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February 22: Public Safety & Transportation and
Public Facilities

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7:45 p.m., Hybrid

To be reported on

Monday, March 6, 2023

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Monday, March 6, 2023, 7:45 pm. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link at the above date and time:

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City of Newton

In City Council Items to be Acted Upon

Unfinished Council Business

#38-23

Request to construct a five-unit dwelling and parking waiver at 194 Adams Street

LAKE PRIDE HOMES petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing nonconforming three-unit multifamily dwelling and construct a five-unit residential dwelling with ground level garage parking and associated dimensional, parking, and use waivers at 194 Adams Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 14 Block 14 Lot 18, containing approximately 6,000 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 4.1.2.B.3, 7.8.2.C.3, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 5.1.8.B.1, 5.1.8.C.1, 5.1.8.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Land Use Approved 5-0-3 (Councilors Laredo, Lucas and Markiewicz Abstained)

City Council Voted to Postpone to a Date Certain of March 6th; 19-0-5 (Councilors

Kritzman, Leary, Noel, Gentile and Grossman Absent)

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- #477-22 Request for discussion regarding new MA Building Energy Code amendments and adoption of the Specialized Energy Code**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, LEARY, ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, LIPOF, KELLEY, NORTON, LAREDO, BOWMAN, HUMPHREY, DOWNS, GREENBERG, WRIGHT, MALAKIE, MARKIEWICZ, AND GROSSMAN requesting discussion with the Sustainability Team and Planning Department about the new Massachusetts Building Energy Code amendments (Base code and Stretch code), and to consider adopting the Specialized Energy Code pursuant to the entirety of 225 CMR 22 and 23 including Appendices RC and CC.
Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 (Councilor Baker not voting)
Zoning & Planning Approved 6-0-2 abstaining (Councilor Baker and Wright)
City Council Voted to Postpone to a Date Certain of March 6th; 19-0-5 (Councilors Kritzman, Leary, Noel, Gentile and Grossman Absent)

Referred to Land Use Committee

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Present: Councilors Lipof (Chair), Kelley, Bowman, Downs, Greenberg, Laredo, Lucas, and Markiewicz;
Also present: Councilors Albright, Leary, Malakie, Norton, Oliver, and Wright

- #23-23(3) Request to amend Special Permit #289-18 at 697 Washington Street**
697 WASHINGTON STREET REALTY TRUST petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit #289-18 to update signage at 697 Washington Street, Newton, Ward 2, on land known as Section 23 Block 19 Lot 1B, containing approximately 16,678 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.2.13.A, 5.2.13.B of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
Land Use Approved 7-0-1 (Councilor Downs Abstained)
- #68-23 Request to authorize partial release of the Declaration of Affordable Housing Covenants**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to authorize the partial release of the Declaration of Affordable Housing Covenants encumbering the property located at 677 Winchester Street, Newton, MA, commonly referred to as Coleman House operated by 2Life Communities.
Land Use Approved 7-0 (Councilor Downs not voting)
- #124-22 Request for amendment to Section 7.3 Special Permit Review of the Zoning Code**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, LIPOF, DANBERG, GROSSMAN, LUCAS, MALAKIE, AND WRIGHT requesting an amendment to Section 7.3 Special Permit Review of the Zoning Code to require the submission of designs for the placement of underground utility service lines for projects above a certain size.
Land Use Held 8-0

- #36-22** **Review and analysis with city departments regarding standard language and special permit council orders**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, DOWNS, MALAKIE, LIPOF, ALBRIGHT, BOWMAN, WRIGHT, OLIVER, GREENBERG, KELLEY, NORTON, BAKER, LEARY, LUCAS AND DANBERG requesting a review and analysis with Planning, Inspectional Services and Law Departments regarding standard language and special permit council orders for the purpose of improving the language used in such orders including provisions regarding undergrounding utilities, bicycle storage, construction hours and other construction rules, vibrations, rodent control, electrification, landscaping and other similar provisions.
Land Use Held 8-0

- #7-23** **Request for discussion with City Staff regarding the process for creating and enforcing landscape plans pertaining to Special Permits**
COUNCILORS LAREDO, ALBRIGHT, LEARY, MALAKIE, NORTON, OLIVER, GREENBERG, AND WRIGHT, requesting discussion with the Planning Department, the Inspectional Services Department, and the Tree Warden regarding the process for creating and enforcing landscape plans (including, but not limited to, trees) in the special permit process and enforcing the zoning code and the tree ordinance in connection with by right projects.
Land Use Held 8-0

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

Monday, February 27, 2023

Present: Councilors Albright (Acting Chair), Crossley, Danberg, Wright, Leary, Baker, Krintzman, and Ryan; also present: Councilors Downs, Greenberg, Lucas, Lipof, Malakie, Laredo, and Oliver

- #46-23** **Appointment of Anne Marie Stein to the Newton Historical Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Anne Marie Stein, 31 Madoc Street, Newton as a full member of the Newton Historical Commission for a term of office to expire on March 6, 2026. (60 Days: 04/07/2023)
Zoning & Planning Approved 8-0

- #38-22** **Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers**
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting review, discussion and possible ordinance amendments relative to Chapter 30 zoning ordinances pertaining to Mixed Use, business districts and village districts relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance. (formerly #88-20)
Zoning & Planning Held 8-0

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Present: Councilors Downs (Chair), Markiewicz, Lipof, Bowman, Oliver and Lucas; absent: Councilors Grossman and Malakie; also present: Councilors Albright, Kelley, Humphrey, Greenberg, Norton, Gentile and Wright

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

- #526-22** **Requesting a discussion and ordinance creation that would limit the winter parking ban**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT AND KELLEY requesting a discussion and creation of an ordinance that would limit the winter parking ban either through a pilot program in Wards 2 and 3 or a permit program that would apply across the City based on established criteria or some other option as derived at through the discussion. The desired outcome is to remove the burden on residents with no place to park their cars during the current ban period.

Public Safety & Transportation Held 6-0

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

- #78-22** **Discussion on transportation priorities and public works**
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE, PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, AND COUNCILORS LEARY AND BOWMAN requesting a discussion with the administration and school officials on transportation priorities and public works/streets/sidewalks etc.

Public Facilities voted No Action Necessary 5-0 on 10/19/22

Public Safety & Transportation Held 5-0 (Councilor Lipof not voting)

Referred to Finance Committee

Monday, February 27, 2023

Present: Councilors Grossman (Chair), Kalis, Oliver, Norton, Malakie, Gentile, Humphrey, and Noel; also present: Councilor Laredo

- #31-23** **Requesting a discussion regarding delinquent property tax policy and procedure**
COUNCILORS GENTILE, LAREDO, MALAKIE, and RYAN request a discussion with the City Treasurer regarding current policies and procedures designed to collect delinquent property tax payments and to further discuss possible new policies and procedures to help collect these delinquent accounts.

Finance Held 8-0