



## City Council Actions

### In City Council

**Monday, December 20, 2021**

**Present:** Councilors Baker, Bowman, Crossley, Danberg, Downs, Gentile, Greenberg, Grossman, Humphrey, Kalis, Kelley, Krintzman, Laredo, Leary, Lipof, Lucas, Malakie, Noel, Norton, Oliver, Ryan, Wright & Albright.

Absent: Councilor Markiewicz

**Clerk's Note: The full Council meeting can be viewed on the following link:**

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**The City Council discussed the following items on Second Call:**

### Unfinished Council Business

**#391-21 Appointment of John Rice to the Newton Historical Commission**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing John Rice, 9 Selden Street, Waban, as an at-large member of the Newton Historical Commission for a term to expire on September 30, 2023. (60 days: 12/31/21)

**Zoning & Planning Approved 6-0-2, Councilors Wright and Baker abstaining.**

**Motion to Postpone to Date Certain of December 20, 2021 by Councilor Gentile Approved 13 Yeas 10 Nay (Councilors Bowman, Crossley, Danberg, Downs, Greenberg, Humphrey, Kelley, Krintzman, Noel, Albright) 1 Absent (Councilors Norton).**

**Motion to Approve Appointment of John Rice to the Newton Historical Commission Approved 15 Yeas 8 Nays (Councilors Baker, Gentile, Kalis, Laredo, Lucas, Malakie, Oliver, Wright) 1 Absent (Markiewicz)**

**Clerk's Note:** This item was discussed among Councilors as to the Mayor's appointment.

### Referred to Land Use Committee

**#89-21 Petition to amend special permit Council Order #566-18 at 432 Cherry Street**

**DENNIS CAMERON/CRM MANAGEMENT, LLC** petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit Council Order #566-18 to maintain the existing office building, the change in use requires a waiver of four stalls at 424-432 Cherry Street, Section 33 Block 11 Lot 2, containing

approximately 14,804 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.1.13, 5.1.4 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017

**Land Use Approved Subject to Second Call 6-0-1 (Councilor Laredo Abstaining); Public Hearing Closed 12/14/21**

**Motion to approve petition to amend special permit Council Order #566-18 at 432 Cherry Street Approved by Voice Vote 23-0-1 (Councilor Markiewicz absent)**

**Clerk's Note:** This item was placed on Second Call by Councilor Lipof as he wanted to explain that the committee was waiting on refuse collection plans for the parking lot, concerning the turning radius of the garbage trucks. The proposed plan was received before the meeting and posted in the Friday packet.

**#29-21 Amended Petition to allow single-family attached dwelling units at 145 Warren Street CIVICO DEVELOPMENT** petition for **SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL** to allow five single-family attached dwellings, to allow reduced side setbacks, to increase the allowed lot coverage, to allow a driveway within ten feet of the side lot line, to allow retaining walls greater than 4' within a setback, to waive three parking stalls and to allow a reduced driveway width at 145 Warren Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 61 Block 39 Lot 10, containing approximately 23,399 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 3.2.4, 6.2.3.B.2, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.D.1, 5.4.2.B of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

**Land Use Approved 5-3 (Councilors Laredo, Lucas, and Markiewicz opposed); Public Hearing Closed 12/09/2021**

**Motion to Approve the Amended Petition to allow Single-Family attached dwelling unites at 145 Warren Street Approved 17 Yeas 6 Nays (Councilors Baker, Gentile, Laredo, Lucas, Malakie, Wright) 1 Absent (Markiewicz)**

**Clerk's Note:** This item was placed on Second Call by Councilor Laredo to discuss the allowances made for the development.

**The City Council voted without discussion 23 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 absent to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following items:**

**Referred to Land Use Committee**

**#379-21 Petition to exceed FAR and allow retaining wall in excess of 4' at 111 Gordon Road ALYSSA BICKOFF AND DANIEL ELFMAN** petition for **SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL** to construct a 2.5 story addition with a one-car garage and living space above, and to reconstruct a retaining wall at the rear of the property exceeding 4' in height at 111 Gordon Road, Ward 5, Waban, on land known as Section 53 Block 09 Lot 15, containing approximately 14,500 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 3.1.9, 5.4.2.B of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

**Land Use Approved 7-0 (Councilor Greenberg not voting); Public Hearing Closed 12-07-21**

- #406-21**      **Petition to allow a garage greater than 700 sq. ft. for four vehicles at 229 Bellevue Street**  
DAVID AND SUSAN WAKEFIELD petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a garage accommodating more than three vehicles with ground floor area exceeding 700 sq. ft., to vertically extend a nonconforming side setback, to allow a system of retaining walls exceeding four feet within the setback at 229 Bellevue, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 12 Block 17 Lot 29, containing approximately 9,700 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.3.A.1, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.4.3.A.4, 3.4.4.E, 3.4.4.H, 5.4.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved 8-0; Public Hearing Closed 12-07-21**
- #380-21**      **Petition to construct addition and modify parking at 483 Dedham Street**  
CHARLES RIVER COUNTRY CLUB petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct additions to the maintenance building and associated parking, to waive interior landscaping, lighting and bicycle parking facilities and to amend Special Permit #236-13 to extend a non-conforming use at 483 Dedham Street, Ward 8, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 83 Block 36 Lot 04, containing approximately 6,446,022 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 7.8.2.C.2, 5.1.9.B, 5.1.13, 5.1.10.A, 5.1.11 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved 8-0; Public Hearing Closed 12/07/2021**
- #293-21**      **Petition to allow 28-unit dwelling at 967 Washington, 92&96 Walker Street**  
ROGERS & COMPANY INC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a 28-unit three-story multi-family dwelling with underground parking, to waive 26 parking stalls and to alter and extend a non-conforming front setback at 967 Washington Street, 92 and 96 Walker Street, Ward 2, Newtonville, on land known as Section 21 Block 33 Lots 1-3, containing approximately 34,210 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 3.2.6, 7.8.2.C.2, 5.1.4, 5.1.13 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved 8-0; Public Hearing Closed 12/07/21**
- #119-20**      **Request to waive I&I fee for Special Permit #71-20 at 1114 Beacon Street**  
1114 BEACON STREET LLC. Request an abatement of the infiltration/inflow mitigation fee pursuant to the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, Chapter 29 Section 29-170.  
**Land Use voted No Action Necessary 7-0**
- #304-21**      **Request to Rezone 11 Florence Street**  
SUNRISE DEVELOPMENT, INC petition to rezone 11 Florence Street, known as section 82 Block 04 Lot 49 from MULTI RESIDENCE 1 to BUSINESS USE 2.  
**Land Use Approved Withdrawal without Prejudice 7-0 (Councilor Greenberg not voting)**

- #305-21** **Petition to construct elderly housing with services at 11 Florence and 318 Boylston St**  
SUNRISE DEVELOPMENT, INC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to elderly housing with services, to allow a development in excess of 20,000 sq. ft., to allow a four-story building, to allow a retaining wall greater than 4' in height within a setback, to allow free-standing signs, to allow parking in the front setback, to reduce the required parking stall length, to waiver perimeter screening requirements and to waive one foot candle lighting at 11 Florence Street, Ward 8, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 82 Block 04 Lots 47 and 49, containing approximately 82,945 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BU2 (318 Boylston Street) and MR1 (11 Florence Street, to be rezoned to BU2). Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 6.2.10, 4.1.2.B.1, 4.1.2.B.3, 4.1.3, 5.4.2.B, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.9, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.10.A.1, 5.13, 5.2.13 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved Withdrawal without Prejudice 7-0 (Councilor Greenberg not voting)**
- #338-20** **Petition to allow detached oversized accessory apartment at 63 Bourne Street**  
ANNA LAVRINENKO petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing detached garage and create a new detached accessory structure for an accessory apartment greater than 40% of the habitable space of the principal dwelling at 63 Bourne Street, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 41 Block 09 Lot 09, containing approximately 11,355 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 6.7.1.E.1, 6.7.1.E.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved Withdrawal without Prejudice 7-0 (Councilor Greenberg not voting)**
- #377-21** **Petition to exceed FAR and amend Special Permit #350-10 at 175 Allerton Road**  
ALEXANDER NARINSKY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct dormers on the attic level of the existing three-family, extending the non-conforming multi-family use and exceeding the allowable FAR at 175 Allerton Road, Ward 6, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 52 Block 24 Lot 06, containing approximately 8,530 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. 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.  
**Land Use Approved Withdrawal without Prejudice 7-0 (Councilor Greenberg not voting)**
- #125-21** **Amended Petition to allow marijuana retailer at 740 Beacon Street**  
THE GREEN LADY DISPENSARY II, INC/740 BEACON STREET LLC petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a recreational marijuana retail establishment, to allow parking in the side setback, to reduce dimensions for accessible parking stalls, to reduce the minimum aisle width for two-way traffic, to waive perimeter screening requirements, to waive two parking stalls, to allow assigned parking and to waive lighting requirements at 740 Beacon Street, Ward 6, Newton Centre, on land known as Section 61 Block 38 Lo 6, containing approximately 10,969 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 6.10.3.D, 4.4.1, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 6.10.E.5, 5.1.4, 5.1.3.E, 5.1.8.B.4, 5.1.8.C.1, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.10 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved 7-0 (Councilor Greenberg not voting); Public Hearing Closed 12/09/2021**

- #389-21** **Petition to allow for-profit educational use at 1631 Beacon Street**  
KIDLINK THERAPY P.C. d/b/a Artistry Martial Arts petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to operate a for-profit educational use/martial arts school in 650 sq. ft. of space at 1631-1633 Beacon Street, Ward 5, Waban, on land known as Section 53 Block 29 Lot 02A, containing approximately 54,198 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 6.3.14.B.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved 6-0 (Councilor Greenburg not voting); Public Hearing Closed 12/14/21**
- #360-21** **Petition to allow single-family attached dwellings at 50 Highland Avenue**  
50 HIGHLAND REALTY LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct an addition to the existing structure and a second two-unit structure, allowing four single-family attached dwelling units in two buildings, to allow reduced side and rear setbacks and to allow a driveway within ten feet of the side lot line, 50 Highland Avenue, Ward 2, on land known as Section 24 Block 11 Lot 34, containing approximately 22,738 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 3.2.4, 6.2.3.B.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.  
**Land Use Approved 7-0**
- #388-21** **Petition to allow single-family attached dwellings at 300 Elliot Street**  
THE HOMES AT ELLIOT, LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct an addition to the existing structure and a second two-unit structure, allowing four single-family attached dwelling units in two buildings, to allow reduced side and rear setbacks and to allow a driveway within ten feet of the side lot line at 300 Elliot Street, Ward 5, Newton Upper Falls, on land known as Section 51 Block 38 Lot 19, containing approximately 19,057 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 3.2.4, 6.2.3.B.2, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.A.2, 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.8.D.1, 5.1.8.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.  
**Land Use Approved 7-0; Public Hearing Closed 12/14/21**
- Referred to Zoning Planning Committee**
- #361-21** **Appointment of Sonya McKnight to the Conservation Commission**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing SONIA MCKNIGHT, 38 Woodward Street, Newton, as an alternate member of the CONSERVATION COMMISSION for a term to expire October 4, 2024. (60 days: 12/03/21)  
**Zoning & Planning Approved 6-0, Ryan and Krintzman not voting**
- #412-21** **Appointment of Kevin McCormick to the Planning & Development Board**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Kevin McCormick, 52 Madison Avenue, Newtonville, as a full member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire on February 1, 2026. (60 days: 01/14/22)

**Zoning & Planning Approved 6-0, Ryan and Krintzman not voting**

### **Referred to Programs & Services Committee**

**#414-21**

**Request for a discussion on improving election administration**

COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, BOWMAN, CROSSLEY, DANBERG, OLIVER, WRIGHT, GREENBERG, GROSSMAN, HUMPHREY, KELLEY, DOWNS, LAREDO, LEARY, LIPOF, LUCAS, MALAKIE, MARKIEWICZ, NOEL, NORTON AND RYAN requesting a discussion with the Clerk's Office about problems that arose during the 2021 municipal election, including voting by mail. The discussion should result in recommendations or improvements the City of Newton can make in elections practices for the future.

**Programs & Services voted No Action Necessary 7-0**

**#441-21**

**Requesting an update on progress on improvements and long-term plans to improve our Athletic Fields**

COUNCILORS OLIVER, KALIS, RYAN, LAREDO, WRIGHT, MALAKIE, LUCAS, NORTON, MARKIEWICZ, AND LEARY requesting a discussion with Parks, Recreation and Culture to determine progress on our fields and development of a long-term plan to improve the quality and capacity of all of our fields. This update should identify the budget, resources, and timeline required to deliver the results that our residents are asking for and deserve.

