

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
BOARD ACTIONS

Monday, March 2, 2009

Present: Ald. Albright, Brandel, Ciccone, Coletti, Danberg, Freedman, Fischman, Gentile, Harney, Hess-Mahan, Lennon, Linsky, Mansfield, Parker, Salvucci, Sangiolo, Schnipper, Swiston, Vance, Yates and Baker.

Absent: Ald. Johnson, Lappin, and Merrill

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN DISCUSSED AND VOTED THE FOLLOWING ITEM ON SECOND CALL:

#384-08 **DAVID CHODRIKER** petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to eliminate the use of a garage beneath an existing single family home and relocate parking for two vehicles on a new driveway within the front setback at 5 STAFFORD ROAD, Ward 6, NEWTON CENTRE, on land known as Sec 64, Blk 25, Lot 9, containing approx 7,911 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-19(g)(1), 30-19(m), and 30-5(b)(4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
LAND USE APPROVED 4-0-3 (Mansfield, Merrill, Sangiolo abstaining) on 2/10/09

ITEM POSTPONED 2/17/09 to DATE CERTAIN of 3/2/09

VOICE VOTE APPROVED MOTION TO RECOMMIT TO LAND USE

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#250-01(6) **HIS HONOR THE MAYOR** requesting authorization to appropriate and expend fifteen thousand four hundred seventy-two dollars (\$15,472) from Receipts Reserve for the purpose of installing a pedestrian activated signal near the end of Langley Road. These funds result from a special permit (Board Order #250-01) and will revert to the petitioner if not encumbered or spent by March 16, 2009.
[02-10-09 @4:41 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED AS AMENDED 3-1-2 (Johnson opposed; Schnipper, Freedman abstaining, Parker not voting) @\$15,471.85 on 2/23/09 Subject to 2nd call to expend the funds for pedestrian improvements on Langley Road at or near Langley Path intersection.
PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 @\$15,471.85 for pedestrian improvements on Langley Road at or near Langley Path intersection.
APPROVED AS AMENDED 21 YEAS, 3 ABSENT (Ald. Johnson, Lappin, & Merrill)

#30-08 (2) ALD. COLETTI proposing a RESOLUTION to the Public Safety & Transportation Committee requesting the Fire and Police Departments submit Personal Action Request Forms to the Human Resources Department in order to fill current vacancies in their departments before the end of the Fiscal Year.
[01/21/09 @ 9:10 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED 5-0

VOICE VOTE APPROVED

#72-09 ALD. PARKER AND LAPPIN requesting discussion with the administration regarding which Citizens Advisory Group recommendations are appropriate to implement as part of the Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget.

VOICE VOTE APPROVES REFERRAL TO LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

#73-09 PRESIDENT BAKER, ALD. HESS-MAHAN, VANCE, ALBRIGHT, LENNON, SALVUCCI, LINSKY & SCHNIPPER requesting discussion of the recommendations of the Citizen Advisory Group as may be relevant for long-range planning for the City for coming fiscal years.

VOICE VOTE APPROVES REFERRAL TO LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION 21 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSENT (Ald. Johnson, Lappin, and Merrill) TO ACCEPT ITS COMMITTEES' RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 23, 2009

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#47-09 DOUGLAS SWEET, 281 Lexington Street, Auburndale, appointed as a member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire February 1, 2014 (60 days 4/18/09).

ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 4-0 (Harney, Baker, Danberg, Linsky not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

#3-09 ALD. DANBERG requesting removal of the taxi stand located on Braeland Avenue near the steps to the MBTA station following the creation of

approximately four adjacent spaces for live parking in the same location. [12-10-08 @ 4:45 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED 5-0

- #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]

PUBLIC SAFETY NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 23, 2009

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]

FINANCE APPROVED 7-0

- #54-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500) from Budget Reserve to the Information Technology Department for the purpose of purchasing a software upgrade to the Pentamation software. [02-10-09 @4:42 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 5-0 (Parker and Johnson not voting)

- #55-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a transfer of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from the Retirement Board expenses to Budget Reserve. Retirement board released these funds following the completion of the office renovation. [02-10-09 @4:42 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 4-0 (Freedman, Johnson and Parker not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #61-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) from Utilities Division's Water Surplus account for the purpose of reimbursing the Treasury Department's Treasury Expenses account for the consultant costs related to year-end reconciliation of water receivables. [02/10/09 @4:42 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 4-0 (Freedman, Johnson and Parker not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES

Monday, March 2, 2009

- #53-09 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting relocation (which involves abandoning an existing 15' drain easement in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Ch. 40, Sec. 15 and granting a new 15' drain easement) of a drain

easement at 1012-1018 and 1020-1022 CHESTNUT STREET, to reflect the actual course of the main drain (Ward 5.) [01-30-09 @8:47 PM]

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES APPROVED TO ALLOW REPORTING WITHOUT WRITTEN REPORT

PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0