



City Council Actions

In City Council

Monday, June 18, 2018

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

The City Council discussed the following items on second call:

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#312-18 Citizens Petition requesting ballot question on recreational marijuana establishments with exceptions

SUZANNE BENDER ET AL., submitting a group petition pursuant to Section 10-2 of the City of Newton Charter, requesting that the City Council place a question on the November 6, 2018 ballot as to whether the City of Newton will adopt the following ordinance:

“Operation of recreational (non-medical) marijuana establishments as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 94G is prohibited in Newton, provided that a marijuana establishment that was licensed and approved to operate as a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (Registered Marijuana Dispensary) in the City of Newton prior to July 1, 2017 may, if otherwise allowed by zoning, (a) cultivate non-medical marijuana; (b) manufacture and/or produce non-medical marijuana related products; (c) test non-medical marijuana and the products derived therefrom; (d) engage in wholesale distribution of non-medical marijuana and non-medical marijuana products, but not to include retail sales thereof in the City of Newton.”

Programs & Services Approved 3-1-2 (Albright opposed; Krintzman and Brousal-Glaser abstaining; Baker not voting); Public Hearing Closed

Motion to Postpone to Date Certain of July 9, 2018 Approved by Voice Vote

Clerk’s Note: The Chair of the Programs & Services Committee briefly reported on the item and requested that the discussion of this item be moved to July 9th. He noted that there is a second Marijuana item that has been docketed by Councilors Albright and Krintzman to limit the number of retail recreational shops. This item will be taken up at the Programs and Services Committee meeting Wednesday, June 20th. It was noted that there would be a very detailed conversation with the Law Department regarding the issue of ballot questions. It is a very complicated issue governed by the City Charter and State Law. The chair would like to bring both proposals back to the City Council on July 9, for the full Council to discuss. It is not quite clear what all the ramifications are regarding how we frame Ballot questions.

Referred to Land Use Committee

#137-18

Petition to allow 18-unit multi family dwelling at 189-193 Adams St/19 Quirk Ct

183-193 ADAMS STREET, LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a multi-family development in a business district with greater than 20,000 gross floor area, with a four-story structure 41' in height, containing an 18-unit dwelling with ground floor units, to allow an FAR of 1.31, to allow a density bonus to reduce the lot area per unit and increase the number of inclusionary units, to allow a reduction of the requirement for parking to 1.25 stalls per unit, to allow parking in the setback, to allow parking within 5' of a building containing dwelling units, to waive minimum stall dimension requirements, to allow a reduction in the minimum width of a entrance/exit drive, to allow a reduction in the minimum width of maneuvering aisles, to waive lighting requirements and to waive perimeter landscape screening requirements in Ward, 1, Newton, at 189-193 Adams Court, Section 14 Block 15 Lot 39, Section 14 Block 15 Lot 38 and 19 Quirk Court Section 14 Block 15 Lot 44, containing a combined lot area of approximately 19,349 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 4.1.2.B.1, 4.1.2.B.3, 4.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.8.C.1, 5.1.8.C.2, 5.1.8.D.1, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.10.A, 5.11.4, 5.11.15, 4.1.2 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.

Land Use Approved 5-0-2; Public Hearing Closed June 12, 2018**Motion to Postpone to a date certain of July 9, 2018 was Approved by Voice Vote**

Clerk's Note: The Chair of the Land Use Committee stated that there was a letter from the abutter's attorney who explained that there was a desire by the petitioner to try to work through some issues. A motion to postpone to a date certain of July 9th was voted and approved.

#345-18

Request to transfer funds to hire a consultant to assist in identifying permit software

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve to the Executive Office Consulting for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist the Permit Software Working group as they prepare to search for a new permitting software system.

Finance Approved Subject to Second Call 6-0-2 (Norton, Lappin abstaining)**Motion to Approve Approved by Voice Vote**

Clerk's Note: The Chair of the Finance Committee stated that this item was discussed in Finance and that there was a request for more information from the administration as to how the money would be spent. There was a written response explaining that a committee including two councilors has already been formed. That was satisfactory to the members of Finance who had questions.

#344-18

Request to transfer funds to hire a consultant to develop a cultural strategy

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve to the Executive Office Consulting Account for the purpose of developing a cultural strategy for the City.

