



City Council Docket

March 7: Land Use
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and Public Safety & Transportation
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Monday, March 6, 2023
7:45 p.m., Hybrid
To be reported on
Monday, March 20, 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 to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Land Use Committee

#61-23

Request for Extension of Time to Exercise Special Permit #157-22 at 4 Clarendon Street
VENKATESA RAVI petition for EXTENSION OF TIME to March 7, 2025 to EXERCISE Special Permit Council Order #157-22 to construct a second-story addition, vertically extending the nonconforming front setbacks on a corner lot at 4 Clarendon Street, Ward 2, Newton, on land known as Section 22 Block 09 Lot 01, containing approximately 5823 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.2.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

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- #62-23** **Requesting a discussion regarding all Special Permits and the possibility of allowing another Board to review smaller, less complex requests**
COUNCILORS LIPOF AND KELLEY requesting a discussion with the Land Use Committee, Planning Department and Inspectional Services Department regarding Special Permits and the potential to have another Board or entity review smaller less complex requests in an effort to allow the Land Use Committee to focus attention and review of larger more complex petitions.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for March 21, 2023

- #69-23** **Request to a nonconforming front setback at 80 Highland Avenue**
JAMES GROSS AND KIKI BOGORAD-GROSS petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to reconstruct a previously damaged one-car garage in a different configuration altering the nonconforming front setback at 80 Highland Avenue, Ward 2, Newtonville, on land known as Section 24 Block 11 Lot 30, containing approximately 7,386 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 1. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.2.3, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.4.3.A.1 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for March 21, 2023

- #70-23** **Request to amend Special Permit #101-17 to convert an existing office space into two residential units at 46 Farwell Street**
BRIAN MCDONALD, TRUSTEE, CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT REALTY TRUST petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit #101-17 to convert the nonconforming office building into two residential units at 46 Farwell Street, Newtonville, Ward 3, on land known as Section 21 Block 01 Lot 14, containing approximately 8,529 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MULTI RESIDENCE 2. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for March 21, 2023

- #71-23** **Request to extend a nonconforming two-family dwelling at 152-154 Lexington Street**
TURNKEY REALTY GROUP, LLC, petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to raze the existing one-story dwelling and construct a new two-family dwelling, altering and further extending the nonconforming use at 152-154 Lexington Steet, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as Section 44 Block 35 Lot 24, containing approximately 8,899 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.4.1, 7.8.2.C.2 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

- #72-23** **Appointment of Jyothsna Buddharaju to the Planning & Development Board**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Jyothsna Buddharaju, 1175 Chestnut Street, Newton as an alternate member of the Planning & Development Board for a term of office to expire on July 31, 2026. (60 Days: 05/05/2023)

- #73-23** **Appointment of Joel Shames to the Auburndale Historic District Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Joel Shames, 348 Central Street, Auburndale as a full member of the Auburndale Historic District Commission for a term of office to expire on March 20, 2026. (60 Days: 05/05/2023)

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #74-23** **Requesting a Home Rule Petition**
COUNCILORS NORTON, HUMPHREY, MALAKIE, LEARY, BOWMAN, DOWNS, LUCAS, KELLEY, ALBRIGHT, RYAN, LAREDO, WRIGHT, LIPOF, AND MARKIEWICZ requesting a home rule petition so that the City can create an ordinance to prohibit the purchase or application of anti-coagulant rodenticides in Newton.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

- #75-23** **Requesting authorization to bring the City's ordinances relating to special officers (i.e. retired police officers) in conformance with the State law**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to bring the City's ordinances relating to special officers (i.e. retired police officers) in conformance with the State law governing the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

- #76-23** **Requesting authorization to petition the General Court to allow the Mayor to appoint retired Firefighters, to be able to perform fire details and to perform dispatch duties**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to petition the General Court for special legislation to allow the Mayor of the City of Newton to appoint retired Newton Firefighters, as the Fire Chief deems necessary, to be able to perform fire details and to perform dispatch duties in the Emergency Communications Center, tow essential services that sometimes require additional staffing.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

- #77-23** **Discussion of short-term prevention strategies at Crafts/Albemarle/North Streets**
COUNCILOR DOWNS, LEARY, NORTON, BOWMAN, MALAKIE, WRIGHT AND LUCAS requesting a discussion of possible short-term prevention strategies at Crafts/Albemarle/North Streets and surrounding areas to address safety and recent crashes.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Public Hearing to be assigned for March 8, 2023

- #78-23** **Request for a grant of location in California St @ Bridge St intersection**
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to relocate an existing regulator station located at the intersection of California St. and Bridge St. along with a traffic box and three vent poles. (Ward 1)
as follows:

- Installation of a below grade vault within the public right of way at California St and Bridge St
- Installation of one (1) traffic box and three (3) vent poles

#79-23 Reappointment of Meryl Kessler to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Meryl Kessler, 147 Prince St, West Newton 02465 to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term of office to expire March 15, 2026. (60 days: 4/30/2021)

#80-23 Reappointment of Carl Valente to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Carl Valente, 84 Sumner St, Newton 02459 to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission for a term of office to expire March 15, 2026. (60 days: 4/30/2021)

Referred to Finance Committee

#81-23 Acceptance of \$11,939 from National Environmental Health Association
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of eleven thousand nine hundred thirty nine dollars (\$11,939) from the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA). The award consists of a four thousand four hundred thirty-nine dollar (\$4,439) base grant and a seven thousand five hundred dollar (\$7,500) training add-on grant. The funds will be used to improve the City's conformance with the US Food and Drug Administration's Retail Program Standards.

#82-23 Acceptance of \$100,000 from Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in Green Communities Grant funding from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources for LED lighting and controls at Newton South High School and completing insulation, weatherstripping, and installation of heat pumps at Fire Station 1.

#83-23 Appropriate \$33,289 from the Energy Stabilization Fund
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of thirty three thousand two hundred eighty nine dollars (\$33,289) from the Energy Stabilization Fund to complete the replacement of thermostats and control valves at Fire Station 1.

#84-23 Acceptance of \$69,878.60 from MassDEP's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of sixty nine thousand eight hundred seventy eight dollars and sixty cents (\$69,878.60) in grant funding from MassDEP's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program – Public Access Charging for 5 EV chargers with 10 total ports.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation & Finance Committees

#85-23 Acceptance of \$712,459 from MassDOT Community Connections Program FY23-25
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of seven hundred twelve thousand four hundred fifty nine dollars (\$712,459) in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Connections Program FY23-25 for the Newton in Motion (NewMo) microtransit program.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation & Finance Committees

#86-23

Acceptance of \$190,000 from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program SFY23

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000) in grant funding from MassDOT's Community Transit Grant Program SFY23 for the Newton in Motion (NewMo) Senior Transportation microtransit program.

The following item was filed after the close of the docket and requires a suspension of the Rules to be referred to Committee:

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#87-23

Authorization for MWRA grant/loan program

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend three million two hundred fifty five thousand dollars (\$3,255,000) in grant funding and authorization to borrow one million eighty five thousand dollars (\$1,085,000) in an interest free loan from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) Sewer Infiltration/Inflow Local Financial Assistance Program Phase 14, 25% loan/75% grant program for a total of four million three hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$4,340,000) for the design and construction of Sewer CIP Project 9.