



Public Facilities Committee Agenda

City of Newton **In City Council**

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

**Following Committee of the Whole
Room 204**

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#117-16 \$2,700,000 for water main improvements

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding water main improvements as part of the 10 year - \$40 million Capital Improvement Plan. [03/15/16 @ 4:51 PM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#89-16 Request for \$3,400,000 for the Fire Station 3/Headquarters Project

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate three million four hundred thousand dollars (\$3,400,000) from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the completion of the next phase of construction of the Fire Station 3/Headquarters Project. [02/29/16 @ 4:03PM]

Note: Please refer to the 3/14/16 Finance Report for additional information on this item

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#116-16 Additional funding for Aquinas Window Project

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate three hundred eighteen thousand two hundred sixty dollars (\$318,260) from a transfer from the Capital Stabilization fund to provide additional funding for the Aquinas Window Project. [03/15/16 @ 4:52 PM]

Items Not Scheduled for Discussion at this Meeting:

Public hearing assigned for April 6, 2016:

#108-16 Eversource Grant of Location petition for conduit in Franklin Street

EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to install 350' ± of conduit in FRANKLIN STREET from existing Manhole #MH4210 at the intersection of Beechcroft Road easterly to 100 Franklin Street. (Ward 7) [02/26/16 @ 8:27 AM]

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.

Public hearing assigned for April 6, 2016:**#109-16 Verizon Grant of Location petition for conduit in Franklin Street**

CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON WIRELESS petitioning for a grant of location to attach wireless communication equipment to existing utility poles at the following locations:

Locations

Cabot Street (near corner of Cabot and Centre Streets) at Pole # 60
 Grove Street (near corner of Grove and Washington Streets) at Pole #185/79
 Wheeler Road (near Shuman Circle) at Pole # VZ3
 Dedham Street (near Carleton Avenue) at Pole # 177/87
 Parker Street (near 270 Parker Street) at Pole #340/29
 Derby Street (near 114 Derby Street) at pole # 120/14
 Crafts Street (near 542 Crafts Street) at Pole # 108/65A
 Highland Street (near 200 Highland Street) at Pole # 208/22
 Needham Street (near Charlemont Street) at Pole #113/26
 Crafts Street (near 224 Crafts Street) at Pole # 108/30
 [03/09/16 @ 10:00 AM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees**#118-16 Funding for traffic signalization, traffic signal knockdowns, streetlight work**

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars(\$425,000) from the Public Works' Street Maintenance Full-time Salaries Account to the following accounts:

Electrical Equipment R&M – Streetlighting (0140109-52404)	\$85,000
Electrical Equipment R&M – Transportation (0140115-52404)	\$215,000
Public Property R&M – Transportation (0140115-52409)	\$125,000

[03/15/16 @ 4:51 PM]

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees**#288-15 Submittal by the Mayor of the FY17 Capital Improvement Plan**

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR submitting the FY 2017-FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan pursuant to section 5-3 of the Newton City Charter. [10/01/15 @ 1:53 PM]

#83-16 Request for a website and e-mail list to provide updates for Elliot St Bridge project

COUNCILOR YATES requesting the City of Newton create a website and an e-mail list to inform area merchants, residents, and workers on the status of the closing and rehabilitation of Cook's Bridge. [02/22/16 @ 4:45 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

- #27-16** **Updates from the Administration on the renovations at the Aquinas site**
PROGRAMS & SERVICES AND PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEES requesting that the School Department and/or Executive Department provide updates on removal of asbestos and other toxic materials that were identified at the Aquinas site, the scope and timing of window replacement in particular, and renovations that may be necessary to facilitate short and long-term plans for uses and operations at the site. [01/10/16 @ 1:14 PM]
- #26-16** **Proposed amendments to Sec. 5-54 through 5-58 of the Ordinances**
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY, ALBRIGHT, HARNEY AND SANGIOLO requesting revisions to Sections 5-54 through 5-58 of the City of Newton Ordinances to clarify the City Council's role and decision-making process with respect to design review, funding, and budget oversight during the construction process of municipal capital building projects; in particular, to better align City Council decisions with typical steps in the design development process, and where applicable, with Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and other state requirements. [01/11/16 @ 4:53 PM]
- #12-16** **Discussion with the DPW regarding the City's recycling and solid waste programs**
COUNCILOR LEARY, NORTON, KALIS, HESS-MAHAN, ALBRIGHT, AND CROSSLEY requesting an update from and discussion with the Department of Public Works and the Solid Waste Commission on the current status of Newton's solid waste management and recycling program operations and performance objectives, future goals and objectives, staffing, program challenges, and survey data due to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection. [12/28/15 @ 8:44 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services, Public Facilities, and Finance Committees

