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Saturday, January 1, 2022

12:00 p.m., Newton North High School

To be reported on
Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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City of Newton

In City Council to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Land Use Committee

- #8-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealer License**
JAPAN AUTO SERVICES
1205 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02465
- #9-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
REGANS INC.
2066 Commonwealth Avenue
Auburndale, MA 02466
- #10-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
NEWTON AUTO GROUP, INC.
182 Brookline Street
West Newton, MA 02459

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- #11-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
ROBERT'S TOWING, INC.
926r Boylston Street
Newton Highlands, MA 02461
- #12-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
KC AUTO
55 Farwell Street
Newtonville MA 02460
- #13-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealer License**
AUCTION DIRECT PREOWNED
1545 Washington Street
West Newton, MA 02465
- #14-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
OLD TIME GARAGE LTD.
1960 Washington Street
Newton Lower Falls, MA 02462
- #15-22** **Class 1 Auto Dealer License**
NEWTON CENTRE SHELL
1365 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02459
- #16-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
MOTOR CARS OF BOSTON, INC
1191 Washington Street
West Newton, MA 02465
- #17-22** **Class 1 Auto Dealer License**
MAG RETAIL HOLDINGS – CJ LLC. D/B/A MCGOVERN CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE RAM
777 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02460
- #18-22** **Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
MAP DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENTS
d/b/a CHRISTIAN TAPIA/MASTER USED
CARS of WATERTOWN
175 North Street
Newtonville, MA 02460

- #19-22 Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
STAN'S AUTOMOTIVE INC.
249 Centre Street
Newton Corner, MA 02458
- #20-22 Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
VELOCITY MOTORS
14 Hawthorn Street
Nonantum, MA 02458
- #21-22 Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
ENZO'S AUTO SALES
10 Hawthorn Street
Nonantum, MA 02458
- #30-22 Class 1 Auto Dealers License**
VILLAGE MOTORS GROUP INC DBA HONDA VILLAGE
371 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02458
- #31-22 Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
UNITED AUTO CENTER INC
454 Watertown Street
Newton, MA 02460
- #32-22 Class 2 Auto Dealers License**
JACOB & ASSOCIATES
1232 Washington Street
Newton, MA 02465

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 11, 2022

- #22-22 Petition to extend nonconformities at 265 Upland Avenue**
MARCO ROTONDO AND JENNIFER BEHR petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a garage accommodating two garage stalls in the dwelling while maintaining the two stalls in the detached garage for a total of four stalls at 265 Upland Avenue, Ward 8, Newton, on land known as Section 83 Block 27 Lot 28, containing approximately 25,000 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.4.E.1 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 11, 2022

- #23-22 Petition to extend nonconformities, to further extend nonconforming FAR and lot coverage at 961 Walnut Street**
OSCAR ESCOBAR/PROPERTYVELOMENT, LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a garage accommodating more than three vehicles with a ground floor area exceeding 700 sq ft, to raze the existing dwelling and construct a new single-family

dwelling on the same foundation and allow an oversized dormer at 961 Walnut, Ward 6, Newton, on land known as Section 52 Block 14 Lot 01, containing approximately 1588 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.2.3, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.2.11, 1.5.4.G.2.b of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 11, 2022

#24-22 Petition to allow more than 700 square feet of total garage area and for oversized dormers at 22 Kirkstall Road

BRENDAN J. SMITH AND COURTNEY A. KAIN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing garage and construct a larger garage exceeding the maximum square footage of garage area of 22 Kirkstall Road Ward 2, Newton, on land known as Section 22 Block 21 Lot 47, containing approximately 33,843 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.4.E.1, 1.5.4.G.2.a, 1.5.4.G.2.b of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 11, 2022

#25-22 Petition to further increase nonconforming FAR and further extend a nonconforming two-family use at 22-24 Milo Street

JESSICA DOWLING petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct dormer additions in the attic level which will further extend the nonconforming two-family dwelling and will further increase the nonconforming FAR of 22-24 Milo Street, Ward 3, Newton, on land known as Section 44 Block 04 Lot 4A, containing approximately 6106 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.9 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 11, 2022

#26-22 Petition to request variances from side setback and garage door width requirements and to exceed maximum FAR at 14 Crystal Street

