

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

Present: Ald. Linsky (Chair), Vance, Fischman, Ciccone, Danberg, Swiston and Harney

Absent: Ald. Coletti

Also Present: Ald. Johnson

City Staff: Clint Schuckel (Traffic Engineer) and David Koses (Transportation Planner)

#395-09 TRAFFIC COUNCIL CHAIR David Koses providing the Committee with a summary of Traffic Council actions during the calendar year 2009. [11/17/09 @ 9:17 AM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 7-0**

NOTE: Without discussion, Ald. Ciccone made a motion to vote no action necessary on this item. The Committee voted 7-0 in favor.

#396-09 KURT AND TAKI HENSCH appealing denial of Traffic Council Decision TC28-09 voted on October 22, 2009: KURT AND TAKI HENSCH, 210 Nahanton Street #206, Newton Centre requesting (1) Traffic light be installed at the intersection of Nahanton Woods Road and Nahanton Street (2) "Signal Ahead" warning sign be placed on Nahanton Street for traffic from the west and east. (Ward 8) (Appeal filed on 11/12/09 @ 10:23 AM]

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 7-0**

#348-09 GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for NEWTON TAXI CO. [10/06/09 @ 4:30 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: On November 23, 2009, vehicle with medallion # 57 was presented for inspection.

This vehicle was not inspected in October 2009 due to emission issues. Officer Gourdeau provided the Committee Clerk with an updated report dated October 27, 2009, attached to this report.

Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve this item. The Committee voted in favor 7-0.

#347-09 GEORGE MARRY, 50 Union Street, Newton Centre, MA 02459, requesting renewal of **three (3) taxi licenses** for HOLDEN'S TAXI, INC. [10/06/09 @ 4:30 PM]

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: On November 23, 2009 vehicle with medallion # 59 was presented for inspection. This is a new vehicle. Officer Gourdeau provided the Committee Clerk with an updated report dated October 27, 2009, attached to this report.

Ald. Ciccone made the motion to approve this item. The Committee voted in favor 7-0.

#337-09 MARK BELENKII, 73 Charlesbank Road #202, Newton Corner, MA 02458, requesting renewal of **one (1) public auto license** for BEANTOWN CARRIAGE, LLC. D/b/a BOSTON CARRIAGE CO. [10/05/09 @ 1:04 PM]
HELD 4-0 (Ald. Danberg and Fischman not voting) on 11-04-09

ACTION: **APPROVED 7-0**

NOTE: On November 23, 2009, public auto vehicle # 7 was presented for inspection. This vehicle was not inspected in October 2009 due to an automobile accident. Officer Gourdeau provided the Committee Clerk with an updated report dated October 27, 2009, attached to this report.

Ald. Danberg made the motion to approve this item. The Committee voted in favor 7-0.

#261-09 ALD. JOHNSON requesting a review of the City of Newton Ordinances Chapter 24, Sections 26–34 Alarm System Regulations to more clearly express the fines and penalties to residential and commercial property owners for false alarms. [08/19/09 @ 9:53 AM]
HELD 6-0 (Ald. Fischman not voting; Coletti not present and voting) on 09-23-09

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)**

ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION on 10-19-09

#196-09 ALD. MANSFIELD AND SANGIOLO requesting rescission of Sec. 19-99 (b), Speed humps of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton. [06/17/09 @ 11:24 PM]
NO ACTION NECESSARY 5-0 (Vance & Fischman not voting) on 10-07-09

ACTION: **REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)**

#66-09 ALD. HARNEY at the request of local residents, a discussion of Sec. 3-29, Removal and disposal of canine wastes, with recommendations on how the ordinance can be enforced and whether or not the fines are appropriate. [02-24-09 @ 7:33 PM]

ACTION: **NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)**

NOTE: Without discussion, Ald. Harney made a motion for no action necessary. The Committee voted 6-0 in favor, Ald. Vance not voting.

#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 01-07-09

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)

#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 03-30-05

HELD 6-0 (Ald. Danberg and Vance not present and voting) on 04-15-09

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)

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 09-08-08

ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)

NOTE: Without discussion, Ald. Ciccone made a motion for no action necessary. The Committee voted 6-0, Ald. Vance not voting.

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 09-06-06
HELD 8-0 on 03-04-09**

ACTION: NO ACTION NECESSARY 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)

NOTE: Without discussion, Ald. Harney moved no action necessary on this item. The Committee voted in favor 6-0, Ald. Vance not voting.

#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 01-07-09

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)

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 02-06-08)

PUBLIC FACILITIES HELD 7-0 on 12-17-08

HELD 6-0 (Ald. Coletti and Vance not present and voting) on 12-17-08

ACTION: REFERRED TO 2010-2011 BOARD 6-0 (Ald. Vance not voting)

At approximately 10:20 pm, Ald. Ciccone made a motion to adjourn. Committee members voted in favor 6-0, Ald. Vance not voting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen M. Linsky, Chairman

Newton Police Traffic Bureau
 Newton Police Department
 City of Newton

09 DEC 10 AM 8:40
 CITY CLERK
 NEWTON, MA 02159

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Board of Alderman

DATE: 10/27/2009

FROM: Ofc. Jo Gourdeau

SUBJECT: Taxi Medallions

On October 22,2009 I conducted the semi-annual taxi inspections for Veteran's Taxi. I inspected 49 vehicles with taxi medallions, and 4 vehicles with public auto medallions. At this time all 53 vehicles of Veteran's Taxi passed the inspection.

On 10/21/2009 I conducted the semi-annual taxi inspections for Yellow Taxi. I inspected 20 vehicles with taxi medallions. At this time all 20 vehicles of Yellow Taxi passed the inspection.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual taxi inspections for Holden's Taxi, Newton Taxi, and Newtonville Taxi. I inspected 2 vehicles with taxi medallions from Holden's Taxi. At this time 2 of the vehicles from Holden's Taxi passed the inspection, 1 vehicle, medallion #59 is in the process of being replaced.. I inspected 2 vehicles with taxi medallions from Newton Taxi. At this time 2 vehicles from Newton Taxi passed the inspection, 1 vehicle medallion #57 was not presented for inspection due to emmission issues. I inspected 2 vehicles with taxi medallions from Newtonville Taxi. At this time 2 vehicles from Newtonville Taxi passed the inspection.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual taxi inspection for Newton Cab. I inspected 3 vehicles with taxi medallions. At this time all 3 vehicles passed the inspection.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual taxi inspection for Newton Metro Cab. At this time this vehicle passed the inspection.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual taxi inspection for Newton Luxury Cab. At this time this vehicle passed the taxi inspection.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual taxi inspection for Newton Town Taxi. At this time this vehicle passed the inspection.

On October 27,2009 I conducted the semi-annual public auto inspection for Joseph Dragone. At this time this vehicle passed the inspection.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual public auto inspection for Crystal Lake Express. At this time this vehicle passed the inspection.

On October 27,2009 I conducted the semi-annual public auto inspection for Weldon Executive Coach. I inspected 4 vehicles from Weldon Executive Coach. At this time 4 vehicles passed the inspection.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual public auto inspection for Bill's Nice Ride. At this time this vehicle passed the inspection.

On October 23,2009 I was contacted by owner of Beantown Carriage ,his vehicle was involved in a crash, will be in body shop for approximatly 3 weeks.

On October 23,2009 I conducted the semi-annual public auto inspection for New England Car Service. At this time this vehicle passed the inspection.

On October 23, 2009 I conducted the semi annual public --auto inspection for Newton Car Service. At this time this vehicle passed inspection.

On October 23, 2009 I conducted the semi annual public auto inspection for Apollo Taxi and Livery, At this time this vehicle passed the inspection.

- ✓ On 11/23/2009 Holdens Taxi presented cab #59 for inspection, at this time it passes inspection.
- ✓ On 11/23/2009 Newton Taxi presented cab # 57 for inspection, at this time it passed inspection.
- ✓ On 11/23/2009 Beantown carriage presented PA # 7 for inspection. At this time it passed inspection.