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To be reported on
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Present: Ald. Fischman (Vice Chairman), Ald. Laredo, Albright, Crossley, Schwartz, Harney, and Hess-Mahan; 1 vacancy; also present: Ald. Lennon

#188-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting a discussion regarding the types of information that should be required from petitioners applying for a special permit to exceed FAR under Sec. 30-15(u)(2) in order to meet their burden of proof to show that the “proposed structure is consistent with and not in derogation of the size, scale and design of other structures in the neighborhood.”

HELD 7-0

#58-13 ROBERT FRANCHI/MARY V. FRANCHI TRUST, MARY V. FRANCHI, TRUSTEE petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to convert an existing two family structure into two single-family attached dwellings and to construct two single-family attached dwellings; to waive front and side setback requirements; and to locate a driveway within 10 feet of the side lot line at 281 NEVADA STREET, Ward 1, on land known as SBL 23, 6, 9, containing approx.. 17,999 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-9(b)(5)a) and b), 30-15 Table 1 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2012.

APPROVED 6-0-1 (Albright abstaining)

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chairman), Yates, Sangiolo, Danberg, Kalis, Lennon and Baker; absent: Ald. Swiston; also present: Ald. Albright, Hess-Mahan and Crossley

- #308-12 ALD. HESS-MAHAN & ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Mayor's office and the Planning & Development Department of policies, procedures, and criteria relating to determinations concerning expenditures of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. [10/09/12 @3:59 PM]
HELD 7-0

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING, LAND USE & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #273-12 ALD. CROSSLEY & HESS-MAHAN requesting a restructuring and increase in fees for permits charged by the Inspectional Services Department and fees charged by the Planning Department and City Clerk to assure that fees are both sufficient to fund related services provided and simple to administer. [09/10/12 @ 1:17 PM]
HELD 7-0

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, April 22, 2013

Present: Ald. Johnson, Yates, Sangiolo, Danberg, Kalis, Lennon, Swiston and Baker; also present: Ald. Gentile, Harney and Hess-Mahan

- #127-13 ALD. GENTILE, HARNEY, SANGIOLO proposing to amend **Chapter 30, Section 15(c)(1b)** of the City of Newton Zoning Ordinances by increasing the lot size from "at least five thousand (5,000) square feet of area" to "at least seven thousand (7,000) square feet of area". [03/25/13 @10:14 AM]
HELD 5-0-1 (Lennon abstaining; Yates and Swiston not voting)
- #77-13 ALD. GENTILE & HARNEY requesting that the Board of Aldermen amend the **City of Newton Zoning Ordinances** so that any properties that have been built and purchased that may now be considered non-compliant due to the recent court decision in the Mauri/Chansky case be considered valid non-conforming properties. [02/27/13 @3:06 PM]
HELD 8-0
- #146-13 THE ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting information from the Planning Department concerning the nature and character of vacant lots that were confirmed as unbuildable by the Mauri Appeals Court decision. [04/01/13 @ 9:44 AM]
HELD 8-0

- #406-12 ALD. JOHNSON requesting a discussion to review City of Newton Zoning Ordinances Chapter 30-20(h)(6) regarding campaign signs, and the failure of candidates to comply with current removal requirements. [11/19/12 @ 9:24AM]
HELD 8-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Present: Ald. Sangiolo (Chairman), Linsky Rice, Blazar, Baker, Hess-Mahan, Fischman; 1 vacancy

- #147-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting approval to implement a reorganization plan in order to consolidate the Elections Department into the City Clerk's Department under **Article 6, Sec. 6-2.** of the City of Newton Charter.
HELD 4-0 (Baker, Hess-Mahan, Fischman not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #157-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred nineteen thousand four hundred twenty-six dollars (\$119,426) from Fiscal Year 13 E-Rate Reimbursement Funds for the purpose of upgrading the wireless network at the high schools. [04/11/13 @ 12:16PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 5-0 (Gentile and Linsky not voting) on 04/22/13
APPROVED 6-0 (Fischman not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 18, 2013

Present: Ald. Salvucci (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Gentile, Crossley, Danberg, Laredo, and Lappin; also present: Ald. Sangiolo, Swiston, Harney, and Yates

- #154-13 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a waiver of City of Newton Ordinance **Sec. 5-58. Site plan approval for construction or modification of municipal buildings and facilities.** for a concession stand to be constructed by Newton West Little League to be located at Lyons Field in Auburndale. [04/11/13 @ 11:16 AM]
APPROVED 8-0

