



Public Facilities Committee Agenda



City of Newton In City Council

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Room 204

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Public hearing

#204-16 **Eversource Energy petition for grant of location on Willow Street**
EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install approximately 48' ± of conduit across Willow Street approximately 90 ft. Northwest of Sumner Street to provide underground service to the fire station at 31 Willow Street. (Ward 6) [05/20/16 @ 12:03 PM]

Public hearing

#205-16 **WARREN SUCKERMAN** petitioning for a grant of location to install a 12" main drain extension from a proposed manhole in front of 30 Drumlin Road trenching in a Southerly direction 115' ± to a second proposed manhole. (Ward 8) [05/26/16 @ 9:17 AM]

#109-16C **Verizon Grant of Location petition for wireless communication equipment**
CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS petitioning for a grant of location to attach wireless communication equipment to existing utility poles at the following locations:

Locations

Crafts Street (near 224 Crafts Street) at Pole # 108/30

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities, and Finance Committees

#357-15 **Request for CPA funding for the Newton Highlands Playground**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Community Preservation Fund's open space and general reserves or fund balance to the Parks & Recreation Department, for the rehabilitation of the Newton Highlands Playground at Winchester

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and Dedham Streets, as described in the proposal submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in November 2015. [12/15/15 @ 12:32 PM]

- #222-16** **Waiver of site plan approval for a support building at the Highlands Playground**
COMMISSIONER OF PARKS AND RECREATION requesting a waiver of City of Newton Ordinance Sec. 5-58. Site plan approval for construction or modification of municipal buildings and facilities. for a support building to be constructed as part of the rehabilitation of the Newton Highlands Playground in Newton Highlands. [06/13/16 @ 12:56 PM]

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]

Chair's Note: The intended focus of this discussion is the Department of Public Utilities' Rulemaking comment period. Attorney Mandl has prepared the draft comments and proposed revisions. This is being refined and a revised draft will be on our desks by Monday evening.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #226-16** **Transfer \$233,013.67 within the DPW snow removal line items**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred thirty-three thousand thirteen dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$233,013.67) from the Public Works Regular Overtime Snow Operations Account to the Public Works Snow Removal Rental Vehicles/Buildings/Schools. [06/13/16 @ 3:49 PM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #227-16** **Request to appropriate \$13,129,065 for Fire Station 3/HQ Project**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of thirteen million one hundred twenty-nine thousand sixty-five dollars (\$13,129,065) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the Fire Station 3/Headquarters Construction Project. [06/13/16 @ 3:49 PM]

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

#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]

#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

#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]

#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]

#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]

#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]

#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 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. SANGIOLO 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].

#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]

#100-15

Discussion on pursuing municipal aggregation of energy purchasing

ALD. NORTON, SANGIOLO, LEARY, AND ALBRIGHT requesting that the Administration pursue municipal aggregation of energy purchasing with the goals of reducing and/or stabilizing electricity costs for resident, businesses and the City; and requiring the purchase of Class 1 RECs at some percentage above the level required by the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard. [04/06/15 @ 9:12 AM]

#83-15

Discussion and update on energy items

ALD. CROSSLEY, GENTILE, & ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion and update from the Administration on the following energy related items: status of municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; status of the Power Purchase Agreement including solar PV rooftop installations, power offset (cost benefit) to date and review of potential future projects; and an update on municipal energy consumption including the recent Green Communities report filed with the Department of Energy Resources. [03/26/15 @ 9:19 AM]

Referred to Public Facil, Programs & Serv, and Public Safety & Trans Committees

#46-15

Discussion of parking options for school and municipal parking lots

ALD. JOHNSON & CICCONE, requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Department of Public Works and the School Department to determine and discuss

parking options including use of school properties based on the current municipal parking lot programs including the issuance of permits. [02/11/15 @ 1:35 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]

#189-14 Update on the Zervas School construction project

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting periodic updates on the Zervas Elementary School Project. [04/17/14 @ 10:48 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 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]

#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.

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

#257-12

Review of Fees, Civil Fines/Non-criminal Disposition in Chapter 17 of the ordinances
RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.
Finance Voted No Action Necessary 7-0 on 12/14/15

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

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]

#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]

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah J. Crossley, Chair