Finance Approved 5-1-2 (Norton opposed; Noel, Lappin abstaining)

Motion to Recommit to Finance Committee Approved by Voice Vote

Clerk's Note: The Chair of the Finance Committee reported out the item. A motion to send the item back to the Finance Committee was made by Councilor Auchincloss. He felt that there were broad, unanswered questions and he was not comfortable approving the \$30,000 until those questions are answered. He was concerned that the scope of work for the strategy was not outlined in the Committee report and not provided. Councilor Auchincloss had concerns with a report that would tell the city what to do in terms that sound quite impressive but are not that actionable. There was question regarding the distinction between the consultant's work and the work of our own cultural programmers. If we don't have the expertise to lay out the cultural strategy, are we able to exercise that cultural strategy? In his opinion, there should be concrete answers.

It was noted that if the city paid a consultant \$75.00 an hour, that would be 2 ½ months of full time work to put together this strategy. It was felt that this was not reasonable for the amount of work that this would probably entail.

Several Councilors stated that they were not opposed to sending the item back to Committee but the importance of the arts in the City was noted. In order to successfully implement a program for the arts in any community, there really has to be a strategy to know what the steps are to get there. And that it must carefully be thought through. It was felt that the two current employees have enough to do and could not come up with an adequate strategy for a City like Newton.

Job descriptions for the two people employees working in the Office of cultural Affairs were requested so there could be a comparison of the limitations.

The Chair of Finance stated that he would arrange with the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer to get information for the Committee.

The City Council voted without discussion 24 Yeas to Approve the Committee recommendations on the following items:

Referred to Land Use Committee

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

- #290-18** **Special Permit Petition to extend non-conforming front setback at 12 Acorn Drive**
JENIFER AND ROBERT HEINSTEIN petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to further extend the existing non-conforming front setback by enclosing the front entrance at 12 Acorn Drive, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 44 Block 29 Lot 10, containing approximately 7,610 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Land Use Approved 8-0; Public Hearing Closed June 5, 2018
- #291-18** **Special Permit Petition to allow detached accessory apartment at 1224 Boylston Street**
AMY McMAHON petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a detached accessory apartment in a 353 sq. ft. existing detached structure at 1224 Boylston Street, Ward 5, Newton Upper Falls, on land known as Section 51 Block 09 Lot 21 containing approximately 12,652 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 6.7.1.E.1of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Land Use Approved 8-0; Public Hearing Closed June 5, 2018
- #215-18** **Special Permit Petition to allow a rear-lot subdivision at 156 Otis Street**
156 OTIS STREET LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a rear lot subdivision to create two lots, raze the existing single-family dwelling and construct single-family dwellings on each lot at 156 Otis Street, Ward 2, West Newton, on land known as Section 24, Block 13, Lot 14A, containing approximately 43,700 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: 7.3, 7.4, 3.1.5, 3.1.10 and 5.4.2.B of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Land Use Approved 8-0; Public Hearing Closed June 5, 2018
- Motion to Suspend the Rules to allow the Chair of the Land Use Committee to Poll his Committee was approved by Voice Vote**
Land Use Held 8-0

Referred to Land Use Committee

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

- #292-18** **Special Permit Petition to exceed FAR at 39 Summit Street**
VANESSA LIPSCHITZ AND MATTHEW HELMING petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a 455 sq. ft. two-story addition, creating an FAR of .58 where .39 exists and .45 is allowed at 39 Summit Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 12 Block 22 Lot 24, containing approximately 5,439 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 3.1.9 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Land Use Approved 6-0 (Laredo not Voting); Public Hearing Closed June 12, 2018
- #178-18** **Petition to amend Board Order #257-13(4) at 145 Wells Ave**
ANDRIAN SHAPIRO/WELLS AVENUE BUSINESS CENTER, LLC. petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to extend the hours of operation and increase the number of customers at one time, requiring an amendment to Special Permit Board Order #257-13(4) at 145 Wells Avenue, Ward 8, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 84 Block 34 Lot 2G, containing approximately 86,256 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned LIMITED MANUFACTURING. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Land Use Approved 6-0 (Laredo not Voting); Public Hearing Closed June 12, 2018
- #293-18** **Petition to allow restaurant with more than 50 seats at 342-344 Watertown Street**
ARTUR ANDRONIC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a restaurant with greater than 50 seats, a waiver for 12 parking stalls and allow the re-use of an existing non-conforming sign at 342-344 Watertown Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 14 Block 12 Lot 21 containing approximately 8,364 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 6.4.29.C.1, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 5.2, 5.2.13 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Land Use Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed June 12, 2018

