



City Council Docket

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Tuesday, April 18, 2023

7:45 p.m., Hybrid

To be reported on

Monday, May 1, 2023

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers on Tuesday, April 18, 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

Public Hearing to be Assigned for April 25, 2023

#130-23

Request to allow a free-standing sign at 1010 Chestnut Street

ROSTRUM N. NAZAR, BEST PRICE SIGNS & PRINTING petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to replace an unpermitted free-standing sign with a 24 square foot free-standing sign in the same approximate location at 1010 Chestnut Street, Newton Upper Falls, Ward 5, on land known as Section 51 Block 04 Lot 03, containing approximately 6,754 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS 1. 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.

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Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#131-23

Request for discussion on EV battery fires with the Fire Chief

COUNCILORS MALAKIE, LUCAS, AND KALIS requesting a discussion with the Fire Chief about the Department's current methods and ability to respond to EV and electric bike lithium-ion battery fires, and possible measures to mitigate risk of damage to structures

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Public Hearing to be assigned for May 11, 2023

#132-23

5-58 for the Gath Pool Project at 256 Albemarle Road

DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE petition, pursuant to 5-58, for schematic design and site plan approval at 256 Albemarle Road for the design of a new community recreation. lap pool, and splash pad as well as minor interior upgrades to the bathhouse facility.

Public Hearing to be assigned for April 19, 2023

#133-23

Request for a grant of location in Parker Avenue

NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain gas main in Parker Street as follows:

- 1165' ± of 8" plastic main in Oakdale Road from Woodcliff Road to Walnut Hill Road to replace 85' ± of 6" plastic and 1080' ± of 6" cast iron
- 1600' ± of 8" plastic main Parker Ave from Woodcliff Rd to Parker St to replace 790' ± of 6" cast iron, 330' ± of 4" cast iron, 250' ± of 4" coated steel, 210' ± of 6" bare steel, 20' ± of 6" plastic
- 715' ± of 6" plastic main in Kendall Rd to replace 715' ± of 4" bare steel
- 550' ± 8" plastic main in Walnut Hill Rd from #16 Walnut Hill Rd to #67 Walnut Hill Rd to replace 165' ± 8" cast iron and 385' ± 6" cast iron

#134-23

Approval on roadway infrastructure improvements for Elliot Street Traffic Calming Project

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the approval to make changes to roadway infrastructure as part of the Elliot Street Traffic Calming Project in Newton Upper Falls. The installation of a new crosswalk with a flashing beacon, intersection realignment, changes to roadway width, and creation of sidewalk-level bike lane requires the approval of the Public Facilities Committee.

#135-23

Reappointment of Robert Hnasko to the Design Review Committee

PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT reappointing Robert Hnasko, 49 Miller Road, Newton as a member of the Design Review Committee for a term set to expire on December 31, 2023 (60 days: 06/12/23)

Referred to Finance Committee

- #137-23** **Submittal of the ACFR, and external audit reports**
COMPTROLLER transmitting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and external audit reports for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 for City Council review/acceptance.

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

Public Hearing to be Assigned for May 15, 2023

- #1-23(2)** **Proposed Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rates**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting recommended Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Water/Sewer/Storm Water Rates for implementation on July 1, 2023 as follows:

FY23 Tiers & Rates for Water and Sewer

<u>HCF Per Quarter</u>	<u>Water Rate Per HCF</u>	<u>Sewer Rate Per HCF</u>
0-10	\$7.62	\$11.84
11-25	\$8.81	\$13.85
26-60	\$10.13	\$14.88
>60	\$12.63	\$17.11
Irrigation	\$13.92	n/a

FY 2023 Stormwater Fees

1-4 family dwellings \$114.00

Commercial Stormwater Fees: based on impervious area - \$0.056 per impervious square foot.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for May 15, 2023

- #1-23** **Submittal of the FY 2024 to FY 2028 Capital Improvement Plan**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter.
- #2-23** **Review/Acceptance of the FY 2024 – FY 2028 5-year Financial Forecast**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028 5-Year Financial Forecast for City Council review/acceptance.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Council, items which are within the jurisdiction of the six standing committees which are referred to a Committee of the Whole, must be placed on second call and the decision of the referral shall be subject to a majority vote of the Council.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole

- #136-23** **Request to increase the retiree COLA base**
RETIREMENT BOARD requesting City Council approval of an increase to the retiree Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) base from twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) in FY24, from \$13,000 to \$14,000 in FY25, and from \$14,000 to \$15,000 in FY26 pursuant to Chapter 32, Section 103(j), such increase to be effective July 1, 2023.

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

Referred to Finance Committee

#138-23 Authorization to enter into a 5-year contract

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the authorization to execute a contract for investment management services for the John C. Chaffin fund with an initial contract term of five (5) years and option to renew for additional three year terms.

Referred to Finance Committee

#139-23 Acceptance of equipment through the MassDOT Safe Routes to School program

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept two Combination Dynamic Speed Feedback and School Zone Speed Limit Sign Assemblies, awarded through the MassDOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program

Referred to Finance Committee

#140-23 Authorization to enter into a 5-year contract

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting approval to enter into a five-year (5) contract with a Parking Enforcement Services Vendor