



Public Safety & Transportation Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Wednesday, October 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 Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#281-17 Updates on the Washington Street Design

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY AND CICCONE, requesting updates from the Planning Department and DPW to the Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees on the progress and design of the Washington Street corridor. [08/28/2017 @ 3:13 PM]

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Zoning & Planning Committees

#314-17 Discussion regarding sprinkler system in any new construction projects

COUNCILOR NORTON, requesting a discussion with the Fire Department and ISD on how the city may implement a policy and/or ordinance, which clearly states when a sprinkler system is needed in any new construction projects. It shall be put into operation as soon as the necessary inspections have been completed and acceptable to all building and fire codes. [09/18/17 @ 9:24 AM]

Clerk's Note: It is the Chair's intention to entertain a motion to vote No Action Necessary on the following two (2) items:

#139-17 Possible Ordinance change regarding fines parking at a curb cut and at a fire hydrant

COUNCILORS DANBERG, BLAZAR AND SCHWARTZ, requesting a discussion of and possible ordinance change regarding fines associated with a) reducing the fines with parking at a curb cut and b) increasing the fines when parking at a fire hydrant. [04/20/17 @ 12:00 PM]

Public Safety & Transportation Held 4-0 on 06/21/17

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- #165-17 Letter to the State in support of redesign of Auburndale Commuter Rail Station**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND FULLER, requesting a letter from the City Council (or those members of the City Council that are interested in signing) to the Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack expressing strong support for the redesign and build with all deliberate speed of an accessible, two-platform Auburndale MBTA Commuter Rail Station that allows frequent service in two directions simultaneously while taking advantage of the funding that is available currently in the Fiscal Years 2017 – 2021 Massachusetts Department of Transportation Capital Investment Plan; and, the design and build of similar accessible, two-platform stations in West Newton and Newtonville. Accessible stations with frequent service are vital to the economic health, environmental needs, transit oriented development, employment access and transportation requirements of the residents and employees along this vital corridor in Newton. [05/30/17 @ 11:00 AM]

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this meeting:

- #209-17 Appeal of Traffic Council Decision #12-17 Fairway Drive**
WILLIAM DILWORTH, 34 Fairway Drive, West Newton appealing the denial of Traffic Council petition TC12-17 on June 22, 2017 for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Fairway Drive and Bunker Lane in West Newton. (Ward 3) [06/29/17 @ 11:40 AM]

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]

Item Recommitted by the City Council to Public Safety & Transportation Committee on July 10, 2017

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #175-17 Appropriate \$150,000 from Cable Fees for video cameras for 30 traffic signals**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to appropriate and expend eighty thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$80,477) from Cable TV Capital Franchise Fees and sixty-nine thousand five hundred twenty-three dollars (\$69,523) from Cable TV Operating Franchise Fees for the installation of video cameras on approximately 30 traffic signals in Newton. [05/30/17 @ 2:38 PM]
- #119-17** COUNCILORS NORTON, ALBRIGHT AND COTE, requesting a discussion regarding the MBTA's plans to redesign the Auburndale commuter rail stop and concerns about resulting reduction in service. [04/24/17 @ 6:33 AM]

- #71-17** **Amendment relative to docketing Traffic Council petitions**
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, proposing to amend **Sec. 19-29. Docketing of petitions; determination of eligibility for hearing.** by deleting section (c) (3). [03/10/17 @ 4:54 PM]
Public Safety & Transportation Held 4-0 on 04/05/17, Councilor Harney not voting

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

- #46-17** **Discussion regarding how community policing works**
COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT, requesting a discussion with the Chief of Police and/or members of his department to explain to the City Council how “community policing” works in Newton, how it differs from traditional policing, how staffing differs from traditional departments, and how it benefits Newton. [02/20/17 @ 3:21 PM]
- #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]
Public Safety & Transportation 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]

Item referred by the City Council to the PS&T and Finance Committees on September 18, 2017

Referred to Zoning and Planning Committee

- #140-14 (2)** **Amend ordinances to add licensing requirements and criteria for lodging houses**
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting to amend Chapter 17, City of Newton Ordinances, to establish licensing requirements and criteria for lodging houses.
- #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]

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]

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Ciccone, Jr. Chair