



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: January 7, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The January 7, 2021 City Council meeting will be held via remote participation. The public can follow the council's deliberations by watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on youtube or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. For the active youtube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

Live public comment will be available using telephone call-in or video conferencing technology beginning at 7 p.m.

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1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Remote Participation and Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being held via remote participation and audio/video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

A. 20.113 A Resolution in Support of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.113 Resoluton in Suport of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

A. Northampton Policing Review Commission Preliminary Report

Presentation by Northampton Policing Review Commission Chair Daniel Cannity

Documents:

[Northampton Policing Review Commission Preliminary Report 01072021.pdf](#)

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of December 3, 2020

Documents:

[12-03-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 20.162 Appointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee

Arts Council

Jesse Hassinger, 184 Main Street, Apt. 4, Northampton

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Housing Partnership

Sara Howard, 8 High Street, Florence

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Human Rights Commission

Kathy Wicks, 102 Black Birch Trail, Florence

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Northampton Housing Authority - Board of Commissioners

Jo Ella Tarbutton, 81 Conz Street, Apt. 626, Northampton

Term: January 2021 - June 2022

To fill a newly-created position on the NHA Board of Commissioners through the Special Act

Documents:

[20.162 Appointments to Various Committees.pdf](#)

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

12. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

A. 20.178 An Order to Increase Personal Property Tax Exemption Threshold to \$2,500 - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.178 An Order to Increase Personal Property Tax Exemption Threshold to 2,500.pdf](#)

B. 20.179 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Paving Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.179 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.5 Million for Paving Projects.pdf](#)

C. 20.180 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash \$1.5 Million to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Fiscal Stability Stabilization Funds - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.180 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash 1.5 Million to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Fiscal Stability Stabilization Funds.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.157 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Conservation Fund - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.157 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Conservation Fund.pdf](#)

B. 20.158 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for the Smith Charities Emergency Repair Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.158 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for the Smith Charities Emergency Repair Project.pdf](#)

C. 20.159 An Order to Appropriate \$55,000 in CPA Funds to AOM Lobby and Salon Rehabilitation - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.159 An Order to Appropriate 55,000 in CPA Funds to AOM Lobby and Salon Rehabilitation.pdf](#)

D. 20.160 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Pine Brook

Connector Acquisition Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.160 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Pine Brook Connector Acquisition Project.pdf](#)

E. 20.161 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.161 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund.pdf](#)

14. Orders

A. 20.183 An Order Amending the Charter to Mail Ballots for Municipal Elections to All Registered Voters - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.183 An Order Amending the Charter to Mail Ballots for Municipal Elections to All Registered Voters.pdf](#)

B. 20.184 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Resident Non-Citizens to Vote in Municipal Elections - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.184 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Resident Non-Citizens to Vote in Municipal Elections.pdf](#)

C. 20.185 An Order Amending the Charter to Make Clarifications and Correct Deficiencies in the Prior Language - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.185 An Order Amending the Charter to Make Clarifications and Correct Deficiencies in the Prior Language.pdf](#)

D. 20.186 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Residents 16 Years of Age or Older to Vote in Municipal Elections - 1st reading

Documents:

15. Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

A. 20.182 An Ordinance Relative to Demolition Review for Historically-Significant Buildings

Documents:

[20.182 An Ordinance Relative to Demolition Review for Historically-Significant Buildings.pdf](#)

16. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Process Note: M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 requires the City Council to submit zoning ordinances to the Planning Board for review within 14 days of receipt and for the Planning Board and City Council or a committee designated for that purpose to hold public hearings thereon, together or separately, prior to adoption.

A. 20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing (350-6-12)

Documents:

[20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing - 350-6-12.pdf](#)

17. Ordinances

A. 20.114 Plastic Reduction & Sustainability Ordinance - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Community Resources Committee (CRC) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/3/2020
- Public forum held. Positive recommendation with request for consideration of possible amendments related to enforcement/implementation date and disability accommodations - 11/16/2020
- Referred to Disability Commission - 11/5/2020
- Two exemptions recommended, Disability Commission - 11/10/2020
- Multiple amendments approved, LM - 12/14/2020
- Positive recommendation as amended, LM - 12/14/2020

Documents:

[20.114 Disability Commission Recommendation.pdf](#)

[20.114 Plastic Reducton and Sustainability Ordinance - POST 12-14-20 LM.pdf](#)

B. 20.154 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Edwards Square - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 12/3/2020
- positive recommendation, LM - 12/14/2020
- passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.154 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Edwards Square.pdf](#)

C. 20.155 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 12/3/2020
- Positive Recommendation, LM - 12/14/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.155 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street.pdf](#)

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

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

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