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

Monday, June 11, 2018

- #300-18** **Appointment of Sudha Maheshwari to the Planning & Development Board**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing SUDHA MAHESHWARI, 118 Lowell Avenue, West Newton, as a full member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire February 1, 2022.
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Krintzman not voting)

- #301-18 Appointment of Kevin McCormick to the Planning & Development Board**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing KEVIN MCCORMICK, 52 Madison Avenue, Newtonville, as an alternate member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire February 1, 2022.
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Krintzman not voting)
- #302-18 Appointment of James Robertson to the Planning & Development Board**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing JAMES ROBERTSON, 158 Newtonville Avenue, Newtonville, as an alternate member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire February 1, 2023.
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Krintzman not voting)
- #309-18 Re-appointment of Peter Doeringer to the Planning & Development Board**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR re-appointing PETER DOERINGER, 35 Pulsifer Street, Newtonville, as a full member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire February 1, 2023.
Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Krintzman not voting)

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

- #313-18 Appointment of Bharat Bhushan as Library Trustee**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing BHARAT BHUSHAN, 2 Terrace Avenue, Newton Highlands, as a Trustee of the NEWTON LIBRARY for a term to expire June 30, 2023.
Programs & Services Approved 4-0 (Kalis, Baker and Schwartz not voting)
- #314-18 Appointment of Chris Kirby as Library Trustee**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing CHRIS KIRBY, 60 Kenilworth Street, Newton, as a Trustee of the NEWTON LIBRARY for a term to expire June 30, 2023.
Programs & Services Approved 4-0 (Kalis, Baker and Schwartz not voting)

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

- #329-18 Transfer of \$75,000 for the installation of a PA system at the Library**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Main Library Full-time Salaries Account to the Main Library Building Improvements Account for the purpose of installing a public address system.
Finance Approved 8-0 on 06/11/18
Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Baker not voting)

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#330-18

Appropriate \$100,000 to repair fences

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the repair of fences damaged in winter storms over the past few years at several locations throughout the City under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation.

Finance Approved 8-0 on 06/11/18**Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Baker not voting)****Referred to Finance and Programs & Services Committees**

#322-18

Home Rule Legislation to modify the 41A tax deferral program for seniors

HER HONOR THE MAYOR seeking Home Rule Legislation allowing the City to modify the local cl. 41A tax deferral program for seniors by increasing the income limit for qualifying and participating property owners.

Finance Committee Approved 4-0 on 5/30/18**Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Baker not voting)****Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee**

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#353-18

Request to transfer funds to purchase an Incident Command Vehicle for the Police

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve for the purpose of purchasing an Incident Command Vehicle for the Police Department.

Finance Approved 8-0 on 06/11/18**Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 8-0**

#274-18

Semi-annual taxi license/public auto inspections

POLICE DEPARTMENT, submitting reports of semi-annual taxi license/public auto inspections for review.

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 7-0, (Cote not voting)

#273-18

Bus License renewals for Boston College Bus

BOSTON COACH TRANSPORTATION, request for annual renewal of the Boston College Bus Licenses. There are no changes proposed to last year's licenses.

- 1) Boston College Law School Routes
- 2) Boston College Main Campus to Boston Route

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 8-0

- #341-18** **Bus License renewals and one new bus license request for Trip Advisor Bus**
TRIP ADVISOR, requesting triennial renewal of four (4) bus licenses AND one (1) new bus license for a triennial term to provide employee-only shuttle service.
Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #351-18** **Request to transfer funds to cover increases in cost of electricity for Fire Department**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Fire Department Full-time Salaries Account to the Fire Department Electricity Account to fund the increase in costs of electricity as a result of the Station #3 addition.
Finance Approved 8-0 as Amended on 06/11/18
Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 7-0, (Cote not voting)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #331-18** **Appropriate \$121,770 to replace Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred twenty-one thousand seven hundred seventy dollars (\$121,770) from Free Cash for the purpose of replacing 120 bottles (50% of the Fire Department's inventory) for the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
Finance Approved 8-0 on 06/11/18
Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 7-0, (Cote not voting)

