

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008

**7:45 PM  
ROOM 209**

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- #342-08 ALD. SANGIOLO AND HARNEY requesting raised crosswalks/intersections at Grove and Cornell Streets and Grove Street and Pine Grove Avenue as approved by the Traffic Council to be funded with the Cabot, Cabot and Forbes Traffic Mitigation Fund for Lower Falls (Ward 4). [07-28-08 @ 11:35 AM]
- #343-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR proposing that Chapter 25, **Public Works Department**, be amended by adding to **Section 25-1., Office and department established; appointment and removal.**, language designating the Public Works Commissioner as the official empowered to issue trench permits to bring the City into compliance with GL chapter 82A requiring permits for all trenches excavated on public and private property. [09-30-08 @ 4:15 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #355-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from Budget Reserve to the Public Building Department Accounts for the costs related to the conversion of the boilers at City Hall and the Carr School from oil to natural gas. [09-30-08 @ 4:16 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUB FAC, PROG. & SERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #357-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Budget Reserve for additional design options for the City properties at Crystal Lake. [09-30-08 @ 4:16 PM]

**ITEM REFERRED BY PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION:**

- #321-04(2) ALD. JOHNSON requesting a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor requesting that he expeditiously as possible find funding to create traffic calming measures on Mill Street as requested by the Traffic Council.
- #385-07 ALD. SCHNIPPER AND GENTILE updating the Public Facilities Committee on the progress of the Newton North High School Project. [11-21-07 @ 10:23 AM]

**ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION:**

- #368-08 ALD. LINSKY requesting approval of the Board of Aldermen of the design for improvements affecting the area where Walnut Street, Lowell Avenue and Watertown Street intersect including a traffic island, curb extensions and the dead ending of Lowell Avenue. [10-14-08 @ 12:53 PM]

- #341-08 NATIONAL GRID petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 80 ± of 6, 12” gas main from the existing 12” gas main in Lowell Avenue at Hull Street easterly to the existing 8” gas main across from Newton North High School and to install a new regulator station in HULL STREET (Ward 2). [09-26-08 @11:10 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB. FAC., AND LAND USE COMMITTEES**

- #329-08 ALD. JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT & LINSKY requesting amendment to §20-13, *Noise Ordinance*, of the City of Newton Ordinances to prohibit the City from exceeding the parameters of time and decibel restrictions unless it receives approval from the Land Use Committee of the Board of Aldermen. [09-02-08 @ 12:00 PM]
- #309-08 ALD. BAKER AND DANBERG requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Works regarding street signage at intersections as well as signage and house number visibility in order to assist citizens and public safety personnel in locating addresses.
- #297-08 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate Pole #223/5 on the westerly side of IRVING STREET ± 129’ north of Commonwealth Avenue (Ward 7). [07-21-08 @ 11:02 AM]

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV. AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES**

- #294-08 SUPERINTENDENT YOUNG requesting a vote of the Board of Aldermen to complement the vote of the School Committee to instruct him to submit a statement to the Massachusetts School Building Authority confirming the City’s top three priority elementary schools: Angier, Cabot and Zervas, with Angier being the first priority, by September 15, 2008. [07-24-08 @ 2:21 PM]
- #241-08 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting an update on the progress of the design for the reconstruction of Needham Street. [6-13-08 @ 11:45 AM]
- #208-08 ALD. GENTILE, SALVUCCI AND SCHNIPPER requesting a discussion on establishing a permanent Building Committee in the City of Newton. [05-16-08 @11:47 AM]

**REFERRED TO COMMUNITY PRESERVATION & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #147-08 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that the sum of \$359,400, including \$2,000 for legal costs, be appropriated from the FY’08 Community Preservation Fund’s historic resources and general reserves, for a project to rehabilitate and expand storage space for the research library and archives at the Newton History Museum, to preserve the existing collections, and enhance public access to the collections. [04-01-08 @ 4:10 PM]  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPROVED 6-0 on 4-29-08**

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB.FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #89-08 ALD. PARKER requesting the following:
- A) review of the maintenance practices for buildings, parks and other properties owned by the City (including School Department facilities and grounds)
  - B) development of a comprehensive maintenance plan that includes regular schedules for preventive maintenance for each specific site or facility
  - C) a RESOLUTION requesting that implementation of said maintenance plan be funded using operating budget funds. [02-13-08 @ 12:07 PM]

