

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008

7:45 PM
Room 202

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#364-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending that the following individuals be appointed to the Police Chief Selection Committee in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1992 and Sec. 3-3 of the City Charter: [10-14-08 @ 4:39 PM]

- (A) Jane O'Hern, citizen of the City of Newton, whom I appoint as chair of committee
- (B) Tim Braceland, business executive of the City of Newton
- (C) Gail Glick, attorney
- (D) Chief Tom Leary, Town of Needham Police Chief
- (E) Tabetha McCartney, citizen of the City of Newton
- (F) Peter Kilborn, retired judge
- (G) Officer Jay Babcock, Newton Police Association
- (G) Lt. Gerry Mahoney, Newton Police Superior Officers Association

#363-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending that the following individuals be appointed to the Police Chief Selection Committee in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 5 of Chap. 279 of the Acts of 1992 and Sec. 3-3 of the City Charter: [9-29-08 @ 10:57 AM]

- (A) Alderman Stephen M. Linsky, Chairman of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee, as the aldermanic appointee
- (B) Amelia Koch, 117 High Street, Newton Upper Falls, as the Board of Aldermen citizen appointee. (60 days 12/19/08) [09-29-08 @ 10:57 AM]

#382-08 CAPTAIN MATTHEW CUMMINGS, Newton Police Department, requesting a change to the City Ordinance Sections 19-200b and 19-201c (Resident Permit Parking) to allow the Police to establish rules governing the display of permits similar to Section 19-204g (Newton North High School "Tiger" Permit Parking. [10-15-08 @ 3:21 PM]

- #367-08 ALD. YATES offering a resolution concerning the Walk-to-School Program. [10-6-08 @ 9:04 PM]
- #132-08 ALD. LENNON requesting discussion of Ordinance Sec 19-32., **Field Trials**, re providing notice to persons within the vicinity of a trial. [3-26-08 @ 10:54 PM]
HELD 5-0 (Ald. Danberg, Harney and Vance not present and voting) on 10-15-08
- #272-04 ALD. SANGIOLO AND HARNEY proposing amendment to Sec.19-201, **Resident sticker and visitor permit parking program**, to include streets that are not 100% residential. (Public hearing held on 11/17/04 and 3/19/08)
APPROVED AS AMENDED 6-0-1 (Fischman abstaining) on 9-17-08
Public Safety Committee voted to HOLD in Committee 8-0 on 10-6-08
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Harney and Vance not present and voting) on 10-15-08
- #153-06 ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY requesting a trial for a “Do Not Enter” on Hancock Street in Auburndale between Grove Street and Woodland Road from 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (proposed sign to be located on the corner of Woodland and Hancock).
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Harney, Danberg, Fischman and Coletti not present and voting) on 3-5-08
- #202-03 **ITEM COMMITTED TO PS&T ON 6/7/05:**
ALD. SANGIOLO requesting revocation of parking restrictions on Hancock Street and also consideration of one-way for Hancock Street. (Ward 4). (traffic study pending)
Traffic Council approved as amended 5/27/04
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Harney, Danberg, Fischman and Coletti not present and voting) on 3-5-08

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

- #80-08 ALD. SALVUCCI & DANBERG requesting creation of a parking permit program for employees of Newton businesses to allow long-term parking in municipal parking lots. [1-23-08 @ 1:15 PM]
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Harney and Vance not present and voting) on 10-15-08
- #366-08 ALD. LINSKY AND DANBERG requesting the Public Safety & Transportation Committee be provided the authority to initiate trial or pilot programs relating to parking and/or traffic control. [10-14-08 @ 12:53 PM]

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- #365-08 ALD. LINSKY, DANBERG & PARKER requesting a mechanism be provided whereby board members will be notified by either the Police, Fire or Executive Departments of major incidents involving public safety. [10-14-08 @ 5:33 PM]

#295-08 MOHD NIDAL requesting the renewal of a van license to operate King's Shuttle & Limousine Service between Logan Airport and the Sheraton and Marriott hotels in Newton. [08-05-08 @ 12:44 PM]

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., ZONING & PLANNING, PUB. FACIL,
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION 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]
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Ciccone and Coletti not present and voting) on 9-3-08

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES

#174-08(2) PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE proposing changes to the rate structure and/or enforcement hours for parking meters as well as installation of additional meters citywide.[06-18-08 @ 8:00 PM]

#134-08 ALD. LINSKY & DANBERG proposing that Ordinance Sections 19-194 and 19-195 be amended to standardize days and hours of enforcement of parking meters on-street and in municipal lots between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. [4-08-08 @ 5:17 PM]
HELD 5-0 (Ald. Coletti, Danberg and Harney not present and voting) on 4-23-08