**Programs & Services voted No Action Necessary 7-0**

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

**#425-21**

**Requesting renewal of bus license for Lasell University**

VPNE PARKING SOLUTIONS, LLC. requesting biennial **renewal of one (1) bus license** for Lasell University. There are no changes proposed from the 2019 license.

**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**

**#426-21**

**Requesting renewal of taxi license**

GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting **renewal of one (1) taxi license** for Holden's Taxi, Inc.

**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0, Bowman not voting**

**#427-21**

**Requesting renewals of taxi licenses**

GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting **renewal of two (2) taxi licenses** for Newtonville Cab Co., Inc.

**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0, Bowman not voting**

**#428-21**

**Requesting renewal of taxi license**

GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting **renewal of one**

**(1) taxi license** for Newton Taxi Co.

**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0, Bowman not voting**

- #429-21 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
DHANRAJ MAHASE, 275 Grove Street, 2-400, Newton, MA 02466 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Mahase Livery Services, LLC. (MHS Worldwide, LLC).  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #430-21 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
DONALD LAPLANTE, 395 Lexington Street, Auburndale, MA 02466 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Don's Car Service.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #431-21 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
MICHAEL GIMMELFARB, 274 Dedham Street, Newton, MA 02461 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for American Truck & Equipment Sales, LLC.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #432-21 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
NOEL DIAZ, 46 Central Avenue, Newtonville, MA 02460 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Newton Limos Company, LLC.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #433-21 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
ISMAIL UNKOC, 184 River Street, West Newton, MA 02465 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Izmo Limo, LLC.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #434-21 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
RAJIV KUMAR, 2323 Washington Street, #G3, Newton, MA 02462 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Om Sai Enterprises Inc.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #435-21 Requesting renewal of public auto license**  
LAHCENE BELHOUCHE, 32 Adams Street, Newton, MA 02460 requesting **renewal of one (1) public auto license** for Boston Cool Ride Limo Inc.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**
- #436-21 Requesting to amend City Ordinance for expanding overnight permits in municipal lots**  
COUNCILORS BOWMAN, DOWNS, LUCAS, GREENBERG AND DANBERG requesting that City Ordinance Chapter 30 19-200 C (4) **Resident sticker and visitor permit; municipal lot parking program** be reviewed including current enforcement and potential changes to the effective daily time of overnight permits for municipal lots to be changed from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to all hours that parking meters are not in

operation.

**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 8-0**

**Referred to Public Facilities Committee**

**#437-21**

**Request for a grant of location in Rachel Road, Mosley Road, Countryside Road, Buff Circle and Pattern Circle**

NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Rachel Road, Mosley Road, Countryside Road, Buff Circle and Pattern Circle as follows:

- 345' ± of 4" plastic main in Rachel Road from the existing 4" main at Upland Ave to Mosley Road
- 230' ± of 4" plastic main in Mosley Road from Rachel Road to #11 Mosley Road
- 175' ± 4" plastic main in Mosley Road from #11 Mosley Road to Countryside to replace 175' ± of 4" coated steel main
- 1880' ± 4" plastic main in Countryside Road from Dedham Street to the end of the main at #160 Countryside Road to replace 1555' ± 6" coated steel main and 325' ± of 4" plastic main
- 175' ± 2" plastic main in Buff Circle from Countryside Road to the end of main at #20 Buff Circle to replace 175' ± of 4" coated steel main
- 35" ± 2" plastic main in the intersection of Pattern Circle and Countryside Road to replace 35" ± of 6" coated steel main
- 275" ± 2" plastic main in Pattern Circle from Countryside Road to the end of the main at #20 Patten Circle to replace 275" ± 4" coated steel main

**Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

**#117-20**

**Acceptance of a sewer extension and easement on Farwell Street**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the acceptance of 40 linear feet of sewer pipe as a public sewer and the acceptance of a 20' x 40' easement in property known as the Farwell Street Subdivision (Ward 3). The developer shall pay all costs associated with the construction of the sewer pipe and the direct connection to the MWRA trunk interceptor sewer line.

**Public Facilities Approved 7-0**

**Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committee**

**#442-21**

**Request to allocate \$330,000 from the ~~Sewer Surplus Fund~~ Sewer Fund Undesignated Fund Balance**

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the allocation of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$330,000) from the ~~Sewer Surplus Fund~~ Sewer Fund Undesignated Fund Balance for the replacement of the existing 6" cast iron Islington Road Wastewater Force Main.

