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CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

UNFINISHED BOARD BUSINESS

**ITEM CHARTERED 11/16/09 by ALD. SANGIOLO:
REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#288-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate and expend one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the installation of four modular classrooms at the Oak Hill Middle School and for design work for modulars at the Day Middle School. [09/15/09 @ 1:28 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED on 11/16/09
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 on 11/4/09

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Present: Ald. Mansfield (Chairman), Ald. Hess-Mahan, Sangiolo, Brandel, Vance, and Merrill; absent: Ald. Albright; also present: Ald. Baker, Danberg, Aldermen-elect Blazar and Crossley

#102-06(10) KESSELER DEVELOPMENT LLC request for a one-year extension of time in which to exercise Special Permit/Site Plan Approval #102-06(9), granted on November 17, 2008, for construction of a condominium complex consisting of 3 structures, 1 multi-family residence of 52 dwelling units and 2 single-family attached dwelling structures with a total of 10 units, for a total of 62 dwelling units with accessory parking on land located on LaGRANGE STREET, Ward 8; said extension will run from November 17, 2009 to November 17, 2010. Ref: Sec 30-24(c)(4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
APPROVED 7-0

Application for a Class 2 Automobile Dealer License
#292-09 AUTO ANNEX, INC.
249 Centre Street
Newton Corner 02458
APPROVED 7-0

Application for a Class 2 Automobile Dealer License

#161-09 REGAN INC.
2066 Commonwealth Avenue
Auburndale 02466

APPROVED 7-0

#172-98(2) WALCOTT CORPORATION petition to amend SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL #172-98 by increasing the number of seats in an existing restaurant from 74 to 100 seats and to waive ten additional parking spaces at 118 NEEDHAM STREET, Ward 5, NEWTON UPPER FALLS, on land known as Sec 83, Blk 12, Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, in a district zoned MIXED USE 2. Ref: 30-24, 30-23, 30-13(e)(12), 30-19(c)(2), 30-19(d), 30-19(m) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007 and special permit #172-98)

APPROVED 6-0 (Fischman recused)

#272-09 HERRICK ROAD REALTY TRUST petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to erect at 39 HERRICK ROAD, Ward 6, NEWTON CENTRE (Lot 7) a 3-story mixed-use building containing 4 dwelling units and ground floor commercial space with a 75-seat restaurant, with underground parking and associated parking waivers (allow 1¼ parking spaces per housing unit; allow off-street parking facilities to be located on a separate lot; waive 9 parking spaces; waive 3 bicycle parking spaces; allow frontage to be measured along a public footway) and to construct a retaining wall greater than 4 feet within the rear/side setbacks and waive 18 existing parking spaces on Lot 7 Herrick Road, on land known as Sec 61, Blk 35, Lots 6 and 7, in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-19(d)(2), (8), (9), 30-19(f)(1), (2), 30-19(k), 30-19(m), 30-15(b)(2), 30-15 Table 3, 30-5(b)(4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

HELD 7-0

#242-09 PANERA, LLC/LINEAR RETAIL NEWTON #1, LLC petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL and EXTENSION of a NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE for a restaurant in excess of 50 seats and a parking waiver of 25 spaces at 1239-1243 CENTRE STREET, Ward 6, NEWTON CENTRE, on land known as Sec 64, Blk 28, Lots 21 and 24, containing approximately 11,860 sf of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-21(b), 30-19(m), 30-11(d)(9) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

APPROVED 4-0-2 (Mansfield, Sangiolo abstaining; Merrill not voting)

2010 Auto License Renewals

Class 1

#304-09 CLARK & WHITE INC.
 777 Washington Street
 Newtonville
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#305-09 CLAY NISSAN OF NEWTON INC.
 431 Washington Street
 Newton Corner
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

Class 2

#306-09 FROST MOTORS, INC.
 624 Washington Street
 Newtonville
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#308-09 AUTO EUROPA INC.
 38 Ramsdell Street
 Newton Highlands
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#309-09 CICCONE MOTORS
 259 Walnut Street
 Newtonville
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#315-09 MAP DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENTS
 d/b/a ALBEMARLE MOTORS INC.
 175 North Street
 Newtonville
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#317-09 NEWTON AUTO GROUP INC.
 1235 Washington Street
 West Newton
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#318-09 NEWTON CENTRE SHELL, INC.
 1365 Centre Street
 Newton Centre
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#319-09 NEWTON TRADE CENTER
 103 Adams Street
 Nonantum
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

#320-09 OLD TIME GARAGE LTD.
 1960 Washington Street
 Newton Lower Falls
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

- #322-09 R.S. SERVICE INC.
361 Washington Street
Newton Corner
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)
- #323-09 ROBERT'S TOWING INC.
926R Boylston Street
Newton Highlands
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)
- #324-09 THE TRAVIS CORPORATION
d/b/a THE CAR STORE
19 Rolling Lane
Chestnut Hill
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)
- #326-09 WASHINGTON STREET SUNOCO
875 Washington Street
Newtonville
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)
- #327-09 CITY OF NEWTON
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

