



## ***Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council***

*Councilor David A. Murphy, Chair  
Councilor Maureen T. Carney  
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge  
Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra*

**City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street  
Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building  
Northampton, MA**

Meeting Date: February 15, 2018

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting will take place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:05 pm.

**1. Meeting Called To Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting**

**A. Approval Of Minutes Of February 1, 2018**

Documents:

[02-01-18\\_finance committee minutes.pdf](#)

**4. Financial Orders**

**A. 18.039 An Order To Authorize Acceptance Of ValleyBike Share Easements**

Documents:

[18.039 order to authorize acceptance of valleybike share easements.pdf](#)

**B. 18.040 Order To Declare Lot 4 Village Hill South Surplus**

Documents:

[18.040 order to declare lot 4 village hill south surplus.pdf](#)

**C. 18.041 Order Related To Eligible Traffic Mitigation Expenses**

Documents:

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**D. 18.042 Order To Declare Cell Tower Site (170 Glendale Road) Surplus**

Documents:

[18.042 order to declare cell tower site \(170 glendale road\) surplus.pdf](#)

**5. New Business**

*-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.*

**6. Adjourn**

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Note: The Finance Committee Meeting took place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting began at 7 p.m.

1. **Meeting Called To Order:** At 7:55 p.m., Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were committee members David Murphy, Maureen Carney, Marianne LaBarge & Gina-Louise Sciarra. Also present from the City Council were Bill Dwight, Jim Nash, Ryan O'Donnell, Dennis Bidwell, & Alisa Klein.
3. **Approve Minutes of January 18, 2018 Meeting:** Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.
4. **Financial Orders:**
  - A. **18.018 Order To Appropriate \$20,000 In Whiting Street Trust Funds**

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded.

Following elimination of the Board of Almoners, a Whiting Street Trust Fund Committee was created to administer funds bequeathed under the will of Mr. Whiting Street, Mayor Narkewicz explained. Instead of reviewing individual applications, the committee has shifted to using an RFP process to solicit applications from non-profit organizations that serve low-income people. This is the first distribution under this new format. The committee will be meeting with grant recipients later in the year to get a progress report and then coming up with a focus for next year. He hopes the City Council will support the committee's recommendations as he does, he concluded.

Councilor Sciarra said she was happy in reading the Finance Director's memo to see that Manna was given more than the \$5,000 they asked for toward the purchase of a used van since, in her experience, Manna representatives are very conservative in their funding requests and "never ask for enough."

Manna only requested \$5,000 toward the purchase of the van and committee members felt strongly that more money was needed, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed.

Councilor Klein asked if the award of Whiting Street funds would have any effect on the allocation of CDBG funds to the agencies in question. She expressed her hope that those receiving Whiting Street funds would not be penalized in any way in the CDBG application process. That would not be his intention, Mayor Narkewicz assured.

Councilor Murphy called the motion to return the order with a positive recommendation to a vote, and it passed on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

**B. 18.019 Order To Rescind Borrowing Authority - 4 Votes**

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor Carney moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded.

The four borrowing authorizations are no longer needed because, in two cases, the city received LAND self-help grants to finance property acquisition, and, in another case, the city did not receive a grant for which a local match was requested. The final \$50,000 borrowing authorization was never acted on because money became available through the Stormwater utility to finance the project.

Members asked questions and offered comments.

Councilor Murphy called the motion to a vote, and it passed on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

**C. 18.020 Order To Reprogram Money For Academy Of Music (AOM) Stage Doors To AOM Foundation Repairs**

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor Carney moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded.

Administrators are proposing to use funds already appropriated for an ongoing project to address some foundation work, Mayor Narkewicz explained. As part of the Pulaski Park Phase II project, contractors did some grading around the back of the property in the loading dock area. This work exposed some of the building's foundation, so the money will be used to seal and protect this portion of the building.

Councilor Murphy called the motion to a vote, and it passed on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

D. 18.032 Order To Appropriate \$20,000 Free Cash And \$5,000 From Disability Commission Fund For Design Costs Of ADA Grant

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to return the order to the full City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Sciarra seconded.