- #223-10 ALD. YATES & ALBRIGHT requesting updates on the status of the reconstruction of the Needham/Newton Street corridor, which include details on the reconstruction funding, plans for the revitalization of the area, and plans for the implementation of transportation improvements. [07/15/10 @ 1:02 PM]
HELD 8-0

- #367-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Law Department on how to resolve the dispute with NStar regarding whose responsibility it is to repair the streetlight connection between the manhole and the base of the streetlight. [10/21/09 @ 9:00 PM]
HELD 8-0

- #175-09 PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting monthly updates from the Department of Public Works on the Commonwealth Avenue project. [06-03-09 @10:30 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #205-12(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred eighty-four thousand three hundred nineteen dollars (\$184,319) within the FA Day Middle School Project Board Order to reallocate the unspent funds in various accounts. [04-11-13 @ 12:15 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0 on 04/22/13
APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #158-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$132,000) from the Capital Stabilization Fund (Completed Bond Financed Projects) for the purpose of addressing emergency repairs to the Library chiller system. [04-11-13 @ 12:15 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 on 04/22/13
APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERV. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

- #315-12 ALD. FULLER, RICE AND GENTILE of the Angier School Building Committee providing updates and discussion on the Angier School Building project as it develops through the site plan approval process. [10-02-12 @ 3:37PM]
HELD 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Present: Ald. Salvucci (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Crossley, Danberg, Laredo, and Lappin;
 absent: Ald. Gentile; also present: Ald. Fuller and Johnson

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #137-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate an amount that is yet to be determined from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of installing a sprinkler fire protection system at the Mason-Rice Elementary School. [03/25/13 @ 3:58 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 7-0 (Ciccone not voting)
APPROVED 7-0 @\$480,000

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #136-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate an amount that is yet to be determined from bonded indebtedness for the installation of up to ten modular classrooms at the Burr, Horace Mann, Mason-Rice and Bowen Elementary Schools. [03/25/13 @ 3:58 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 5-0-2 (Blazar and Linsky abstaining; Ciccone not voting) @ \$2.4 MILLION on 4/29/13 APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 7-0 @\$2.4 MILLION

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 22, 2013

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Rice, Blazar, Fuller, and Lappin; absent: Ald. Salvucci; also present: Ald. Albright and Crossley

- #155-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of sixty-two thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$62,272) from the Financial Information Systems Full-Time Salaries Account to the Financial Information Systems Computer Equipment Repairs & Maintenance Account for the purpose of funding the purchase of hardware and software to run FinancePlus and CommunityPlus, and Munis on a fully redundant system. [04/08/13 @ 6:03 PM]
APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0
- #156-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to expend a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) grant from the Fiscal Year 2013 Underage Alcohol Enforcement Grant Program offered by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to be used to support overtime costs to enforce laws against alcohol sales to minors. [04/19/13 @ 4:48 PM]
APPROVED 6-0 (Linsky not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

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PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 on 04/17/13 APPROVED 7-0

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PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 on 04/17/13

APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0

#209-10(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen establish an irrevocable Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Agreement. [02/25/13 @ 6:32 PM]

APPROVED 7-0

#209-10(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen direct the City Treasurer/Collector acting as custodian of the City's OPEB trust to invest all City OPEB trust funds with the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32A, Section 24. [03/12/13 @ 4:03 PM]

APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 29, 2013

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Salvucci, Rice, Blazar, Fuller and Blazar;
also present: Ald. Danberg

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#137-13 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate an amount that is yet to be determined from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of installing a sprinkler fire protection system at the Mason-Rice Elementary School. [03/25/13 @ 3:58 PM]

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 @ \$480,000 on 04/25/13

APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 7-0 (Ciccone not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

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PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 7-0 @ \$2.4 MILLION on 04/25/13

APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 5-0-2 (Blazar and Linsky abstaining; Ciccone not voting) @ \$2.4 MILLION

REFERRED TO REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Present: Ald. Albright (Chairman), Ald. Gentile, Crossley, and Fischman; absent: Ald. Laredo, Linsky, and Salvucci; also present: Ald. Harney, Hess-Mahan

#384-11(4) **JOINT ADVISORY PLANNING GROUP and PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** filing their separate reports pursuant to Ordinance Sec. 2-7(2)b) identifying alternatives for the future use of the former Parks & Recreation site at 70 Crescent Street, Auburndale, which was declared surplus by the Board of Aldermen on February 6, 2012.

HELD 4-0

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