



NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS – MARCH 10, 2017

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Washington Place (Orr) Memo – Please insure to review the memo produced by Land Use Chair Marc Laredo regarding items #179-16 and #180-16. We will be meeting on these two items between first and second call during our full Council meeting on **Monday, March 20th**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Chair Laredo.

- **Newton Chinese Culture Festival** – Chinese American Association of Newton (CAAN) is proud to announce that it is going to host this year's Newton Chinese Culture Festival with Newton Chinese Language School (NCLS) and Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association (GBCCA) at City Hall on **Saturday, March 11th from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.** This event is supported by the Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs and is the third consecutive year that the Chinese Culture Festival is hosted at the Newton City Hall. The theme for this year is going to be Chinese painting, which is one of the most glorious artistic traditions in the world. At the festival, we will introduce you to the history and the different styles of Chinese paintings. You will have a rare opportunity to watch our artist painting in close distance and learn some basic painting techniques from our Chinese painting masters. In addition to the Chinese painting, you and your family can also enjoy traditional Chinese folk dance, listening to Chinese folk songs and tasting traditional Chinese food. For children, there will be many other activities like art crafting, face painting and games. We hope this will be wonderful celebration of the Chinese culture with the whole Newton community.
- **Finance Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Monday, March 13th 7:00p.m.** in Room 211 to discuss items: *Chair's Note: The Committee will review the June 30, 2016 Independent Financial Audit Report with Matt Hunt of Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLC, the City's independent auditor. Please bring the Management Letter, GAO and OMB A-133 Reports, and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 that you received in the January 27, 2017 packet. Additionally, the committee will discuss: #58-17 Authorize submittal of Lincoln Eliot statement of interest to the MSBA; #397-16 Discussion w School Administration re \$1.2 million budget deficit; #54-17 Request to increase the Parks & Recreation Department by 1 full-time position; #55-17 Appropriate \$200,000 for repairs to the Gath Pool; #57-17 Appropriate \$400,000 for design of street improvements-Newtonville corridor; #42-17 Request to authorize contract(s) to aggregate the electricity load and; #53-17 Appropriate \$48,984 from Cable Television Franchise Fees to NewTV.*

- **Zoning and Planning Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Monday, March 13th 7:45p.m.** in Room 205 to discuss items: *#140-14 Zoning amendment for lodging house ordinance; #80-13 Updates on zoning reform project and #257-12 Review of fees in Chapter 17 and Chapter 20 (No Action Necessary is being recommended for this item). The Planning Department will be making a presentation describing the process for upcoming applications for Local Historic Districts.*
- **Land Use Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting early on **Tuesday, March 14th at *5:30p.m.*** in Room 211 to *continue discussion with Planning, Inspectional Services and Information Technology on Special Permit process improvements and enforcement.* At **7:00p.m.**, the committee will meet in the Chamber to discuss the following item: *#256-16 Request to extend notification area of notice for special permit petitions.*
- **Traffic Council** – The Council will be meeting on **Thursday, March 16th at 7:00p.m.** in Room 211.

REMINDERS & WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- **None at this time**

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