



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: October 1, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The October 1, 2020 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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

Join virtual meeting: <https://bit.ly/304iGo8>

For telephone call-in, call:

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Meeting ID: 948 0999 8291

Participant #: #

Passcode: 179817

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

A. Announcement of Public Hearing on Administrative Order

The following Public Hearing is hereby advertised in accordance with The Charter of Northampton, Massachusetts, Article 6 ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION, SECTION 6-1 ORGANIZATION OF CITY AGENCIES.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing by remote participation on **Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:05 p.m.** Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the October 15, 2020 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website (www.northamptonma.gov) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will consider proposed amendments to the **City of Northampton Administrative Code, Part II Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, Section 23.0 Public Shade Tree Commission.**

The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The City Council meeting begins **at 7 p.m.**

Documents:

[20.131 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code.pdf](#)

B. Announcement of Public Hearing - 20.003 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Beacon Street (Petition #29215572)

Per M.G.L. Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways (Pole Petition #29215572) - Beacon Street. The hearing will be held via remote participation. Please see the agenda for the October 15, 2020 City Council meeting for instructions for accessing the hearing.

Documents:

[20.003 Revised National Grid Pole Petition for Beacon Street.pdf](#)
[20.003 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

C. 7:05 pm Public Hearing on 20.109 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Prospect Street (Petition #29914250)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020 @ 7:05 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways. (Petition #29914250 - Prospect Street)

Documents:

[20.109 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Prospect Street \(Petition 29914250\).pdf](#)

[20.109 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

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

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of August 20, 2020

Documents:

[08-20-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 20.129 Appointment of Marc Dautreuil as Principal Assessor - for referral to City Services Committee

Documents:

[20.129 Appointment of Marc Dautreuil as Principal Assessor.pdf](#)

C. 20.132 Appointments to Arts Council and NHA - for referral to City Services Committee

Arts Council

Kent Alexander, 174 Island Road, Northampton, Ma

Term: October 2020-June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Northampton Housing Authority- Board of Commissioners

Jeff Jones, UFCW Local 1459, Organized Labor Representative, 76 Woods Road,
Florence, MA

Term: March 2020-February 2025

Reappointment

Documents:

[20.132 Appointments to Arts Council and NHA.pdf](#)

11. Deliberate and vote on Individual Charter Review Committee Recommendations

Process note: This discussion may take more than one meeting. Not all items listed may be reached for final action.

ARTICLE 8. ELECTIONS

- Lowering the municipal voting age to 16
- Mailing ballots for municipal elections to all registered voters
- Removing the need to cite a specific reason to receive an absentee ballot for municipal elections

Documents:

[CRC Annotated Charter - Approved 11-19-19.pdf](#)

[CRC_EXECUTIVE_SUMMARY - Approved 11-19-19.pdf](#)

[Status of Council Action on CRC Recommendations.pdf](#)

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

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

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

14. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.118 An Order to Appropriate \$54,075 in CPA Funds for West Farms Road APR Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 9/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 9/17/2020

Documents:

**B. 20.122 An Order to Appropriate FY2021 CPA Funds for
Community Preservation Purposes - 2nd reading**

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 9/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 9/17/2020

Documents:

[20.122 An Order to Appropriate FY2021 CPA Funds for Community
Preservation Purposes.pdf](#)

15. Orders

**A. 20.130 An Order to Designate Northampton Policing Review
Commission Members as Special Municipal Employees - 1st
reading**

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested as the commission has
already convened and is actively meeting.

Documents:

[20.130 An Order to Designate Northampton Policing Review Commission
Members as Special Municipal Employees.pdf](#)

16. 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.

17. Ordinances

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

19. New Business

20. Adjourn