



City Council Docket

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Tuesday, February 18, 2020

7:45 PM, Newton City Hall

To be reported on

Monday, March 2, 2020

City of Newton

In City Council to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Land Use Committee

Public Hearing to be Assigned for March 10, 2020

- #118-20 Petition to extend nonconforming setback at 112 Grasmere Street**
JEN AND CHRIS MURPHY petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to EXTEND THE NONCONFORMING SETBACK by constructing a covered front porch and entry, decreasing the nonconforming setback from 20.9' to 18.6' where 20.8 is allowed at 112 Grasmere Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 71 Block 28 Lot 09, containing approximately 9,254 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 3.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.
- #119-20 Request to waive I&I fee for Special Permit #71-20 at 1114 Beacon Street**
1114 BEACON STREET LLC. Request an abatement of the infiltration/inflow mitigation fee pursuant to the City of Newton Revised Ordinances, Chapter 29 Section 29-170.
- #120-20 Temporary license to hold Nonantum Village Day**
NONANTUM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION requesting a temporary license pursuant to Chapter 30 Section 6(k) of the City of Newton Ordinances to hold NONANTUM VILLAGE DAY on Sunday, June 7, 2020.

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 Zoning & Planning Committee

- #121-20 Request for a study on construction vibration standards**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, LEARY, DOWNS, LAREDO, KRINTZAN, WRIGHT, CROSSLEY, MALAKIE, BAKER, NORTON, GREENBERG, BOWMAN, MARKIEWICZ, HUMPHREY, AND RYAN based on the Washington Place Liaison Committee recommendations, requesting the study, analysis, review of vibration standards related to construction projects as they affect neighboring buildings. The outcome of this analysis could be an amendment to the Noise Ordinance to include a vibration section, regulations on vibrations and/or a vibration section to be included in construction management plans.
- #122-20 Request to amend building story heights in Newton's Washington Street Vision Plan**
COUNCILORS GENTILE AND AUCHINCLOSS requesting that the Washington Street Vision Plan be amended to reduce the areas that currently allow for a maximum of 6 stories down to a maximum of 4 stories.

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #123-20 Appointment of Murali Vemula to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Murali Vemula, 59 E Quinobequin Road, Waban, as a member of the HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL for a term to expire on January 1, 2023. (60 days: 04/18/20)
- #124-20 Appointment of Michael Flaherty to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Michael Flaherty, 17 Glastonbury Oval, Waban, as a member of the HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL for a term to expire on January 1, 2023. (60 days: 04/18/20)
- #125-20 Reappointment of Brenda Anders to the Health and Human Services Advisory Council**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Brenda Anders, 158 Auburndale Avenue, West Newton, as a member of the HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL for a term to expire on January 1, 2023. (60 days: 04/18/20)
- #126-20 Request for tree planting update**
THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE requesting an update from the Administration on tree planting efforts.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

- #127-20** **Appeal of Traffic Council Decision - Roosevelt Road at Theodore Road.**
JUNE WELZ 46 Roosevelt Road, Newton appealing the approval of Traffic Council petition TC87-19 on January 23, 2020 on removing the stop signs on Roosevelt Road, in both directions, and retaining the stop signs on Theodore Road, in both directions. (Ward 8)
- #128-20** **Resolution to the State Legislature to support funding for transportation**
COUNCILORS DOWNS, AUCHINCLOSS AND BOWMAN requesting a RESOLUTION to the STATE LEGISLATURE supporting additional funding for CLEAN, EQUITABLE transportation.
- #129-20** **Requesting new public auto license**
ISMAIL UNKOC 184 River Street, West Newton, MA 02465 requesting **one (1) new public auto license** for Izmo Limo, LLC.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

- #130-20** **President's Reappointment of James Purdy to the Energy Commission**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT reappointing James Purdy, 943 Chestnut Street, Newton Upper Falls to the Energy Commission for a term of office to expire December 31, 2023. (60 days: 04/18/20)
- #131-20** **President's Reappointment of Michael Gevelber to the Energy Commission**
PRESIDENT ALBRIGHT reappointing Michael Gevelber, 166 Melrose Street, Auburndale to the Energy Commission for a term of office to expire December 31, 2023. (60 days: 04/18/20)
- #132-20** **Mayor's Reappointment of Halina Brown to the Energy Commission**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Halina Brown, 56 Cloverdale Road, Newton Highlands to the Energy Commission for a term of office to expire April 15, 2023. (60 days: 04/18/20)
- #133-20** **Request for Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 5, Section 7**
SOLID WASTE COMMISSION AND COUNCILOR LEARY requesting an ordinance change of Chapter 5 of the Revised Ordinances, Solid Waste Commission, Sections 7-50—7-54. The changes will revise the commission's name to the Sustainable Materials Management Commission to align with the updated name of the Sustainable Materials Management Division of the Department of Public Works. Additionally, requesting to reduce the maximum number of members to eleven from the current fifteen, add organics management and energy recovery to the commission's areas of interest; and define a quorum as a majority of the members then serving on the commission.

Referred to Finance Committee

- #134-20** **Discussion on easing the tax burden on low- and fixed income Newton residents**
COUNCILORS HUMPHREY, RYAN, BOWMAN, MALAKIE, WRIGHT DOWNS, DANBERG AND NOEL requesting a discussion with relevant city staff and a representative of the Massachusetts Department of Local Services to explore possible local tax reforms with the goal of easing the tax burden on low- and fixed-income Newton residents and shifting it to those residents who can comfortably afford to pay a greater share of revenues.

Referred to Real Property Reuse Committee

- #135-20** **Request to amend Real Property Reuse Board Order for Crescent Street**
COUNCILOR GENTILE requesting that the Crescent Street Reuse Board Order #384-11(4) be amended to allow the site to be developed solely as open space/parkland.

The following items were filed after the close of the docket and requires a suspension of the Rules to be referred to Committee:

Referred to Programs & Services Committee

- #136-20** **Appointment of Nicole Banks as Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing NICOLE BANKS, as COMMISSIONER OF PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE pursuant to Sec. 3-3 of the City Charter. (30 days: 03/19/20)
- #137-20** **Request to petition the General Court for special legislation regarding special police**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the provisions of the Acts 2014, c. 96 *An Act Relative to the Appointment of Special Police Officers in Newton*, as most recently amended by Acts 2016, c. 266, by raising the age limit for service on the special retiree police detail patrol from age 70 to age 75.
- #138-20** **Requesting amendments to rename the Department of Parks & Recreation**
Requesting amendments to the City of Newton Ordinances, Chapters 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 30 to rename the Department of Parks & Recreation to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture.