PUBLIC HEARING
APPLICATION AND NOTICE

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT
PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with section 1 of chapter 369 of the acts of 1982, **the City Council of the City of Newburyport** will hold a public hearing on the determination of the **Percentage of Tax Levy** to be borne by each **Class** of **Real and Personal Property** for **Fiscal Year 2015.** The hearing will be held in **the Council Chambers** at **Newburyport City Hall at 7:15 P.M., Monday, November 10, 2014.** At which time all interested parties may be heard.

Councilor Thomas O'Brien
A true copy attest:
Richard B. Jones, City Clerk

To the Daily News,

Please run the legal ad as written above on Monday, November 3, 2014.

This can be billed to:
978-465-4403
Assessors Office
City Hall
Newburyport, MA 01950

City of Newburyport

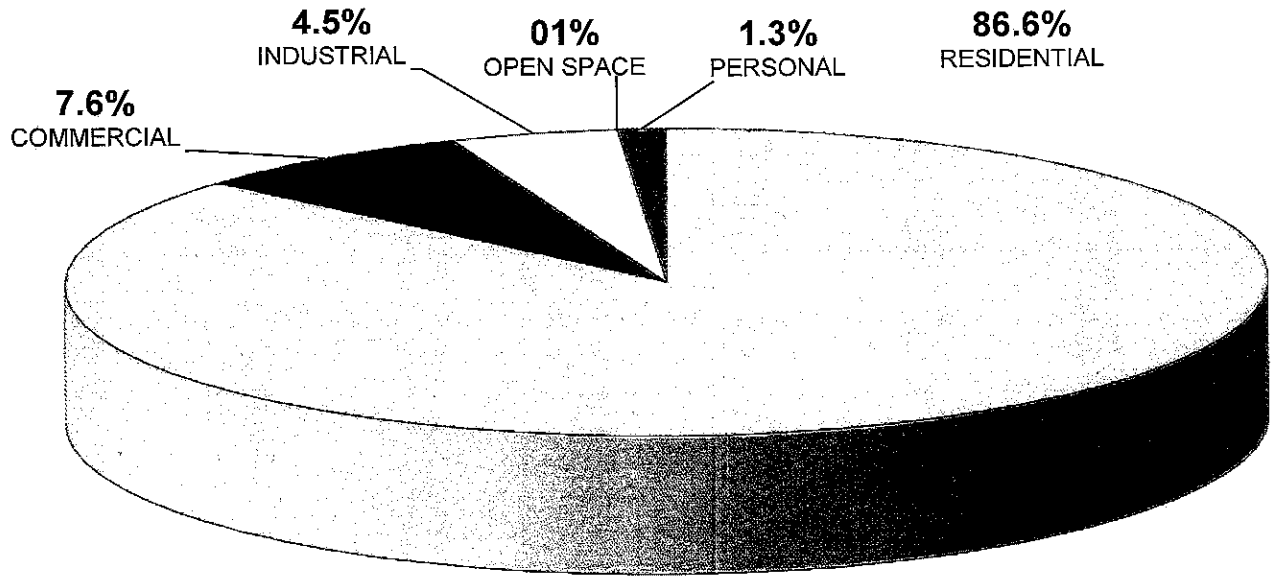
Fiscal 2015

Tax Classification Hearing

Monday
November 10, 2014

- Parcel Count by Class (pie chart)
- Shift Analysis (proposed tax rate)

City of Newburyport
Property Value by Class
FY' 2015



City of Newburyport Shift Analysis Fiscal Year 2015

Shift	Res. Factor	R & O Rate	C,I & P Rate
0.00	1.0000	13.34	13.34
0.05	0.9923	13.24	14.01
0.10	0.9845	13.13	14.67
0.15	0.9768	13.03	15.34
0.20	0.9691	12.93	16.01
0.25	0.9613	12.82	16.68
0.30	0.9536	12.72	17.34
0.35	0.9459	12.62	18.01
0.40	0.9381	12.51	18.68
0.45	0.9304	12.41	19.34
0.50	0.9227	12.31	20.01

Shift	Avg. Single Family 501,800	Avg. Commercial* 1,084,200	Avg. Industrial.* 1,787,400
0.00	$6,694.01	$14,463.23	$23,843.92
0.05	$6,643.83	$15,189.64	$25,041.47
0.10	$6,588.63	$15,905.21	$26,221.16
0.15	$6,538.45	$16,631:63	$27,418.72
0.20	$6,488.27	$17,358.04	$28,616.27
0.25	$6,433.08	$18,084.46	$29,813.83
0.30	$6,382.90	$18,800.03	$30,993.52
0.35	$6,332.72	$19,526.44	$32,191.07
0.40	$6,277.52	$20,252.86	$33,388.63
0.45	$6,227.34	$20,968.43	$34,568.32
0.50	$6,177.16	$21,694.84	$35,765.87