Re-appointment by Board President

- #50-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Joseph Michelson, 94 Park Avenue, Newton be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01-17-08 @ 3:48 PM]

Re-appointment by the Board President

- #48-08 ALD. BAKER recommending Lawrence Bauer, 42 Eliot Memorial Road, Newton, be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01-17-08 @ 3:48 PM]

Re-appointment by Board President

- #46-08 PRESIDENT BAKER recommending Robert O. Smith, P.E., 55 Chester Street, Newton Highlands be re-appointed as an Aldermanic appointee to the DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE, term of office to expire 12/31/09. [01-17-08 @ 3:48 PM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #34-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting that His Honor the Mayor immediately provide the latest "estimate" of the minimum price as per the Dimeo and Turner companies (for the Newton North High School Construction Project) to the Board of Aldermen with a date certain for the filing of a supplemental funding request. [01-15-08 @ 11:14AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #33-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting review of the scope of work and performance of Turner Construction and review of proposed 18-month extension of the Turner Construction contract. Included in discussion will be the process for review of future invoices of Dimeo and other vendor invoices by Turner. [01-15-08 @ 11:14 AM]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #32-08 ALD. COLETTI requesting discussion of Architect Services Contract and additional \$8 million revision to the Dorr Whittier Contract for additional services. [01-15-08 @ 11:14 a.m.]

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #31-08 ALD. COLETTI proposing a RESOLUTION to His Honor the Mayor expressing a no confidence vote pertaining to the current status of the Newton North High School Construction Project and related Financing Plan. [01-15-08 @ 11:14 AM]

**ITEM RECOMMITTED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE ON 6/19/08**

**REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

- #11-08 HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the installation of four modular classrooms. [01-02-08 @ 4:53 P.M.]  
**B) \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness**  
*NOTE: Letter received from Mayor on 1/4/08 requesting that appropriation amount be amended to \$1.3 million. Letters received 5/7 and 5/21 requesting that the funding source to capital stabilization for costs incurred for design work and the remaining \$1,225,000 from bonded indebtedness be voted no action necessary. Part A) \$75,000 from Capital Stabilization approved on 6/19/08.*
- #352-07 ALD. SANGIOLO AND PARKER request Turner Construction, Project Manger for the Newton North High School Project and the DEP representative overlooking this project to discuss the issues and concerns raised regarding asbestos removal, transportation and disposal for the Newton North site and also information on 5,000 cubic feet of loam being removed to the Elliot Street and Rumford Avenue Yards. [10-17-07 @ 11:54 AM]
- #351-07 ALD. PARKER AND SALVUCCI requesting that the Department of Public Works create an inventory and inspection regimen of bridges and culverts less than 20' in length and develop a maintenance plan for all city-owned bridges including those over 20', as recommended by the Undersecretary of Public Works at the Executive Office of Transportation, Robert Rooney. [10-17-07 @ 12:11 PM]
- #350-07 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion with the utility companies regarding rectification of utility wires that are not mounted high enough on utility poles to avoid being torn down, thereby causing damage to persons and/or property. [10-17-07 @ 10:33 AM]
- #304-07 LASALLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 210 Auburn Street, Auburndale, petitioning for construction of a common sewer in PINE MEADOW DRIVE EXTENSION from an existing sewer main in Pine Meadow Drive northwesterly 140' ± to a proposed sewer manhole in Pine Meadow Drive Extension. [03-30-07 @ 8:46 AM]  
**PETITIONER TO PAY ENTIRE COST**
- #253-07 ALD. LINSKY ALBRIGHT, JOHNSON, HARNEY, SANGIOLO, SALVUCCI, MANSFIELD, BURG, SCHNIPPER requesting (1) a review as to how provisions of applicable ordinances, specifically 5-58, were implemented during the course of the Newton North project, and (2) consider proposed revisions of 5-58 including, but not limited to:

- (a) timely provision of documentation by the public building department to the Board of Aldermen and Design Review Committee;
- (b) establishment of liaison committees to facilitate communications and input from neighborhoods affected by projects subject to this ordinance;
- (c) approval of final design plans by the Board of Aldermen of projects subject to this ordinance;
- (d) oversight during the construction phase of projects subject to this ordinance by appropriate Board committee(s) both in respect to approval of change orders as well as design changes; and
- (e) generation of a required record detailing the entire construction process by the public building department to guide present and future oversight of projects subject to this ordinance. [08-07-07 @ 3:12 PM]

#54-07 ALD. SANGIOLO requesting discussion with the School Department and the Public Buildings Department about giving the School Department increased control over maintenance of school building facilities thereby allowing the School Department to have direct authority to deploy/hire staff to make necessary repairs to their school facilities. [2-9-07 @ 1:46 PM]

#451-06 KEYSPAN ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install and maintain 450' ± of 8" gas main in HULL STREET from the existing 8" gas main in Hull street at 90 Hull Street easterly to the existing 6" gas main in Hull Street at 60 Hull Street. All of which is to replace the existing 4" gas main in Hull Street, which is to be abandoned. [11-15-06 @ 11:19 AM]

#345-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER requesting that the contingency on smaller Public Buildings projects be increased from 5% to at least 8%.

#294-06 ALD. SAMUELSON requesting creation of a method for the collection of parking meter receipts to ensure maximum collection.

#280-06 ALD. SANGIOLO proposing an Ordinance to create a Building Committee made up of Finance, Construction and Building experts in addition to several Aldermen to oversee construction and renovation projects in all municipal buildings.

#226-06 ALD. LINSKY requesting discussion of initiatives in respect to monitoring of water meter readings to better inform water and sewer users of significant increases in usage.

#224-06(2) ALD. LINSKY, ALBRIGHT & JOHNSON, BAKER & SCHNIPPER requesting further deliberation on the conditions set forth in the Site Plan Approval Board Order relating to the Newton North High School project, considering possible expansion and modification of the conditions.

#178-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER, LINSKY AND ALBRIGHT requesting a report on the commissioning of Newton South High School.

- #159-06 PRESIDENT BAKER & ALD. SCHNIPPER presenting the City of Newton Energy Action Plan for review and such action that may be appropriate by the Board of Aldermen.
- #155-06 JAMES A. BLACKBURN, 105 Wood End Road, Newton Highlands petitioning for laying out, grading and acceptance of WOOD END ROAD as a public way from the intersection of Mountfort Road westerly to the intersection of Nantucket Road (a distance of 360'±) to be the width of 45'.
- #152-06 PS&T COMMITTEE requesting discussion re Road Classification Design Types (as outlined by the Planning and Development Department) for future use as an overall management tool for the City.
- #84-06 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting a waiver from the Board of Aldermen of surfacing materials used on the sidewalk of a public way in front of 161 Pond Brook Road, as provided in §26-47 of the City of Newton Ordinances.
- #83-06 ALD. SCHNIPPER & GENTILE requesting discussion with NStar regarding frequent power outages in the Newton Lower Falls area in particular Grayson Lane.
- #424-05 ALD. SANGIOLO & HARNEY requesting an update from the School Department regarding the energy audit that was begun during last year's budget review.
- #467-04 ALD. YATES AND SCHNIPPER requesting a response from the Commissioner of Public Works to the findings of the Environmental Protection Agency that pollution enters the Charles River from Newton.
- #386-04 ALD. SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, JOHNSON, AND DANBERG proposing an ordinance to require that designers selected have LEED certification and include high performance/life cycle analysis for all municipal construction projects in the City of Newton.
- #246-04 COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of the 25% design plan submittal for Walnut Street from Homer Street to Centre Street including a small section of Centre Street to Route 9.
- #178-04(2) ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update on progress and implementation of the construction information database.
- #104-04 ALD. YATES requesting a report from the Chief of Police as to how the ordinance prohibiting the blockage of sidewalks with snow can be more easily enforced.

**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.

#522-03      ALD. PARKER AND LENNON requesting an ordinance amendment to improve enforcement related to snow removal.

**REFERRED TO PROG. & SERV., PUB. FAC. AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

#309-01      ALD. PARKER requesting increase in the income eligibility level of the 30% water/sewer discount for low-income senior citizens.

