

REPORTS DOCKET

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To be reported on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

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

#388-11 KOUZINA, INC./DTS TRUST petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to waive the 9 parking stalls required to increase from 20 to 46 the number of seats in an existing restaurant at 1649 BEACON STREET, Ward 5, Waban, on land known as SBL 53, 29, 2A, containing approximately 54,198 square feet of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: Sec. 30-24, 30-23, 30-19(d)(13), and 30-19(m) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
HELD 7-0-1 (Merrill abstaining)

#282-11(2) RICHARD D. SEWALL petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow four attached dwellings in two buildings; to waive the side setback requirement; to allow a lot coverage of more than 25%; and to waive the dimensional requirements for parking stalls at 87-89 WABAN STREET, Ward 1, Newton Corner, on land known as SBL 12, 4, 27, containing approximately 20,082 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Multi Residence 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-(9)(b)(5), 30-9(b)(5)b 30-19(g)(2) and (m)of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
APPROVED 8-0

New Class 2 2012 Auto License

#327-11 NEWTON COLLISION, INC. d/b/a GM AUTO BODY
64 Crafts Street
Newtonville 02460

APPROVED 6-0 (Schwartz, Harney not voting)

2012 Class 2 Renewals

#302-11 AUTO ANNEX, INC.
249 Centre Street
Newton Corner 02458
APPROVED 8-0

#301-11 CICCONE MOTORS
75 Adams Street
Newtonville 02458
APPROVED 8-0

#305-11 ENZO'S AUTO SALES
10 Hawthorn Street
Nonantum 02458
APPROVED 8-0

#321-11 VELOCITY MOTORS, INC.
14 Hawthorn Street
Nonantum 02458
APPROVED 8-0

#316-11 PARAGON GLOBAL PARTNERS, INC.
259 Walnut Street
Newtonville 02460
APPROVED 8-0

#326-11 TODY'S SERVICES, INC. (Class 2 and 3)
1362 Washington Street
West Newton 02465
APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday January 23, 2012

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chairman), Baker, Sangiolo, Yates, Swiston, Kalis, Lennon; also present:
Ald. Crossley, Harney, Albright, Gentile, Hess-Mahan, Fischman

#400-11 ALD. GENTILE, HARNEY, SANGIOLO requesting establishment of a Business 5/Riverside Zone: a mixed-use transit-oriented district at the site of the current Riverside MBTA rail station. The proposed new zone shall allow by special permit a single commercial office building not to exceed 225,000 square feet with a maximum height of 9 stories, two residential buildings not to exceed 290 housing units in total, retail space not to exceed 20,000 square feet, along with a multi-use community center. [11/17/11 @3:36 PM]
HELD 8-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Present: Ald. Sangiolo (Chairman), Rice, Blazar, Merrill, Baker, Fischman, Hess-Mahan, Linsky; also present: Ald. Danberg, Yates, and Johnson

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #16-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the Veterans' Benefits Account. [01/09/12 @ 5:21 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 (Gentile not voting) on 1/23/12
APPROVED 8-0
- #371-10(2) CLERK OF THE BOARD requesting acceptance of Chapter 40, Section 8J of the Massachusetts General Laws regarding the establishment of the Commission on Disabilities.
APPROVED 8-0
- REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**
- #422-06(2) ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting that a task force be established to meet and prepare a report and recommendations regarding the regulation of noise, air pollution and best practices with respect to the operation of power equipment used in landscaping, property and yard maintenance, including, without limitation, leaf blowers. [01/27/09 @ 3:47 PM]
HELD 8-0
- #329-05(3) ALD. YATES requesting a discussion relative to amending the noise control ordinance to (A) prohibit the cumulative noise level from multiple pieces of equipment operating simultaneously on the same site to exceed the maximum noise levels allowed when measured at the nearest lot line and (B) to eliminate various exemptions in residential districts.
HELD 8-0
- REFERRED TO PROG & SERV. AND PUB. FACIL. COMMITTEES**
- #99-11 ALD. ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, DANBERG requesting that the Department of Public Works coordinate data on the impact of the snow removal ordinance from the Departments of Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Executive and Senior Services into a monthly report for the winters 2012 and 2013, which will be sent to the Public Facilities Committee that includes the following data: (1) the number of people requesting exemptions; (2) the number of exemptions awarded; (3) the number of warning letters sent; (4) the ability of the City to maintain the same standard regarding treating the surface to preserve safe passage; and (5) cost of the implementation of the program.
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE APPROVED 4-0 on 10/5/2011
HELD-7-1 (Sangiolo opposed)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chair), Johnson, Swiston, Harney, Yates, Schwartz, Fuller and Kalis;
also present: Ald. Danberg

