



City Council Actions

In City Council

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Present: Councilors Auchincloss, Bowman, Ciccone, Crossley, Danberg, Downs, Greenberg, Grossman, Humphrey Kalis, Kelley, Krintzman, Laredo, Leary, Lipof, Malakie, Markiewicz, Noel, Norton, Ryan, Wright and Albright

Absent: Councilors Baker & Gentile

#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.

Motion to Repeal Council Order #425-18 Failed 22 Nays, 2 Absent (Councilors Baker & Gentile)

Clerk's Note: The City Clerk's Office, on behalf of the Newton Election Commission, determined that a 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 4,255; 40% more than needed as allowed by City Charter.

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.

Committee of the Whole Approved 15 Yeas, 7 Nays, 2 Absent

Item Chartered by Councilors Norton, Markiewicz, Kalis, Ciccone, and Malakie. The item will be back before the Council on January 21, 2020

A motion to Accept the following late filed item and refer it to Committee was Approved Unanimously by Voice Vote

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#52-20 Requesting acceptance of MGL to allow distribution of ballot question summaries

The City Clerk requesting the City Council accept the provisions of MGL, Chap 53, Section 18B to allow the City of Newton to provide voters with (1) the full text of each question; (2) a fair and concise summary of each question, including a 1 sentence statement describing the effect of a yes or no vote, which shall be prepared by the city solicitor; and (3) arguments for and against the question, for all types of municipal ballot questions.

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