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To be reported on
Monday, June 7, 2010

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Present: Ald. Hess-Mahan (Chairman), Ald. Merrill, Blazar, Albright, Fischman, Harney, and Crossley; absent: Ald. Schnipper; also present: Ald. Linsky

Public Hearings were held on the following items:

#122-10 HOSSEIN VAHEDI TRUSTEE 33-35 HIGHLAND AVENUE REALTY TRUST petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL and EXTENSION of NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE/USE to AMEND special permit/site plan #127-87(2) to relocate two parking spaces, to waive minimum parking stall dimensions, to allow parking in the setback, and to decrease the legally conforming minimum open space at 35 HIGHLAND AVENUE. Ward 2, NEWTONVILLE, on land known as Sec 24, Blk 9, Lot 28 containing approx 8,133 square feet of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-21(a)(2)(b), 30-21(b), 30-19(h)(1), 30-19(m) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

HEARING CONTINUED TO JUNE 22, 2010

#42-10(2) JOHN J. & DIANE P. LANAHAN petition to AMEND Special Permit/Site Plan Approval/Extension of a nonconforming Structure #42-10, granted on 3/15/10, to demolish an existing one-story garage and construct a two-story addition onto an existing single-family dwelling. The proposed increase to the first-floor addition will further increase the Floor Area Ratio from .46 (approved in special permit #42-10) to .49 at 8 RIDGEWAY TERRACE, Ward 5, NEWTON HIGHLANDS, on land known as Sec 54, Blk 46, Lot 15, containing approx 5,400 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-21(a)(2)(b), 30-21(b), 30-15(u)(4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, **HEARING CLOSED; ITEM APPROVED 7-0**

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, May 24, 2010

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

#142-09(3) ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE proposing that subsection 30-15(u) of Chapter 30 relative to floor area ratio, as established by Ordinance Z-51, dated August 10, 2009, be amended by extending the provisions of paragraph nos. 1. 2. and 3. from July 30, 2010 to October 31, 2010. [05/11/11 @ 10:10 AM]

HELD 8-0

#142-09(4) INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT requesting discussion of findings of Floor Area Ratio Working Group and consideration of recommended revisions to Chapter 30 regarding FAR limits tied to lot sizes and definitions of “gross floor area”, “carport”, “mass below first story”, “porch”, “enclosed porch”, and “floor area ratio” as well as phasing of ongoing changes. [05/11/10 @ 7:07 PM]

HELD 8-0

#141-10 INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT requesting revision of **Section 22-22 Floodplain/watershed protection provisions** of the City of Newton Ordinances in order to comply with updated FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) requirements. [05/11/10 @ 10 39 AM]

APPROVED 7-0-1 (Sangiolo abstaining)

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 24, 2010

Present: Ald. Gentile (Chairman), Ciccone, Linsky, Salvucci, Danberg, Fuller, and Freedman; absent: Ald. Rice

#131-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a grant from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FY’09 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for fifty-six thousand three hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$56,378) and appropriate fourteen thousand ninety-four dollars (\$14,094) from Free Cash to the federal grant fund for the purpose of providing the local share of the grant program, which will be used to provide emergency vehicle operations training. [04-27-10 6:06 PM]

HELD 6-0

- #145-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from Free Cash to the Fire Injured on Duty Medical Account to fund ongoing medical expenses through June 30, 2010. [5-11-10 @3:10 PM]
HELD 6-0
- #55-10(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that board order #55-10 be amended by rescinding a balance of \$125 that remains authorized but unissued debt for bond authorization to replace the emergency generator at the Newton Public Schools Education Center. Since bonds are sold in \$1,000 increments, this fractional balance was not funded in the bond sale and needs to be rescinded by June 30, 2010. [5-11-10 @3:10 PM]
APPROVED 5-0
- #196-07(6) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that board order #196-07(5) be amended by rescinding a balance of \$400 that remains authorized but unissued debt for bond authorization to repair Fire Station #4. Since bonds are sold in \$1,000 increments, this fractional balance was not funded in the bond sale and needs to be rescinded by June 30, 2010. [5-11-10 @3:10 PM]
APPROVED 6-0
- #146-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend \$20,000 from Free Cash to fully fund Parking Ticket Collections, which is contractually obligated but underfunded in the FY10 budget. [05-11-10 @3:10 PM]
APPROVED 6-0
- #147-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of \$6,000 from the Health Insurance line item to the Fulltime Salaries line item in the Treasury Department's budget to replenish funds used to cover sick and vacation buy back for two individuals who recently retired from that department. [5-11-10 @3:11 PM]
APPROVED 6-0
- #148-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of \$8,000 from the Health Insurance line item to the Banking Services line item in the Treasury Department's budget to cover fee increases in such services and fees associated with one month of collection/counting of parking meter coins. [5-11-10 @3:11 PM]
APPROVED 6-0

- #149-10 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation of one hundred fifteen thousand two hundred forty-two dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$115,242.69) from the Capital Stabilization Fund to the Treasury Department for the purpose of paying issuance costs related to the sale of bonds in April 2010. [5-11-10 @3:11 PM]
APPROVED 6-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #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]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 5-0-1 (Albright abstaining) on 04-21-10
APPROVED SUBJECT TO SECOND CALL 4-0-2 (Freedman and Fuller abstaining; Danberg not voting)

REFERRED TO REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Present: Ald. Danberg (Chairman), Ald. Baker, Crossley, Linsky, Fischman, Merrill, and Gentile; absent: Ald. Salvucci; also present: Ald. Albright, Fuller, Shapiro, and Blazar

- #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. [05-26-09 @ 2:52 PM]
HELD 7-0
- #150-09 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT requesting a discussion re the potential redevelopment of the Austin Street municipal parking lot in Newtonville for mixed-use development, including affordable housing. [05-12-09 @ 7:37 PM]
HELD 7-0

REFERRED TO POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Present: Ald. Swiston (Chairman), Rice, Lennon, Sangiolo, Johnson and Shapiro; absent: Schnipper, Freedman; also present: Ald. Lappin

- #375-09(2) COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION requesting explanations from the Inspectional Services and Fire Departments regarding requests for changes in the Brigham House Rehabilitation Project from the Project Plan that they had previously approved that resulted in increased project costs. [11/30/09 @ 10:33 AM]
HELD 5-0 (Ald. Shapiro not voting)

#31-10

ALD. SWISTON & SHAPIRO requesting a review of ordinance **Sec. 26-30. Licenses for cafe furniture on sidewalks.** [01/12/10 @ 4:37 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0 (Ald. Shapiro not voting)