



## City Council Actions

### In City Council

**Monday, April 2, 2018**

**Present:** Councilors Albright, Auchincloss, Baker, Brousal-Glaser, Ciccone, Cote, Crossley, Danberg, Gentile, Greenberg, Grossman, Kalis, Kelley, Krintzman, Lappin, Leary, Lipof, Markiewicz, Noel, Norton, Rice, Schwartz and Laredo.

Absent: Councilor Downs

**The City Council discussed the following items on second call:**

#### **Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees**

**#85-18** **Appropriate funds to develop an action plan for Washington Street Corridor**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of developing an actionable plan for the Washington Street Corridor that addresses land use, economic development, transportation, fiscal impacts, and other issues that may arise, as well as a new zoning district(s).

**Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0 on 02/12/18**

**Finance Approval Failed to Carry 2-4-1 (Gentile, Lappin, Rice, Norton opposed; Noel abstaining)**

**A Motion to Amend the item to add the words "expend up to five hundred thousand dollars" was Approved by Voice Vote**

**A Motion to Amend the item to add the sentence: "The company/consultant chosen to help develop an actionable plan for the Washington Street Corridor shall be hired through a public bidding process overseen by the Purchasing Department." Failed 7 Yeas (Councilors Ciccone, Cote, Gentile, Lappin, Markiewicz, Norton & Rice), 17 Nays.**

**The Item was Chartered by Councilor Gentile on 03-19-18**

**A motion to amend the item to require monthly reporting by the Planning Department, including a report of itemized expenses, and plan to budget monitoring, to the Finance and Zoning & Planning Committee was Approved unanimously.**

**A motion to amend to require a project timeline and a report on the progress towards deliverables was Approved unanimously.**

**The item was Approved as amended 17 Yeas, 6 Nays (Councilors Baker, Brousal-Glaser, Gentile, Lappin, Markiewicz & Norton); 1 Absent (Councilor Downs)**

**Clerk's Note:**

- #195-18 Investment Policy for the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund**  
COUNCILOR GENTILE, on behalf of the Investment Advisory Committee, submitting its recommendation for an investment policy for the Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.  
**Finance Approved 8-0**

**A motion to recommit to the Finance Committee was approved by Voice Vote**

**Clerk's Note:**

**The City Council voted without discussion 23 Yeas, 1 Absent (Councilor Downs) to Approve the following items:**

**Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee**

Monday, March 26, 2018

- #182-18 Appointment of Matthew Volpi to the Commission on Disability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing MATTHEW VOLPI, 44 Oakmont Road, Newton Centre, as a member of the COMMISSION ON DISABILITY for a term to expire April 30, 2021. (60 days: 5/18/18)  
**Zoning & Planning Approved 6-0 (Baker, Leary not voting)**
- #183-18 Appointment of Melinda Broderick to the Auburndale Historic District Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing MELINDA BRODERICK, 42 Maple Street, Auburndale, as a member of the AUBURNDALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire April 30, 2021. (60 days: 5/18/18)  
**Zoning & Planning Approved 6-0 (Baker, Leary not voting)**
- #184-18 Appointment of John Wyman to the Newton Upper Falls Historic District Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing JOHN WYMAN, 47 Old Orchard Road, Newton, as an alternate member of the NEWTON UPPER FALLS HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire April 30, 2021. (60 days: 5/18/18)  
**Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0**
- #161-18 Ordinance amendment to increase membership of Commission on Disability**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to amend Chapter 22, Section 100 of the City of Newton Ordinances to increase the maximum number of members of the Commission on Disability from nine (9) to thirteen (13). This change will reflect amended state law, MGL Chapter 40, Section 8J, allowing to up to thirteen (13) members.  
**Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0**