- #357-15** **Request for CPA funding for the Newton Highlands Playground**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from the Community Preservation Fund's open space and general reserves or fund balance to the Parks & Recreation Department, for the rehabilitation of the Newton Highlands Playground at Winchester and Dedham Streets, as described in the proposal submitted to the Community Preservation Committee in November 2015. [12/15/15 @ 12:32 PM]
- #313-15** **Request for an update on the Second Water Meter Program**
ALD. LAPPIN requesting an update from the Department of Public Works on the second water meter program including: the progress of the inspection and programming of the approximately 900 new outdoor irrigation meters provided by the City to property owners that have yet to be inspected and/or programmed by the City; the process going forward for the issuance, inspection, programming and tracking of second meters; and the notification of residents who already had second meters regarding the process for registering their meters. 10/26/15 @ 7:15 PM]

#237-15 Update on mitigation funds from Special Permits in Newton Centre

ALD. CROSSLEY, LAREDO, and SCHWARTZ requesting an update on funds accrued from voluntary contributions from Special Permits in Newton Centre, which can be made available to complete a safe pedestrian crossing at 714-724 Beacon Street via Special Permit Board Order #1-15 and conditions noted therein. 09/14/15 @ 10:40 AM]

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#223-15 Discussion on the process of licensing the use of city buildings

ALD. LAREDO requesting a discussion of the process of licensing the current and future use of city building, including: (a) how licensees may request the use of city buildings; (b) the process for determining which licensees will get the use of city buildings; (c) how the fees for the use of city buildings are set; and (d) how the current process compares to the process for permitting the use of school buildings. [08/13/15 @ 11:20 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

#201-15 Discussion regarding the condition of the Kennard Estate building

ALD. SANGIOLO requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Public Buildings, the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and the Executive Department regarding the condition of the property located at 246 Dudley Road (Kennard Estate) and how much, if any, repairs and upgrades will be needed as the City relocates the Parks and Recreation Department to that location. [09/01/15 @ 4:00 PM].

#200-15 Update on the strategic plan for street and sidewalk improvements

ALD. LAREDO requesting that the Department of Public Works provide an update on the creation of a strategic plan for the improvement of streets and sidewalks in the City. [08/13/15 @ 11:20 AM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

#141-15 Discussion on tracking and improving the condition of the gas utility infrastructure

ALD. BROUSAL-GLASER, SANGIOLO, HESS-MAHAN, COTE, NORTON AND ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion with the Director of Urban Forestry, a representative of the Department of Public Works and a representative of the Law Department about tracking and improving the condition of the gas utility infrastructure in Newton, new state statutes governing infrastructure repairs, coordination of increased repair work with city operations, the status of negotiations with National Grid to compensate for tree deaths resulting from gas leaks, and the possibility of creating a utilities working group to monitor progress on these and related issues. [05/26/15 @ 2:52 PM]

#100-15 Discussion on pursuing municipal aggregation of energy purchasing

ALD. NORTON, SANGIOLO, LEARY, AND ALBRIGHT requesting that the Administration pursue municipal aggregation of energy purchasing with the goals of reducing and/or stabilizing electricity costs for resident, businesses and the City; and requiring the

purchase of Class 1 RECs at some percentage above the level required by the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard. [04/06/15 @ 9:12 AM]

#83-15 Discussion and update on energy items

ALD. CROSSLEY, GENTILE, & ALBRIGHT requesting a discussion and update from the Administration on the following energy related items: status of municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; status of the Power Purchase Agreement including solar PV rooftop installations, power offset (cost benefit) to date and review of potential future projects; and an update on municipal energy consumption including the recent Green Communities report filed with the Department of Energy Resources. [03/26/15 @ 9:19 AM]

Referred to Public Facil, Programs & Serv, and Public Safety & Trans Committees

#46-15 Discussion of parking options for school and municipal parking lots

ALD. JOHNSON & CICCONE, requesting a discussion with the Commissioner of Department of Public Works and the School Department to determine and discuss parking options including use of school properties based on the current municipal parking lot programs including the issuance of permits. [02/11/15 @ 1:35 PM]

#328-14 Review of double utility poles

ALD. ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, & LAREDO requesting a review of double poles in Newton including a random sampling of ten double poles on the north side and ten double poles on the south side of Newton to determine which utility is holding up the removal of double poles. [08/19/14 @ 9:16 AM]

#189-14 Update on the Zervas School construction project

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting periodic updates on the Zervas Elementary School Project. [04/17/14 @ 10:48 PM]

#188-14 Update on the Cabot School construction project

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting periodic updates on the Cabot Elementary School Project. [04/17/14 @ 10:48 PM]

Referred to Programs & Services and Public Facilities Committees

#119-14 Discussion with ISD on plans to address City non-compliance with ADA standards

ALD. ALBRIGHT AND CROSSLEY requesting discussion with the Inspectional Services Department to explain the development of short and long term plans to identify and correct buildings, sidewalks, playgrounds, etc...that do not conform to American Disability Act (ADA) standards. The discussion should include information on how improvements will be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan or if less than \$75,000 into a comprehensive budget plan to correct ADA deficiencies. [03/12/14 @ 4:18 PM]

#131-13

Updates and discussion on the sewer, water and storm water systems

ALD. CROSSLEY, FULLER, SALVUCCI, JOHNSON, CICCONE requesting periodic updates and discussion, at the discretion of the members of the Public Facilities Committee or the Commissioner of Public Works, on the condition functioning, operations and management of all elements of the City sewer, water and storm water systems including the following:

- Water meters
- Implementation of the ten project area strategic plan to remove infiltration in the City sewer system
- Implementation of the long range strategic plan to repair and replace City water mains, especially to correct for fire flow
- Status of the City's Private Inflow Removal Program to resolve and disconnect illegal storm water connections to the City sewer system
- Current billing practices
- Rates analyses needed to facilitate an informed comparison of billing options to include the following options either alone or in combination: seasonal rates, second meters, tiered rates, frequency of billing, low income credits.

Referred to Finance and Appropriate Committees

#257-12

Review of Fees, Civil Fines/Non-criminal Disposition in Chapter 17 of the ordinances

RECODIFICATION COMMITTEE recommending (1) review of the Fees, Civil Fines/Non-Criminal Disposition contained in Chapter 17 LICENSING AND PERMITS GENERALLY and Chapter 20 CIVIL FINES/NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION CIVIL FINES to ensure they are in accordance with what is being charged and (2) review of the acceptance of G.L. c. 40 §22F, accepted on July 9, 2001, which allows certain municipal boards and officers to fix reasonable fees for the issuance of certain licenses, permits, or certificates.

Finance Voted No Action Necessary 7-0 on 12/14/15

Referred To Programs & Services And Public Facilities Committees

#36-12

Inspection of private sewer lines and storm water drainage connections

ALD. CROSSLEY & FULLER requesting Home Rule legislation or an ordinance to require inspections of private sewer lines and storm water drainage connections prior to settling a change in property ownership, to assure that private sewer lines are functioning properly and that there are no illegal storm water connections to the city sewer mains.

- A) Sewer lines found to be compromised or of inferior construction would have to be repaired or replaced as a condition of sale;
- B) Illegal connections would have to be removed, corrected, and re-inspected in accordance with current city ordinances and codes, as a condition of sale. [01/24/12 @ 8:07 AM]

Programs & Services Voted No Action Necessary 6-0 on 11/17/14

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation And Public Facilities Committees

#413-11 Updates on the renovations to the City's fire stations

ALD. CICCONE, SALVUCCI, GENTILE & LENNON updating the Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees on the progress of renovations to the city's fire stations. [11-17-11 @11:07 AM]

#367-09 Discussion on repair of underground streetlight connections

PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE requesting discussion with the Law Department on how to resolve the dispute with NStar regarding whose responsibility it is to repair the streetlight connection between the manhole and the base of the streetlight. [10/21/09 @ 9:00 PM]

**Respectfully submitted,
Deborah J. Crossley, Chair**



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March 14, 2016

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Council docket for consideration a request to authorize the appropriation of \$2,700,000 and authorize a general obligation borrowing of an equal amount for the continued implementation of water main improvements as part of the 10 year - \$40 million Capital Improvement Plan. Specific details are attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Setti D. Warren
Mayor

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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February 29, 2016

To: Maureen Lemieux, Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer
From: James McGonagle, Commissioner
Subject: Request for Water Bond Borrowing Authorization
\$2,700,000 for Water System Improvements FY 2016 - FY 2017

I respectfully request authorization to borrow up to \$2,700,000 for water main improvements in FY 2016 – FY 2017. This proposed borrowing will allow Public Works to implement a portion of the water main improvements as part of the 10 year - \$40 million Capital Improvement Plan. The City is committing to borrow \$4 million annually from City debt and MWRA to upgrade our water system, which will improve fire flows, and ensure the delivery of superior water quality.

Newton has approximately 319 miles of public water supply pipeline. The City has approximately 160 miles of unlined water pipe remaining to be rehabilitated. Through the use of a sophisticated Water Hydraulic Model, our water projects have been and will continue to be prioritized and planned based on age and hydraulic capacity, for the next 10 years and beyond.

Recent water hydraulic model studies have identified the existing unlined cast iron water mains as being hydraulically deficient and subject to potential leakage:

Barrieau Court, Austin Street
Sherman Place, Eden Avenue
Louise Road, Park Street
Butts Street, Harding Street/Kensington Avenue
Bernard Street, Watertown Street (part)
Belmont Street, Lexington Street
Burrage Road, Ober Road
Webster Park, Albert Road
Waban Hill Road/Waban Hill North Rd
Madison Avenue, Rand Terrace
Turner Street/Turner Terrace, Kippy Drive, Lyman St

Water main upgrades are required to reduce the potential for water leakage, and to meet current ISO fire flow standards. Water quality will be enhanced as well. \$4,060,200 is estimated for design and construction of this project. We have already received an annual loan of \$1,360,200 from MWRA.

Please docket this request with the City Clerk's office for consideration by the Honorable Board of Aldermen.

cc: Louis M. Taverna, P.E., City Engineer
Theodore Jerdee, Director of Utilities
Robert Symanski, Budget Director



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MA 02461-1605

February 19, 2016

Mayor Setti D. Warren
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

RE: Fire Station #3/Headquarters Repairs and Upgrades

Dear Mayor Warren:

The Public Buildings Department respectfully requests \$3,400,000.00 to complete the next phase of construction of the Fire Station 3/HQ project.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Commissioner
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March 14, 2016

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write to request that your Honorable Council docket for consideration a request to transfer the sum of \$318,260 from Capital Stabilization Fund to fund the Aquinas Window Project.

Although bids for the project came in just under \$2,000,000, it was necessary to utilize some of the \$2 million set aside to cover taxes and recording fees, fuel adjustment to the former owners, and design services for the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Setti D. Warren
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February 26, 2016

Mayor Setti D. Warren
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

RE: Request for funds: Aquinas Window Project

Dear Mayor Warren:

The Public Buildings Department requests the sum of \$318,260.00 for additional funding of the Aquinas Window/PCB Abatement Project.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Commissioner
Dori Zaleznik, Chief Admin Officer

Aquinas Breakdown of Funds		Funds Required	Spent to date
Purchase	\$	17,350,000.00	
Fuel Adjustment to Sisters	\$	15,350,000.00	\$ 15,350,000.00
Taxes and Recording Fee	\$	13,952.56	\$ 13,952.56
Design/ CA Fee	\$	45,101.06	\$ 45,101.06
Construction	\$	236,482.63	\$ 161,482.63
5% Contingency	\$	1,926,400.00	
	\$	96,320.00	
	\$	17,668,256.25	\$ 15,570,536.25
Current Request	\$	318,260.00	

* includes pending invoice for \$54,000