JEFF FREEDMAN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing garage and construct a new attached garage exceeding the maximum FAR and requiring setback and door width variances at 14 Crystal Street, Ward 6, Newton, on land known as Section 62 Block 07 Lot 08, containing approximately 11,640 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 3.4.4.C.3, 3.1.9 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 25, 2022

#27-22 Petition to extend nonconformities and exceed FAR at 100 Bishopsgate Road

ELY AND ELLEN KAPLANSKY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a detached garage with lifts, creating a total of seven stalls, exceeding the maximum FAR, and allowing relief from dormer regulations at 100 Bishopsgate, Ward 7, Newton, on land known as Section 61 Block 21 Lot 02, containing approximately 25,188 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.4.E.1, 1.5.4.G.2.a, 3.1.3, 3.1.9 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 25, 2022

#28-22 **Petition to request a 12-unit multi-family dwelling at 383-387 Boylston Street**
BARBARA AND GERALD BARATZ REVOCABLE TRUSTS petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing buildings and construct a 12-unit three-story multi-family dwelling with underground garage parking at 383-387 Boylston, Ward 6, Newton, on land known as Section 65 Block 11 Lot 04, containing approximately 14,866 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 4.1.2.B.1, 4.1.2.B.3, 4.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2, 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.D.1, 5.1.12.D.5, 5.4.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 25, 2022

#29-22 **Petition to allow a drive-in business and associated perimeter parking and lighting waivers at 940 Boylston Street**
MILDRED K. MCMULLEN, TRUSTEE OF MIL MAC TRUST petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze a portion of the existing building and reconfigure the existing parking to allow for a construction of a drive-in and relief for a free-standing sign at 940 Boylston, Ward 5, Newton, on land known as Section 51 Block 26 Lot 03, containing approximately 12,060 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 6.4.11, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.13, 5.2.13, 5.10.A of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 25, 2022

#33-22 **Petition to extend nonconforming front and rear setbacks and further increase nonconforming lot coverage at 14 Cummings Road**
JOANNE REN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a two-story addition to the existing dwelling, to extend the nonconforming front and rear setbacks, and extend the nonconforming lot coverage at 14 Cummings Road, Ward 2, Newton, on land known as Section 64 Block 03 Lot 53, containing approximately 4008 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2, of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

#34-22 **Discussion with city staff regarding the new permitting software**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, NORTON, CROSSLEY, MARKIEWICZ, WRIGHT, AND BAKER requesting periodic updates and discussion with the Planning, Inspectional Services and Information Technology Departments regarding process improvements and the benefits of the implementation of the new permitting software.

#35-22 **Discussion with city departments regarding internal processes for special permit council orders**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, LIPOF, DOWNS, RYAN, KALIS, NORTON, WRIGHT, LUCAS, DANBERG, MALAKIE, GROSSMAN AND KELLEY requesting a discussion with the Planning and Inspectional Services Departments regarding the current internal processes for insuring compliance with special permit council orders and the ways in which these processes can be improved.

#36-22 **Review and analysis with city departments regarding standard language and special permit council orders**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, DOWNS, MALAKIE, LIPOF, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, WRIGHT, OLIVER, GREENBERG, KELLEY, NORTON, BAKER, LEARY, LUCAS AND DANBERG requesting a review and analysis with Planning, Inspectional Services and Law Departments regarding standard language and special permit council orders for the purpose of improving the language used in such orders including provisions regarding undergrounding utilities, bicycle storage, construction hours and other construction rules, vibrations, rodent control, electrification, landscaping and other similar provisions.

#37-22 **Appointments to the Newton Wellesley Hospital Liaison Committee**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT recommending the appointment of the following individuals to the Newton Wellesley Neighborhood Liaison Committee pursuant to Condition #29 of Special Permit #470-04 granted on April 19, 2005:

Jay Flynn, 41 Longfellow Road
Tina Sheldon, 2081 Beacon Street Extension
Seth Alexander, 244 Dorset Road

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

#38-22 **Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers**
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting review, discussion and possible ordinance amendments relative to Chapter 30 zoning ordinances pertaining to Mixed Use, business districts and village districts relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance. (formerly #88-20)

#39-22 **Requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice Bill**
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY on behalf of the Zoning & Planning Committee requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice element of the MA Economic Development legislation. (formerly #131-21)

#40-22 **Request for discussion relative to existing small businesses and new development**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND KELLEY requesting the Planning Department, along with the Economic Development Commission, research and develop tools including an ordinance or some other means, to ensure that existing small commercial/retail/independent and/or locally-owned businesses can remain in Newton when new development occurs. (formerly #39-20)

#41-22 **Requesting a discussion on how “last mile” delivery services should be regulated**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, ALBRIGHT, HUMPHREY, DOWNS, CROSSLEY, LIPOF, KALIS, WRIGHT, KELLEY, NORTON AND GROSSMAN requesting a discussion with the Planning Department regarding whether and how “last mile” delivery services with physical locations in village

centers should be regulated and what amendments to the zoning code might be needed to address these issues.

- #42-22** **Citizens petition to amend the village center district**
ATTORNEY PETER HARRINGTON ET AL., submitting a 60-signature citizen to strike Chapter 30, Section 4.1 Business Districts, in its entirety and insert, in place thereof, the following 4.1. Village Center District; 4.1.1. District Intent and 4.1.2. Dimensional Standards.
- #43-22** **Review definition and Ordinance Amendment of Two Family detached**
ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting review and to amend the definition 1.5.1.B “Two Family Detached.” (formerly #240-21)
- #44-22** **Request for discussion regarding city plans for housing**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, NORTON, OLIVER, WRIGHT, KALIS, LUCAS AND MALAKIE requesting a discussion with the Administration regarding (a) the Administration's current plans and goals for increasing the number and diversity of the housing units in the city, including a breakdown by type of unit and location of developments and (b) improving the use of housing data to inform current and future housing plans and goals. (formerly #325-21)
- #45-22** **Request for discussion relative to increasing the number of inclusionary units**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, WRIGHT, NORTON, MARKIEWICZ, LIPOF, MALAKIE, BAKER, KALIS AND GENTILE requesting a discussion of what specific measures the City can take to meet the 40B threshold (the state’s requirement for number of affordable units), including raising the requirements for the number of affordable units in large developments. (formerly #72-20)
- #46-22** **Request for discussion relative to single-family attached dwellings**
COUNCILOR LAREDO requesting a review of the zoning requirements for single-family attached dwelling units. (formerly #38-20)
- #47-22** **Requesting annual updates on Newton’s Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI)**
THE ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE, COUNCILORS LUCAS AND OLIVER, requesting a conversation with the Director of Planning and Development about Newton's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) and progress towards meeting the affordable housing safe harbor and a request to post the SHI on the City's website. (formerly #307-21)
- #48-22** **Referred to Zoning & Planning and Public Facilities Committees**
Requesting an update on the status of implementing the Climate Action Plan
PUBLIC FACILITIES and ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEES requesting an update from the Sustainability Team and appropriate staff on the status of implementing Climate Action Plan measures, expanding municipal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs as follows:
Newton Power Choice participation rates, municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; Solar Power Purchase Agreement including operational and

PV installations under construction, municipal energy consumption (DOER report) Green Communities grant funded efficiency projects to date, Energy Coach/ "4 our Future" program and zoning ordinances both to increase building energy efficiency/renewables in the private sector and foster sustainable development patterns. (formerly #324-21)

#49-22

Zoning amendment to require solar system installation

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, CROSSLEY, KRINTZMAN, NORTON, DOWNS, DANBERG, LIPOF, NOEL, LEARY, MARKIEWICZ AND KELLEY requesting an amendment to Chapter 30, Newton Zoning Ordinance, to require solar system installation in certain new construction projects greater than 10,000 square feet. (formerly #32-20)

#50-22

Request for Discussion and Ordinance to require energy use reporting

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, LEARY AND NORTON on behalf of the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy (NCCE), requesting discussion and an ordinance that would require large property owners (campuses and large commercial buildings) to report energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions annually to the city of Newton, to be used to encourage reductions in said energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in accordance and support of the goals set forth in the Newton Climate Action Plan. (formerly #181-21)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Public Facilities Committees

#51-22

Request for energy efficiency analysis during construction

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, BOWMAN, ALBRIGHT, KELLEY, LEARY, DOWNS AND NORTON requesting a discussion and possible ordinance to require that property owners who are proposing new construction or major renovations, submit an analysis and pricing for providing all electric high efficiency HVAC and appliances as an alternative to fossil fuel powered equipment. (formerly #12-21)