**Public Facilities Approved 6-0 (Councilor Kalis not voting) on 12/08/21**

**Finance Approved as Amended 7-0 (Councilor Kalis not voting)**

**Public Facilities approved as Amended 8-0 on 12/20/21**



### Referred to Finance Committee

- #440-21**      **Authorizing funds to settle claims against the City**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Acct # 0110841-572500 Law Department Judgments & Settlements for full and final settlement of all claims from the incident against the City of Newton in Brown v. City of Newton, 2081-cv-01988  
**Finance Approved 7-0-1 (Councilor Gentile abstaining)**
- #443-21**      **Repurpose ~~\$38,758~~ \$38,758.17 from portable radios to radio communications**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the authorization to repurpose the sum of ~~thirty-eight thousand seven hundred and fifty-eight dollars (\$38,758)~~ thirty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty-eight dollars and seventeen cents (\$38,758.17) of unspent leftover funds in Acct #01C20106-585190 from portable radios to radio communications equipment.  
**Finance Approved as Amended 8-0**

**The City Council voted without discussion 22 Yeas, 1 Nay (Councilor Baker), 1 absent (Councilor Markiewicz) to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following item:**

- #390-21**      **Requesting amendments to Zoning Ordinance Chapter 30, Sections 4.4 and 6.4**  
THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING requesting amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, Sections 4.4 and 6.4 to allow for veterinary uses in the Business 4 zoning district.  
**Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 11/18/21, Public Hearing Scheduled for December 16, 2021**  
**Zoning & Planning Approved allowing veterinary uses without boarding by-right in a Business 4 zoning district, 6-2, Wright and Baker opposed. Public Hearing Closed 12/16/21**

**The City Council voted without discussion 22 Yeas, 1 Nay (Councilor Gentile), 1 absent (Councilor Markiewicz) to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following item:**

- #299-21**      **Petition to allow marijuana retailer at 131 Rumford Avenue**  
PHARMACANNIS MASSACHUSETTS INC. D/B/A/ VERILIFE petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a retail marijuana establishment, to allow parking facility requirements to be met off-site, to waive the minimum driveway width requirement, to waive perimeter screening requirements, to waive lighting requirements and to waive the 25% façade transparency requirement at 131 Rumford Avenue, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 41 Block 31 Lot 50, containing approximately 20,443 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 6.10.3.D,

4.4.1, 5.1.6.A, 5.1.6.B, 5.1.8.D.1, 5.1.13, 5.1.9.A, 5.1.10, 6.10.3.E.15 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

**Land Use Approved 7-0 (Councilor Greenberg not voting); Public Hearing Closed 12/09/2021**

**The City Council voted without discussion 21 Yeas, 2 Nays (Councilors Grossman, Albright), 1 absent (Councilor Markiewicz) to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following item:**

**#393-21 Resolution from the City Council to the Mayor re school bus fees and the FY23 budget**  
**COUNCILORS HUMPHREY, BOWMAN, CROSSLEY, DANBERG, GREENBERG, KALIS, KRINTZMAN, LAREDO, LEARY, LIPOF, LUCAS, MALAKIE, MARKIEWICZ, NOEL, NORTON, OLIVER, RYAN, AND WRIGHT,** requesting a resolution from the City Council outlining the views of the Council to the Mayor on the upcoming budgeting process for school bus fees.  
**Programs & Services Approved a resolution to the Mayor in support of eliminating school bus fees 5-0-1 (Councilor Albright abstaining; Councilor Krintzman not voting)**

**The City Council voted without discussion 20 Yeas, 3 Nays (Councilors Lucas, Malakie, Oliver), 1 absent (Councilor Markiewicz) to Accept the Committee Recommendations on the following item:**

**#188-21 Request for Ordinance Amendment to place Limitations on Firearms Business Licenses**  
**COUNCILORS KRINTZMAN, DANBERG, DOWNS, KALIS, LAREDO, CROSSLEY, WRIGHT, NOEL, BOWMAN, HUMPHREY, GROSSMAN, LIPOF AND MARKIEWICZ** requesting an ordinance that would limit the number of licenses to firearms dealers, gunsmithing and/or firing range licenses that may be awarded.  
**Public Safety & Transportation Approved 5-2-1, Oliver and Lucas opposed, Malakie abstaining**