



City Council Actions

In City Council

Monday, July 8, 2019

Present: Councilors Albright, Auchincloss, Baker, Brousal-Glaser, Ciccone, Cote, Crossley, Danberg, Downs, Gentile, Greenberg, Grossman, Kelley, Krintzman, Lappin, Leary, Lipof, Markiewicz, Noel, Schwartz and Laredo

Absent: Councilors Kalis, Norton and Rice

The City Council discussed the following items on Second Call:

The Rules & Orders of the Council contain a blackout period to avoid scheduling public hearings for Major Projects in July or August. The following petition was filed with the Clerk of the Council on June 27, 2019 during the June 1 to July 20 blackout period. A suspension of the rules is required as the petition seeks to allow a waiver of 14 parking stalls, which meets one of the criteria for a Major Project. The petitioner is requesting a suspension of the rules pursuant to Article IX, Section 1 of the Rules & Orders (3/4 vote) of the City Council to suspend the time restrictions to allow the petition to be assigned a public hearing for August 6, 2019

Referred to Land Use Committee

#238-19 **Petition to allow parking waivers for a health club at 35-41 Lincoln Street**
PAUL FEINBERG/EVELYN P GREENSPAN TRUST petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit Board Order # 306-12 to allow a waiver of 14 parking stalls and to allow assigned parking at 35-41 Lincoln Street, Ward 6, Newton Highlands, on land known as Section 52 Block 08 Lot 18, containing approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of land in a district zoned BUSINESS USE 1. Ref: Sec. 7.3, 7.4, 5.1.4, 5.1.13, 5.1.3.E of Chapter 30 of the City of Newton Rev Zoning Ord, 2017.

Motion to Suspend the Rules, to Accept to the Docket and Assign a Public Hearing was Approved by a Vote of 20 Yeas, 1 Recused (Councilor Laredo), 3 Absent (Councilors Kalis, Norton and Rice)

Clerk's Note:

Referred to Land Use Committee

#179-19 **Petition to amend Board Order #96-17 to allow bank use at Washington Place**
WASHINGTON PLACE OWNER, LLC petition for SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN APPROVAL to amend Special Permit Council Order #96-17 to allow modification of Condition #34 to allow the petitioner to lease commercial space to not more than one commercial bank with a total square footage not to exceed 3,800 sq. ft. at 845 Washington Street and 245

Referred to Public Facilities Committee

- #194-19** **5-58 for the Newton Early Childhood Program at 687 Watertown Street**
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE petition, pursuant to 5-58, for schematic design and site plan approval at 687 Watertown Street for the interior renovation of the former Horace Mann school to accommodate the Newton Early Childhood Program and proposed site design that includes a new entry plaza, removal of the existing modular structures to provide an access drive, a school transportation van loading area and emergency access, and landscaping improvements. Additional site improvements include parking improvements and an accessible ramp to new play structures located in the adjacent area north of the building.
Public Facilities Approved 5-0-2 (Lappin, Gentile abstaining)

- #230-19** **Resolution in support of the F.U.T.U.R.E. Act**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, KELLEY, LAREDO, LEARY AND NORTON requesting a resolution from the City Council in support of “An Act for Utility Transition to Using Renewable Energy” House H.2849/Senate S.1940, also known as the FUTURE Act, which mandates measures that address the urgent need to advance repair of a growing number of underground leaking gas pipes under our streets, while implementing a transition to safer and cleaner energy sources, and mandates processes to ensure coordinating this work with municipalities.
Public Facilities Approved 7-0 (Laredo not Voting)

Referred to Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

- #231-19** **Mayor’s re-appointment of Daniel Kunitz as a trustee of the Cousens Fund**
DANIEL KUNITZ, 51 Pratt Drive, West Newton re-appointed as a trustee of the Horace Cousens Fund for a term of office to expire on June 1, 2022. (60 days – 08/17/19)
Finance Approved 6-0

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

- #224-19** **Request for salary increase for City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council**
COUNCILORS LAREDO AND KALIS requesting an increase in the salary of the City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council to \$139,719 effective July 1, 2019 to match the percentage increase included in the FY20 budget for H-grade employees.
Programs & Services Approved 7-0 on 06-19-19
Finance Approved 6-0

Motions to Suspend the Rules to Report out the following items without written reports were Approved by Voice Vote