**Referred to the Public Safety & Transportation Committee**

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

- #163-18**      **Requesting one (1) new bus license for Austin Street Partners, LLC.**  
TRANSACTION CORPORATE SHUTTLES, INC., requesting **one (1) new bus license** for Austin Street Partners LLC.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #188-18**      **Appeal of Traffic Council Decision TC133-17 Fordham and Annapolis Roads**  
EDWARD ASALEY, 29 Fordham Road, appealing the approval of Traffic Council petition TC133-17 on February 15, 2018 for stop sign Fordham Road at Annapolis Road, northbound and southbound. (Ward 3)  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0-1 (Noel abstaining)**
- #190-18**      **Appeal of Traffic Council Decision TC132-17 Burdean Road**  
JAY PORTNOY, 60 Burdean Road, appealing the approval of Traffic Council petition TC132-17 on February 15, 2018 for parking prohibited 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., school days, south and west side. (Ward 8)  
**Public Safety & Transportation Denied 8-0**
- #38-18**      **Amend overtime parking ordinance**  
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR, requesting an ordinance amendment to **Chapter 19, Section 190 Overtime parking.** to clarify the language and improve enforcement.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-2-0 (Grossman, Noel opposed)**  
**A motion to suspend the rules to allow the Chair of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee to poll his committee was Approved by voice vote.**  
**Public Safety Held in Committee 7-0**
- Clerk's Note:
- Referred to the Public Facilities Committee**  
 Wednesday, March 21, 2018
- #165-18**      **Comcast petition for grant of location in Austin Street/Philip Bram Way**  
COMCAST ENERGY petition for a grant of location to install conduit in AUSTIN STREET from existing pole 311/4 (in front of 40 Austin Street) easterly 355'± to a proposed manhole in Austin Street thence turning in a southerly direction and continuing 127'± to a second proposed manhole in PHILIP BRAM WAY (Private Way) and continuing in a southeasterly direction 124' ± to new Pole 311/1-2 in Philip Bram Way. (Ward 2).  
**Public Facilities Approved 7-0**
- #191-18**      **National Grid Petition for a Grant of Location in Nahanton Street**  
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install conduit in Nahanton Street from existing main at 23 Nahanton Street, southeasterly to a proposed vault, thence

turning northeasterly and continuing 250± to the existing main at 736 Dedham Street to replace the existing vault at 10 Nahanton Street. (Ward 8)

**Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

**#88-18 Appropriate \$380,000 for design engineering services for Newtonville**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of funding expanded streetscape design and engineering services for Newtonville Village improvements, including Washington Street at Walnut Street, southerly on Walnut Street to Cabot Street, and Austin Street from Walnut Street to the 28 Austin Street development.

**Finance Approved as Amended 8-0 @ \$147,411**

**Public Facilities Approved as Amended 6-0@ \$147,411 (Lappin not Voting)**

**#117-18 President's Appointment of Howard Goldberg to the Designer Selection Committee**

PRESIDENT LAREDO appointing Howard Goldberg, 27 Theodore Road to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE for a term to expire on December 31,2019. (60 days: 04/06/18)

**Public Facilities Approved 5-0 (Lappin, Danberg, not Voting)**

**Referred to Finance Committee**

Monday, March 26, 2018

**#192-18 Transfer \$15,168.75 to the Law Department fund an indemnification award**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$15,168.75) from Budget Reserve to the Law Department for the purpose of funding an indemnification award.

**Finance Approved 7-0 (Norton not voting)**

**#193-18 Transfer \$300,000 from CPA Housing to CPA Historic Rehabilitation**

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting the transfer of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Auburn Street Housing Account to the Auburn Street Historic Rehabilitation Account to reflect the intent of Council Order #221-17.

**Finance Approved 7-0 (Norton not voting)**

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**

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**Public Facilities Approved as Amended 6-0 @ \$147,411 on 03/21/18**

**Finance Approved as Amended 8-0 @ \$147,411**

**#57-18 Review/Acceptance of the FY 2019 – FY 2023 5-year Financial Forecast**

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2019 to 2023 5-Year Financial Forecast for City Council review/acceptance.

**Finance Approved 8-0**

***Public Hearings were assigned for the following items:***

***Public hearing assigned for April 4, 2018***

**#204-18 Verizon petition for grant of location on Walnut Street**

VERIZON petition for a grant of location to install 215'± of conduit from existing Manhole #16/182 in a southeasterly direction to 227 Walnut Street for a new service. (Ward 2)

**The City Council voted without discussion 22 Yeas, 1 Nay (Councilor Cote), 1 Absent (Councilor Downs) to Approve the following item:**

**Referred to the Public Facilities Committee**

**#166-18 Eversource petition for grant of location in Rumford Ave**

EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate two poles on the southwesterly side of RUMFORD AVENUE: Pole #866/2 located approximately 245' from Lexington Street, a distance of 5'± in a northerly direction from the existing location and Pole #866/3 located approximately 345' from Lexington Street a distance of 29.2'± in a westerly direction from the existing location. (Ward 4)

**Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

**The City Council voted without discussion 22 Yeas, 1 Nay (Councilor Kalis), 1 Absent (Councilor Downs) to Approve the following item:**

**Referred to the Public Safety & Transportation Committee**

**#149-18 Appeal of Traffic Council Decision TC19-17(B) Woodcliff Road**

YIGAL AGAM, 198 Woodcliff Road, appealing the denial of Traffic Council petition TC19-17(B) on January 18, 2018 for a stop sign on Woodcliff Road for southbound traffic. (Wards 5 & 6)

**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 6-2 (Downs, Auchincloss opposed)**