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Newton City Hall

To be reported on

Monday, January 5, 2009

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Present: Ald. Mansfield (Chairman), Ald. Albright, Brandel, Fischman, Mansfield, Merrill, and Vance; absent: Ald. Sangiolo

#321-08 METROPCS MASSACHUSETTS LLC/NEWTON HIGHLANDS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to install for wireless communication 2 panel antennae flanking the louvers on the northeast side of the bell tower; 2 panel antennae flanking the louvers on the southeast side of the bell tower; 2 panel antennae flanking the southwest side of the bell tower; 1 GPS antenna mounted on the roof inside the bell tower parapet; and ancillary and radio equipment to be located within the bell tower at 54 LINCOLN STREET, Ward 6, on land known as Sec 52, Blk 41, Lot 3, in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-18A(e)(6) and (3) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007 and special permit nos. 459-97(2) and 398-99(2). (1/12/09)
APPROVED 4-1-2 (Mansfield opposed; Brandel and Merrill abstaining)

#320-08 METROPCS MASSACHUSETTS LLC/ZUSSMAN 219 REALTY TRUST petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to install for wireless communications 6 panel antennae inside a new fiberglass roof-mounted faux chimney; 1 GPS antenna mounted on the penthouse roof; 1 condenser on the roof; and associated equipment to be located beneath the parking area at the rear at 219 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, Ward 7, on land known as Sec 63, Blk 8, Lot 19, in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-18A(e)(6) and (10) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007, and special permit nos. 270-02(2) and 124-06 (1/12/09)
APPROVED 4-0-3 (Brandel, Mansfield, and Merrill abstaining)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Present: Ald. Linsky (Chair), Danberg, Fischman, Ciccone, Swiston and Harney;

absent: Ald. Coletti and Vance; also present: Ald. Parker

#295-08 MOHD NIDAL, 101 Blue Jay Court, Wilmington, MA 01887, requesting the renewal of **one (1) van license** to operate King's Shuttle & Limousine Service between Logan Airport and the Sheraton and Marriott hotels in Newton. [08-05-08 @ 12:44 PM]

APPROVED 6-0

REFERRED TO PUB FAC. AND PUB SAF & TRANS. COMMITTEES

#35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON AND DANBERG requesting an ordinance amendment to Section 26-8 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 to require all property owners or residents to remove snow from sidewalks abutting their property.

PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 8-0 on 2-6-08

HELD 6-0

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PS&T on 12-15-08

REFERRED TO PUB.SAFETY/TRANS. & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#80-08 ALD. SALVUCCI & DANBERG requesting creation of a parking permit program for employees of Newton businesses to allow long-term parking in municipal parking lots. [1-23-08 @ 1:15 PM]

PS&T APPROVED 5-0 on 11/5/08

FINANCE APPROVED 4-1-1 (Ald. Freedman opposed, Lennon abstaining) on 12-8-08 with a motion to refer back to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

HELD 6-0

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#455-05 (21-05.2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$6,000 from the Riverside Traffic Mitigation Fund to fund installation of a radar-controlled speed limit sign at the intersection of Concord and Grove Streets. (#65-05)

FINANCE NO ACTION NECESSARY on 12/22/08

NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0

#456-08 ALD. DANBERG, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, PARKER CICCONE, HARNEY AND HESS-MAHAN requesting a discussion of impacts resulting from the proposed Mass Turnpike Toll increases, including reinstatement of tolls at interchanges located within the City of Newton, and appropriate response from State and Local officials. [11-14-08 @ 11:58 AM]

HELD 6-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Albright, Salvucci, Gentile, Yates and Mansfield; absent: Ald. Lappin; also present: Ald. Brandel, Ciccone, Danberg, Fischman, Harney, Linsky and Swiston

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#480-08 **ELISSA FENSTER**, 187 Sargent Street, Newton 02458, appointed as a member of the SOLID WASTE COMMISSION for a term of office expiring December 31, 2011. (60 days 2-14-09) [12-03-08 @ 4:02 PM]
APPROVED 4-0 (Gentile, Mansfield and Yates not voting)

REFERRED TO PUB FAC. AND PUB SAF & TRANS. COMMITTEES

#35-04 **ALD. SAMUELSON AND DANBERG** requesting an ordinance amendment to Section 26-8 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 to require all property owners or residents to remove snow from sidewalks abutting their property.
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. HELD 6-0 on 12/17/08
HELD 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#487-08 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Environmental Solid Waste Fund for the purpose of contracting rock-crushing services at Rumford Avenue.
FINANCE APPROVED 6-1 (Johnson opposed) on 12-22-08
APPROVED 5-0-2 (Gentile and Lennon abstaining)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#467-08 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting to appropriate six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing heavy equipment and heavy duty trucks for the Department of Public Works. [11-25-08 @ 4:54 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 on 12-22-08
APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#469-08 **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting to appropriate five hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$575,000) from Free Cash to the School Department for the costs related to the conversion of the boilers at nine school buildings. The School Committee agreed to spend this amount from the school utility budget with the understanding that it will be restored once free cash becomes available. [11-25-08 @ 4:58 PM]
FINANCE to MEET
APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #267-08(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) from bonded indebtedness to increase the original appropriation (Board Order #267-08, approved on 7/21/08) for the purpose of replacing the boiler at the Underwood School. [12-09-08 @ 5:31 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 (Freedman not voting) on 12-22-08 APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #196-07(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of three hundred thirty-six thousand twenty-five dollars (\$336,025) from bonded indebtedness to increase the original appropriation (Board Order #196-07 approved on 7/21/08) for the purpose of the rehabilitation of Fire Station #4. [12-09-08 @ 5:31 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 (Freedman not voting) on 12-22-08 APPROVED 6-0-1 (Gentile abstaining)