CLASS 2 & 3

- #328-09 ECHO BRIDGE SALVAGE INC.
16-24 Maguire Court
Newtonville
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)
- #329-09 SCHIAVONE BROTHERS INC.
16-24 Maguire Court
Newtonville
APPROVED 6-0 (Merrill not voting)

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Present: Ald. Mansfield (Chairman), Ald. Alb right, Hess-Mahan, Fischman, Vance, Merrill, Sangiolo, and Brandel; also present: Alderman-elect Fuller and Ald. Baker

Application for a Class 2 Automobile Dealer License

- #291-09 AUBURNDALE SERVICE CENTER, LLC d/b/a AUBURNDALE
MOBIL
2105 Commonwealth Avenue
Auburndale 02466
APPROVED 7-0 (Brandel not voting)

2010 Auto License Renewals

- #307-09 VILLAGE MOTORS GROUP INC.
d/b/a HONDA VILLAGE
371 Washington Street
Newton Corner (Class 1)
APPROVED 7-0 (Brandel not voting)
- #311-09 GLOBAL VENTURES GROUP
d/b/a LUX AUTO PLUS
1197-1201 Washington Street
West Newton (Class 2)
APPROVED 7-0 (Brandel not voting)
- #316-09 NEW ENGLAND MOTOR MART INC.
1221-1229 Washington Street
West Newton (Class 2)
APPROVED 7-0 (Brandel not voting)
- #320-08(2) METROPCS MASSACHUSETTS LLC/ZUSSMAN 219 REALTY TRUST request for an extension of time in which to exercise special permit #320-08, granted on January 5, 2009, 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; said extension will run from January 5, 2010 to January 5, 2011. Ref: Sec 30-24(c)(4).
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Brandel not voting)
- #208-09 TREXLER M. & JUDITH W. TOPPING petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to re-grade portions of a yard for retaining walls/berms and landscape areas in excess of 4 feet at 132 FARLOW ROAD, Ward 7, NEWTON, on land known as Sec 72, Blk 35, Lot 10, containing approx 62,378 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. 30-24, 30-23, 30-5(b)((4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
HELD 7-1 (Hess-Mahan)
- #183-09 MONTE J. & ANNE H. WALLACE TRUSTEES petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to construct a private garage of more than 700 square feet to be attached to an existing single-family dwelling at 256 CHESTNUT HILL ROAD, Ward 7, Chestnut Hill, on land known as Sec 63, Blk 32, Lot 3, containing approx 126,120 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, and 30-8((b)(7) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.
APPROVED 8-0

#272-09 HERRICK ROAD REALTY TRUST petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to erect at 39 HERRICK ROAD, Ward 6, NEWTON CENTRE (Lot 7) a 3-story mixed-use building containing 4 dwelling units and ground floor commercial space with a 75-seat restaurant, with underground parking and associated parking waivers (allow 1¼ parking spaces per housing unit; allow off-street parking facilities to be located on a separate lot; waive 9 parking spaces; waive 3 bicycle parking spaces; allow frontage to be measured along a public footway) and to construct a retaining wall greater than 4 feet within the rear/side setbacks and waive 18 existing parking spaces on Lot 7 Herrick Road, on land known as Sec 61, Blk 35, Lots 6 and 7, in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-19(d)(2), (8), (9), 30-19(f)(1), (2), 30-19(k), 30-19(m), 30-15(b)(2), 30-15 Table 3, 30-5(b)(4) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

HELD 8-0

#244-09 S. R. WEINER ASSOCIATES INC./CHESTNUT HILL SHOPPING CENTER, LLC/C&R REALTY TRUST petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL and EXTENSION OF NONCONFORMING USE for restaurants in excess of 50 seats; to increase the number of seats in two existing legal nonconforming restaurants currently having in excess of 50 seats; to permit a new restaurant over 50 seats and an associated request for a parking waiver at 1-27-33-35 BOYLSTON STREET, Ward 7, CHESTNUT HILL, on land known as Sec 63, Blk 37, Lot 25, 26, 27, 18A, containing approx 767,306 sf of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-21(b), 30-11(d)(9), 30-19(d), 30-19(m) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007 and Special Permit nos. 401-03, 317-03, 317-03(6).

HELD 4-0 (Brandel, Merrill, Sangiolo not voting; Fischman recused)

REFERRED TO LAND USE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#474-08(2) ALD. HESS-MAHAN & VANCE proposing that Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board of Aldermen be amended to conform with a proposed amendment to Chapter 30 re transfer of the special permit granting authority to the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or the Planning & Development Board for projects that are not classified as Major Projects pursuant to Article X.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD REFERRED 5-1 (Mansfield opposed; Brandel, Merrill not voting) TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, November 23, 2009

Present: Ald. Yates (Chairman), Ald. Lappin, Danberg, Swiston, Baker, Linsky, and Ciccone; absent: Ald. Harney

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#331-09 REVEREND HOWARD HAYWOOD, 69 Walker Street, Newtonville, appointed as a member of the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD for a term to expire February 1, 2014 (60 days: 12/18/09).

APPROVED 6-0 (Ciccone not voting)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#378-09 MATTHEW R. CUDDY, 27 Laudholm Road, Newton, appointed to the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION for a term to expire December 1, 2012 (60 days: 1/15/10).

