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Tuesday, January 21, 2020
7:45 PM, Newton City Hall
To be reported on
Monday, February 3, 2020

City of Newton

In City Council to be Accepted and Referred to Committees

Referred to Land Use Committee

#66-20 Class 2 Auto Dealer License
PARAGON EXPORTS
40 Summit Street
Newton, MA. 02458

Public Hearing to be Assigned for February 4, 2020

#67-20 Petition to allow adult-use marijuana dispensary at 58 Cross St/1089 Washington Street
ASCEND MASS, LLC petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow retail marijuana sales and waivers to lighting requirements at 58 Cross Street/1089 Washington Street, Ward 3, West Newton, on land known as Section 31 Block 09 Lot 07, containing approximately 25,122 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 5.1.10, 5.1.13, 6.10.3.D of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for February 4, 2020

#68-20 Petition to allow a free-standing sign at 40 Austin Street
BENLIN PROPERTIES LLC./ROCKLAND BANK petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a 19.5 sq. ft. free-standing sign on the property located at 40 Austin Street, Ward 2, Newtonville, on land known as Section 24 Block 09 Lot 12, containing approximately 13,420 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 5. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.2.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

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 to be Assigned for February 4, 2020

Petition to amend Order #284-95 to allow a free-standing sign at 84 Needham Street
CREATIVE BOOKFAIR LLC./CHARLOTTE MAYNARD petition for a SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit Board Order #284-95 to allow a new free-standing sign measuring 7’8.5’ (h) by 4’0.5” (w) on the property located at 84 Needham Street, Ward 8, containing approximately 63,416 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MIXED USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.2.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for February 11, 2020

Petition to amend Special Permit Order #106-07 at 349 Dedham Street
CHABAD LUBAVITCH, INC./BETH MENACHEM CHABAD petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit Board Order #106-07 to increase the number of allowable nursery students to 41, to allow parking in the front setback and to reduce the minimum open space at the site at 349 Dedham Street, Ward 8, on land known as Section 83 Block 36A Lot 01, containing approximately 33,697 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned SINGLE RESIDENCE 1. Ref: Sec. Dover Waiver, 7.3.3, 7.4, 5.1.8.A.1, 5.1.13, 3.1.6 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing to be Assigned for March 10, 2020

Petition to allow 27-unit multi-family dwelling at 1114 Beacon Street
1114 BEACON STREET LLC. petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to allow a 27-unit multi family dwelling greater than 20,000 sq. ft. of new gross floor area, a four-story structure up to 48’ in height, alteration of a nonconforming front setback, to allow ground floor residential use, to allow an FAR of up to 2.0, a waiver of 4 parking stalls, a waiver for parking in the side setback and a waiver of the minimum stall depth requirements at 1114 Beacon Street, Ward 6, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 54 Block 22 Lot 04, containing approximately 51,745 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 2. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 7.4, 4.4.1, 4.1.2.B.1, 4.1.2.B.3, 4.1.3, 7.8.2.C.2, 5.1.4.A, 5.1.13, 5.1.7.A, 5.1.8.B.2, 5.1.8.D.2, 5.4.2.B of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

Petition to allow 27-unit multi-family dwelling at 1114 Beacon Street

Request for discussion relative to increasing the number of inclusionary units
COUNCILORS LAREDO, WRIGHT, NORTON, MARKIEWICZ, LIPOF, MALAKIE, BAKER, KRINTZMAN & KALIS requesting a discussion of what specific measures the City can take to meet the 40B threshold (the state’s requirement for number of affordable units), including raising the requirements for the number of affordable units in large developments.
Referred to Programs & Services Committee

#73-20 Request to eliminate eight at-large City Councilor seats
HARRY SANDERS, 607 Watertown Street requesting the elimination of one at-large councilor from each ward. This measure would take effect after the close of the 2020-2021 term.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

#74-20 Requesting a discussion regarding the policy on facial surveillance technology
COUNCILORS HUMPHREY, ALBRIGHT AND AUCHINCLOSS requesting a discussion with a representative of the ACLU of Massachusetts regarding the current policy environment on facial surveillance technologies.

