Special Meeting
Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, Massachusetts 02459

Councilors:

In accordance with Section 2-6(c) of the Newton City Charter, I hereby call for a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council to convene on **WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM** to deliberate and vote on the following matters and any other matter that may come before it. A motion will be entertained to go into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the following items:

Clerk's Note: The City Clerk's Office, on behalf of the Newton Election Commission, has determined that the citizens referendum petition requesting that the City Council repeal or rescind Council Order #425-18, the change of zone for the Northland parcels at Oak and Needham Streets, has a sufficient number of signatures. Per City Charter, 3,032 certified signatures are required to place this again before the Council. The Clerk's Office stopped certifying signatures at 4,258; 40% more than needed as allowed by City Charter.

The Council must decide whether it will vote to repeal or rescind its decision on Board Order #425-18 or refer the measure to a public vote. If the Council chooses to repeal or rescind its approval, the Council vote must take place within 30 days of January 8, 2020. If the Council's vote on a motion to repeal does not pass, or alternatively if the Council affirmatively votes to refer the measure to the voters, the Council will have 30 days from its vote to set a date for an election. If the Council does not take any action on this item before February 7, 2020, it will automatically be referred to the voters and the Council will have 30-days to set an election date.

#425-18 **Request to Rezone three parcels for Northland Development**
NEEDHAM STREET ASSOCIATES, NORTHLAND TOWER ROAD INVESTORS, NORTHLAND OAK STREET, LLC petition for a change of zone to BUSINESS USE 4 for land located at 156 Oak Street (Section 51 Block 28 Lot 5A), 275-281 Needham Street (Section 51, Block 28, Lot 6) and 55 Tower Road (Section 51 Block 28 Lot 5), currently zoned MU1.

Referred to Committee of the Whole

#425-18(2) **Request set the date for a special election**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT requesting the setting of the date for a special election in the event that it becomes necessary to call an election to refer to the voter's docket item #425-18, passed by the City Council on December 2, 2019.

Very truly yours,
Susan S. Albright

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you need a special accommodation, *please contact Jini Fairley, at least two days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov*, or 617-796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service dial 711.