#52-22

Discussion and possible ordinance amendments regarding the utilization of electric vehicle charging stations

COUNCILORS GROSSMAN, LAREDO, NORTON, ALBRIGHT AND CROSSLEY requesting a discussion AND POSSIBLE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS with the Planning Department and the Sustainability Directors regarding ALLOWING THE utilization of electric vehicle charging stations on private commercial parking lots BY CITY ORDINANCES, including but not limited to the use of digital advertising to pay for the stations and provide free charging to customers. (formerly #340-21)

#53-22

Requesting an ordinance to require documenting existing conditions of landmarked buildings prior to permitting

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, DOWNS, LIPOF, KALIS, KELLEY, BOWMAN AND DANBERG requesting a discussion with Planning and Historic Preservation to consider an ordinance requiring, that prior to ISD issuing a permit for renovations to a landmarked building or buildings within historic districts, that a petitioner must have adequately documented existing conditions of the building including its exterior architectural features, by a licensed architect or building professional to the satisfaction of the governing historic

commission or district commission. The written order of conditions from the governing commission approving renovations to such a building or structure will be based upon and evaluated against adherence to these documents. (formerly #220-21)

#54-22

Request for discussion on zoning to support native plants and pollinators

COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DOWNS, AND NORTON requesting a discussion on increasing native plants and pollinator friendly plants in Newton. Discussion should include options to change zoning for both residential and commercial projects as well as increase such plantings on public lands. Native plants are environmentally more sustainable as they require less water and pesticides. Native plants attract a variety of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife by providing diverse habitats and food sources. Pollinator friendly plants can help support a healthy ecosystem, our Climate Action Goals, environmental sustainability and are needed to help refurbish native plants for biodiversity, bees and butterflies. (formerly #154-21)

#55-22

Requesting a discussion with the Planning Department

COUNCILORS LIPOF, CROSSLEY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Planning Department to address concerns relative to the trend of significantly raising grade elevations on lots, using retaining walls, terracing and other means to add soil to conceal a raised basement, which can lead to new buildings that are significantly taller than nearby existing houses in the area, cause denuding of wooded areas and increasing storm water runoff. (formerly #149-21)

#56-22

Request for Ordinance requiring topographic data prior to building permit issuance

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY AND ALBRIGHT requesting an ordinance to require that topographic data be provided on surveys showing existing and proposed conditions currently required for new construction and additions, prior to issuing construction permits. (formerly #11-21)

#57-22

Request for discussion relative to demolition of existing homes in Newton

COUNCILORS WRIGHT, MALAKIE, BAKER, HUMPHREY, MARKIEWICZ, KALIS AND RYAN requesting discussion of appropriate adjustments to Newton's zoning to discourage the demolition of smaller homes which are being replaced by larger and much more expensive structures. (formerly #75-21)

#58-22

Request for a discussion with ISD regarding noise ordinance Compliance

COUNCILORS BAKER AND RYAN requesting discussion with Inspectional Services about possible ways of enhancing compliance with the provisions of Newton's noise ordinance which limits construction activity to certain times of day and on Sundays and legal holidays, including possible additional measures to advise contractors and subcontractors of applicable rules to minimize the need for complaint driven enforcement by city staff or police. (formerly #98-20)

- #59-22 Request for discussion with ISD regarding special permit compliance**
COUNCILORS BAKER, LAREDO, AND LIPOF requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services about the existing and potential resources and practices involved in assuring compliance with zoning special permits once issued by the Council. (formerly #97-20)
- #60-22 Community Preservation Committee Annual Update to City Council**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR on behalf of the CPC, requesting a discussion with the City Council to provide an annual update on the status of the CPA funds, the community preservation program and the ordinance in accordance with Sec 7-80 of the Ordinances. (formerly #362-21)
- #61-22 Appointment of Lisa Monahan to the Planning & Development Board**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Lisa Monahan, 1105 Walnut Street, Newton Highlands, as an alternate member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire on February 1, 2023. (60 days: 03/02/22)
- #62-22 Appointment of Ali Erol to the Economic Development Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Ali Erol, 204 Dedham Street, Newton, as a member of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION for a term to expire on December 31, 2023. (60 days: 03/02/22)
- #63-22 Reappointment of Elizabeth Sweet to the Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Elizabeth Sweet, 281 Lexington Street, Auburndale, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on January 10, 2023. (60 days: 03/02/22)
- #64-22 Reappointment of Lei Reilley to the Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Lei Reilley, 130 Pine Street, Newton, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on January 10, 2023. (60 days: 03/02/22)
- #65-22 Reappointment of Denise Chicoine to the Zoning Board of Appeals**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Denise Chicoine, 275 Islington Road, Newton, as an associate member of the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS for a term to expire on January 10, 2023. (60 days: 03/02/22)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

- #66-22 Annual Report of the work of the Traffic Council for 2021**
DAVID KOSES, TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR providing the Annual Report of the work of the Traffic Council for 2021.

#67-22 Requesting regular discussion with the Police Department
COUNCILOR DOWNS requesting regular discussion with the Police Department of police data, including crashes, types of calls, numbers and dispositions.

#68-22 Requesting discussion with the Fire Department
COUNCILOR DOWNS requesting discussion with the Newton Fire Department on one year-over-year data, which may include fires, injuries, inspections, hiring and overtime.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#69-22 Requesting a discussion regarding snow clearing, operations and enforcement
COUNCILORS DANBERG, MARKIEWICZ, BOWMAN, NOEL AND DOWNS requesting a discussion with the Department of Public Works and the Police Department regarding residential and commercial sidewalk snow clearing, operations and enforcement.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#70-22 Requesting a discussion regarding Traffic calming progress, plans, and adequacy of resources
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, NORTON, DOWNS, GROSSMAN, WRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Department of Public Works and the Planning Department regarding Traffic Calming prioritization, selection of methods, effectiveness of completed projects, pending requests, adequacy of current funding and personnel, and timetable for addressing pending and new requests at current resource levels.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#71-22 Requesting an update on the Weston Newton Square Enhancement project
COUNCILORS MALAKIE, NORTON, DOWNS, GROSSMAN, WRIGHT requesting an update on the West Newton Square Enhancement project and discussion with Public Works, Planning, Police and Fire, with opportunity for public input, regarding traffic conditions in and around West Newton Square, status of signal timing and other adjustments, and measurement and mitigation of traffic impacts on neighborhood streets.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#72-22 Discussion with Police, DPW and Inspectional Services on sidewalk obstructions
COUNCILORS DOWNS, BOWMAN, MALAKIE, HUMPHREY, WRIGHT, RYAN, GREENBERG, DANBERG, GROSSMAN, AND LUCAS requesting a discussion with Police, Public Works and Inspectional Services regarding sidewalk obstruction, enforcement, regulation, and operating procedures during construction used to ensure safety for nonmotorized road users.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#73-22

Request for update on the City's COVID-19 efforts

COUNCILORS KALIS, KRINTZMAN, LAREDO, HUMPHREY, OLIVER, DOWNS, NOEL, NORTON, BAKER, WRIGHT, LUCAS, GROSSMAN AND LIPOF requesting an update on the City's efforts regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including whether ARPA funds can be used to offer free COVID testing for Newton residents, the status of school-based COVID testing, vaccination requirements for city and school employees, and other ongoing or new support the City is offering residents and businesses.

#74-22

Appointment of Cheryl Lappin to the Farm Commission

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing CHERYL LAPPIN, 6 Dorcar Road, Chestnut Hill, as a member of the FARM COMMISSION for a term to expire on January 10, 2025. (60 days: 03/02/2022)

Referred to Public Facilities and Programs & Services Committee

#75-22

Update on the Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School project

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT requesting the opportunity to provide a Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School project update to the Public Facilities and Programs & Services Committees.

Referred to Finance Committee

#76-22

Requesting a discussion regarding the financial operations of NewMo

COUNCILORS LAREDO, OLIVER, MARKIEWICZ, WRIGHT, LIPOF, LUCAS, KALIS, AND MALAKIE requesting a discussion with the Administration regarding the financial operations of NewMo to date, including the annual subsidy the city is providing NewMo and the sources of current and future funding for it.

#77-22

Mayor's reappointment of Rabbi Suzanne Offit to the Taxation Aid Committee

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing RABBI SUZANNE OFFIT, 1429 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, 02456 as a member of the Newton Taxation Aid Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2024. (60 days: 05/03/19)