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #332-18** **Appropriate \$33,739 for extractor and gear dryer for two fire stations**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend thirty-three thousand seven hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$33,739) from Free Cash to purchase an extractor and gear dryer for both Station 1 (Newton Corner) and Station 2 (Commonwealth Avenue).
Finance Approved 8-0 on 06/11/18
Public Safety & Transportation Committee Approved 7-0, (Cote not voting)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

- #357-18** **COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS** requesting in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Ch. 40, Sec. 15., relocation of a portion of a 20' wide City drain and sewer easement in the center of Section 63, Block 9, Lot 2 (Boston College Middle Campus) located parallel to College Road and shown on the Easement Plan completed by Feldman Land surveyors, dated April 6, 2018.
Public Facilities Approved 6-0-1 (Laredo abstaining)

- #342-18 National Grid petition for grant of location in Beacon Street**
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain 320' ± of 6" gas main in Short Street from the existing 6" gas main in Montclair Road in a northeasterly direction to the endpoint of the existing gas main in front of 1521 Beacon Street to provide new service to 1521 Beacon Street. (Ward 5)
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Kelley not Voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #355-18 Appropriate \$150,000 to make repairs to 1294 Centre Street**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Free Cash for repairs to 1294 Centre Street (the former Health Department building).
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Kelley not Voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #354-18 Appropriate \$338,000 for the rehabilitation of the Forest Grove Pump Station**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate three hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$338,000) from bonded indebtedness to fund the rehabilitation of the Forest Grove Pump Station.
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Kelley not Voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #356-18 Request to transfer \$150,000 to fund repair/replacement of streetlights**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve for the purpose of funding the repair/replacement of streetlights that have been out service for many years due to underground problems.
Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Kelley not Voting)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Monday, June 11, 2018

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

- #333-18 Transfer of \$120,000 to purchase four vehicles**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) from Budget Reserve to the Public Works Vehicle Maintenance-Vehicles Account to replace three vehicles in the Inspectional Services Department and one vehicle for the Inspector of Weights & Measures.
Finance Approved 7-0 (Cote not voting) on 06/11/18
Public Facilities Approved 5-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#334-18

Appropriate \$75,000 to replace the Eliot Street generator

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from Free Cash to fund the replacement of the Eliot Street generator and related electric service upgrade.

Finance Approved 7-0 (Cote not voting) on 06/11/18

Public Facilities Approved 5-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#335-18

Transfer of \$100,000 for building improvements

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Human Resources Full-time Salaries Account to the Public Buildings Repairs & Maintenance Account for the purpose of funding assorted year end building improvements.

Finance Approved 7-0-1 (Lappin abstaining) on 06/11/18

Public Facilities Approved 4-0-1 (Lappin abstaining)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#336-18

Transfer of \$150,000 to address storm water issues at the Franklin School

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Stormwater Current Year Budget Reserve to a capital project account for the purpose of funding repair of the storm water retention system at the Franklin Elementary School.

Finance Approved 8-0 on 06/11/18

Public Facilities Approved 5-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#337-18

Appropriate 400,000 to fund the MWRA Lead Pipe Replacement loan payment

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from the Water Fund Surplus - Available for Appropriation Account for the purpose of making the FY 18 MWRA Lead Pipe Replacement Program loan payment.

Finance Approved 8-0 on 06/11/18

Public Facilities Approved 5-0

Referred to Finance Committee

Monday, June 11, 2018

#326-18

Acceptance of Mass Housing Grant for \$85,000

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mass Housing Grant in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) for purpose of funding work with an expert fiscal impact

team to analyze financial impacts from various building scenarios along Washington and Needham Streets, Riverside, as well as an examination of the proposed new Zoning Ordinance.