APPROVED 6-0 (Ciccone not voting)

#322-08 Ald. BAKER, YATES, & COMMISSIONER LOJEK requesting discussion of possible amendments to the City of Newton Ordinances to assist in assuring that properties that appear abandoned or severely dilapidated can be appropriately maintained or restored.

HELD 7-0

#103-09 ALD. MANSFIELD & PARKER proposing amendments to Chapter 30 to update criteria and regulations pertaining to development in Mixed Use Zoning Districts.

NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0

#303-07(2) ALD. YATES asking consideration of an amendment to the inclusionary zoning ordinance, 30-8(f), that if adopted by the Board of Aldermen will provide that fee payments be allocated in the first instance to the Planning & Department, while still preserving the ability of the Newton Housing Authority or others to apply for to use such funds.

NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0

#122-09 ALD. SANGIOLO on behalf of Armando Rossi requesting a discussion of the proliferation of signage in the city.

NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0

- #291-95 ALD. PARKER, BALSER, LIPSITT, MANSFIELD, & SAMUELSON requesting that Sec. 30-24 of the City of Newton Rev. Ords., 1995, be amended to require all large commercial development(s) to make a cash payment to be used for affordable/low-income housing. Such payments to be calculated individually for each development on the basis of costs incurred by the city; demands on infrastructure and services; increased need for area affordable housing; and other impositions to the city and community that result from the construction of such projects.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0
- #193-06 ALD. VANCE proposing an ordinance that would require the owner of any residential property who is not otherwise required to give written notice to abutters and others of proposed modifications of the owner's residential structure to provide such written notice prior to the filing by such owner of an application for the building permit to construct such proposed modifications.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0
- #238-01 ALD. MANSFIELD & SAMUELSON proposing to amend Sec. 30-1 and 30-11(g)(5) to clarify the definition of and restrict the permissive use "drive-in food service establishment" to Limited Manufacturing Districts only.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-1 (Danberg)
- #239-01 ALD. MANSFIELD proposing to amend Secs. 30-1, 30-11, 30-12, and 30-13 to establish a definition of and to specify appropriate zoning districts in which to conduct food catering businesses.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0
- # 86-02 ALD. MANSFIELD proposing to amend Secs. 30-11(a)(9) and 30-11(d)(9) to require a special permit for restaurants having not more than 50 seats that are within 300 feet of a Residence District.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0
- #59-03 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing amendments to Chapter 30-19 Section (j), *Lighting, Surfacing, and Maintenance of Parking Facilities*.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0
- #371-01 ALD. PARKER, YATES, SANGIOLO, BASHAM, LIPSITT proposing an ordinance to require an appropriate review and approval process to control drainage and other environmental impacts in cases of major excavation or other topographic changes.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0

- #164-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing the following amendments to the accessory apartment ordinances: (1) amend Sections 30-8(d)(1)a and 30-9(h)(1)a to explicitly allow the homeowner to live in the accessory apartment; (2) amend Section 30-9(h)(1) to allow accessory apartments in a single family residence located in Multi Residence 1 and Multi Residence 2 zoned districts; and (3) amend the provisions of Sections 30-8(d)(1)b and 30-9(h)(1)b to allow accessory apartments in residential buildings built 10 or more years.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #474-08 ALD. HESS-MAHAN & VANCE proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to transfer from the Board of Aldermen to the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or the Planning & Development Board the special permit granting authority for special permit/site plan petitions not classified as Major Projects pursuant to Article X of the Board Rules. [12-09-08 @ 3:26 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #475-08 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, DANBERG, JOHNSON, SWISTON, & PARKER proposing that the City of Newton accept the provisions of GL chapter 43D, a local option that allows municipalities to provide an expedited permitting process and promote targeted economic development.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #111-07 ZONING TASK FORCE recommending amendments to 30-21(3)(c), referred to as the de minimis rule, by amending the existing language with provisions: (1) clarifying the applicability to and effect of the rule on (a) the minimum distance between buildings; and (b) all applicable dimensional controls; and (2) creating a new procedure for approving a de minimis extension of the nonconforming nature of a structure. [04-10-07 @4:17 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #207-09(2) ALD. PARKER, DANBERG & MANSFIELD, proposing that chapter 30 be amended to allow additional seating in restaurants.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #336-08 ALD. LAPPIN requesting a discussion re the creation of an index for the zoning ordinances. [9-12-08 @10:31 AM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #150-08 ALD. GENTILE proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to clarify that for a commercial vehicle to be parked legally at a residential property, it must be registered to the owner/occupant of that residential property. [4-15-08 @2:17PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

