



City Council Docket

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Monday, February 2, 2026
7:45 PM, Hybrid
To be reported on
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

The City Council will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting in the City Hall Chambers Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:45 PM. To view this meeting on Zoom use this link

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City of Newton City Council Docket

Referred to Land Use Committee

Public Hearing 02-10-26

#69-26

Request to allow a home business in a detached accessory building and to allow the business to exceed 30% of the ground floor area

BENJAMIN GRACE petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL, to construct a two-story detached accessory building with an office for a home business on the first story and an ADU, a home business that exceeds 30% of the ground floor area of the dwelling, and more than two parking stalls within the side setback at 224 Melrose Street, Ward 4, Newton, on land known as Section 41 Block 17 Lot 25, containing approximately 15,750 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Single Residence 3. Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 6.7.3.B.1.k.iv,

6.7.3.B.1.b, 5.1.7.A and 5.1.13 of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing 02-10-26

#70-26 Request for a special permit to allow for shared parking at 148 California Street

KF REALITY TRUST petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL, to allow for a one-third reduction in parking of 260 stalls, resulting in an on-site requirement of 519 stalls, allowing for more flexibility for future tenancing of the commercial spaces at 148 California Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 11 Block 12 Lot 11, containing approximately 231,486 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned Manufacturing . Ref: Sec. 7.3.3, 5.1.4.A and 5.1.4.C, of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Public Hearing 02-10-26

#71-26 Request to Rezone 148 California Street to Business Use 2

KF REALITY TRUST petition to rezone 148 California Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 11 Block 12 Lot 11, from MANUFACTURING to BUSINESS USE 2.

#72-26 Petition seeking release from the Restrictive Covenant at 148 California Street

KF REALITY TRUST petition requesting that the City of Newton release the restrictive covenant, adopted by Board Order #162-88 and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 30627, Page 331, as amended, on the property at 148 California Street, Ward 1, Newton, on land known as Section 11 Block 12 Lot 11, containing approximately 231,486 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned MANUFACTURING.

Referred to Zoning & Planning Committee

#64-26 Requesting discussion and amendments to Section 1.5.1.B of Chapter 30, Zoning

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion and amendments to Section 1.5.1.B, Two-Family, Detached of Chapter 30, Zoning.

#65-26 Requesting discussion and amendment to Section 1.5.3 of Chapter 30, Zoning

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting discussion and possible zoning amendments to Section 1.5.3 Setback to allow for transformers to project into the setback.

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation Committee

- #48-26 Study of Public Parking needed in Village Centers**
COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, ROCHE, and DAHMUBED requesting a discussion on the role of public parking in our commercial village centers. This discussion should focus on (a) the perceived parking needs in our commercial village centers; (b) a review of past parking studies in Newton's commercial village centers, subsequent implementation efforts, and the results of those efforts; (c) parking studies in neighboring cities or towns to provide appropriate parking in commercial village or town centers; and d) best practices in parking provision as defined by parking professionals. (180 days: 08/01/2026)
- #63-26 Appointment of Timothy V. Cohoon as Chief of Newton Police Department**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Timothy V. Cohoon as Chief of Newton Police Department. (30 days: 03/04/2026)
- #62-26 Requesting a discussion and ordinance change to the City's Overnight Parking Ban**
COUNCILORS LUCAS, BLOCK, SILBER, KALIS, IRISH, FARRELL, KRINTZMAN, WRIGHT and CHARM requesting a discussion and ordinance change to the City's Overnight Parking Ban. (180 days: 07/25/26)

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

- #61-26 Financial, technical and safety assessment of Actibump solution**
COUNCILORS SILBER, KALIS, FARRELL, BIXBY, GREENBERG, OLIVER, MALAKIE, LUCAS, ALBRIGHT, IRISH and BLOCK requesting discussion about the potential for using the Actibump (<https://www.edeva.se/en/#products>) solution to supplement or replace speed tables in Newton for traffic calming and reduction of speeding. (180 days: 07/25/26)

Referred to Finance Committee

- #67-26 Appropriation of \$43,800.68 to Newton Public Schools**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate and expend forty-three thousand eight hundred dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$43,800.68) from Acct# 0001-3240, June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools Acct# 01C30109-579500, School Sustainability Initiatives, for Helpsy textile collection and recycling.
- #68-26 Appropriation of \$17,600 to Newton Public Schools**
HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to appropriate seventeen thousand six hundred dollars (\$17,600) from Acct# 0001-3240, June 30, 2025 Certified Free Cash, to Newton Public Schools Acct# 01C30106-538301, Foster Care Transportation, for disadvantaged student transportation.

Referred to Programs & Services & Finance Committees

- #66-26 Transfer of \$82,000 to provide funding for Arts and Culture Director**

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000) from Acct# 0160251-511001, Parks and Recreation Full-Time Salaries, and sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) from Acct# 0160251-57HLTH, Parks and Recreation Health Insurance, to Acct# 0160480-511001, Arts and Culture Full-Time Salaries and Acct# 0160480-57HLTH, Arts and Culture Health Insurance, respectively to provide funding for Arts and Culture Director Meryl Kessler through Fiscal Year 2026.

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

Referred to Finance Committee

- #73-26** **CPC recommendation to appropriate \$34,626 for bike parking at parks and high schools**
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending the appropriation of thirty-four thousand six hundred twenty-six dollars (\$34,626) in Community Preservation Act funding from Acct# 5800-3599, CPA Unrestricted Fund Balance, for the installation of bike parking at various park locations citywide and at both high schools.