Finance Approved as Amended 7-0 @ \$50,000 (Cote not voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#333-18

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Public Facilities Approved 5-0 on 06/11/18

Finance Approved 7-0 (Cote not voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#334-18

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Public Facilities Approved 5-0 on 06/11/18

Finance Approved 7-0 (Cote not voting)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

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Public Facilities Approved 4-0-1 (Lappin abstaining) on 06/11/18

Finance Approved 7-0-1 (Lappin abstaining)

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#336-18

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Public Facilities Approved 5-0 on 06/11/18

Finance Approved 8-0

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Public Facilities Approved 5-0 on 06/11/18**Finance Approved 8-0****Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

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Programs & Services Approved 6-0 on 06/06/18**Finance Approved 8-0**

#348-18

Request to transfer funds for improvements to the War Memorial Veterans Museum

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Veterans Services Benefits Account to fund the War Memorial Veterans Museum improvements.

Finance Approved 8-0**Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees**

#329-18

Transfer of \$75,000 for the installation of a PA system at the Library

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#355-18

Appropriate \$150,000 to make repairs to 1294 Centre Street

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from Free Cash for repairs to 1294 Centre Street (the former Health Department building).

Public Facilities Approved 6-0 on 06/06/18**Finance Approved 8-0**

#349-18 Assessment of Curb Betterments

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the following mentioned sidewalk/driveway apron and/or curb betterments; said betterments to be levied under the provisions of MGL Chapter 83, Sec. 26, authorizing the assessment of betterments for construction:

Address	Owner Name	Book/Pag e	Sec/Block/Lot	Total Cost
66 Waban Hill Road	Kiley Manley J., Jr. & Leahy Mary M.	64001/53 2	63008 0041	\$2,445.00
94 Waban Hill Road	Crocetti Francis P. & Lucinda A.	985/151	63008 0036	\$4850.00
225 Arnold Road	Schwartz Jeffrey G. & Schwartz Laura P.	51178/52 4	81008 0001	\$4,850.00
59 Hancock Avenue	Foster William & Rachel	63660/46 9	64016 0020	\$2,550.00
26 Dartmouth Street	Marjorie E. Korff Trust, Korff, Robert S. & Fellman, Ronald M. Trs	59358/38 9	32033 0011	\$5,500.00
35 Dartmouth Street	Silverman Steven & Elisa	63326/13 6	32029 0012A	\$10,032.50
20 Beechcroft Road	Cahill Lawrence & Cahill Lisa G. Sowie	56966/28 1	72035 0004	\$2,132.50
321 Commonwealth Avenue	Deng Shaohua & Shen Lin	67833/49 4	61009 0005	\$2,672.50

Finance Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#354-18 Appropriate \$338,000 for the rehabilitation of the Forest Grove Pump Station

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate three hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$338,000) from bonded indebtedness to fund the rehabilitation of the Forest Grove Pump Station.

Public Facilities Approved 6-0 on 06/06/18

Finance Approved 8-0

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funding the repair/replacement of streetlights that have been out service for many years due to underground problems.

Public Facilities Approved 6-0 on 06/06/18

Finance Approved 8-0

#352-18

Request to transfer funds to purchase time and attendance software

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from the Police Department Full-time Salaries Account to the Police Department Computer Server Software Account to fund a time and attendance software system for the Police Department.

Finance Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#353-18

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Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0 on 06/06/18

Finance Approved 8-0

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Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0 (Cote not voting) on 06/06/18

Finance Approved 8-0

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Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0 (Cote not voting) on 06/06/18

Finance Approved 8-0

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#351-18

Request to transfer funds to cover increases in cost of electricity for Fire Department

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the ~~Fire Department Full-time Salaries~~ *Fire Health*

Insurance Account to the Fire Department Electricity Account to fund the increase in costs of electricity as a result of the Station #3 addition.

Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0 (Cote not voting) on 06/06/18

Finance Approved as Amended 8-0

#346-18 Request to transfer funds for overlap in office manager position in the Law Department
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve to the Law Department's Full-time Salaries Account to provide funding for a few weeks of overlap in the Office Manager position.

Finance Approved 8-0

#347-18 Request to transfer funds to cover the costs of the December advanced refunding
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000) from the Treasury Long Term Interest Account and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the Treasury-Advanced Refunding Contribution to cover the costs of the December advanced refunding.

Finance Approved 8-0

The following four items were filed after the close of the Docket and Motions to Suspend the Rules to accept the items to the Docket and assign them to Committees were Approved by Voice Vote.