#75-20 Requesting ordinance amendment to procedure for obtaining licenses
CAPTAIN ANASTASIA, NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT requesting an amendment to Chapter 19-332 (e) Procedure for obtaining licenses in the following sentence: ...The committee shall forward its recommendations for approval or denial to the full city council during the month of January December of each year.

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 22, 2020

#76-20 Eversource Energy petition for a Grant of Location on Claflin Place
EVERSOURCE ENERGY petitioning for a grant of location to relocate one pole (JO Pole #513/1) approximately 22.1’ northerly from its existing location in front of 3-5 Claflin Place to the south side of Claflin Place.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 22, 2020

#77-20 National Grid petition for grant of location in Jackson Street.
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain 300’ +/- of 16” gas main in Jackson Street from the 10” gas main at #30 Jackson Street 240’ easterly to the intersection of Boylston Street (Route 9), to cross Boylston Street at #335 and extend easterly to Florence Street and 30’ on Florence Street from the intersection of Route 9 to the existing regulator.

Public Hearing to be assigned for January 22, 2020

#78-20 National Grid petition for grant of location in Sargent Street.
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain 621’ +/- of 8” gas main in Sargent Street from the 4” gas main at the intersection of Park Avenue westerly to existing 8’ gas main at the intersection of Hyde Avenue and 609’ +/- of 4” gas main in Jameson Road from the new 8 inch gas main in Sargent Street to the end of main at #48 Jameson Road. This is to replace and abandon the existing 4’ gas main in Sargent Street and the existing 6’ gas main in Jameson Road.
Public Hearing to be assigned for January 22, 2020

#79-20 National Grid petition for grant of location in David Road.
NATIONAL GRID petition for a grant of location to install and maintain 250’ +/- of 4” gas main in David Road from the 4” gas main at #28 David Road northwesterly to the end of the main at #11 David Road.

#80-20 Discussion on the cost and benefits of undergrounding utility wires/cables
COUNCILOR LAREDO requesting a discussion to consider the costs and benefits of undergrounding utility wires/cables when major streets are repaved.

Referred to Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

#81-20 Discussion on transportation priorities and public works
PUBLIC FACILITIES COMMITTEE, PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND COUNCILOR LEARY requesting a discussion with the administration and school officials on transportation priorities and public works/streets/sidewalks etc.

Referred to Finance Committee

#82-20 Appropriate $41,869 from E-Rate Funds to fund technology enhancements
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend forty-one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine dollars ($41,869) from E-Rate reimbursement funds in order to fund the conversion of the phone system at Williams Elementary School to Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP)

#83-20 Authorization to expend a $3,000 US Food and Drug Administration Grant
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a three thousand dollars ($3,000) grant from the United States Food and Drug Administration for Environmental Health Specialist training.

#84-20 Authorization to expend a $200,000 Housing Choice Grant
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a two hundred thousand-dollar ($200,000) Housing Choice Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to study the possibility of converting the West Newton Armory into affordable housing.

Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#85-20 Transfer $1,000,000 for snow and ice removal
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) from the Budget Reserve – Snow and Ice Removal Account to the following accounts:

DPW Overtime, Snow & Ice Removal
(0140123-513010)................................................................. $250,000

DPW Rental Vehicles/Subcontractors
(0140123-527301)................................................................. $750,000
Referred to Public Facilities and Finance Committees

#86-20  Ordinance amendment to increase number of units eligible for 2nd meters
COUNCILOR NORTON proposing an ordinance amendment to Chapter 29, Section 24(c) to amend the number of residential dwelling units eligible for outdoor meters from no more than four dwelling units to no more than twenty dwelling units.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

#87-20  Appropriate $900,000 for Fire Rescue Full Time Salaries
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend nine hundred thousand dollars ($900,000) from June 30, 2019 Certified Free Cash to Acct# 0121022-511001 Fire Rescue Full Time Salaries.

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

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

#88-20  Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING requesting review, discussion, and direction relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance.