

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

7:45 pm
Room 202

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

#124-03(3) TRAFFIC COUNCIL & ALD. DANBERG proposing that Ordinance Section 19-178, **Handicapped persons and disabled veterans parking**, be amended to improve the administrative process relative to adding, relocating, or removing handicapped parking spaces.[4-8-08 @ 5:17 PM]

APPROVED 8-0

Motion to Suspend the rules to allow the committee chair to poll the committee – Voice Vote Approved

Motion to substitute Committee vote of HOLD Approved by Committee 7-0 on 6-2-08

#421-05(2) TRAFFIC ENGINEER requesting that the following City Ordinance sections be rescinded and transferred to the “Traffic and Parking Regulations” document, which now contains all similar site-specific regulations, per Board approval of docket item #421-05 in December of 2007:

(C) Sec. 19-194 – Areas in municipal off-street parking areas – no time limits

(D) Sec. 19-195 – Areas in municipal off-street parking areas – time limits

APPROVED 8-0

Motion to Suspend the rules to allow the committee Chair to poll the committee – Voice Vote Approved

Motion to substitute Committee vote of HOLD Approved by Committee 7-0 on 6-2-08

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 a.m.]

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. HELD 7-0 (Ald. Coletti not present and voting) on 5-21-08

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. & 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]
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION HELD 5-0 (Ald. Fischman, Vance and Coletti not present and voting) on 4-9-08
- #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)
- #132-08 ALD. LENNON requesting discussion of Ordinance Sec 19-32., **Field Trials**, re providing notices to persons within the vicinity of a trial. [3-26-08 @ 10:54 PM]
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION HELD 8-0 on 5-21-08

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

- #364-02 ALD. JOHNSON & LENNON requesting on behalf of Bo Ly, 11 Winthrop Avenue, parking study and recommendations on WINTHROP AVENUE. (Ward 1)
Traffic Council approved as amended on 3/18/04
PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION HELD 8-0 on 5-21-08
- #174-08 ALD. DANBERG, VANCE, CICCONE, LINSKY, MANSFIELD, ALBRIGHT & SALVUCCI requesting discussion with appropriate city staff regarding potential locations for new parking meters citywide. [4-23-08 @ 2:01 PM]

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

- #225-08 POLICE DEPARTMENT submitting report of semi-annual taxi license/public auto inspections for review. [6-3-08 @ 12:49 PM]

REFERRED TO PUB. 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
- #152-07(3) ALD. JOHNSON, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion relative to establishing temporary parking restrictions on streets affected by the implementation of the Newton North Tiger Zone parking program
- #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]

#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]

#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).

There will be a motion to refer the following items to Traffic Council:

ITEM COMMITTED TO PS&T ON 6/7/05

#202-03 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

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**

#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.

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

ITEM REFERRED 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

#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)

#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 a.m.]

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)

ITEM COMMITTED TO PS&T ON 5/3/04:

#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.

#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]

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen M. Linsky, Chairman