#137-11 ALD. DANBERG AND FULLER requesting possible changes to City Ordinance 19-191, Parking Meter Fees, to require a minimum purchase at long-term parking meters in order to discourage short-term use. [4/26/11 @ 9:52 AM]

HELD 8-0

#156-11 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority on the physical condition of the bridge that carries the MBTA Green Line over Route 9 near Eliot Station. [05/02/11 @ 10:51 PM]

NO ACTION NECESSARY 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

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

#405-11 NATIONAL GRID requesting a grant of location to install and maintain 102' ± of 4" gas main in UPLAND AVENUE from the existing 4" gas main at 193 Upland Avenue southerly to 210 Upland Avenue. (Ward 8) [11-10-11 @ 2:00 PM]

APPROVED 5-0 (Danberg, Gentile, Lennon not voting)

#149-11(3) SOVEREIGN BANK requesting the necessary approvals for the off-site road improvements at the intersection of Washington and Crafts Streets outlined in Special Permit Board Order #149-11, Condition 6A. 11/07-11 @ 2:16 PM]

APPROVED 6-0 (Gentile, Lennon not voting)

#352-11 ALD. JOHNSON & SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion with the Utilities Department regarding the City of Newton's current water billing practices. [10/14/11 @ 2:31 PM]

HELD 8-0

#172-11 ALD. CROSSLEY, FULLER AND SCHNIPPER requesting discussion with the Utilities Division of the Public Works Department regarding the identification of storm water inflow connections to the sewer system, so as to begin the process of systematically eliminating such illegal connections, including notifications to property owners, educational materials, requirements for corrective actions and technical and financial assistance that may be available from the City in order to facilitate removal of inflow connections. [05/26/11 @ 3:33 PM]

HELD 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #17-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Stormwater Reserve Account for the Webster Street Drain Replacement Project. [01/09/12 @ 5:21 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 (Gentile not voting) on 01/23/12
APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #18-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to borrow up to thirteen million six hundred two thousand dollars (\$13,602,000) in interest free loans from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) for the purpose of funding water main improvements as outlined in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. [[01/09/12 @ 5:21 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 (Gentile not voting) on 01/23/12
APPROVED 8-0

- #74-00(2) CLERK OF THE BOARD requesting the Board of Aldermen re-vote Docket Item #74-00 requesting an amendment to the Revised Ordinances by insertion of a new section 23-52 requiring preliminary submission of grant of location petitions to the Public Works Commissioner. The item was approved by the Board of Aldermen on February 22, 2000 but was not included in the 2007 Ordinance recodification necessitating a re-vote.
APPROVED 7-0 (Danberg not voting)

- #385-07 ALD. SCHNIPPER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11/21/07 @ 10:23 AM]
HELD 8-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, January 23, 2012

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Salvucci, Rice, Blazar, Fuller, and Lappin;
 also present: Ald. Crossley, Fischman, Harney, Hess Mahan, Johnson, Kalis, Laredo, Lennon, Merrill, Sangiolo, Swiston, and Yates

- #21-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization in accordance with MGL chapter 30B, Sec. 12 to permit the Newton Public Schools to solicit bids and enter into a 5-year contract for school bus transportation. [01-13-12 @ 11:38 AM]
APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #16-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the Veterans' Benefits Account. [01/09/12 @ 5:21 PM]
PROG & SERV APPROVED 8-0 on 01/18/12
APPROVED 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

#38-10(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of forty-four thousand six hundred twenty-four dollars (\$44,624) from the Capital Stabilization Fund – Energy Conservation to supplement the fund for the envelope improvements at the Lower Falls Community Center. [01/10/12 @ 5:08 PM]
APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#17-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Stormwater Reserve Account for the Webster Street Drain Replacement Project. [01/09/12 @ 5:21 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 on 01/18/12
APPROVED 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#18-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to borrow up to thirteen million six hundred two thousand dollars (\$13,602,000) in interest free loans from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) for the purpose of funding water main improvements as outlined in the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. [[01/09/12 @ 5:21 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 8-0 on 01/18/12
APPROVED 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

#15-12 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to increase the spending level of the Fiscal Year 2012 Sidewalk/Curb Betterment Revolving Account from \$200,000 to \$500,000. (NOTE: Spending cannot exceed collected revenue
APPROVED 5-1-1 (Salvucci opposed, Ciccone abstaining, Gentile not voting)

#14-12 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS recommending that abatements for sewer assessments for the following properties be approved:

BOARD ORDER #110-03(2)

S-B-L	OWNER/ADDRESS	BK./PG.	AMT
81-1-11	Thomas F. & Louise L. Weiner 580 Dedham St	27204/150	\$3,367.25
81-1-12	Denning E. Dahl & Debra J. Small 572 Dedham St	30372/526	\$3,278.06
81-1-13	Alan C. & Gail E. Epstein 564 Dedham St	12961/707	\$3,184.42
81-1-14	Lawrence T. Perera Kurt F. Somerville, Trs. 146 Beverley Rd Trust 556 Dedham St	30689/509	\$3,384.57
81-10-7	Richard S. & Lynn H. Raisman Raisman Realty Trust 8 Meadowbrook Rd	33289/239	\$99.98

Board Order #111-03(2)

S-B-L	OWNER/ADDRESS	BK./PG.	AMT
43-28-13	John M. & Karen E. Reilly 191 Grove St	28841/102	\$80.00

Board Order #58-11(2)

S-B-L	OWNER/ADDRESS	BK./PG.	AMT
54-30-08	Anne Sullivan 3 Bowdoin Street	13957-197	\$\$3,159.75
54-30-14	Milton & Henrica Bordwin 87 Hillside Road	10738/121	\$2,097.25

APPROVED 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

REFERRED TO REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Present: Ald. Albright (Chairman), Ald. Merrill, Swiston, Laredo, Gentile, Danberg, Crossley, and Fischman; also present: Ald. Yates, Sangiolo, Blazar, and Schwartz

#287-11 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT submitting on October 3, 2011 a letter stating that the building and land at 1294 Centre Street, declared surplus by the COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES on September 21, 2011, should be declared unnecessary for all municipal purposes pursuant to Section 2-7.

HELD 8-0

#19-12 ALD. BLAZAR, DANBERG, SCHWARTZ requesting consideration of potential future use of the municipal parking lot on Cypress Street in Newton Centre. [01-09-12 @2:11PM]

NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

#384-11 COMMISSIONER OF PARKS & RECREATION declaring surplus on October 19, 2011 the building and property at 70 Crescent Street with the exception of the piece designated as the Reverend Ford Playground and subsequently the DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT on October 31, 2011 recommending to the Clerk of the Board that after soliciting all city departments the property be declared unnecessary for municipal purposes pursuant to Ordinance Section 2-7.

PROPERTY DECLARED SURPLUS 8-0

#160-09 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT requesting discussion of potential redevelopment of a block of land bounded by Willow, Centre and Lyman Streets, to include the existing 60,850 sq. ft. Fire Department headquarters and Station #3 site.

NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

#212-08 ALD. YATES proposing that Section 2-7 be amended by requiring that branch libraries funded in whole or in part by neighborhood contributions be only made available to the original donor neighborhood association, its successor organization, or similar organization serving the same needs.

HELD 7-0 (Gentile not voting)

REFERRED TO REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Present: Ald. Albright (Chairman), Ald. Merrill, Gentile, Laredo, Danberg, Fischman, Crossley, and Swiston; also present: Ald. Blazar, Kalis, and Linsky

Item Recommended by Board of Aldermen on January 17, 2012:

#150-09(6) **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 Austin Street municipal parking lot at 28 Austin Street, on land known as SBL 24, 9, 15, containing approximately 74,536 sq. ft. of land, in Newtonville, which was declared surplus by the Commissioner of Public Works on December 1, 2010.
APPROVED A MINIMUM SALE PRICE OF \$1 MILLION 5-0-3 (Albright, Crossley, Danberg abstaining)

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