



CITY COUNCIL
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- David A. Murphy, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Alisa F. Klein, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton
Meeting Date: July 14, 2016
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

1. Public Comment

2. Roll Call

3. Public Hearings

**A. 7:05 pm 16.115 Public Hearing regarding a Petition from
National Grid to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or
across Round Hill Road**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166, of the General Laws, a public hearing will be held on the petition of National Grid to erect poles and wires upon, along, under, or across Round Hill Road.

Documents:

- B. 7:15 pm Public Hearing Regarding Administrative Order to amend Administrative Code (Part II Sections 20.0 - Public Works Commission; 23.0 Public Shade Tree Commission; and Section 1.03 Appointment of Elected Officials to Serve on Multiple Member Bodies & Part I Section 6.0 Public works Division)**

4. Recognition and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

5. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

- A. Consider written request of the Mayor that City Council invoke Article 3, Section 3-7 of the Northampton Charter and, pursuant to Article 3, Section 3-7(a), determine by a roll call vote whether the Mayor will be unable to perform the duties of the office during an upcoming trip abroad.**

6. Resolutions

7. Presentations

- A. Catholic Charities Presentation: Bringing Refugees into Northampton - Susannah Crolius**

8. Recess for City Council Committee on Public Works & Utilities

9. Consent Agenda

- A. 16.115 Approve National Grid Pole Petition for Round Hill Road**

See related documents under Public Hearing section of this agenda

B. 16.064 Approve petition to discontinue a portion of Elm Street

On May 12, 2015 the Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend discontinuance as proposed.

On June 29, 2016 the Public Works Commission voted to recommend the discontinuance of a portion of Elm street according to the drawing by VHB.

Documents:

[16.064_ElmStreetPetitiontoDiscontinue.pdf](#)

C. 16.110 Approve petition to accept a portion of Pleasant Street/Route 5

On June 29, 2016 the Public Works Commission voted to accept a portion of Pleasant Street as a public way from MassDot.

On June 23, 2015 the Planning Board voted unanimously to accept the portion of Pleasant Street.

Documents:

[16.110_PleasantStreetAcceptancePetition.pdf](#)

D. 16.124 Appointment of Linda Desmond as Director of Senior Services - Refer to Committee on City Services

Documents:

[16.124_Appointment_Senior_Services_Desmond.pdf](#)

E. 16.131 Appointments to Various Committees - Refer to Committee on City Services

Disability Commission:

- Gene Page, 46 Evergreen Road #107, Leeds – term July 2016 – June 2019

Housing Partnership:

- Patrick Boughan, 95 Straw Avenue, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019
- Mark Goggins, 27 Spruce Lane, Florence – term August 2016 – June 2019

Human Rights Commission:

- Brian Barnes, 269 Main Street #2A, Northampton – term July 2016 – June 2019
- Tara Ganguly, 55A Chestnut Street, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019
- Christine Young, 1443 Westhampton Road, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019

License Commission:

- William Rosen, 2 Laurel Lane, Northampton – term July 2016 – June 2019 (reappointment)

Parks & Recreation Commission:

- David Cronin, 103 Pioneer Knolls Ext., Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019 (reappointment)
- Thomas Dunphy, 6 Chesterfield Road, Leeds – term July 2016 – June 2019 (reappointment)

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Elizabeth Silver, 67 Willow Street, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019 (moving from associate member to full member)

F. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 23, 2016

Documents:

[CityCouncilMinutesJune_23_2016.pdf](#)

G. Approve Minutes of the City Council Meeting of June 28, 2016

Documents:

[CityCouncilMeetingMinutes_June_28_2016.pdf](#)

10. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

11. Financial Orders

A. 16.125 Financial Order to appropriate Capital Projects from the General Fund FY17 Cash Capital Account - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

[16.125_CapitalProjects.pdf](#)

B. 16.126 Financial Order to transfer funds into the Compensated Absences Reserve Fund - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

[16.126_Compensated_Absences_Reserve_Fund.pdf](#)

C. 16.128 Financial Order To Authorize Inter-Municipal Agreements for FY 2017 - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

[16.128_Intermunicipal_Agreements.pdf](#)

D. 16.129 Financial Order To Reprogram remaining funds from an FY 15 Capital Project to the Fire Rescue Department Security Access System - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

[16.129_Fire_Rescue_Security_Access_Project.pdf](#)

E. 16.130 Financial Order to appropriate funds for Northampton Public Schools and Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

[16.130_Appropriate_Funds_for_Schools.pdf](#)

F. 16.132 Financial Order to provide for FY2016 End of Year Budget Transfers - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

[16.132_Budget_Transfers-EOY_FY2016.pdf](#)

G. 16.133 Financial Order: For the City Council to accept a gift of a 1953 Jeep on behalf of the City from the family of Jack Joyce - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

[16.133_Jeep_Gift.pdf](#)

12. Orders

A. 16.112 Administrative Order to amend City of Northampton Administrative Code - Requires one vote only

Documents:

[16.112-PartTwo.pdf](#)

[16.112_AdministrativeOrders.pdf](#)

B. 16.127 A Warrant to provide for a Special Election on August 4, 2016 for At-Large City Councilor - Request 2 Readings

Documents:

C. 15.382 Order regarding sick time - Accept MGL Chapter 149, Section 148 C - item postponed from Feb. 4, 2016 meeting

City Council to consider referring to Committees

Documents:

[15.382_Earned_Sick_Time.pdf](#)

A. Extract from Minutes from Feb. 4, 2016 City Council Meeting regarding 15.382

15.382 Order regarding Sick Time – accept MGL Chapter 149, Section 148 C – item carried over from 2014 – 2015 council

Motion to place on the floor made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor O'Donnell.

Councilor O'Donnell requested that this order be sent to the Committee on Finance. Councilor Dwight indicated that the city council would like to "opt in" for this order provided that there is a workable solution.

Councilor Carney suggested that the collective bargaining take place before the council take up the order. If it sits in Finance, then it will appear on every agenda until collective bargaining has taken place.

She suggested that the order be tabled until contracts are signed. Councilor O'Donnell moved to postpone until July 1, 2016; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Councilors Murphy and Adams).

13. Ordinances

14. Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs

15. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests

16. New Business

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