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Monday, February 1, 2016

7:30 PM, Newton City Hall

To be reported on

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

City of Newton In City Council Items to be Acted Upon

Land Use Committee

February 2, 2016

Present: Councilors Laredo (Chair) Auchincloss, Cote, Harney, Lennon & Schwartz

Absent: Councilors Crossley & Lipof; Also Present: Councilors Albright, Gentile, Hess-Mahan, Leary & Sangiolo

#480-14(4) Petition to expand Turtle Lane Playhouse and construct second building for a mixed-use project

STEPHEN VONA petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to change one nonconforming use to another by restoring and expanding an existing structure known as the Turtle Lane Playhouse with office space above, to provide a mixed-use building with an addition containing 4 dwelling units at street level and above and a second building containing a 16-unit multi-family dwelling with a below grade parking garage for 27 cars at 283 MELROSE STREET, Ward 4, Auburndale, on land known as SBL 41, 14, 10 containing approximately 43,783 sf of land currently zoned MULTI-RESIDENCE 1 *or in the alternative in a proposed MIXED USE 4 DISTRICT*. Ref: Sec. 7.3, 7.4, 7.8.2.C, 4.4.1, 4.2.2.B.1, 4.2.5.A.1, 4.2.5.A.6.b, 5.4.2, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 5.1.4.C, 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.

Public Hearing Opened on January 12 and continued to February 2, 2016

Land Use Held 6-0; Hearing to continue on February 23, 2016

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you need a special accommodation, *please contact Jini Fairley, at least two days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov, or 617-796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service dial 711.*

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

- #356-15** **Request for CPA funding for two units of affordable housing at 10-12 Cambria Rd**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of four hundred seventy-one thousand one hundred seventeen dollars (\$471,117) from the Community Preservation Fund to the Planning & Development Department for a grant to Citizens for Affordable Housing Development in Newton (CAN-DO), to create two units of permanently affordable rental housing at 10-12 Cambria Road, as described in the proposal submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in October 2015.
Finance Held 6-0 on 02/10/16
Land Use Approved 6-0

Referred to Land Use Committee

February 9, 2016

Present: Councilors Laredo (Chair) Auchincloss, Cote, Crossley, Harney & Lipof

Absent: Councilors Lennon & Schwartz

- #15-16** **Special permit petition for an accessory apartment at 126 Cornell Street**
SCOTT TIMMINS petition for an accessory apartment in a detached carriage house at 126 Cornell Street, Ward 4, Newton Lower Falls, on land known as SBL 42, 32, 72, containing approximately 12,682 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec 7.3, 7.4, 6.7.1.D of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Public Hearing continued to February 23, 2016, Land Use Held 6-0
- #16-16** **Special permit petition for 30 Caroline Park**
VINCENT NAVE petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to enclose portions of decks on the first and second floors to create living space, which will further increase the non-conforming Floor Area Ratio from .51 to .54, where .42 is the maximum allowed by right, for a single-family dwelling at 30 Caroline Park, Ward 5, Waban, on land known as SBL 53, 36, 2, containing approximately 8,500 sf of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3, 7.4, 7.8.2.C.2, 3.1.9 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2015.
Public Hearing Closed, Land Use Approved 6-0

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Present: Councilors Rice (Chair), Auchincloss, Kalis, Leary, Baker, Sangiolo and Schwartz; absent: Councilor Hess-Mahan; also present: Councilor Norton

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#45-16 Request to authorize transfer of \$60,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Parks and Recreation Department Full-time Salaries Account to the Parks and Recreation Department Forestry/Tree Services Account for the purpose of funding contracted services in the Forestry Division of the Parks and Recreation Department. [01/25/16 @ 4:06 PM]

Finance Approved 6-0

Programs & Services Approved 6-0 (Schwartz not voting)

#31-15 Proposing an ordinance to limit leaf blower use

PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE proposing an ordinance to limit the use of leafblowers. [01/26/15 @ 2:20 PM]

Programs & Services Held 7-0

#31-15(2) Amend Noise Ordinance restrictions for yard maintenance equipment

THE PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting to amend *Chapter 20-13, Noise Control*, relative to time restrictions on the use of yard, garden or grounds maintenance equipment. [03/19/15 @ 12:14 PM]

Programs & Services Held 7-0

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

Present: Councilors Crossley (Chair), Albright, Brousal-Glaser, Gentile, Danberg, Laredo, and Lappin; absent: Councilor Lennon; also present: Councilors Auchincloss, Fuller, Kalis, Leary, and Sangiolo

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#455-14 Ordinance Amendment to create a storm water rate fee structure

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR recommending amendment to Chapter 29, Section 80 **Sewer/Stormwater use charge.** of the City of Newton Ordinances to create a storm water rate fee structure based upon square footage of impervious surface area.

Public Facilities Held 7-0

REFERRED TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

#47-16

Transfer \$783,846 from various accounts for Auburndale Sq Traffic Improvements

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, requesting authorization to transfer the sum of seven hundred eight-three thousand eight hundred forty-six dollars to fully fund the Auburndale Square Traffic Improvements as follows:

From:

Riverside-Auburndale Improvements.....\$136,710

Repurposing Savings from Other Projects:

Capital Project Fund Bond Balances Available

for Appropriation\$327,752

Unrestricted Capital Purposes\$27,061

Bonded Capital Projects.....\$13,752

June 30, 2015 Free Cash\$278,571

To:

Auburndale Square Traffic Improvements\$783,846

[02-01-16 @ 11:53 AM]

Finance Approved 6-0 on 02/10/16

Public Facilities Approved Subject to Second Call 6-0-1 (Lappin abstaining)

Referred to Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Present: Councilors Gentile (Chair), Ciccone, Norton, Brousal-Glaser, Blazar, and Fuller; absent: Councilors Rice and Lappin

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

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Programs & Services Approved 6-0 on 02/03/16

Finance Approved 5-0 (Norton not voting)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Finance Committees

#44-16

Request to authorize transfer of \$100,000 to the Inspectional Services Department

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from Free Cash to the Inspectional Services Department Full-time Salaries Account and to increase staffing levels in Inspectional Services Account by two full-time positions. [[01/25/16 @ 4:06 PM]

Zoning & Planning to Meet on 02/16/16

Finance Approved 6-0

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Land Use Approved 6-0 on 02/02/16

Finance Held 6-0

#39-16

Reappointment of Elizabeth Dromey by Mayor as Chair of the Board of Assessors
ELIZABETH DROMEY, 15 Horace Road, Belmont, re-appointed as Chair of the Board of Assessors for a term expiring on February 1, 2019. (30 days – 03/02/16)
 [01/25/16 @ 4:07 PM]

Finance Approved 6-0

#41-16

Request to authorize transfer of \$25,000 to the Human Resources Department
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Free Cash to the Human Resources Department Full-time Salaries Account to absorb additional costs associated with a significant increase in workload. [01/25/16 @ 4:06 PM]

Finance Approved 6-0

- #42-16 Request to authorize transfer of \$25,000 to the Financial Info Systems Department**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Free Cash to the Financial Information Systems Department Full-time Salaries Account to absorb the costs of vacation and sick time buyouts for a retirement within the department. [01/25/16 @ 4:06 PM]
Finance Approved 6-0
- #43-16 Request to authorize transfer of \$25,000 to the Assessing Department**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from Free Cash to the Assessing Department Full-time Salaries Account to absorb the costs of vacation and sick time buyouts as a result of the retirement of a long-term employee and to temporarily increase staffing levels by one full-time position while that employee transitions to retirement. [01/25/16 @ 4:06 PM]
Finance Approved 6-0