

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

BOARD ACTIONS

Monday, June 1, 2009

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

Absent: Ald. Brandel, Freedman, and Lappin

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, May 18, 2009

#70-09(4) Resolution 10 - ALD. LAPPIN proposing a resolution requesting that His Honor the Mayor fund \$53,200 for senior transportation services including medical visits within two miles of the city, visits to houses of worship and visits to long-term care facilities.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOTION TO POSTPONE TO JUNE 15, 2009 FAILED BY VOICE VOTE

ITEM APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION 21 YEAS, 3 ABSENT (Ald. Brandel, Freedman, Lappin) TO ACCEPT ITS COMMITTEES' RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

REFERRED TO LAND USE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

A Public Hearing was opened on the following item:

#120-09 WILLIAM S. & GILLIAN B. PIERCE petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to EXPAND A NONCONFORMING STRUCTURE to demolish an existing first-floor porch and to add a small two-story addition onto the south side of an existing single-family dwelling that is legally nonconforming with respect to floor area ratio at 19 GLEN ROAD, Ward 7, Newton Centre on land known as Sec 65, Lot 5, Blk, 7, containing 6,795 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec 30-24, 30-23, 30-21(a)(2)(b), 30-21(b) of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2007.

HEARING CLOSED; LAND USE APPROVED 7-0 (Merrill not voting)

Public Hearing continued from April 7, 2009

#75-09 DONALD A. & JILL L. EURICH petition for a Special Permit/Site Plan Approve to Expand a Non-conforming Structure and Use to add an addition of less than 200 sf to an existing detached barn to be used for a home office and to waive the requirement for two parking spaces at 7 WALNUT STREET, NEWTONVILLE, Ward 2, on land known as Sec 21, Blk 22, Lot 4, containing approx 32,716 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3.

WITHDRWAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE LAND USE APPROVED 7-0 (Merrill not voting)

#134-09 NEWTON HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD AREA COUNCIL requesting a temporary license pursuant to Sec 30-6(k) of the City of Newton Ordinances to hold its 34th annual VILLAGE DAY on Sunday, June 14, 2009.

LAND USE APPROVED 7-0 (Merrill not voting)

REFERRED TO PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

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

Re-appointment by His Honor the Mayor

#107-09 JUDI MacKENZIE, 9 Oak Vale Road, Waban, re-appointed as a member of the NEWTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION for a term to expire on June 30, 2011 (60 days: 6/20/09)

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0 (Freedman and Merrill not voting)

#50-09 CLERK OF THE BOARD requesting that Article IX, Section 2 of the Rules of the Board be updated to reflect the use of the most current version of Robert's Rules Newly Revised 10th Edition (Cambridge, Mass; Perseus Publishing, 2000) [02/05/09 @ 12:21 PM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 5-0 (Freedman, Parker and Sangiolo not voting)

#33-09 ALD. LAPPIN requesting an amendment to the Rules of the Board of Aldermen so that appointments requiring confirmation to the Farm Commission be referred to the Committee on Community Preservation. [01/22/09 @ 9:03 AM]

PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 5-0 (Freedman, Parker and Sangiolo not voting)

- #154-08 ALD. JOHNSON requesting to establish a definition and appropriate usage of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Aldermen as are all committees of the Board. [4/10/08 @ 9:09 AM]
PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 6-0-2 (Parker, Merrill abstaining)

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

- #110-09 BOSTON COACH TRANSPORTATION request for annual renewal of the Boston College Bus Licenses. There are no changes proposed to last year's licenses. [04/02/09 @ 10:30 AM]
PUBLIC SAFETY APPROVED 6-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #131-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend from Budget Reserve the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) for the purpose of upgrading the automatic temperature control system at the library. [04/28/2009 @ 6:04 PM]
Note: A letter from His Honor the Mayor was received on 5/12/09 requesting that the funding source be changed from budget reserve to capital stabilization.
PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 WITH EMERGENCY PREAMBLE
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 WITH EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

REFERRED TO FINANCE

Monday, June 1, 2009

A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW THE REPORTING OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN ITEMS WITHOUT A WRITTEN REPORT WAS APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE.

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PUBLIC FACILITIES APPROVED 7-0 WITH EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0 WITH EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

- #197-07(4) HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting that for the purpose of clearing the books for FY09 that board order #196-07(3) be amended by rescinding a balance of \$25 that remains authorized but unissued debt for bonds issued in April 2009 pursuant to board order #196-07(3). [05/12/09 @ 5:02 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0
- #148-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend ninety thousand two hundred sixty dollars (\$90,260) from Capital Stabilization for the purpose of paying issuance costs related to the sale of bonds in March 2009. [05/12/09 @ 5:01 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0
- #113-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to transfer seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) from Unemployment to the Municipal Worker's Compensation Medical Account for the purpose of recent medical procedures that were more costly than anticipated. [04/14/09 @ 5:33 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0
- #129-09 THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE requesting to transfer two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600) within the Community Preservation Program's current-year (FY09) administrative budget from personnel to "other costs". [04/24/09 @ 3:57 PM]
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0
- #114-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of supplementing the FY09 appropriation for veterans' benefits. [04/14/09 @ 5:31 PM]
Note: A letter from His Honor the Mayor was received on 05/26/09 requesting to increase veteran's benefits by \$3,000 to a total of \$16,000.
FINANCE APPROVED 6-0
- #115-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and authorize the expenditure of a reimbursement grant in the sum of eighty-five thousand one hundred fifty four dollars (\$85,154) from the Massachusetts Highway Department to the Fire Department for the purpose of replacing of fire communications equipment in conjunction

with the reconstruction of Commonwealth Avenue. [04/14/09 @ 5:31 PM]

FINANCE APPROVED 6-0

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION 20 YEAS, 1 NAY (Ald. Parker), 3 ABSENT (Ald. Brandel, Freedman, Lappin) TO ACCEPT ITS COMMITTEES' RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

#130-08 ALD JOHNSON, SANGIOLO AND BRANDEL requesting establishment of a new Rule of Board of Aldermen requiring that referral of any and all new business, communications, petitions and orders docketed before the Board of Aldermen be restricted to one or more of the standing committees of the Board of Aldermen: Land Use, Programs and Services, Public Safety and Transportation, Zoning and Planning, Finance, Real Property Reuse, Post Audit and Oversight, Public Facilities and Committee on Community Preservation. [03/24/08 @ 9:11 AM]
PROGRAMS & SERVICES APPROVED 7-1 (Parker opposed)

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION 19 YEAS, 2 NAYS (Ald. Sangiolo, Swiston), 3 ABSENT (Ald. Brandel, Freedman, Lappin) TO ACCEPT ITS COMMITTEES' RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM:

#153-08 ALD. JOHNSON requesting to establish a definition and appropriate usage of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Aldermen as are all committees of the Board. [4/10/08 @ 9:09AM]
PROGRAMS & SERVICES NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-1 (Sangiolo opposed)