

REPORTS DOCKET

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7:45 PM, Newton City Hall
To be reported on
Monday, May 3 2010

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

UNFINISHED BOARD BUSINESS

ITEM POSTPONED ON 4/20/10 TO DATE CERTAIN OF 5/3/10:

#388-09 MARCUS LANG INVESTMENTS petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to create a rear lot subdivision including a change of grade/combination of walls/berms in excess of 4 feet within setbacks in order to construct two single-family dwellings with a shared driveway on GODDARD STREET, Ward 8, on land known as Section 83, Block 33, Lot 30, containing approximately 23,797 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. (Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-15(r), 30-19(f)(1) and (2) and 30-5(b)(4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

Land Use Approved 5-0-3 (Albright, Blazar, Harney abstaining) on 3/16/10

Committee Report as Amended Failed to Carry Full Board 15 yeas 8 nays (Baker, Blazar, Gentile, Harney, Lappin, Linsky, Swiston, Yates) Sangiolo absent on 4/5/10

Motion to Reconsider filed by Ald. Linsky on 4/5/10; Reconsideration Carries 13-9 (Baker, Danberg, Gentile, Johnson, Lappin, Sangiolo, Shapiro, Swiston, Yates; 2 absent (Freedman and Harney) on 4/20

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, April 26, 2010

Present: Ald. Johnson (Chairman), Baker, Lappin, Lennon, Sangiolo, Shapiro, Swiston and Yates; also present: Ald. Hess-Mahan

#93-10 ALD. JOHNSON AND SANGIOLO requesting revision of **Section 30-27** of the City of Newton Ordinances governing membership of the Zoning Board of Appeals by providing selection criteria guidance and process so that the level of expertise in related areas, or the equivalent combination of experience and/or education is present in order to enhance the ability of the Board to increase its level of service to Newton. [03/26/10 @12:29 PM]

HELD 8-0

#92-10 ALD. JOHNSON AND SANGIOLO requesting revision of **Section 22-3(a)** of the City of Newton Ordinances governing membership of the Planning Board by providing selection criteria guidance and process so that the level of expertise in related areas, or the equivalent combination of experience and/or education is present in order to enhance the ability of the Board to increase its level of service to Newton. [03/26/10 @ 12:29 PM]

HELD 8-0

#30-10(2) POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE requesting a discussion with the Planning & Development Department relative to the governance process of the Newton Community Development Authority (NCDA), including recommendations and potential changes to the NCDA. [01/26/09 @ 9:00 PM]

HELD 8-0

#122-09 ALD. SANGIOLO on behalf of Armando Rossi requesting a discussion of the proliferation of signage in the city.

HELD 7-0 (Lennon not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

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

REFERRED TO PROG & SERV AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#117-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from a severance account held by the Human Resources Department to a severance account held by the Law Department for the purpose of paying for severance related expenses in the Law Department. [04/13/10 @ 7:09 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 on 04/26/10

APPROVED 8-0

#46-10(3) ALD CROSSLEY, HESS-MAHAN AND LINSKY proposing a RESOLUTION to demonstrate support by the Board of Aldermen of the Green Communities Act application for the City of Newton to achieve the designation as a Green Community. [04-12-10 @ 9:30 AM]

APPROVED AS AMENDED 7-0 (Fischman not voting)

REFERRED TO LAND USE & PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

- #59-10 ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing that Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board of Aldermen be amended to require that all plans, maps, photographs, and other documents and exhibits required to be filed with applications for special permits/site plan approvals and/or presented at public hearings and working sessions of the Land Use Committee must also be submitted in electronic form in order to facilitate compliance with recent amendments to the Open Meeting Law regarding recordkeeping requirements. [02/23/10 @ 3:24 PM]
LAND USE APPROVED 8-0 ON 3/16/10
APPROVED 6-0-1 (Merrill abstaining; Fishman not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #207-08 ALD. BRANDEL AND SANGIOLO proposing that the following question be put before the Newton voters:
 "Shall the City of Newton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ the amounts required to pay for the bond issuance in order to fund Newton North High School?" [05/21/08 @ 12:58 PM]
FINANCE VOTED NO ACTION NECESSARY on 3/8/10
HELD 7-0 (Fischman not voting)
- #125-09 THE POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE requesting creation of a public tree protection ordinance and amendment of the current tree ordinance as recommended in the Tree Preservation Ordinance Report. [04/17/09 @ 9:14 PM]
HELD 7-0 (Fischman not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Present: Ald. Ciccone (Chairman), Yates, Shapiro and Fuller; absent: Ald. Johnson, Swiston, Harney and Freedman; also present: Ald. Fishman and Danberg