- #365-06 ALD. YATES requesting the establishment of an education program for realtors concerning properties in historic districts.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #294-03 ALD. BAKER, YATES, JOHNSON AND MANSFIELD requesting analysis and discussion of possible remedies for demolition of modest housing and replacement with oversized structures out of character with the surrounding neighborhood, including examining the experience of other communities, including those out of state, who have worked to address this problem. **(Recommitted by Full Board 8-14-06)**
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #10-06 ALD. JOHNSON, DANBERG, SANGIOLO, BAKER, & HESS-MAHAN requesting the adoption of legislation to enable the establishment of neighborhood conservation districts in Newton.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #133-03 ALD. YATES proposing an amendment to Chapter 30 requiring a special permit for a so-called "snout house" (one with excessive/intrusive garage on the front) following the example of Fort Collins, Colorado.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #20-99 ALD. YATES proposing that Chapter 30 be amended by removing radio and television towers as allowed uses in the Mixed Use 1 district.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #440-04 ALD. JOHNSON, BAKER & LAPPIN proposing a definition of "accessory structure" which will include mechanical equipment.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #333-97(2) ALD. YATES proposing that Chapter 30 be amended to prohibit without a special permit in any zoning district the approval of a subdivision that would be accessed by any public way on which the Level of Service at the point of access is already a D, E, or F, for at least one hour per week or if the additional traffic to be generated by the subdivisions would cause the Level of Service at the point of access to a public way to fall to D, E, or F for at least one hour per week. [8-7-07 @2:05 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #237-01 ALD. MANSFIELD proposing to amend Secs. 30-1, 30-11, 30-12, and 30-13 of the Revised Zoning Ordinances to clarify the definitions of and specify the distinctions between restaurants, retail food establishments, fast food establishments, and food processing and preparation as allowed and permissive uses in Business, Manufacturing and Mixed Use Districts.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

7-99 ALD. PARKER requesting discussion of possible zoning amendments to create additional residential districts with different FAR and lot size requirements.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#48-06 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, BURG, JOHNSON, DANBERG, PARKER & WEISBUCH proposing that the city provide financial incentives to rent accessory apartments to low- to moderate-income households at affordable rates that can serve housing affordability goals.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Present: Ald. Freedman (Acting Chairman), Baker, Brandel, Hess-Mahan and Sangiolo;
absent: Ald. Johnson, Parker and Merrill

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#379-09 LISA DeFELICE, 280 Nevada Street, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON CHILD CARE COMMISSION for a term to expire on January 1, 2012. [10/30/09 @ 2:59 PM]

APPROVED 3-0-1 (Sangiolo abstaining; Brandel not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#380-09 VANESSA ALLEN, 27 Whittier Road, Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON CHILD CARE COMMISSION for a term to expire on January 1, 2012. [10/30/09 @ 2:59 PM]

APPROVED 3-0-1 (Sangiolo abstaining; Brandel not voting)

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#381-09 BARBARA SULLIVAN, 89 Arlington St., Newton, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON CHILD CARE COMMISSION for a term to expire on January 1, 2012. [10/30/09 @ 2:59 PM]

APPROVED 3-0-1 (Sangiolo abstaining; Brandel not voting)

Appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#382-09 AMY SANGIOLO, 389 Central Street, Newton, appointed as a member of the NEWTON URBAN TREE COMMISSION for a term to expire on December 1, 2012. [11/02/09 @ 4:19 PM]

APPROVED 4-0-1 (Sangiolo abstaining)

#362-09 ALD. JOHNSON on behalf of the Green Decade Coalition requesting the designation of March 2010 as Alternative to Pesticides Month.

[10/08/09 @ 11:51 AM]

APPROVED 4-0 (Brandel not voting)

#365-09 CLERK OF THE BOARD requesting the board of Aldermen amend Article V, Sections 1 and 2, of the Rules of the Board to include the option of electronic distribution of meeting notices and materials addition to delivery by mail or messenger. [10/16/09 @ 5:27 PM]

APPROVED 5-0

#258-09 CLERK OF THE BOARD requesting that Article II, Section 2A(1)B(1), **Procedures regarding Board action on traffic and parking petitions** and Article V, Section 3, **Procedures for referral and reporting of traffic and parking petitions**, of the Rules of the Board, be amended to reflect the procedures as outlined in Ordinance Z-12, passed on December 7, 2007. [08/06/09 @ 3:12 PM]

APPROVED 5-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAM & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#387-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate and expend one hundred twenty-nine thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$129,800) from Budget Reserve for the costs related to the special state elections in December and January. [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 7-0 (Johnson not voting) on 11/23/09

APPROVED 5-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#267-06(3) ALD. PARKER, BURG, LINSKY, FISCHMAN, HESS-MAHAN, VANCE, HARNEY, JOHNSON, & DANBERG proposing Home Rule Legislation authorizing the City of Newton to apply the ordinance proposed in item #267-06(2) to assets held by the City's retirement system.

FINANCE NAN'd 7-0 (Freedman not voting) on 11/23/09

NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0

#292-08(2) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting that His Honor the Mayor develop a written policy of standards and processes that could be uniformly followed by community groups for the use of the branch library buildings. [11/07/08 @ 11:11 AM]

NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0

#52-07 ALD. PARKER, SANGIOLO, MANSFIELD, HARNEY, DANBERG, VANCE, LINSKY, HESS-MAHAN, BURG, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON requesting an ordinance amendment to create a health care advisory committee whose function would be to recommend measures to control the rate of increase of health insurance costs, as recommended by the Newton Finance & Management Working Group in 2005 and the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Municipal Budget in 2007. [02/09/07 @ 12:36 PM]