Referred to Public Safety and Transportation and Public Facilities Committees

#381-18 Walnut Street Newtonville Enhancements Project
HER HONOR THE MAYOR, COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS, and COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, AUCHINCLOSS & NORTON requesting approval pursuant to §26-51 of the City of Newton Ordinances for the Walnut Street Newtonville Enhancements Project on Walnut Street from approximately the northerly bridge abutment of the Massachusetts Turnpike Bridge to the intersection of Elm Road; Highland Avenue from Walnut Street to Bram Way; Austin Street from Walnut Street to the westerly end of the 28 Austin Street project; and the east sidewalk of Bram Way.

Referred Land Use Committee

#392-18 Extension of time to exercise Special Permit #179-15 for 1349 Centre St
MYRTHA CHANG petition for an EXTENSION of TIME to EXERCISE Special Permit Board Order #179-15 allowing a freestanding sign at 1349 CENTRE STREET, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as SBL 62, 10, 1, containing approximately 10,579 sf. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 2. Said EXTENSION to expire September 21, 2018 Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-20(f)(1), 30-20(l) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2012.

Referred to Finance Committee

- #393-18 Appropriate \$9,837.31 to settle a claim resulting from a sewer backup**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend nine thousand eight hundred thirty-seven dollars and thirty-one cents (\$9,837.31) for full and final settlement of a claim resulting from damage caused by a sewer backup to a finished basement at 121 Hanson Road.

Referred to Finance Committee

- #394-18 Transfer \$240,000 for back pay owed to the former police chief**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of two hundred forty thousand dollars from the below accounts to fund the “back pay” owed to the former police chief.

Executive Office Full-time Salaries.....	\$25,000
Assessing Full-time Salaries	\$60,000
Treasury Full-time Salaries.....	\$20,000
Human Resources Full-time Salaries.....	\$30,000
Information Technologies Full-time Salaries	\$50,000
Planning Full-time Salaries.....	\$55,000

Public Hearings were assigned for the following items:

Public Hearing assigned for June 20, 2018:

- #386-18 National Grid Grant of Location for Gay Street**
NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 230' ± of 6" gas main in GAY STREET from the existing 4" gas main at the intersection of Cabot Street to just past the intersection of Clyde Street and 60' ± of 6" gas main in Clyde Street from the new 6" gas main in Gay Street to 10 Clyde Street. (Ward 2)

Public Hearing assigned for June 20, 2018:

- #387-18 National Grid Grant of Location on California Street**
NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain a new regulator traffic control box in the grassy area across from the existing regulator at 367 California Street with a 4" conduit and a 1 ½" conduit crossing California Street to an existing pole to provide electricity to the proposed regulator.

Public Hearing assigned for July 10, 2018

- #360-18 Special Permit Petition for Temporary Waiver of Parking for Annual Tent Sale**
BLOOMINGDALE'S DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL for a 5-YEAR permit for a temporary tent to hold an ANNUAL rug sale in May

and the temporary displacement of approximately 153 parking spaces for the event at 175 BOYLSTON STREET, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 4.4.1, 6.4.29 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.

Public Hearing assigned for July 10, 2018

#361-18

Special Permit Petition for Restaurant with more than 50 seats

BLOOMINGDALE'S DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a restaurant with four outdoor tables, requiring a Special Permit for a restaurant with greater than 50 seats at 225 BOYLSTON STREET, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 4.4.1, 6.4.29 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.

Public Hearing assigned for July 10, 2018

#362-18

Petition to allow four attached dwellings at 21-25 Gardner Street

OLIMPIA FUSCO AND GUISEPPE BOVE petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to combine two parcels to allow four attached dwelling units in two structures, requiring a Special Permit to allow single-family dwellings in an MR2 district, to allow reduced side setbacks for attached single-family dwellings in an MR2 district, to allow a reduced front setback for attached single-family dwellings in an MR2 district, to allow a reduced rear setback for attached single-family dwellings in an MR2 district and to allow reduced lot coverage for attached dwellings in an MR2 zoning district at 21-25 Gardner Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 11 Block 25 Lots 7 & 8, containing approximately 18,717 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 3.2.4 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.

Commendations were presented to:

Eagle Scout Commendations – Councilors Noel, Danberg and Schwartz

Council Scholarships – Councilors Baker and Greenberg

Envirothon Teams – Councilors Crossley and Norton

Military Students Commendations – Councilors Cote, Auchincloss, Baker and Rice