

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

7:30 pm NOTE EARLY START
Room 202

ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

#26-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR in accordance with Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1992 and Sec. 3-3 and 3-4 of the City Charter, appointing CAPTAIN MATTHEW A. CUMMINGS as Chief of Police, effective January 13, 2009. [01-12-09 @ 3:26 PM]

REFERRED TO PUB. SAFETY & TRANS. AND PROG. & SERVICES COMMITTEES

#391-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting Board of Aldermen approval to
(#122-92(3) 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 (Ald. Fischman and Harney not present and voting)

#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 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

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

#31-09 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend fifty seven thousand eight hundred ninety eight dollars (\$57,898) from Budget Reserve for the purpose of equipping three ladder companies with Rapid Intervention Team Equipment in the Fire Department [01-13-09 @ 4:22 PM]

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
- #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
- #202-03 **ITEM COMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANS. COMM. 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

ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:

- #25-09 TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR, David Koses providing the Committee with a summary of Traffic Council actions during the calendar year 2008. [01/05/09 @ 1:56 PM]
- #3-09 ALD. DANBERG requesting removal of the taxi stand located on Braeland Avenue near the steps to the MBTA station following the creation of approximately four adjacent spaces for live parking in the same location. [12-10-08 @ 4:45 PM]
- #456-08 ALD. DANBERG, LINSKY, ALBRIGHT, PARKER CICCONE, 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]
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Coletti and Vance not present and voting) on 12-17-08
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Coletti, Vance, Swiston and Fischman not present and voting) on 1-7-09

**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 & TRANS. AND 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]
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Coletti, Vance, Swiston and Fischman not present and voting) on 1-7-09
- #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]
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Coletti, Vance, Swiston and Fischman not present and voting) on 1-7-09

- #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
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Coletti, Vance, Swiston and Fischman not present and voting) on 1-7-09

TO BE DISCUSSED JOINTLY WITH PUBLIC FACILITIES

- REFERRED TO PUB. FAC. AND PUB. SAF & TRANS. COMMITTEES**
- #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 7-0 on 12-17-08
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Coletti and Vance not present and voting) on 12-17-08
- #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

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#26-09



David B. Cohen
Mayor

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January 12, 2009

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Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
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Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I send to your Honorable Board for your confirmation, the appointment of Capt. Matthew A. Cummings as Chief of Police of the City of Newton. This is done in accordance with Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1992 and Section 3-3 of the City Charter. This letter constitutes notice of the appointment to the Clerk pursuant to Section 3-4 of the City Charter. Pending your Honorable Board's consideration of this appointment, I hereby appoint Capt. Cummings Acting Chief of Police, effective Tuesday, January 13, 2009, pursuant to Section 3-6 of the City Charter.

Capt. Cummings has had a distinguished 28 year career with the City of Newton Police Department. He has risen through the ranks from patrolman, to sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. Currently, he serves as the bureau commander for the Traffic Bureau. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Westfield State College and has completed numerous additional training throughout his career. He has been responsible for key programs and initiatives, including acting as Accreditation Manager and during one eight month period simultaneously serving as the bureau commander for both the Traffic and Patrol bureaus, when he was asked to fill both roles by the Chief.

Capt. Cummings has shown a commitment to dedicated and innovative service to the City of Newton. He has the respect of the Department and of many members of the community. With his talent, energy, and commitment, he will be an excellent Police Chief.

Very truly yours,

David B. Cohen
Mayor

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Alderman Stephen M. Linsky, Chairman
Public Safety & Transportation Committee

From: Marie M. Lawlor *mml*
Assistant City Solicitor

Date: November 14, 2008

Re: Item #391-08 – adding two members to the Police Chief Selection
Committee

Attached please find a Draft Board Order together with a redlined version of the requested changes to Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1992.

Proposed changes to:

Chapter 279, Acts of 1992 AN ACT EXEMPTING THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE CITY OF NEWTON FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW

[Sections 1-4 and Sections 6-7 are not reprinted here]

Added language is underscored; deleted language is struck through.

SECTION 5. For all subsequent appointments, a selection committee of eleven persons shall be established to assist in the selection process. The committee will be made up as follows:

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(1) One member of the board of aldermen, appointed by the president and subject to the approval of said board of aldermen.

(2) One Newton citizen appointed by the board of aldermen under the same process as clause (1).

(3) One representative of the Newton Police Association, appointed by said association.

(4) One representative of the Newton Police Superior Officers Association, appointed by said association.

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(5) One business executive of the city of Newton.

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(6) One attorney.

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(7) One member of the judiciary, active or retired.

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(8) One member of the Massachusetts Police Chief's Association, except a former police chief, from the city of Newton.

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(9) Three citizens of the city of Newton.

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Committee members appointed in clauses (5) to (9), inclusive, shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by the board of aldermen in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 3-3 of the charter of the city of Newton. Every effort shall be made to include not less than four women on the selection committee.

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CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

November , 2008

ORDERED:

The request for approval of Home Rule legislation for enactment by the General Court be and is hereby approved by the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF CHAPTER 279 OF THE ACTS OF 1992 IN ORDER TO ADD TO THE POLICE CHIEF SELECTION COMMITTEE A MEMBER OF THE NEWTON SUPERIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND AN ADDITIONAL CITIZEN MEMBER

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the provisions of SECTION 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1992 are hereby further amended by deleting the language contained in said section and inserting in its place the following language:

“SECTION 5. For all subsequent appointments, a selection committee of eleven persons shall be established to assist in the selection process. The committee will be made up as follows:

- (1) One member of the board of aldermen, appointed by the president and subject to the approval of said board of aldermen.
- (2) One Newton citizen appointed by the board of aldermen under the same process as clause (1).
- (3) One representative of the Newton Police Association, appointed by said association.
- (4) One representative of the Newton Police Superior Officers Association, appointed by said association.
- (5) One business executive of the city of Newton.
- (6) One attorney.
- (7) One member of the judiciary, active or retired.
- (8) One member of the Massachusetts Police Chief's Association, except a former police chief, from the city of Newton.
- (9) Three citizens of the city of Newton.

Committee members appointed in clauses (5) to (9), inclusive, shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by the board of aldermen in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 3-3 of the charter of the city of Newton. Every effort shall be made to include not less than four women on the selection committee.”

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved as to legal form and character:

DANIEL M. FUNK
City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Adopted

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON
City Clerk

(SGD) DAVID B. COHEN
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Honorable Board of Aldermen
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request appropriate the sum of \$57,898 from Budget Reserve to the Fire Department for the purpose of equipping the three ladder companies with Rapid Intervention Team Equipment. This equipment and the related training will increase the safety of our fire personnel during active incidents. A grant has been applied for that, if awarded, will reimburse the City for these costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

David B. Cohen
Mayor

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**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

1164 Centre Street, Newton Center, MA 02459-1584
Chief: (617) 796-2210 Fire Prevention: (617) 796-2230
FAX: (617) 796-2211 EMERGENCY: 911



David B. Cohen
Mayor

Joseph E. LaCroix
Chief

January 12, 2009

Honorable David B. Cohen, Mayor
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, Ma 02459

Dear Mayor Cohen,

I am requesting that you authorize the approval of funds in the amount of \$57,897.72 for the purchase of three sets of Rapid Intervention Team Equipment to be placed on our three ladder companies

The Metro Chiefs Association have applied to the 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant program for the necessary RIT equipment for every ladder and rescue company in the 34 cities and towns that make up the Metro Fire District. Newton is a member of this fire district. I have requested and received permission to go ahead with our purchase of the required equipment, so that Newton can complete the required training and implement the program quicker. The Metro fire chiefs have assured me that I will receive reimbursement if the grant is approved.

The role of a rapid intervention team is to rescue and or remove firefighters that have become lost, trapped, or in distress at the scene of an IDLH environment, fire, haz-mats, or technical rescues. This program is long over due and should have the highest priority.

Metrofire RIT Kit Package is attached.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. LaCroix".

Joseph E LaCroix
Chief of Department

Cc: Susan Burstein, Chief Budget Officer

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Metrofire RIT Kit Package

	Each	Total
1 Scott RIT PAK UNIT	\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00
1 60 MIN Cylinder	\$1,095.00	\$1,095.00
1 Scott Regulator with Quick Connect	\$550.00	\$550.00
1 Metro RIT Bag	\$235.00	\$235.00
1 Scott AV3000 Facepiece	\$190.00	\$190.00
1 Skedco Sked System Complete	\$525.00	\$525.00
1 Junkin Breakaway Stokes basket	\$715.00	\$715.00
2 TNT Tool Combo Sledge Hammer	\$195.00	\$390.00
2 Firemax Fire Hook Combo Tools	\$135.00	\$270.00
2 Halligans	\$195.00	\$390.00
2 Flat Head Axes	\$50.00	\$100.00
2 4 FT Hooks	\$98.00	\$196.00
1 RIT Rope Bags (Red)	\$55.00	\$55.00
4 R&B Heavy Duty Trauma Bag Straps	\$5.00	\$20.00
1 RIT Staging Mat 5Ft x 10Ft	\$110.00	\$110.00
2 Lantern Light Hawk Lights 6 Cell Orange w 120v AC Charger	\$169.00	\$338.00
1 200 Ft Search Rope 8MM Kevlar NFPA (tensile strength 4900 lbs)	\$200.00	\$200.00
6 CMC Proseries XL Aluminium Locking D Caribiner 6 5/8 Gate 2 1/8 Opening	\$36.00	\$216.00
16 Webbing 1" Tubular 15Ft Ea	\$4.64	\$74.24
16 Caribiner D Screwgate NFPA Aluminum Silver	\$9.00	\$144.00
2 24 Inch Bolt Cutters	\$98.00	\$196.00
4 10 Inch Cable Cutters	\$10.50	\$42.00
4 Channellock 4CR-40	\$19.00	\$76.00
4 10 Inch Vice Grip Plyers	\$16.00	\$64.00
4 Four Way Screwdrivers	\$8.50	\$34.00
4 Retractable Knives 3 Blades Heavy Duty 3 Position cast Zinc Handle Interlock	\$6.00	\$24.00
1 RIT Accountability Board	\$25.00	\$25.00
1 Hydr-ram Forcible Entry Tool	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
4 Mini-Emergency Strobe Lights	\$25.00	\$100.00
1 R&B RIT Bag	\$150.00	\$150.00
		\$9,299.24
1 T3 Thermal Imager & Charger	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
1 RIT Kit Without Camera		\$9,299.24
1 Rit Kit With Camera		\$19,299.24

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