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***Excludes Condos and Vacant Land**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA - VERSION 1
November 10, 2014

7:15PM
Tax Classification and Tax Rate Hearing

7:30 PM

(Sound Check)
1. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **CALL TO ORDER**
4. **LATE FILE ITEMS**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
6. **MAYOR'S COMMENT**

CONSENT AGENDA

NOTE: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (Approve)
   October 27, 2014

8. **TRANSFERS** (Approve)
   1. DPS Highway RSV App DPW Gas to DPS Highway Fuel & Oil $150,000

9. **COMMUNICATIONS** (R&F)
   1. Letter from Chamber of Commerce regarding tax rate

10. **APPOINTMENTS – First Reading**

APPOINTMENTS

1. David B. Vine	47 Marlboro St.	Conservation Commission	May 31, 2016

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **COMMUNICATIONS**
    2. LATE FILE Mayor's Update

12. **APPOINTMENTS Second Reading -**

APPOINTMENTS

1. Michael Traister	327 Merrimac Street	Police Officer
2. Matthew J. Whitty	1 Parish Rd, Georgetown	Special Police Officer
3. Tori M. Smith	10 Milk St. #1	Special Police Officer
4. Ryan Cutter	17 Rawson Avenue	Special Police Officer

13. **ORDERS**
    1. Tax Classification
    2. Tax Rate FY2015

14. **ORDINANCES**
    1. Amend ORD 13-174 State Street Resident Parking

15. **COMMITTEE ITEMS**
    Budget & Finance
    In Committee:
    1. Mayor letter regarding Order for Revolving Fund Expenses **03/17/2014*
    2. Order Amend Revolving Fund expenses **03/17/2014*

3. Order Home Rule Petition- supplementing education budget (COTW) *05/12/2014
4. Amend ORD Ch. 2 Section 2-45 City Council Salary *05/12/2014
5. Amend ORD Ch. 2 Section 2-61A School Committee Salary *05/12/2014
6. Human Resources Dependent Audit *06/30/2014
7. Transfer Mayor PdPkg Rev to Inn St Rest Proj ($325,000), to Pkg Rev Coll ($40,000) *10/27/2014

General Government

Joint Education

In Committee:

1. Order Home Rule Petition- supplementing education budget (COTW) *05/12/2014

License & Permits

In Committee:

1. Movable Sign Application Newburyport Brewing Company *02/10/2014
2. Amend ORD Sec. 9-114 Transient Vendors Restricted Areas *04/28/2014
3. Letter regarding transient vendor licensing *06/30/2014

Neighborhoods and City Services

Planning & Development

In Committee:

1. Letter from Newburyport Preservation Trust *03/31/2014
2. Amend ORD Zoning Change, R3 Zone to R2 Zone - Back Bay Neighborhood *09/29/2014
3. Order Proposed vote of Discontinuance of Barker St. *10/14/2014

Public Safety

In Committee:

1. Multiple Sclerosis Soc. 2015 Walk, April 11, 2015 *10/14/2014
2. Amend ORD 13-179 Handicap Space Emma Andrews Library *10/27/2014

Public Utilities Committee

In Committee:

1. Letter from Daniel Eyink, MD regarding water fluoridation *05/27/2014

Rules Committee

16. GOOD OF THE ORDER

17. ADJOURNMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - VERSION 1
October 27, 2014

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM

Council President O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The President mentioned that Gary Calderwood, the Building Commissioner, is out of Rehab and on his way to recovery. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He then instructed the City Clerk to call the roll. The following Councillors answered present: Cameron, Connell, Cronin, Eigerman, Giunta, Heartquist, Herzog, Kinsey, Tontar, Vogel, O'Brien. 11 present.

LATE FILES – Transfer #1 and Communication #1 Mayor's Update
Motion to waive the rules and allow late files by Councillor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Kinsey. So voted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1.	Matthew Whitty	38 Kimball Ave, #1, Ipswich	
2.	Ryan Cutter	17 Rawson Ave.	Reserve PO
3.	Wayne Amaral	DPS	DPS Deputy Director
4.	John Clifford	149 Merrimac St.	Cashman Dog Park

MAYOR'S COMMENT – The Mayor gave an update and proclamation for Jane Niebling's 14 years of service with the Newburyport Chamber Music Festival.