Councilors heard eloquently during public comment from Chris Palames, chair of the Disability Commission, Mayor Narkewicz reminded. Mr. Palames identified this grant opportunity and got it in under the wire. One million is available for the whole state, and effectively one quarter of it (\$250,000) was awarded to Northampton. The money is construction only, so the \$25,000 is needed as a local match for design costs. There is a tight timeline because the money must be expended by the end of the fiscal year. He requested two readings so that the city can go out to bid for design services as soon as possible.

Councilor Murphy called the motion to a vote, and it passed on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

5. **New Business**

*-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.*

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7. **Adjourn:** At 8:18 p.m. Councilor LaBarge moved to adjourn; Councilor Carney seconded. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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## In City Council, February 15, 2018

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

O-18.039 An Order

To Authorize Acceptance of ValleyBike Share Easements

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, ***Walk/Bike Northampton, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Comprehensive Plan (2017)*** recommends the creation of a bike share program;

WHEREAS, In Spring 2017, City Council authorized the Mayor to accept an easement for a **ValleyBike** share station in Florence;

WHEREAS, Other bike share easements and license are needed;

***Ordered, that***

The Mayor is authorized to accept easements and fee or other interests in land for **ValleyBike** share stations; with such terms as the Mayor determines are agreeable.

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*In City Council, February 15, 2018*

*Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning and Sustainability*

O-18.040 AN ORDER  
TO DECLARE LOT 4 VILLAGE HILL SOUTH SURPLUS

*Ordered, that*

WHEREAS, On September 7, 2018 City Council authorized the City to accept a deed for Lot 4, Earle Street, Village Hill South, at the former Northampton State Hospital for future public uses or economic development;

WHEREAS, The City acquired the property on October 10, 2017;

WHEREAS, The City is exploring opportunities to sell the property to promote economic development;

*Ordered, that*

Lot 4 is declared surplus to City needs;

Further, the Mayor is authorized to sell the parcel with such conditions as he deems reasonable.



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## In City Council, February 15, 2018

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

O-18.041 An Order

Related to Eligible Traffic Mitigation Expenses

### Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Zoning requires that certain development projects make transportation improvements or voluntarily make a payment-in-lieu of such improvements to mitigate traffic impacts that are reasonable related to the development; and

WHEREAS, Said funds may only be used for transportation mitigation reasonably related to the development and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the Planning Board in approving the development project; and

WHEREAS, The City has established a Traffic Mitigation account (2580175), administered by the Office of Planning and Sustainability, to accept said payment-in-lieu of transportation improvements donations and payments; and

WHEREAS, City Council has previously (9/20/2012 and 10/4/2012) authorized the City to use these funds for any eligible design, feasibility, planning, and for certain construction projects including bicycle lanes, multiuse trails, park-and-ride lots, and other projects.

### ***Ordered, that***

City Council authorizes the Mayor to also use these funds for the following, to the extent funds are available and the projects mitigate impacts reasonably related to the development project that provided the funds:

- Bicycle share pads and stations
- Other multiuse trail access ramps
- Complete street projects
- Traffic calming projects

# City of Northampton

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*In City Council*

February 15, 2018

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

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O-18.042 An Order

To Declare Cell Tower Site (170 Glendale Road) Surplus

*Ordered, that*

*Whereas*, the City entered into a twenty year lease for 6000 square feet of land located at 170 Glendale Road for use as a cell tower site in 2000;

*Whereas*, the site currently contains a 199 foot, monopole tower which is owned and operated by American Tower, L.P and the tower supports the equipment of four telecommunications companies, municipal antennas and associated equipment shelters;

*Whereas*, the existing 20-year lease of the site to American Tower, L.P. expires on May 16, 2020;

*Whereas*, the continued lease of the property for the purpose of a cell tower site is valuable to the city as it provides an average of \$115,000 in annual revenue to support city solid waste services and also provides a location for municipal antennas for public safety; and

*Whereas*, M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16 requires a vote of the City Council to surplus any interest in public property prior to its disposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The property at 170 Glendale Road property, currently being used as a cell tower site, be declared surplus as of May 16, 2020 and available for lease for a period of up to thirty years and the City Council authorizes and directs the Mayor to award and execute said lease, on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems reasonable.