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Monday, February 2 2009

CITY OF NEWTON

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- I. Communications from His Honor the Mayor and other City Boards, Agencies, and Commissions.

Public Hearings to be assigned for February 10, 2009:

#14-09 TREXLER M. & JUDITH W. TOPPING petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to alter the contours of the land by more than three feet in the front- and side-yards for retaining walls, driveway turnaround, and landscape areas at 132 FARLOW ROAD, Ward 7, NEWTON, on land known as Sec 72, Blk 35, Lot 1, containing approx 62,378 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 30-24, 30-23, 305(b)((4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

#15-09 BERNARD R. O'KANE petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to expand a NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE to connect an existing detached garage to an existing single-family dwelling to create a bedroom and handicapped bathroom and to allow one additional parking space within the front setback at 185 HARVARD CIRCLE, Ward 2, NEWTONVILLE, on land known as Sec 22, Blk 22, Lot 2, containing approx 5,303 sf of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 3-21(a)(2)b), 30-21(b), 30-19(g)(1), 30-19(m) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#16-09 ALFRED WOJCIECHOWSKI, 43 Halcyon Road, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a *regular member* of the HISTORICAL COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2012 (60 days: 4-20-09).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#17-09 JOYCE DOSTALE, 408 Hammond Street, Chestnut Hill, re-appointed as a *resident member* of the CHESTNUT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire January 2012 (60 days: 4-20-09).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#18-09 MERLE WINER, 144 Linwood Avenue, Newtonville, re-appointed as an *alternate member* of the CHESTNUT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term to expire January 1, 2012 (60 days: 4-10-09).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#19-09 LIVIU BRILL, 193 Oak Street, Newton Upper Falls, re-appointed as the *architect member* of the CHESTNUT HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term of office to expire January 1, 2012 (60 days: 4-10-09).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#20-09 ELLEN FITZPATRICK, 20 Foster Street, Newtonville, re-appointed as a *regular member* of the NEWTONVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION for a term of office to expire January 1, 2012 (60 days: 4-20-09).

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#21-09 VAUNITA K. SCHNELL, 68 Stearns Street, Newton Centre, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON FARM COMMISSION for a term to expire July 31, 2011 (60 days: 4-20-09).

#109-07(2) DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT recommending that Chapter 30 of the revised Ordinances of Newton, 2007, be amended by deleting in the existing language of §30-5(b)(4) and replacing it with language requiring special permits for retaining walls exceeding four (4) feet in height; by adding in §30-5(c) a requirement for the City Engineer's technical review; and, by adding to §30-1 new definitions for retaining wall and berm, and amending the existing definition for *structure* to include *retaining walls*.

#22-09 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT recommending various amendments to Chapter 22 of the Revised Ordinances of Newton, 2007, ARTICLE IV, Urban Design and Beautification Commission, including changing the name to *Urban Design Commission*, deleting the Advisory board, and expanding its powers and duties to include special permits.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- #23-09 STEFAN M. NATHANSON & SANJIT KORDE, TRUSTEES OF THE FRANCESCA REALTY TRUST, filing on December 24, 2008 with the Zoning Board of Appeals an appeal from the decision of the Commissioner of Inspectional Services re a non-conforming home business at 454 Walnut Street, Newtonville.

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #24-09 ELLEN KRASNEY, 79 Chestnut Street, West Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COUNCIL ON AGING for a term to expire on November 1, 2011. (60 days: 03/19/09) [01/06/09 @ 2:49 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- #25-09 TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, David Koses providing the Committee with a summary of Traffic Council actions during the calendar year 2008. [01/05/09 @ 1:56 PM]
- #26-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR in accordance with Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1992 and Sec. 3-3 and 3-4 of the City Charter, appointing CAPTAIN MATTHEW A. CUMMINGS as Chief of Police, effective January 13, 2009. [01-12-09 @ 3:26 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES

Public Hearing to be assigned for February 4, 2009

- #27-09 NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 5' ± of 8" gas main in NORWOOD AVENUE from the existing 4" gas main in Norwood Avenue at 108 Norwood Avenue northerly to the existing 8" gas main in Norwood Avenue. [12/22/08 @ 2:00PM]

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

- #28-09 MICHAEL P. FLYNN, 23 Thelma Road, Dorchester, re-appointed to the Board of Assessors for a term expiring February 1, 2012. (60 days: 03-19-09) [01-06-09 @ 2:49 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#29-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three hundred fifty-eight thousand five hundred forty-four dollars (\$358,544) from Free Cash for the purpose of supplementing the snow and ice budget in the Parks and Recreation Department as follows: \$35,571 for overtime; and \$322,973 for equipment. [01/13/09 @ 4:23 PM]

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#30-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) from Marathon Receipts for the purpose of funding park improvements and repairs as follows: \$30,000 to replace Fibar ground covering and broken or unsafe playground equipment; and \$25,000 in seed money for the installation of playground equipment at the Burr School and Solomon Schechter Playground. [01/13/09 @ 4:22 PM]

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#31-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend fifty seven thousand eight hundred ninety eight dollars (\$57,898) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of equipping three ladder companies with Rapid Intervention Team Equipment in the Fire Department [01-13-09 @ 4:22 PM]