

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

REVISED

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

7:45 PM  
Room 202

**ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #295-08      MOHD NIDAL, 101 Blue Jay Court, Wilmington, MA 01887, requesting the renewal of **one (1) 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]
- #441-08      JERRY ROBBINS, 253 Riverview Avenue, Newton, MA 02466, requesting renewal of **four (4) public auto licenses** for WELDON EXECUTIVE COACH. [11-19-08 @ 3:53 AM]
- #442-08      ANIS LAHIANI, 4 Cedar Street, Suite 405, Wellesley, MA 02481, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** to operate in Newton as NEWTON TOWN TAXI. [11-20-08 @ 8:53 AM]
- #443-08      MOHAMED SAIDI, 4 Cedar Street, Suite 405, Wellesley, MA 02481, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for NEWTON LUXURY CAB. [11-19-08 @ 3:09 PM]
- #444-08      NEAL L. PARKER, 11 Chapel Street, Newton, MA, PO BOX 95055, Newton, MA 02495-0055, requesting issuance of **one (1) public auto license** to operate NEW ENGLAND CAR SERVICE. [11-17-08 @ 11:23 AM]
- #445-08      DOROTHY W. DUNDAS, 15 Moreland Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459 requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for CRYSTAL LAKE EXPRESS. [09-24-08 @ 10:43 AM]
- #446-08      JOSEPH F. DRAGONE, 121 Fessenden Street, Newtonville, MA 02460-1131, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for J&J SEDAN SERVICE. [09-30-08 @ 8:40 AM]

- #447-08      WILLIAM R. TURNER, 25 Curve Street, West Newton, MA 02465, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for BILL'S NICE RIDE, INC. [9-29-08 @ 11:09 AM]
- #448-08      MARK BELENKII, 73 Charlesbank Road #202, Newton Corner, MA 02458, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for BEANTOWN CARRIAGE, LLC. [11-17-08 @ 12:34 PM]
- #449-08      RICHARD E. JOHNSTON, 25 Border Street, West Newton, MA 02465 requesting renewal of **twenty (20) taxi licenses and two (2) designated taxi stands** for NEWTON YELLOW CAB, INC. [09-30-08 @ 2:55 PM]
- #450-08      ROBERT J. KELLY, 175 High Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **four (4) public auto licenses, forty-eight (48) taxi licenses, and twelve (12) designated taxi stands** for VETERANS TAXI of NEWTON, LLC. [09-26-08 @ 11:01 AM]
- #451-08      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for NEWTON TAXI CO. [10-17-08 @ 4:24 PM]
- #452-08      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for HOLDEN'S TAXI, INC. [10-17-08 @ 4:24 PM]
- #453-08      GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting renewal of **two (2) taxi licenses** for NEWTONVILLE CAB CO, INC. [10-17-08 @ 4:24 PM]
- #454-08      MEDHI HOULANI, 72 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA 02453, requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for NEWTON CAB. [09-30-08 @ 2:43 PM]
- #455-08      AHCENE TOURI, 31 Irving Street, #A-8, Watertown, MA 02472, requesting renewal of **one (1) taxi license** for NEWTON METRO CAB. [09-31-08 @ 8:42 am]
- #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**

#456-08 ALD. DANBERG, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, PARKER CICCONO, 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]

**REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#466-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting to appropriate One hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred seventy seven dollars (\$127,577) from Free Cash to the Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing six new support vehicles. [11-25-08 @ 4:54 PM]

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

**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]

**HELD 6-0 on 11-19-08**

#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]

**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]

**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]

#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 5-0 (Ald. Danberg, Ciccone and Fischman not present and voting) on 11-5-08**

**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**

**TO BE HEARD JOINTLY WITH PUBLIC FACILITIES**

- #35-04 ALD. SAMUELSON AND DANBERG 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 11-17-04 and 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**
- #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 5-0 (Ald. Danberg, Ciccone and Fischman not present and voting) on 11-5-08**
- #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