- #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 7-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, December 22, 2008

Present: Ald. Coletti (Chair), Salvucci, Johnson, Parker, Lennon, Schnipper and Freedman; absent: Ald. Gentile; also present: Ald. Baker

- #484-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of making repairs, and replacing, as necessary, kitchen equipment at City Hall. [12-09-08 @ 5:31 PM]
APPROVED 4-0-2 (Schnipper and Johnson abstaining; Freedman not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #267-08(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) from bonded indebtedness to increase the original appropriation (Board Order #267-08, approved on 7/21/08) for the purpose of replacing the boiler at the Underwood School. [12-09-08 @ 5:31 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 on 12-17-08 APPROVED 6-0 (Freedman not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #196-07(3) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of three hundred thirty-six thousand twenty-five dollars (\$336,025) from bonded indebtedness to increase the original appropriation (Board Order #196-07 approved on 7/21/08) for the rehabilitation of Fire Station #4. [12-09-08 @ 5:31 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0-1 (Gentile abstaining) on 12-17-08
APPROVED 6-0 (Freedman not voting)
- #485-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending a transfer of funds in the amount of twenty-two thousand, nine hundred thirty-eight dollars and ninety cents (\$22,938.90) from Wage Reserve to the Fire Department payroll account to pay a firefighter who was on active military leave. [12-09-08 @ 5:31 PM]
APPROVED 6-0 (Freedman not voting)
- #486-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the establishment of a memorial fund entitled the Jordan Bennett Weiss Fund with authorization to expend up to \$50,000 in FY09. [12-09-08 @ 5:31 PM]
APPROVED 7-0
- #250-01(5) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from Receipts Reserved for the purpose of planting trees along Cypress Street. These funds resulted from a condition in a special permit #250-01 granted to The Newton Terraces and Andover Newton Theological School on November 19, 2001 and must be spent or encumbered by March 16, 2009 or revert to the petitioners. [12-09-08 @ 5:30 PM]
HELD 6-0 (Freedman not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #487-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Environmental Solid Waste Fund for the purpose of contracting rock-crushing services at Rumford Avenue. [12-09-08 @ 5:30 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 5-0-2 (Gentile and Lennon abstaining) on 12-17-08
APPROVED 6-1 (Johnson opposed)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #467-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of purchasing heavy equipment and heavy duty trucks for the Department of Public Works. [11-25-08 @ 4:54 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 on 12-17-08
APPROVED 7-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #398-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to A) appropriate for expenditure a gift of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from individuals who have joined together as *the Friends of Newton Tennis*, and B) appropriate the matching sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from budget reserve to the Park and Recreation Department to repair the tennis courts at Newton South High School. [11-10-08 @ 4:33 PM]
PROGRAM & SERVICES APPROVED 4-0 on 11-19-08
APPROVED 7-0

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE on 12-1-08

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #397-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate and expend One-hundred fifty three thousand three hundred dollars (\$153,000) from Free Cash to the Purchasing Department for the purpose of purchasing three hybrids and seven economy vehicles for the Assessing and Inspectional Services Departments.
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 5-0-2 (Ciccione and Harney abstaining) on 11/24/08
(FINANCE APPROVED 4-3-1 (Ald. Coletti, Johnson and Gentile opposed; Parker abstaining) subject to 2nd call on 11-24-08)
APPROVED 4-1-2 (Johnson opposed; Parker and Freedman abstaining)
- #354-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting monthly report on cash and receivable reconciliations by Treasurer and status of Consultant work in Treasurer's Office. [09-30-08 @ 1:54 PM]
HELD 7-0
- #352-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion monthly reports from the Chief Budget Officer and Comptroller on the status of the Health Insurance Trust Fund. [09-30-08 @ 1:54 PM]
HELD 7-0
- #351-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion on the status of School Building Authority reimbursements to the City of \$46.6 million for the Newton North High School project. [09-30-08 @ 1:54 PM]
HELD 7-0
- #349-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion on preparation and submission of a new Capital Improvement Plan by the Executive Office. [09-30-08 @ 1:54 PM]
HELD 7-0

#348-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion on the Executive Department submission of a new 5-year forecast for FY2010 budget preparation. [09-30-08 @ 1:54 PM]

HELD 7-0

#246-08 ALD. COLETTI proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor and the School Committee to prohibit immediately the use of any city-owned vehicle for commuting purposes in excess of ten miles from the physical boundaries of Newton and to limit use of city-owned vehicles to circumstances where an emergency response is likely during non-business hours and in which the necessary equipment is carried for such emergency response. [7-2-08 @ 12:12 PM]

HELD 7-0

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY/TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#455-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of (21-05.3) \$6,000 from the Riverside Traffic Mitigation Fund to fund installation of a radar-controlled speed limit sign at the intersection of Concord and Grove Streets. (#65-05)

PS&T NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 on 12-17-08

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