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

- #82-07 ALD. YATES requesting that the City of Newton take all possible steps to persuade the General Court to allow the cities and towns to tax all telecommunications facilities in the City (which would yield at least \$1.6 million per year for Newton). [02/27/07 @ 10:21 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #363-09 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion to increase the tobacco seller license fee. [09/13/19 @ 1:07 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #125-09 THE POST AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE requesting creation of a public tree protection ordinance and amendment of the current tree ordinance as recommended in the Tree Preservation Ordinance Report. [04/17/09 @ 9:14 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #298-09 ALD. MANSFIELD proposing Home Rule Legislation to amend **Article 2, Section 2-1(c) Composition; Eligibility; Election and Term** of the Newton Charter to establish four-year terms for Aldermen-at-Large with the provision for one Aldermen-at-Large to be elected from each ward at each biennial municipal election. [09-29-09 @ 6:45 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #306-08 ALD. BAKER, DANBERG, MANSFIELD & PARKER requesting discussion of how swimming at Crystal Lake might be lawfully and safely extended beyond mid-August. [08/26/08 @ 5:03 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #129-08 ALD. JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND BRANDEL requesting establishment of a new Rule of Board of Aldermen stating that any new item submitted but not yet approved or accepted by the Full Board of Aldermen is prohibited from any formal or informal discussion by any formal, informal or special committee of the Board. [03-24-08 @ 9:11 AM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #262-07 ALD. VANCE AND HESS-MAHAN seeking approval by the Board of Aldermen of a home rule petition to the General Court that would authorize an amendment to the charter of the City of Newton that would change the length of terms of the members of the Board of Aldermen to three years and would provide for electing one-third of the aldermen, one from each ward, every year. [08/22/07 @ 3:53 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

#422-06(2) ALD. HESS-MAHAN requesting that a task force be established to meet and prepare a report and recommendations regarding the regulation of noise, air pollution and best practices with respect to the operation of power equipment used in landscaping, property and yard maintenance, including, without limitation, leaf blowers. [01/27/09 @ 3:47 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

#370-06 ALD. SANGIOLO, PARKER, MANSFIELD requesting home rule legislation to allow advisory questions to be asked in a Newton special election.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

#346-99 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting creation of an ordinance that would prohibit dogs (leashed or unleashed) from all elementary school playgrounds.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES

#376-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY11-15 Capital Improvement Program, totaling \$140,377,285 and the FY10 Supplemental Capital budget, which require Board of Aldermen approval to finance new capital projects over the next five years.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#360-09(2) PROGRAM & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting a discussion to explore possible sources of revenue to fund an off leash dog park system in the City. [11/06/09 @ 10:44 AM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#358-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) from tax revenue from the local option meals tax to restore funding to the Senior Transportation Program. [10/09/09 @ 5:25 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#130-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend from Cable Receipts the sum of twenty-four thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars (\$24,918) for the purpose of purchasing equipment to provide for archived web casting of the Board of Aldermen and School Committee meetings. [4/28/09 @ 6:02 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO LAND USE AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#474-08(2) ALD. HESS-MAHAN & VANCE proposing that Article X of the Rules & Orders of the Board of Aldermen be amended to conform with a proposed amendment to Chapter 30 re transfer of the special permit granting authority to the Zoning Board of Appeals and/or the Planning & Development Board for projects that are not classified as Major Projects pursuant to Article X.

LAND USE REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD on 12/1/09
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO PS&T AND PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#391-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Board of Aldermen approval to petition the General Court for an amendment to the legislation that governs the appointment of a Police Chief in the City of Newton in order to add two members to the committee: an additional representative of the Newton Superior Officers Association and an additional citizen member. [11/4/08 @ 12:31 PM]

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION APPROVED 5-0 (Coletti, Danberg and Harney not voting) on 10/21/09

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#274-08 ALD. JOHNSON AND SANGIOLO proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he create a plan to move the Child Care Commission to a self-sustaining model for FY2010.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#273-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that the Executive and Human Resources Departments develop a comprehensive human capital strategy for the city to include: performance management, talent development, succession planning, and compensation. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES

#271-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Department of Public Works in order to determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the work of managing our public resources. [07/17/08 @ 9:53 AM]

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
PUBLIC FACILITIES TO MEET

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#270-08 ALD. JOHNSON proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he work with the Board of Aldermen, School Department, and School Committee in order to determine the most effective and efficient way to organize the Information Technology Departments.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#258-08 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the Executive Department regarding reorganization of senior transportation services and establishment of intra-village transportation systems.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#207-08 ALD. BRANDEL AND SANGIOLO proposing that the following question be put before the Newton voters:

“Shall the City of Newton be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ the amounts required to pay for the bond issuance in order to fund Newton North High School?” [05/21/08 @ 12:58 PM]

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#83-07 ALD. YATES requesting that the City of Newton take all possible steps to persuade the General Court to adopt the proportion of Governors Municipal Partnership that would allow the City to reduce employee health insurance costs by joining the Group Insurance Commission.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO FINANCE AND PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEES

#245-06 ALD. JOHNSON AND HESS-MAHAN requesting an amendment to the City Charter to require the Mayor annually to prepare and submit to the Board of Aldermen a long-term financial forecast of anticipated revenue, expenditures and the general financial condition of the City, including, but not limited to identification of any factors which will affect the financial condition of the City; projected revenue and expenditure trends; potential sources of new or expanded revenues; anticipated municipal needs likely to require major expenditures; and a strategic plan for meeting anticipated municipal needs, to include, but not be limited to, any long or short-term actions that may be taken to enhance the financial condition of the City.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