# 94-99      RALPH S. ROBERT 28 Richardson Road, Petition for Laying Out, Grading, and Acceptance of RICHARDSON ROAD from Route 9 northerly 180'± to be the width of 30 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

Sydra Schnipper, Chairman



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September 30, 2008

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NEWTON, MA. 02159

Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to amend the City Ordinances by adding language to bring the City into compliance with new state trench safety regulation that will go into effect January 1, 2009. These regulations require permits for trenches excavated on public or private property.

The Law Department has drafted language to amend with ordinances, which is contained in the attached memorandum from the Public Works Department Commissioner. Under the proposed ordinance change, the DPW Commissioner would be the designated local official empowered to issue trench permits. The Commissioner is empowered to develop reasonable fees, which he is doing now and will present them to your Honorable Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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# 343-08

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CITY CLERK  
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TO: David B. Cohen, Mayor  
THRU: Sanford Pooler, Chief Administrative Officer  
FROM: Thomas E. Daley, P.E., Commissioner *td*  
RE: Ordinance Change for Trench Permitting  
DATE: September 30, 2008

Dear Mayor Cohen:

In 2002, the State passed legislation designed to prevent the general public from unauthorized access to unattended trenches. Chapter 82A of the General Laws, commonly called "Jackie's Law," requires permits for all trenches excavated on public or private property. For purposes of this new law, "trenches" are defined as an excavation made below the surface of the ground at least 3 feet in depth, whose width is not more than 15' at the bottom of the excavation, and whose width is narrow compared to its length.

In addition to requiring permits be issued prior to the excavation of any trench, Chapter 82A requires all municipalities to designate a board or official to issue trench permits and to implement the regulations governing this aspect of trench safety. Finally, the law required the Commonwealth's Department of Public Safety and Division of Occupational Safety to promulgate regulations governing trench permits. Those regulations were issued in November, 2007, but the requirement for permits was delayed until January 1, 2009, to permit municipalities to set up local procedures for issuance of trench permits.

Prior to January 1, 2009, the City needs to designate a Permitting Authority and set up a procedure for implementing this new law. I've attached a general description of the trench permit requirements prepared by the Department of Public Safety and Division of Occupational Safety.

Given that the Public Works Department has the relevant knowledge regarding trench safety and is currently issuing Street Opening Permits which will now also require a trench permit in many instances, I would ask that the Public Works Commissioner be

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designed as the Permitting Authority for the City of Newton. I've attached a draft amendment to Sec. 25-1 of the Revised Ordinances that would accomplish this designation. I respectfully request that you docket said ordinance change.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

cc: David Turocy, Deputy Commissioner  
Fred Russell, Director of Utilities  
Steve Tocci, Director of Highway Operations  
Lou Taverna, City Engineer  
Ted Jerdee, Utilities Superintendent  
Ouida Young, Associate City Solicitor  
John Lojak, Commissioner of ISD

knowledge that may be helpful in determining the most appropriate board or individual to act at the Permitting Authority include:

1. The excavation of trenches;
2. The operation of hoisting equipment, including licensure as a Hoisting Equipment Operator;
3. Engineering practices;
4. Public works administration.

To assist municipalities, the Department of Public Safety and Division of Occupational Safety have identified several boards or individuals that may already be part of the municipal administration and may also be designated as the Permitting Authority for purposes of the statute and regulations. Appropriate boards and individuals may include:

1. City or Town Engineer;
2. Director/Assistant Director/ Supervisor of Public Works or a DPW board;
3. Local Building Official or Building Department
4. Local Fire Chief or Fire Department.
5. Individual or Department responsible for street opening permits

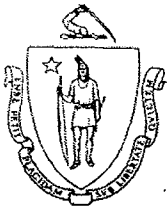
Finally, it should be noted that the regulations included at 520 CMR 14.00 are narrow in scope and apply only to the protection of the General Public from hazards inherent in open, unattended trenches. **The regulations included at 520 CMR 14.00 do not regulate worker safety. Necessary worker safety practices for trenches are provided in the existing OSHA Excavation Standard, 29 CFR Subpart P, Excavations, 1926.650-652.**

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Amend Sec. 25-1. Office and department established: appointment and removal.

The office of commissioner of public works and the department of public works are established. The commissioner shall be an officer of the city and the provisions of law for the appointment and removal of heads of departments shall be applicable to such office. The commissioner of public works shall be deemed to be a water commissioner, a sewer commissioner and a street commissioner for the purposes of construing any law or statute. The commissioner of public works shall also be designated as the Permitting Authority to issue permits for the purpose of creating a trench as that term is defined by MGL. c. 82A, sec. 4 and 520 CMR 14.00. He shall receive for his services such salary as shall be fixed by the mayor and board of aldermen.

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**DESCRIPTION: LOCAL PERMITTING AUTHORITY--TRENCHES**

Section 2 of Chapter 82A of the General Laws requires cities and towns to designate 1 board or officer to issue permits for the excavation of trenches on privately-owned land and for the excavation of public ways in the city or town. This board or individual will be known as the "Permitting Authority." While the Permitting Authority has no duty to inspect a trench prior to issuing a permit, the responsibilities of the Permitting Authority include :

1. The collection, review, and cataloging of required documents prior to the issuance of a trench permit. These documents will include:
  - a. DIG-SAFE information;
  - b. The name and contact information of the excavator in whose name the permit is issued;
  - c. The name and contact information of the excavator performing the excavation of the trench;
  - d. The name of the competent person at the worksite as that term is defined by the regulations at 520 CMR 14.02;
  - e. The Massachusetts Hoisting Equipment license number(s), grade(s) and expiration date(s) of the person(s) operating Hoisting Equipment;
  - f. The permit expiration date, where applicable;
  - g. The specific location of the trench;
  - h. The name and contact number of the insurer; and
  - i. The required certificate of insurance.
2. The collection of any municipal fee determined by the city or town;
3. The issuance of trench permits;
4. Enforcement of the requirements for protections for the General Public as included in 520 CMR 14.04, including:
  - a. Responding to reports of open, unattended trenches;
  - b. Notifying permit holders of the unsafe, unattended condition of a trench;
  - c. Taking action to make open, unattended trenches safe until the permit holder is provided with reasonable time to respond to notification of an unsafe trench (such as by posting an attendant or police detail);
  - d. Ordering the immediate shutdown of a trench;
  - e. Performing inspections of trenches when required by the regulations before reopening after immediate shutdown;
  - f. Convening or assisting the municipality in convening disciplinary hearings relative to the suspension or revocation of a permit as necessary in response to alleged violations of the statute or regulations;
  - g. Taking follow-up actions in response to violations of the statute or regulations; and
  - h. Reporting violations of 520 CMR 14.00 as needed to the Department of Public Safety.

There are no prerequisites to be designated as the Permitting Authority; however the Department of Public Safety and Division of Occupational Safety recommend the delegation to an individual or board/department presumed to have knowledge of construction, engineering, or excavation safety already. Relevant areas of



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Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Board docket for consideration a request to appropriate seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from budget reserve to the Public Building Department for the costs related to the conversion of the boilers at City Hall and the Carr School from oil to natural gas. This conversion is anticipated to pay for itself in savings on fuel by mid-March 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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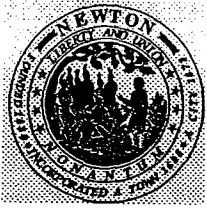
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September 29, 2008

His Honor the Mayor  
City of Newton  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Center, MA 02459

Dear Mayor Cohen,

I am respectfully requesting the sum of \$75,000 to convert two municipal buildings' boilers to gas. The price of heating oil has made these conversions not only feasible but also economical. The two boilers are located at City Hall and the Carr School. The estimate is based on the contract drawings prepared by RDK Engineers. This request follows our initial request for design funds to prepare the necessary contract documents to convert eleven buildings, nine of which are schools. Please feel free to contact me should have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A. Nicholas Parnell, AIA  
Commissioner of Public Buildings

**#321-04(2)**

Proposed RESOLUTION:

We the Board of Aldermen respectfully request that His Honor Mayor use all of the powers at his disposal to identify funding sources as expeditiously as possible for the construction of traffic calming measures on Mill Street to consist of raised cross walks, at two locations to be determined by the Traffic Engineer. As the residents of this street have been actively pursuing traffic calming measures by working with the Honorable Board of Aldermen since 2000, we believe that now is the time for the City to provide the residents with the quality of life and safety that they deserve.

RESOLUTION offered by Aids. Johnson, Albright and Linsky