REFERRED TO PUB. SAF. & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #118-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of making repairs to two Fire Department ladder trucks. [04/13/10 @ 7:09 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 AS AMENDED @\$33,000 FOR REPAIR OF SIX FIRE TRUCKS on 04/26/10
APPROVED 4-0 @\$30,000 for repair of six trucks)

REFERRED TO PUB. SAF. & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #119-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) in unexpended funds from the salary account of the Police Department to the capital outlay and improvement account in the Police Department. [04/13/10 @ 7:09 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 on 04/26/10
APPROVED 4-0
- #101-10 PLANNING DEPARTMENT requesting presentation and discussion of the Pedestrian Mobility Project to be completed by the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Pedestrian Mobility Project Team. [03/29/10 @ 10:45 AM]
HELD 4-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

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

- #104-10 VERIZON requesting a grant of location to install approximately 1,580' ± of 2" conduit in Quincy Road, Priscilla Road, Old Colony Road and Mayflower Road and 10 hand holes to be located in front of House Nos. 60, 54, 45, and 29 Old Colony Road; House Nos. 40 and 18 Priscilla Road; and House Nos. 52, 49, 40, and 37 Mayflower Road. [03/11/10 @ 10:13 AM]
APPROVED 6-0
- #103-10 VERIZON requesting a grant of location to install approximately 400' ± of 4" conduits in CYPRESS STREET from Manhole 47/172 in Cypress Street @ Braeland Avenue to Manhole 47/212 in Cypress Street @ Paul Street to Manhole 47/172 In Cypress Street @ Parker Street. [03/11/10 @ 10:13 AM]
APPROVED WITH A CONDITION 6-0
- #102-10 NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 130' ± of 4" gas main in COLUMBIA AVENUE from the existing 4" gas main in Columbia Avenue at High Street westerly to House No. 122 for a new gas service. [03/29/2010@ 10:45 AM]
APPROVED 6-0
- #115-10 COMCAST CABLE petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 163' ± conduit in a westerly direction in DAVIS STREET and crossing HIGHLAND STREET to a proposed handhold located at 1326 Highland Street.
APPROVED 6-0

- #105-10 JONATHAN KANTAR, 672 Chestnut Street, Waban, appointed as a member of the Citizen's Commission on Energy for a term of office to expire on April 20, 2013. (60-days: 06/04/10) [03/30/10 @4:09 PM]
APPROVED 6-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #111-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Needham for Trommel Screening rental services for a three-year period (to be used to process compost to be used for resale in the coming year). [03/30/10 @ 4:08 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 on 04/26/10
APPROVED 6-0

- #106-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing amendments to Chapter 11, Recycling and Trash, of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances 2007. [03/30/10 @ 4:08 PM]
APPROVED 5-0-1 (Albright abstaining); REFERRED TO FINANCE

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #120-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of seventy-two thousand dollars (\$72,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the snow and ice budget in the Department of Public Works.
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 on 04/26/10
APPROVED 5-0 (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 5-0 (Danberg not voting)

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 26, 2010

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

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APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUB. SAF. & TRANS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #80-08(3) ALD. SALVUCCI AND DANBERG requesting that the City's one-year trial commercial parking permit program (City Ord. 19-205) be made permanent, with associated modifications based on the trial results. [01/12/10 @ 4:23 PM]
PS&T APPROVED 8-0 on 4/7/10
APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #109-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the Law Department's budget for services provided by the City's outside labor counsel. [03/30/10 @ 4:12 PM]
PROG & SERV APPROVED 7-0-1 (Linsky abstaining) on 04/07/10
APPROVED 7-0

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[04-13-10@7:09 PM]
PROG & SERV 8-0 on 04/21/10
APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO COMM. ON COMM. PRES. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #28-10 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$362,500, including \$2,500 for City of Newton legal costs, be appropriated from the fiscal 2010 community housing and general reserves of the Community Preservation Fund and expended under the direction and control of the Planning and Development Department, to create two units of perpetually affordable rental housing at 2148-2150 Commonwealth Avenue. [01/11/10 @ 4:23 pm]
CMTEE ON COMMUNITY PRES. APPROVED AS AMENDED @ \$375,000 5-0-3 (Ald. Blazar, Fuller and Harney abstaining) on 03/23/10
APPROVED 5-0-1 AS AMENDED @ \$375,000 (Gentile abstaining; Ciccone not voting)