FINANCE TO MEET

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Present: Ald. Linsky (Chair), Ciccone, Danberg, Vance, Harney and Fischman; absent: Ald. Coletti and Swiston; also present: President Baker, Ald. Parker and Mansfield

- #425-02 ALD. PARKER, LINSKY, JOHNSON AND STEWART requesting ordinance change to allow a trial program sharing on-street parking on a given street by designating some areas as resident only (for residents of that street) and other areas for longer-term parking by Newton residents accessing public transportation and by employees of area businesses.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-1 (Linsky opposed)
- #279-09 ALD BAKER AND DANBERG requesting discussion of ways to respond to long-term parking in neighborhoods from April 15 through the summer to November 15. [09/15/09 @ 4:23 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0
- #108-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN, ALBRIGHT, CICCONE, DANBERG, FISCHMAN, FREEDMAN, LAPPIN AND LINSKY requesting a discussion of the possibility of using a “non-transporting ambulance” equipped with safety equipment for routine emergency calls in lieu of a fire truck in order to save costs. [04/14/09 @ 1:56 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0 (Vance not voting)
- #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]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0 (Vance not voting)
- #109-09 PLANNING DEPARTMENT Planning Department and 128 Business Council requesting a discussion of proposed new shuttle to serve portions of Waltham and Newton. [04/03/09 @ 2:26 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0 (Vance not voting)
- #264-09 ALD. HESS-MAHAN proposing to amend Sections 19-166, 19-219 and 26-16 of the Revised Ordinances to allow certain two wheel vehicles, including motorized vehicles that must register as limited use vehicles pursuant to the MGL ch. 90 as amended by Chapter 523 of the Acts of 2008, to continue to park on sidewalks. [09/01/09 @ 11:40 AM]
REFERRED TO 2010–2011 BOARD 6-0

#147-09 ALD. VANCE, HESS-MAHAN AND DANBERG requesting discussion with members of the Administration of such possible adoption by Newton's city government of a program such as Zipcar's Fast Fleet vehicle-sharing and management system as a means of reducing the costs of vehicle usage by city employees and the impact of such usage on the environment. [05/11/09 @ 9:58 AM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0

REFERRED TO PS&T COMMITTEE by TRAFFIC COUNCIL on 10/23/08

#235-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, HARNEY & GENTILE on behalf of residents on
TC2(2)-08 Wolcott Street requesting that the traffic control signal located at Wolcott and Lexington Streets be moved to a different location or removed altogether. (Ward 4)
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. COMMITTEE on 05-04-09

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES on 02-17-09

#60-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, GENTILE AND HARNEY requesting the installation of traffic islands on CONCORD STREET to be funded with the Cabot, Cabot and Forbes Traffic Mitigation Fund for Lower Falls (Ward 4). [02/03/09 @ 1:01 PM]
PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 8-0 on 07-08-09
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION TO MEET

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Present: Ald. Schnipper (Chairman), Lennon, Salvucci, Gentile, Mansfield, and Lappin;
absent: Ald. Albright and Yates; also present: Ald. Ciccone, Johnson, and Linsky

#368-08 ALD. LINSKY requesting approval of the Board of Aldermen of the design for improvements affecting the area where Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street intersect including a traffic island, curb extensions and the dead ending of Lowell Avenue. [10/14/08 @ 12:53 PM]
B) REQUEST FOR TRIAL OF ONE-WAY ON LOWELL AVE. FROM WALNUT ST. TO WATERTOWN ST. APPROVED 3-1-2 (Salvucci opposed, Lappin and Schnipper abstaining HELD 6-0)

#111-09 ALD. ALBRIGHT AND MANSFIELD requesting discussion of recent information (made available to the Land Use Committee) from NStar related to double poles, focusing on the 350 double poles waiting only for removal of wires or streetlights by the City of Newton.
HELD 6-0

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND PUB. FAC. COMMITTEE

- #384-09 THOMAS KRAUS appealing approval of Traffic Council Decision TC43-09 voted on November 5, 2009 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting the installation of a full traffic signal at the intersection of Walnut Street and Trowbridge Avenue before the opening of the new Newton North High School. (Appeal filed on 11/10/09 @8:35 AM)
HELD 6-0

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND PUB. FAC. COMMITTEE

- #385-09 THOMAS KRAUS appealing denial of Traffic Council Decision TC45-09 voted on November 5, 2009 ALD. ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON AND LINSKY requesting a) to create a mid-block pedestrian activated crossing signal (between Trowbridge Avenue and Clyde Street) and 2) to create a delta island at the opening of the NNHS ceremonial drive. 3) To place turn restrictions at the ceremonial entrance; right turn in and out only. (Appeal filed on 11/10/09 @8:35 AM)
HELD 6-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #70-09(10) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to the FY10 Water and Sewer budgets be amended by reducing Sewer Bond Maturities by \$300,000; reducing Sewer Bond Interest by \$87,000; increasing Water Bond Maturities by \$300,000 and increasing Water Bond Interest by \$87,000 to transfer the full cost of the water meter replacement debt to the Water Fund and help eliminate the anticipated revenue shortfall in the Sewer Fund in concert with docket nos. 70-09(8) and (9) [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 8-0 on November 23, 2009
APPROVED 5-0-1 (Lappin abstaining)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #70-09(9) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an amendment to the FY10 Water revenue budget to three million one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$3,160,000) from Water Reserve to offset the reduction in anticipated Water Revenue. [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]
APPROVED 5-0-1 (Lappin abstaining)
FINANCE TO MEET

