



Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, November 13, 2023

7:00 pm
Room 204

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/83278008509> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 832 7800 8509.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Public Hearing

#205-23 Petition to rezone lots on Charles Street

TERRENCE P. MORRIS, ESQ. petitioning to amend the City of Newton's Zoning Map by changing the current zoning of the property known as and numbered 132 Charles Street, Newton, Ma, and shown on the City of Newton Assessor's database as Section 41, Block 06, Lots 14, currently zoned MULTI-RESIDENCE 1 and MANUFACTURING, and Section 41, Block 06, Lot 26, currently zoned MANUFACTURING, to MIXED USE 1.

Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 10/10/23

Chair's note: *There is no word yet from DOER regarding whether our proposed ordinance is satisfactory. The committee will discuss when to close the public hearing and send this item forward into the next term.*

#94-23 Discussion and possible ordinance requiring electrification of all new construction and substantial renovations

COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, LIPOF, DOWNS, HUMPHREY, LAREDO, NORTON, MALAKIE, BOWMAN, DANBERG, WRIGHT, RYAN, LEARY, ALBRIGHT, GREENBERG, KELLEY, OLIVER, AND MARKIEWICZ requesting an update and discussion with the Sustainability Director on the requirements under the Ten Communities program, that would allow Newton to require electrification of all new

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construction and substantial renovations, and to consider adopting such an ordinance.

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 06/14/23; Public Hearing Continued

Chair's Note: *The Sustainability Team, joined by members of the Citizen's Commission on Energy, will provide an overview of the draft Newton BERDO ordinance, key elements of the program, lessons learned from outreach to property owners, and proposed program administration. The committee will discuss public education, and consider timing for setting public hearing in 2024.*

#50-22 **Request for Discussion and Ordinance to require energy use reporting**
COUNCILORS CROSSLEY, LEARY, NORTON AND BOWMAN on behalf of the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy (NCCE), requesting discussion and an ordinance that would require large property owners (campuses and large commercial buildings) to report energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions annually to the city of Newton, to be used to encourage reductions in said energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in accordance and support of the goals set forth in the Newton Climate Action Plan. (formerly #181-21)

Referred to Zoning & Planning and Public Facilities Committees

#48-22 **Requesting an update on the status of implementing the Climate Action Plan**
PUBLIC FACILITIES and ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEES requesting an update from the Sustainability Team and appropriate staff on the status of implementing Climate Action Plan measures, expanding municipal energy efficiency and renewable energy programs as follows:
Newton Power Choice participation rates, municipal power purchasing contracts for gas and electricity; Solar Power Purchase Agreement including operational and PV installations under construction, municipal energy consumption (DOER report) Green Communities grant funded efficiency projects to date, Energy Coach/ "4 our Future" program and zoning ordinances both to increase building energy efficiency/renewables in the private sector and foster sustainable development patterns. (formerly #324-21)

Zoning & Planning Approved 7-0 (Councilor Albright not voting) on 10/12/22

**Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah J. Crossley, Chair**