitation and six hundred seventy-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$677,700) for affordable housing for a total of nine hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$977,000) from the Community Preservation Fund, to the Planning & Development in Newton (CAN-DO), to create 8 units of permanently affordable rental housing at 236 Auburn Street, Auburndale, including 5 units in a congregate home to be owned and operated by the Barry L. Price Rehabilitation Center, as described in CAN-DO's proposal submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in May 2017. [06/19/17 @ 5:19 PM]
Land Use on 09/07/17

- #260-17** **5-year contract for ambulance services**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to enter into an up to 5-year contract for ambulance services. [08-07-17 @ 2:23 PM]

- #255-17** **Mayor's re-appointment of Rosemary Larking to the Taxation Aid Committee**
ROSEMARY LARKING, 1600 Washington Street, West Newton re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON TAXATION AID COMMITTEE for a term of office to expire April 30, 2018 (60 days 10/13/17) [07/28/17 @ 10:54 AM]

- #256-17** **Mayor's re-appointment of Doris F. Breay as Cousens Fund Trustee**
DORIS F. BREAY, 19 Blake Street, Newton, re-appointed as a Trustee of the Horace Cousens Industrial Fund for a term to expire June 1, 2020. (60 days 10/13/17) [07/12/17 @ 2:25 PM]

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

- #217-17** **Acceptance of MGL to create a special revenue fund for PEG and Cable funds**
COUNCILOR LAPPIN requesting the acceptance of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2019, which begins on July 1, 2018. [06/13/2017 @ 1:41 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 Programs & Service, Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #178-17 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]
Item split into Part A and Part B. Part A – \$75,000 for design and soft costs. Part B - \$425,000 for construction costs
City Council Approved Part A on 06/19/17

- #142-17 Funding for a Public Information Plan for site clean-up at the Horace Mann School**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the following accounts to the Public Building Department for the development of a public information plan regarding the site clean-up at the Horace Mann School for an oil leak that occurred in 1998. [05/08/17 @ 6:49 PM]

Comptroller Wage & Salary Reserve (0110498-5197)	\$5,375
Comptroller Budget Reserve (0110498-5790)	\$3,810
Free Cash (01-3497)	\$5,815

- #110-17 Appropriate \$2 million from Free Cash to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from Free Cash to the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund. [04/12/17 @ 9:37 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]

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

- #122-17 Discussion on fees for Special Permits**
COUNCILOR COTE requesting a discussion with the Planning & Development Department regarding the fees charged for Special Permits and what the actual costs are for issuing Special Permits. [04-18-17 @ 12:32 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]

Referred to 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]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #6-17 Request to establish filing fee for wireless attachments in the public way**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT, LAPPIN AND GENTILE requesting the establishment of a filing fee from petitioners seeking to attach wireless communications devices to existing or proposed structures in the public way. [12/23/2016 @ 8:37 AM]
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 and referred the item to Finance

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]

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

- #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]

#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