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Public Facilities Committee Agenda

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Room 204

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chairs Note: The Committee will hear an update on the coordinated efforts of Public Works, Public Buildings and Parks & Rec Commissioners to map out City operations facilities at both the Elliot and Crafts Street yards, to maximize the utilization of space.

Public Hearing

#377-17 Petition for forced main at Rumford Avenue

DAVID WILLIAMS, SSG DEVELOPMENT petition for a 1.5" forced main 425'+ from 143 Rumford Avenue easterly to an existing sewer manhole at the intersection of Lexington Street and Rumford Avenue.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Public Facilities Committees

#397-17 Request for amendment to the ordinance requiring snow removal from sidewalks

COUNCILOR DANBERG requesting that §26-8(D) of the City of Newton Rev. Ords., 2012 be amended to make the trial program for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks permanent.

#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]

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

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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]

Chairs Note: A revised budget and pro forma for the Crescent Street project is to be provided the day before our meeting. It is my intention to hold a brief (15 minute) discussion to allow the Committee to review this document for clarification purposes only.

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

Public Hearing Continued

#341-17 **5-58 for the Crescent Street Housing and Ford Playground Redevelopment Project**
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE petitioning, pursuant to Sec 5-58, for schematic design and site plan approval at 70 Crescent Street for the creation of mixed-use housing, redevelopment of the Reverend Ford Playground, and expand open space by at least 20,000 square feet in accordance with Board Order #384-11(4) dated November 16, 2015.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

#280-17 **Updates on the FY18 Accelerated Roads Program**
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY requesting periodic updates to the Public Facilities Committee on the FY18 Accelerated Roads Program. [08/28/2017 @3:13 PM]

#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]

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]

#340-17 **Authorization to grant a permanent easement for utilities in Bram Way**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to grant a permanent easement to Eversource Energy, Comcast, RCN, National Grid and Verizon in a portion of Bram Way in Newtonville for the purpose of installing and maintaining conduit, cable, and

ancillary facilities required as part of the undergrounding of electric utilities for the Austin Street Parking Lot Redevelopment Project. [10/30/17 @ 2:16 PM]

- #326-17 Request for updates on Newton Power Program**
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting an update from the Director of Sustainability and the Administration on the development of a program, known as Newton Power Choice, to aggregate the electricity demand of Newton's electric customers. [10/05/2017 @ 4:28 PM]
- #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]
- #315-17 Discussion with DPW regarding sewer extension billing**
COUNCILOR GENTILE requesting a discussion on how the City currently bills residents for sewer extensions. [09/18/17 @ 3:51 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 Fac. 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]
Public Facilities split the item into Part A and Part B.
Part A – \$75,000 for design and soft costs.
Part B - \$425,000 for construction costs
Public Facilities Approved Part A 7-0 and Held Part B 7-0 on 06/07/17
Finance Approved Part A 8-0 and Held Part B 8-0 on 06/12/17

#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.

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]

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]

#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]

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#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 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]

#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]

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

#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

#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.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah J. Crossley, Chair