



Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, February 8, 2021

7:00 PM

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Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Public Hearing

- #485-20** **Economic Development Commission requesting City Ordinance amendments**
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION requesting an amendment of Sections 4.4.1 (Business, Mixed Use & Manufacturing Districts), 6.4.28 (Research and Development), and 6.5.9 (Laboratory and Research Facility) in order to clarify inconsistencies in the way Research and Development is treated in the use tables and definitions. Providing clarity in where Research and Development uses are allowed is necessary to diversity Newton's Economy, make Newton competitive with surrounding communities in attracting 21st century industries and jobs, and raise Newton's commercial tax revenue and implement recommendation from the 2019 Newton Strategic Plan (Camoin study).
- #448-20** **Proposal to amend City of Newton Zoning Ordinances Chap. 30. Sec 3.4 Garages**
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY, on behalf of the Zoning & Planning Committee proposing to amend Chapter 30, City of Newton Zoning Ordinances, by repealing Ordinance No. A-78 and amending the regulation of garages in residential zoning districts as set forth in Chapter 30, Section 3.4. The objectives are to prevent garages from dominating the streetscape, improve safety along the public way for all modes of travel and achieve consistency with climate action goals.

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Chair's Note: The Zoning & Planning Committee will continue review of the changes required to the Marijuana ordinances in preparation for the public hearing on March 8, 2021.

#41-21 Zoning Amendments for Marijuana Establishments

THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT requesting amendments to the Newton Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 30, Sections 4.4 and 6.10, to amend the regulations for marijuana establishments to be consistent with the regulations put forth by the Cannabis Control Commission on January 8, 2021.

Chair's Note: The Zoning & Planning Committee will continue its discussion with Planning Department staff on a Zoning Work Plan for 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah J. Crossley, Chair