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1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   October 14, 2014 (Approved)

2. **TRANSFERS - None**

3. **COMMUNICATIONS - None**

3. **APPOINTMENTS-First Reading**

APPOINTMENTS

1.	Michael Traister	327 Merrimac Street	Police Officer
2.	Matthew J. Whitty	1 Parish Rd, Georgetown	Special Police Officer
3.	Tori M. Smith	10 Milk St. #1	Special Police Officer
4.	Ryan Cutter	17 Rawson Avenue	Special Police Officer

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Cameron. So voted.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **TRANSFER**
   1. LATE FILE Downtown Paid Pkg Revolving $365,000 to Inn St, Parking Revenue Collection System

Motion to refer to Budget & Finance by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Connell. So voted.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**
   1. LATE FILE Mayor's Update

6. **APPOINTMENTS Second Reading -**

RE-APPOINTMENTS

1.	Anne Spraker	20 Tremont St., Unit 1	Cultural Council	Oct. 1, 2017

Motion to approve second reading by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Tontar. Roll call vote, 11 yes. So voted.

6. ORDERS

1. Bond Premium Order $80,200

Motion to approve by Councillor Connell, seconded by Councillor Herzog. So voted.

2. Bond Premium Order $46,800

Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Giunta. So voted.

3. Bond Premium Order $262,000

Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Giunta. So voted.

7. ORDINANCES

1. Amend ORD 13- 179 Handicap Space Emma Andrews Library

Motion to refer to Public Safety by Councillor Herzog, seconded by Councillor Connell. So voted.

8. COMMITTEE ITEMS

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In Committee:

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General Government

Joint Education

Councillor Kinsey stated that there is a joint meeting with the School Committee and City Council pursuant to the new Charter, on Nov. 12 at 6:15pm with a light dinner being served.

In Committee:

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3. Letter regarding transient vendor licensing **06/30/2014*
4. Parks Commission letter re: dogs Cashman Park **09/29/2014*

Motion to remove by Councillor Heartquist, seconded by Councillor Connell. So voted. Motion to receive and file by Councillor Heartquist, seconded by Councillor Herzog. So voted.

Neighborhoods and City Services

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In Committee:

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Rules Committee

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

President O'Brien announced that there would be an 'Evening with the Mayors' sponsored by the Historical Society of Old Newbury on November 6, 2014 at 6:30 pm in City Hall auditorium.

Councillor Cameron mentioned that for a number of weeks people have rooted for the Chiefs or the Giants however next week, regardless of who wins the series, we will all be Red Sox fans again!

Councillor Herzog stated that Technology Regional Forum regarding expanding broadband and local cable access is Wednesday October 29th at 7pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Tontar moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Cameron at 8:00 pm. So voted.

TRANSFERS

Transfer #1
November 10, 2014

City of Newburyport
FY 2015
BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST

RECEIVED
CLERK'S OFFICE
NEWBURYPORT, MA
2014 NOV -4 A 10: 15

Department: DPS Highway
Submitted by: Anthony J. Furnari, Director **Date Submitted:** 11/10/2014

Transfer From:

Account Name	RSV APP - DPW GAS	YTD Bal:	$	206,236.02
Account Number:	2722-59600	Trans In:	$	-
Amount:	$150,000.00	Trans Out:	$	-
Why are Funds Available:	*This is the standard method of funding for the DPS fuel and oil account.*			

Departments pay for gasoline and the funds are deposited into this revenue account and then transferred to the fuel and oil expenditure account within the Highway budget to purchase more fuel.

Transfer To:

Account Name	DPS Highway-Fuel and Oil	YTD Bal:	$	14,898.64
Account Number:	01421004-54801	Trans In:	$	-
Amount:	$150,000.00	Trans Out:	$	-
Why are Funds Required:	*Funds are required to buy gasoline and oil that is used by city vehicles.*			

Donna D. Holaday, Mayor — Donna D Holaday — Date: 11/4/15
Ethan R. Manning, Auditor — Ethan R Manning — Date: 11/4/14
City Council Approval: (Stamp)

COMMUNICATIONS

GREATER NEWBURYPORT CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
38R Merrimac Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Communication #1
November 10, 2014

Phone: 978-462-6680
Fax: 978-465-4145
E-mail: info@newburyportchamber.org
Web Site: www.newburyportchamber.org

RECEIVED
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
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2014 NOV -5 A 11:13

November 3, 2014

Honorable Mayor Donna D. Holaday and Members of the Newburyport City Council
Newburyport City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Re: Single Tax Rate

Dear Mayor Holaday and Members of the City Council:

The Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry, representing 750 businesses of which approximately 600 are located in Newburyport, supports a single tax rate for the City of Newburyport for the following reasons:

- The City's Master Plan includes an economic development goal of maintaining a balanced economy. Currently the City's industrial commercial tax base is 15%. In essence, the goal of the City is to attract business and promote economic development to broaden the tax base.

- The current administration has made Economic Development a key part of the Planning Director's job description. Key is the support of that Newburyport's elected officials have maintained a single tax rate for a number of years makes Newburyport a much more desirable community for business to locate/relocate than many other neighboring cities and towns.

- We continue to face competition from our neighboring states in terms of financial incentives to keep jobs in Newburyport and Massachusetts; it is becoming more challenging each year. A single tax rate would be attractive to potential businesses looking to relocate: a split rate, however, would serve to do just the opposite.

- We will continue to face competition from our neighboring communities and across the border in New Hampshire, in particular Salisbury, as it develops its waterfront.

- Any increase in commercial taxes will be passed along to the retail stores. Currently taxes range from $.76/SF to $3.86/SF, depending on location. Any increases, particularly in these tough economic times, will be very difficult for the shop owners to absorb.

- In downtown Newburyport there are more than 1500 full-time employees and approximately 800 part-timers. We need to preserve these jobs.

- In the Newburyport Business and Industrial Park there are 3000 people presently employed. Two thirds of these employees live within a 15-mile radius of Newburyport. The total payroll exceeds $150 million with 14.5% of the total going to Newburyport residents. In spite of these tough economic times, less than 10% of the 1.7 million square feet is not occupied.

- Commercial and industrial businesses are net contributors to the City; in other words they use fewer services than residential taxpayers.

- As in the past, Newburyport businesses generously support local charities and educational activities. This past year in excess of $ 5 million plus was contributed to these entities and over $5 million has been pledged for on-going capital campaigns. In addition to this philanthropy, business leaders contribute hundreds of hours of their time and their employees' time to these worthwhile and important civic needs. Leadership roles in these organizations are dominated by our business leaders.

- Capital investment by manufacturing companies continues to be very robust with over $100 million in a 5-year period, supporting further employment in the City.

- According to the City's assessor, 85.9% of the tax base is residential. Placing an added tax burden on those 15% who are businesses would create an added burden in an already down economy while offering only a small savings for residential. Our efforts need to be focused on increasing the base, not increasing the taxes.

- The Community Preservation Act (CPA) passed in 2003 puts a 2% surcharge on all properties for the preservation of open and recreational space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. While residential properties have the first $100,000 of evaluation excluded from their assessment, however, commercial does not receive the discount and is taxed at 100% of evaluation.

Given these reasons, we ask that you vote to continue a single tax rate system for residents and businesses in the City of Newburyport. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this important request.

Very truly yours,

Kim Gobbi Board Chair	Scott Eaton EDAC Chair	Mary Anne Clancy Legislative Affairs Committee	Ann Ormond President

Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce & Industry

APPOINTMENTS
FIRST READING

Appointment #1
November 10, 2014

City of Newburyport
Office of the Mayor
Donna D. Holaday, Mayor

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RECEIVED
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NEWBURYPORT, MA
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To: President and Members of the City Council

From: Donna D. Holaday, Mayor

Date: November 5, 2014

Subject: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Conservation Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Mary Casey. This term will expire on May 31, 2016.

David B. Vine
47 Marlboro Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

November 4, 2014

Honorable Mayor Donna Holaday
Newburyport City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Re: Conservation Commission Position

Dear Mayor Holaday,

I am pleased for the opportunity to apply for a position on the Newburyport Conservation Commission. As a resident of Newburyport over the past 36 years, and having been a small business owner in Newburyport for 23 years, I have gained an understanding of the City, and its many resources. In that regard, I feel by serving on this Commission, I can give something back to this wonderful community.

I am a Massachusetts licensed professional civil engineer. My professional background is described by the attached resume. Over the past 42 years, I have been involved in many civil projects with assignments having included engineering for private homeowners, businesses, municipalities, and State and Federal agencies. For many of these projects I have provided permitting services, and I feel I have an understanding of the State regulatory processes. In addition, I had previously served on the Newburyport Conservation Commission in the late 1980's, and I have served on national civil engineering committees, where I have co-authored chapters in the Small Craft Harbor Manual on the regulatory processes.

From 1987 through 2010, I founded, owned and operated a waterfront engineering firm based in Newburyport. This firm has provided engineering services for dozens of projects within the Newburyport area. In June 2010, my firm was acquired by GZA GeoEnvironmental Associates Inc. (GZA). GZA is a nationally recognized geotechnical, environmental, regulatory permitting and civil engineering firm of over 500 employees with over 2 dozen offices throughout the country. My prior employees and I have continued to work for GZA from our Newburyport office since the acquisition. In August of 2013, I retired from GZA, though I still maintain a working relationship with the firm, though on a very limited part-time basis.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to apply for this position. I look hearing from you regarding this appointment, and would be glad to meet with city officials to further discuss this.

Very truly yours,

David B. Vine, P.E.
47 Marlboro Street
Newburyport, MA 01950
978-462-9305
David.b.vine@gmail.com

Attachment

RESUME

Education

B.S., 1972, Civil Engineering,
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

M.S., 1975, Geotechnical Engineering,
University of Massachusetts

Professional Registrations

Professional Engineer
Massachusetts
Delaware
Connecticut
New Hampshire

Areas of Specialization

Marine/Waterfront Engineering
Underwater Inspections/Evaluations
Regulatory Permitting
Planning & Feasibility Studies
Seawall and Dune Construction
Shoreline Stabilization
Dredging and Beach Nourishment
Value Engineering

Summary of Experience

Mr. Vine has gained a broad range of experience from the varied civil engineering projects that he has been involved over the last 42 years. He has been responsible for all phases of project development from feasibility studies, facility planning, permitting, subsurface investigations, design, resident inspection, construction management and overall project management. Mr. Vine has also served as an expert witness and has represented public and private clients at conservation commissions and public meetings throughout New England.

Professional Experience

1975 to 1978 Edward W. Richardson Associates, Newark Delaware

Project Manager providing Geotechnical Engineering services for projects throughout Delaware. Performed Geotechnical Engineering field investigations, design and reports for building foundations for private and industrial sites.

1978 to 1985 Hayden Wegman Associates, Boston Massachusetts

Project Manager for many highway and water related projects throughout New England. Performed Geotechnical Engineering field investigations, design and reports for major highway projects in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Provided permitting, design and construction services for many State and municipal projects in Massachusetts. Provided structural investigations and design for Boston Harbor marine structures including Fish Pier and Commonwealth Pier (World Trade Center) for Massport redevelopment projects.

1985 to 1987 Massachusetts Port Authority, Boston Massachusetts

Project Manager for Massport Capitol Program Department. Provided consultant engineering management for major Massport berth rehabilitation projects including Conley Terminal Berth 11, North Jetty, Mystic Pier and Fish Pier.

1987 to 2010 Vine Associates Inc. (VA) and 2010 to Present GZA GeoEnvironmental Associates, Inc. (GZA), Newburyport, Massachusetts

Founder and President of VA, a 15 person firm providing investigations, design and construction services for over 1,000 waterfront related projects throughout the East Coast. In 2010 GZA acquired VA maintaining the Newburyport Office providing similar services. GZA is a 550 person firm with over 2 dozen offices throughout the country. Some of the projects over this period include the following:

Project Manager for many DCR-funded coastal structure projects, including Cashman Park Revetment and Plum Island Walkway in Newburyport, Gloucester seawall repairs, Fall River State Pier, Allerton Seawall in Hull, Salem New City Wharf, South River Harborwalk and Willows Park repairs, Salisbury Reservation Seawall and Dune construction, Town of Winthrop Town Pier and Marina, and the Fall River Boardwalk.

Project Manager for many DCR-funded dredging projects throughout Massachusetts including the Town of Cohasset (Cohasset Cove and Federal Channel), Allerton Harbor Dredging, Polpis Harbor Dredging and Beach Nourishment, Head of the Harbor Dredging, Sengekontacket Pond Dredging and Beach Nourishment, Town of Hingham, Quincy Bay, and Belle Isle Inlet Dredging.

Principal-in-Charge for feasibility and design for improvements at Consue Springs for the Town of Nantucket and the Nantucket Land Council in 2005. Improvements are to include resolve to the Town drainage system and dredging to restore historic depths to pond, which had filled in from excessive road runoff and Phragmites. GZA is presently retained by the Town to finalize permitting, design and construction phase services.

Project Manager or Principal in Charge for over 2 dozen repair, rehabilitation, and construction/reconstruction projects for the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport). Massport projects have included a $20 million reconstruction of Conley Terminal Berth 12; a $10 million (and $15 million) construction of East Boston Piers Park Phases 1 and 2; dredging consulting on the $60 million Massport Berth and Navigation Improvement Project; and the $1.5 million expansion of the Logan Airport Water Transportation facility.

Project Manager or Principal-in-Charge for water transportation projects throughout Massachusetts, including service upgrade projects for Massport, the Cities and Towns of Salem, Beverly, and Hull MA. Currently providing waterfront services for the waterfront structures, dredging and water transportation facilities for the proposed Everett Casino project for Wynn Associates.

Principal-in-Charge for GZA efforts on the recently completed MassHighway Department Port Inventory and Development Study for the Ports of Boston, Salem, Gloucester, Fall River and New Bedford. GZA efforts included providing an inventory of all marine structures within the Designated Port Areas (DPA) for each harbor. Also provided waterfront engineering input for Prime Consultant AECOM on the feasibility of potential development projects and the preparation of the report on the findings.

Served on a Study Committee for the New York City Department of Transportation, as a marine specialist to participate in a value engineering study and 6 day workshop on the impact of marine borers in New York Harbor and for design review for approximately $65 million of upcoming foundation construction projects including timber pile protection against marine borers along the FDR and Harlem River Drives in Manhattan, and the Carrol Street Bridge over Gowanus Canal, and the Ocean Avenue Bridge over Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn.

Principal-in-Charge for Nationwide US Coast Guard facility projects. VA was selected as one of six firms throughout the country receiving a 5 year contract for providing as-need waterfront services for all of the Coast Guard facilities nationwide. Assignments included dredging projects in Florida and Texas, and rehabilitation of maritime facilities in the States of Washington, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Project Manager for Massport East Boston Piers Park Projects. VA as subconsultant to SEA Consultants provided waterfront inspection, permitting, design and construction phase services for the construction of the $10 million public park. Project waterfront elements include steel float for sailing center, rehabilitation of granite walls, and stabilization of shorelines. Also provided design and permitting for $14 million Phase 2 Park that will include expansion the sailing center with addition floats and attenuation structures, as well as the dredging and disposal of 40,000 cubic yards of sediment.

Project Manager providing geotechnical and construction services for Massport berth maintenance and improvement dredging. Provided technical support for Massport personnel in establishing drawing and specification requirements for the US Army Corps of Engineer bided project.

Principal in Charge or Project Manager providing management and technical input for the planning, permitting, design and construction phase services of beach nourishment for Plum Island and Salisbury Beaches. Project included the use of 160,000 cubic yards of dredged sediment from the Merrimack River from the US Army Corps of Engineers federal project. Engineering also included the design, permitting and construction phase services for the installation of bio-degradable sandbag system to protect the area while funding was secured.

Professional Associations

American Society of Civil Engineers
Boston Society of Civil Engineers
International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering

Publications

Vine, D. and Rosen, P., "Historic Seawalls of the Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Region: Evolution, Construction and Repair." Recipient of Boston Society of Civil Engineers' Clemens Herschell Award for 1994.

Klancnik, F., Richie, W. and Vine, D., "Planning and Design Guidelines for Small Craft Harbors: Chapter 1 - Planning and Environmental Considerations," American Society of Civil Engineers Manual 50 Update, published 1994. Also co-author for the upgrading of this chapter for the 2012 edition of this manual.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

BEGINNING OF REGULAR AGENDA

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS
November 10, 2014
SECOND READING

APPOINTMENTS

1.	Michael Traister	327 Merrimac Street	Police Officer
2.	Matthew J. Whitty	1 Parish Rd, Georgetown	Special Police Officer
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In City Council October 27, 2014
Motion to approve the consent agenda by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Cameron. So voted.

ORDERS

Order #1
November 10, 2014

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 10, 2014

THAT all property within the City of Newburyport be taxed equally and that the method to determine this percentage of the local tax levy to be assessed by each class of property is established by the adoption of **Residential Factor** ___ and the setting of a _____ **Tax Rate FY 2015** in the City of Newburyport.

Councillor Charles F. Tontar
Budget & Finance Chairperson

Order #2
November 10, 2014

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 10, 2014

THAT the City of Newburyport **Tax Rate** for **FY 2015** be $_____ for all classes of property.

Councillor Charles F. Tontar
Budget & Finance Chairperson

City of Newburyport

Office of the Mayor

Donna D. Holaday, Mayor

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RECEIVED
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NEWBURYPORT, MA
2014 NOV -3 A 10:35

To: President and Members of the City Council

From: Donna D. Holaday, Mayor

Date: November 4, 2014

Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Tax Rate

The City has the authority to increase local tax rates by up to 2.5% on an annual basis and has historically followed this fiscal policy. The past two years, however, the Council has approved my requests to utilize a portion of Free Cash to defray 0.75% of the increases in the tax rate for FY13 and FY14. With Free Cash set to come in at approximately the same level as last year and increases in excluded debt for the two school projects and Senior/Community Center continuing to impact the tax rate, I am recommending the same action for FY15.

The City expects to have Free Cash certified by the Department of Revenue by the City Council's November 10th meeting, at which point I plan to submit to you a transfer request for $332,237 from Free Cash for the purpose of limiting this year's tax increase. Applying this amount of Free Cash to the General Fund will allow the City to set the FY15 tax rate at $13.34 per $1,000, $.09 less than it would be if we increased the rate the full 2.5%. This will save the average single family $45.16 on this year's property tax bill.

Overall, the uptick in the City's total valuation from $3.292 billion in FY14 to $3.608 billion in FY15 has served to *decrease* the tax rate per $1,000 by $.82 from $14.16 in FY14 to $13.34 in FY15. This reduction in the tax rate is due to the average assessed value of a Newburyport single family home *increasing* from $446,524 to $501,000 as a result of positive activity in the local real estate market over the past year.

Given the recent completion of the projects at the Bresnahan and Nock/Molin Schools, along with the ongoing construction at the new Senior/Community Center, I am pleased that we will finally have the facilities needed to properly serve Newburyport residents of all ages. I am also ever-mindful of the impact that these new projects have on our tax bills.

With excluded debt payments expected to increase approximately $670,000 going into FY16 and substantially levelling off thereafter, it is my goal and recommendation that the City continue to utilize our Free Cash reserves to stabilize tax rates until all debt related to the three projects is fully incorporated into the property tax bills. This *rate smoothing* policy has been vetted by both our Finance Team and the City's financial advisors, and will be incorporated into our formal Financial Policies.

It is also consistent with the efforts that have been made to moderate increases to water/sewer bills over the past several years. The capital improvements to the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Facility were major investments with associated debt payments that are now fully incorporated into the enterprise fund budgets. As we are doing with property taxes, substantial portions of reserves (Retained Earnings) were utilized to reduce the impact on ratepayers, including appropriations for FY15.

The City's healthy reserve balances are a product of sound fiscal practice as well as continued departmental oversight and budget management. These reserves belong to the taxpayers and exist not only for times of unexpected need but for times like this, as we make long overdue capital investments in our City. As such, I will be submitting forthwith a formal Free Cash transfer request to mitigate the impact of these capital investments on the FY15 tax rate.

ORDINANCES

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

November 10, 2014

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Newburyport as follows:

Chapter 13	Traffic and Motor Vehicles
Article 4	Specific Street Schedules
Division 6	Stopping, Standing and Parking
Section 13-174	Parking limited—Generally

Delete from the table:

State	For a period longer than four (4) hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during weekdays, excluding holidays, on either side from the intersection of Route 1 and State Street and continuing in a northerly direction approximately 1,250 feet.

Add to the table:

State	For a period longer than four (4) hours between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during weekdays, excluding holidays, on the westerly side from the intersection of Route 1 and State Street and continuing in a northerly direction approximately 1,250 feet.

Councillor Jared J. Eigerman

COMMITTEE ITEMS

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS

Late File Transfer #1
October 27, 2014

City of Newburyport
FY 2015
BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST

Department: Mayor's Office
Submitted by: Donna D. Holaday **Date Submitted:** 10/27/2014

Transfer From:

Account Name	Downtown Paid Parking Revolving	YTD Bal:	$ 630,011.63
Account Number:	2839-59600	Trans In:	$ -
Amount:	$365,000.00	Trans Out:	$ -

Why are Funds Available: *In 2011, the City of Newburyport established a Downtown Paid Parking Revolving Fund for the purpose of operating the Downtown Paid Parking Program, maintaining the downtown's public infrastructure, and funding other projects as determined by the Mayor and City Council. Funding sources include parking fees, violation fines and parking permits.*

Transfer To:

Account Name	Inn Street Restoration Project	YTD Bal:	$ -
Account Number:	3014-49700	Trans In:	$ -
Amount:	$325,000.00	Trans Out:	$ -

Why are Funds Required: *See attached memorandum from the Office of Planning & Development. Although substantial grant funding has been secured, supplemental (and "matching") City funds are required to complete this project in accordance with state requirements. The primary element of this project is restoration of the Inn Street Fountain.*

Transfer To:

Account Name	Parking Revenue Collection System	YTD Bal:	$ -
Account Number:	3015-49700	Trans In:	$ -
Amount:	$40,000.00	Trans Out:	$ -

Why are Funds Required: *The original Downtown Paid Parking order included $10,000 in annual capital reserve allocations towards the cyclical replacement of revenue collection machines. This transfer establishes a capital project account for the purpose of funding the cyclical replacement of parking kiosks.*

Donna D. Holaday, Mayor — Donna D. Holaday — Date: 10/27/14
Ethan R. Manning, Auditor — Ethan R. Manning — Date: 10/27/14
City Council Approval: (Stamp)

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To: President and Members of the Newburyport City Council

From: Ethan R. Manning, Finance Director/City Auditor

Date: October 27, 2014

Subject: Downtown Paid Parking Revolving Fund Transfers

In 2011, the City of Newburyport established a Downtown Paid Parking Revolving Fund in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 53E½. Funds established under 53E½ are annually authorized by the City Council with a designated spending limit, which is capped at 1% of the prior year tax levy. For FY2015, the authorized spending limit is $466,000, just below the maximum allowable amount of $466,178 per statute.

Specifically, the spending limit caps the amount that the authorized department head, in this case, the Parking Clerk, is authorized to spend each year without further appropriation. The spending limit does not, however, preclude the municipal appropriating authority (i.e. the Mayor and City Council acting together) from initiating transfers out of the revolving fund for any municipal purpose.

Annual operating costs for the Downtown Paid Parking Program average $300,000 per year. Therefore, approximately $166,000 remains for other expenditures based on the $466,000 spending limit. As such, funding Phase 1 of the Inn Street Fountain Renovation Project at an estimated $325,000 would put the revolving fund well over said limit. For that reason, City Council approval of such an appropriation is required.

In addition to the transfer for the Inn Street Project, there is a second transfer for $40,000 to the Parking Revenue Collection System capital account. The original order that established the Downtown Paid Parking Program stipulated that an annual $10,000 allocation would be made to fund the cyclical replacement of revenue collection machines (e.g. parking kiosks). As there have been no such allocations since 2011, it is the Mayor's recommendation that $40,000 is placed into a capital project account in keeping with the original order.

The current fund balance in the Downtown Paid Parking Revolving account is $630,012. The attached transfers would reduce the balance to $265,012.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Honorable members of the City Council**

FROM: **Andrew Port, Director of Planning & Development**

CC: **Donna D. Holaday, Mayor**
Peter Lombardi, Director of Policy & Administration
Ethan Manning, Finance Director
Lisë Reid, Parks Director

RE: **Budget Transfer Request – Inn Street Restoration Project**

DATE: **October 27th, 2014**

As you know, this department has coordinated several capital improvement projects for the Inn Street pedestrian mall during the past several years. These upgrades included lighting improvements, and removal of the large brick "turret" stairwell enclosures *(for public safety and overall beautification)*. Last year downtown parking program revenues were targeted toward renovation of the Green Street Parking Lot. This year we plan to make a more substantial restoration to the Inn Street pedestrian mall by renovating the Inn Street Fountain and resetting bricks in the immediate area *(where tripping hazards are worst from decades of settling)*. A public meeting was held to present the details of this project on October 16, 2014. This "Inn Street Restoration Project" will include drainage and utility improvements, new fountain jets, water collection and filtration equipment, interpretive panels, the addition of artistic uplighting and an interactive "spray park" feature *(water jets)* for the enjoyment of children. This project is part of our continued efforts to revitalize the Inn Street area and other downtown spaces by upgrading infrastructure and public amenities that have been allowed to deteriorate over the past several decades. These improvements will ensure the continued success of our downtown, including public spaces of the highest quality and civic engagement.

The attached Budget Transfer Request represents the balance of funds needed to complete this project. For the past several months we have been working with two firms (Delta Fountains and the local firm Horsley Witten Group) to prepare plans appropriate for the restoration of this landmark fountain sculpture and focal point of Inn Street. We are currently coordinating with area contractors to ensure that this project is completed before winter weather sets in. Although portions of the project may continue into spring, a state-mandated deadline of December 31, 2014 requires completion of work and reimbursement *(for portions of the project)* before the end of the calendar year. For that reason we ask for your immediate assistance with the attached transfer request, which will allow us to engage a qualified contractor to complete the project accordingly.

Following is a summary of the funding sources associated with this project:

	Funding Source – Inn Street Restoration Project	Project Funds
1	Community Preservation Funds	$50,000.00
2	Commonwealth of Massachusetts – EOEEA/Division of Conservation Services – Grant	$200,000.00
3	Downtown Parking Program Revenues *(transfer request)*	$325,000.00
	TOTAL >>	**$575,000.00**

This project, once complete, represents a substantial improvement to the Inn Street pedestrian mall. Primary work is focused on restoration of the historic Inn Street Fountain *(and related subsurface utilities)*, which is a state-listed historic resource of the Commonwealth. This sculpture, constructed in 1975 is symbolic of the Urban Renewal and historic preservation efforts of the time. Interpretive panels will be installed explaining the symbolism of the fountain as originally designed, the nature of present-day improvements, and the significance of Urban Renewal and historic preservation in downtown Newburyport, both of which surrounded the fountain's construction several decades ago. Upon the completion of this more urgent project, we will work with the Parks Director and Parks Commission to complete several smaller, but related improvements to the Inn Street pedestrian mall, including new plantings and ornamental fencing, additional brickwork and new public seating.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of the above transfer request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this, or any other, planning projects.