Committee on Legislative Matters and the Northampton City Council

Members:
Councilor Jesse M. Adams
Councilor David A. Murphy
Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra

MEETING AGENDA

Date: May 9, 2016
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers
212 Main St., Northampton, Massachusetts

1. **Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Public Comment**

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
   Minutes of April 11, 2016

   Documents: CommitteeOnLegislative_MattersApril_11_2016.pdf

4. **Items Referred to Committee**

   A. **16.025 An Ordinance Regarding Parking on Center Street - Referred to Committee on February 4, 2016**
   This ordinance received a positive recommendation from the Transportation and Parking Commission on April 19, 2016.

   This ordinance is for the purpose of removing the current spot adjacent to the Police Station driveway, currently a 15 minute space, and making the next space over a 15 minute space.

   Documents: 16.025_Ordinance_Regarding_Parking_Center_Street.pdf

   B. **16.061 An Ordinance to establish two one-hour parking spaces in Florence on Main St. - Referred to Committee on May 5, 2016**

   Documents: 16.061_MainSt_Florence_Limited_Time_Parking.pdf

   C. **16.062 an Ordinance to add a yield sign at Venturers Field Road - Referred to**

Committee on May 5, 2016

Documents: 16.062_Stop_And_Yield_Intersections_Venturers_Field_Road.pdf

5. **New Business**

6. **Adjourn**

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call: At 5:00 p.m. Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order. All committee members were present; no other members of City Council were in attendance.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 meeting; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

4. Items Referred to Committee

A. 16.048 An Ordinance to Provide for Limited Time Parking on King Street by revising Section 312-104 Schedule III of City Code - Referred to Committee on 4/7/2016

This item was approved by the Transportation and Parking Commission in November of 2015. It establishes a 15 minutes space in front of Bank of America on King Street. It came at the request of TPC member Patrick Goggins. Councilor O'Donnell moved to send forward to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

B. 16.034 Ordinance pertaining to Water Resources - Referred to committee on March 3, 2016

The proposed changes don't modify the ordinance in any way, but rather clarifies that the public water resources and infrastructure of the City of Northampton shall be owned or leased by the City and controlled by the City and that such resources and infrastructure shall not be sold, leased or transferred into private ownership or control. The objective is that the City shall maintain total control over the entire water system infrastructure. The purpose of the ordinance in general is to make it unlawful to transfer control of the water infrastructure to private ownership. When asked whether there were leasing

circumstances where the amendment applies, Councilor O'Donnell indicated that there is currently no existing example in which this amendment would apply. The amendment, however, looks to protect the City's interests in the future should it be necessary.

Councilor Adams noted that sometimes the City does lease to private companies or facilities, such as in the case of Ameresco leasing the former landfill station on Glendale Road. This ordinance would present an obstacle to the City if it does look to find a company to control the water infrastructure. Councilor O'Donnell noted that the intent was for the City to retain control over the water infrastructure, unless otherwise decided by voters.

Councilor O'Donnell moved to send forward as amended with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

C. Other items awaiting feedback from other committees

16.025 - An Ordinance Regarding Parking on Center Street - Still in TPC – referred to committee on February 4, 2016

This ordinance came forward at the request of the Police Chief. The space closest to the Police Station driveway is often obstructed when large vehicles try to enter into the parking lot. The next space over will be designated a 15-minute parking space in place of this one. The ordinance still needs to be discussed by the Transportation and Parking Commission. Councilor Adams is concerned about removing parking spaces that results in reduced revenue to the city.

5. New Business: None

6. Adjourn: At 5:18 Councilor O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
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In the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen
Upon the Recommendation of Chief Jody Kasper and Councilor Ryan O'Donnell.

16.025
AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO PARKING NEAR THE POLICE STATION ON CENTER STREET

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

That the § 312-104 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-104 Schedule III: Limited-Time Parking.

~~Center Street~~	~~Northerly~~	~~15 mins./8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Saturday~~	~~A point 179 feet easterly from Center Court~~	~~A point 197 feet easterly from Center Court~~
Center Street	**Northerly**	**15 mins./8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Saturday**	**A point 161 feet easterly from Center Court**	**A point 179 feet easterly from Center Court**

SECTION 2

That § 312-102 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as by adding the following:

§ 312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times.

Center Street	**Northerly**	**A point 179 feet easterly from Center Court**	**A point 197 feet easterly from Center Court**

City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Sixteen
Upon the recommendation of the Department of Public Works

16.061
AN ORDINANCE
To establish two one-hour parking spaces in Florence on Main St., on the southerly side, near Chestnut Street

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in the City Council assembled as follows:

SECTION 1
That § 312-104 titled Schedule III: Limited-Time Parking be modified to **ADD**:

Name of Street	Side	Time Limit/Hours; Days	From	To
Main Street (Florence)	Southerly	1 hr./9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Monday through Saturday	A point 188 feet easterly from Chestnut Street	A point 228 feet easterly from Chestnut Street

City of Northampton
Massachusetts

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16.062
AN ORDINANCE
To add a yield sign at Venturers Field Road at the intersection of Henry Street and Montview Avenue

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in the City Council assembled as follows:

SECTION 1
That § 312-113(c) titled Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections be modified to **ADD**:

Name of Street	**Direction of Travel**	**At Intersection of**
Venturers Field Road	Southwesterly	Henry Street and Montview Avenue