#113-08 PLANNING DEPARTMENT requesting a presentation and discussion of the Newton Corner Phase 2 Study to be conducted by the Central Transportation Planning Staff. [03-07-08 @ 3:45 PM]

#79-08 ALD. SWISTON, HARNEY AND FISCHMAN requesting review of the process by which taxi medallions are transferred, including a review of practices in other communities with regard to renewals and license transfers (including the use of waiting lists, if applicable). [02-13-08 @ 7:02 PM]
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Harney and Coletti not present and voting) on 2-20-08

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#30-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting a list of current vacancies in the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, with specific discussion in Committee relative to Police Department vacancies. [01-15-08 @ 11:15 AM]
FINANCE HELD 8-0 on 9-08-08
HELD 7-0 (Ald. Ciccone not present and voting) on 9-17-08

#21-08 ALD. LINSKY AND DANBERG requesting discussion with appropriate personnel from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) relative to ongoing service levels and conditions on mass transit and rail lines affecting Newton residents. [01-04-08 @ 10:19 AM]

ITEM COMMITTED TO PS&T BY FULL BOARD ON 7/10/06:

#34-06 CANDACE HAVENS requesting to change 37 short-term metered parking spaces to long-term parking spaces in the Pelham Street Parking lot. Request to change 12 short-term metered parking spaces to long-term parking spaces in Pleasant Street parking lot.

Traffic Council Approved as amended on 4/24/06

HELD 6-0 (Ald. Harney and Vance not present and voting) on 10-15-08

ITEM COMMITTED TO PS&T ON 7/10/06:

#33-06 CANDACE HAVENS requesting consideration of
1. "Live Parking" zones on Union Street and Braeland Avenue approximately 12 spaces total) in front of Newton Centre "T" Stop from 4:30-6:30 PM to eliminate double-parking and improve drop-off and pick-up of transit riders; includes relocation of handicap parking space on Union Street to opposite side of street
2. 12-hour parking meters in unmetered section of Braeland Avenue from Herrick Road to Langley Road.

Traffic Council Approved as amended on 4/24/06

HELD 6-0 (Ald. Harney and Vance not present and voting) on 10-15-08

ITEM COMMITTED TO PS&T BY FULL BOARD ON 7/10/06:

#32-06 CANDACE HAVENS requesting consideration of long-term parking meters
1. On the west side of Centre Street between Tyler Terrace and Bowen Street
2. On the south side of Lyman Street between Centre Street and Willow Street.

Traffic Council on 4/24/06:

1. APPROVED AS AMENDED 4-0-1 (Koses abstaining)

2. APPROVED 5-0

HELD 4-0 (Ald. Harney, Danberg, Fischman and Coletti not present and voting) on 3-5-08

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#455-05 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of
(21-05.2) \$6,000 from the Riverside Traffic Mitigation Fund for the purpose of funding the installation of a radar controlled speed limit sign at the intersection of Concord and Grove Streets. (#65-05)

HELD 6-0 (Ald. Coletti and Swiston not present and voting on 1-23-08

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND PROG. & SERV COMMITTEES

#346-05 ALD. JOHNSON AND ALBRIGHT requesting discussion with the Mayor, Police and Fire Chiefs and Health Commissioner regarding the City of Newton's city-wide emergency preparedness.

PROGRAM & SERVICES NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 on 9-6-06

HELD 6-0 (Ald. Vance and Ciccone not present and voting) on 9-17-08

- #477-04 ALD. LENNON, GERST, MERRILL AND VANCE requesting traffic study/safety analysis of ST. JAMES STREET and CHARLESBANK ROAD, from the Mass Pike on-ramp at exit 17 to NONANTUM ROAD, Newton Corner. Analysis should include traffic improvements/safety enhancements to provide for increased pedestrian and vehicle safety in this very busy, densely populated area. Said study should also include review (and possible upgrade) of the traffic island and lights the intersection of ST. JAMES STREET/ST.JAMES TERRACE/CHARLESBANK ROAD as well as possible capital improvements for increased vehicular safety at the intersection of CHARLESBANK ROAD/NONANTUM ROAD.
PUBLIC HEARING ASSIGNED FOR 3-30-05
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Ciccone, Coletti, Harney and Vance not present and voting) on 10-15-08
- #35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting an ordinance amendment to Section 26-8 of the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, 2001 to require all property owners or residents to remove snow from sidewalks abutting their property.
(Public Hearing held on 2/6/08)
PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 8-0 on 2-6-08
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Ciccone and Coletti not present and voting) on 2-6-08
- #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.
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Harney, Danberg, Fischman and Coletti not present and voting) on 3-5-08

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen M. Linsky, Chairman