- #127-09 IRA KRONITZ requesting that the Board of Alderman rescind Board Order #289-03(4) dated November 20, 2006, relating to roadway modification plans for curb-line geometry changes to calm traffic at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets. [04/28/09 3:48]
HELD 6-0

#289-03(6) JOHN S. MAYPOLE proposing a Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works to install curb-line geometry at the intersection of Daniel and Jackson Streets as originally designed by the Traffic Engineer and approved by the Board of Aldermen on November 20, 2006.

HELD 6-0

#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 6-0

REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE

Monday, November 23, 2009

Present: Ald. Coletti (Chair), Freedman, Gentile, Lennon, Johnson, Schnipper, Salvucci and Parker; also present: Alderman-Elect Crossley and Blazar

#368-09 ALD. BAKER, LENNON AND COLETTI pursuant to Sec. 2-7 of the City Charter, recommending the re-appointment of David C. Wilkinson as Comptroller of Accounts; said term will be two years or until a successor is duly qualified. [10/27/09 @ 9:39 AM]

APPROVED 7-0 (Salvucci not voting)

#386-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to transfer one thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars and nine cents (\$1,821.09) from office equipment maintenance to equipment purchase in the Police Department to buy out a lease on a copy machine.

APPROVED 7-0 (Johnson not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAM & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#387-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate and expend one hundred twenty-nine thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$129,800) from Budget Reserve for the costs related to the special state elections in December and January. [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]

PROGRAM & SERVICES APPROVED 5-0 on 11-18-09

APPROVED 7-0 (Johnson not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#70-09(10) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to the FY10 Water and Sewer budgets be amended by reducing Sewer Bond Maturities by \$300,000; reducing Sewer Bond Interest by \$87,000; increasing Water Bond Maturities by \$300,000 and increasing Water Bond Interest by \$87,000 to transfer the full cost of the water meter replacement debt to the Water Fund and help eliminate the anticipated revenue shortfall in the Sewer Fund in concert with docket nos. 70-09(8) and (9)

PUBLIC FAC. APPROVED 5-0-1 (Lappin abstaining) on 11-18-09

APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO PROGRAM & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #233-09 ALD. JOHNSON AND LINSKY requesting a discussion to increase fines to the maximum level for dogs not having a current license. [07/13/09 @ 7:26 PM]
PROGRAM & SERVICES APPROVED 5-0 (Merrill and Sangiolo not voting) on 09-09-09
APPROVED 8-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #70-09(9) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an amendment to the FY10 Water revenue budget to three million one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$3,160,000) from Water Reserve to offset the reduction in anticipated Water Revenue. [11/10/09 @ 5:57 PM]
PUBLIC FAC. APPROVED 5-0-1 (Lappin abstaining) on 11-18-09
HELD 8-0
- #299-08(2) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen accept the provisions of §19 of Chapter 32B (as amended) of the General Laws to allow all subscribers for whom the City provides health insurance to transfer to the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) pursuant to Section 19(e) of Section 32B, which authorizes the City to engage in so-called coalition bargaining re the issue of the City joining the GIC. [08-04-08 @ 12:35 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-1-0 (Johnson opposed, Freedman not voting)
- #213-08 ALD. LINKSY, JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT, FREEDMAN, HARNEY, HESS-MAHAN, VANCE, MANSFIELD & PARKER requesting the evaluation of the following in conjunction with the contemplated conversion of general fund monies from operational budget uses to debt service use in regard to the Newton North High School project:
(a) the impact on city and/or school services,
(b) the process by which criteria and prioritization will be established when choices need to be made between services, and
(c) whether additional revenue will be required in the form of debt exclusions or otherwise. [04-29-08 @ 11:26 AM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Freedman not voting)
- #209-05 ALD. STEWART requesting that the Mayor provide the Board of Aldermen with a list of all salaried City employees who receive additional compensation (other than overtime) along with an explanation of the exact reasons for said additional payments.
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Parker not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #267-06(3) ALD. PARKER, BURG, LINSKY, FISCHMAN, HESS-MAHAN, VANCE, HARNEY, JOHNSON, & DANBERG proposing Home Rule Legislation authorizing the City of Newton to apply the ordinance proposed in item #267-06(2) to assets held by the City's retirement system.
PROGRAM & SERV. NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0 on 11-18-09
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Freedman not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- # 35-06 ALD. JOHNSON AND HESS-MAHAN requesting discussion with the School Department and School Committee members regarding the results of the studies addressing compensation for management and executive personnel and organizational structure of central administrative salaries.
PROGRAM & SERV. NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 on 04-18-07
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Parker not voting)

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE ONLY on 03/05/07
REFERRED TO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #23-06 ALD PARKER AND LINSKY requesting that the City adopt §19 of MGL Chapter 32B to allow retiree coalition bargaining of health care benefits
PROGRAM AND SERVICES NO ACTION NECESSARY 4-0-2
(Parker and Merrill abstaining; Sangiolo not voting) on 03-08-06
FINANCE NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0-3 (Lennon, Linsky and Parker abstaining) on 02-12-07
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Parker not voting)

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUB. FACILITIES & FIN. COMMITTEES 3/19/07

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #76-07 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of conducting a study of the municipal buildings throughout the city. [02-27-07 @ 4:16 PM]
Public Facilities Approved 6-0-1 (Gentile abstaining) on 03-07-07
Finance motion to approve failed to carry 2-4-1 (Lennon, Salvucci, Gentile and Coletti opposed; Linsky abstaining) on 3-12-07
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED AS AMENDED 5-0 @ \$250,000 on 10-15-07
NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0-1 (Parker abstaining, Freedman not voting)

REFERRED TO ZONING & PLANNING & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #168-02 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that the Board of Aldermen establish new civil fines under Section 20-21 of the City of Newton Ordinances for the violation of various environmental provisions enforced by the Conservation Commission.
ZONING & PLANNING APPROVED 6-0 on 12-13-04
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Parker not voting)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES & FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #55-02 ALD. YATES requesting that the water/sewer discount rate be made available to homeowners who receive Fuel Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Food Stamps, Supplementary Disability Income, General Relief, Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance, School Breakfast and Lunch and other income based State and Federal programs.
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 6-0 on 06-16-04
NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0 (Parker not voting)
- #453-06 LEON JR. AND MARION D. SEMONIAN, 373 Dedham Street, requesting total abatement of betterment assessment in the amount of \$2,690 (assessed for sidewalk/curbing/road improvements to Countryside Road and Patten Circle). [11-16-06 @ 11:02 AM]
DENIED 8-0
- #93-06(2) ROBERT E. & ANNE M. SULLIVAN, 391 Dedham Street, applying for abatement of a street betterment assessment in the amount of \$15,880 levied by the Board of Aldermen in Board Order #93-06 which improved Countryside Road by the laying out, grading and acceptance of it as a public way. [07-02-07 @ 2:24 PM]
DENIED 7-0 (Parker not voting)
- #207-07(4) ALD. COLETTI proposing that the city's Financial Management Guidelines adopted under board order #207-07 be amended to allow the adjustment of self-funded health insurance plan rates in the event that rates and any accumulated excess resources not meet actual resource requirements. [7-2-08 @ 12:12 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 8-0
- #207-07(2) ALD. COLETTI proposing that the city's Financial Management Guidelines adopted under board order #207-07 be amended, effective FY10, as follows:
(A) total resources devoted to all forms of employee compensation shall not exceed the estimated growth in total general fund revenue for the following fiscal year;
(B) funds for salary and wage adjustments shall not exceed the difference between total estimated revenue growth and resources needed to fund growth in health/dental and life insurance benefits and growth in the actuarial required contribution for the city's retirement system for each fiscal year;
(C) if collective bargaining contracts are not resolved at the time of budget submission, funds budgeted for such contracts shall be held in "municipal and compensation" reserve. [7-2-08 @ 12:12 PM]
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 8-0

- #29-06 ALD. JOHNSON AND PARKER requesting creation of a Citizen Financial Advisory Committee to work with city officials and staff to facilitate bench markers, strategic planning, and other initiatives to improve the financial operation of the City.
 (President's Note: While not formally referred to the Long Range Planning Committee, this item might usefully be discussed there in light of prior discussions of similar issues.)
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD7-0 (Parker not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #87-09 ALD. SANGIOLO, BRANDEL, FREEDMAN AND HESS-MAHAN requesting a Home Rule Petition to allow the City of Newton to require elected officials to contribute a higher percentage rate for health insurance benefits than is required for other employee groups. [03-10-09 @ 9:17 AM]
PROGRAM AND SERVICES APPROVED 5-1-1 (Baker opposed; Merrill abstaining; Parker not voting) on 04-15-09
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0 (Johnson and Freedman not voting)

REFERRED TO REAL PROPERTY REUSE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

Present: Ald. Merrill (Chairman), Ald. Salvucci, Danberg, Fischman, and Baker; absent (Ald. Brandel, Johnson, and Gentile)

- #150-09 DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT requesting a discussion re the potential redevelopment of the Austin Street municipal parking lot in Newtonville for mixed-use development, including affordable housing.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #212-08 ALD. YATES proposing that Section 2-7 be amended by requiring that branch libraries funded in whole or in part by neighborhood contributions be only made available to the original donor neighborhood association, its successor organization, or similar organization serving the same needs.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD
- #470-08 ALD. HESS-MAHAN & BRANDEL requesting a discussion with the Executive and Planning & Development Departments re the development of a city policy with respect to augmenting cell equipment rental income by leasing municipal properties.
REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD

#160-09

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT requesting discussion of potential redevelopment of a block of land bounded by Willow, Centre and Lyman Streets, to include the existing 60,850 sq. ft. Fire Department headquarters and Station #3 site.

REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD