



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: November 5, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The November 5, 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

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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

A. Announcement of Public Hearing regarding FY2021 Tax Levy

The Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. via remote participation to discuss the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property within the City of Northampton for FY 2021 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Information regarding this hearing will be available for public inspection online at www.northamptonma.gov on or before November 17, 2020 after 12:00 p.m. Instructions for accessing the hearing will be posted on the November 19, 2020 City Council agenda at www.northamptonma.gov no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

B. Announcement of Public Hearing - 20.126 Comcast Petition to Install Underground Conduit Under King Street dated September 14, 2020

Per M.G.L. Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 @ 7:05 p.m. on the petition of Comcast of Massachusetts II, Inc. to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways (unnumbered petition dated 9/14/2020) - King Street. The hearing will be held via remote participation. Please see the agenda for the November 19, 2020 City Council meeting for instructions for accessing the hearing.

Documents:

[20.126 Comcast Petition to Install Line of Underground Conduit Under King Street.pdf](#)

[20.126 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

A. Announcement Regarding Executive Session Minutes

The Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 22) requires public bodies to regularly review minutes of executive session to determine if they are eligible for release. With the assistance of the administrative assistant, the Council President has reviewed the minutes and determined that, due to pending litigation, nondisclosure of the executive session minutes of November 16, 2017 and September 19, 2019 is still warranted.

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

A. 20.146 A Resolution Urging Action on the Roe Act - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.146 A Resolution Urging Action on the Roe Act.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of July 30, 2020 Special City Council Meeting and September 17, 2020 and October 1, 2020 City Council Meetings

Documents:

[07-30-2020_Special City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

[09-17-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

[10-01-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 20.132 Appointments to Arts Council and NHA - positive recommendations, City Services - 11/2/2020

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](#)

C. 20.145 Appointments to Northampton Housing Authority and Housing Partnership - for referral to City Services Committee

Housing Partnership

Ace Tayloe, 14 Fruit Street, Apt. 1, Northampton, MA

Term: November 2020-June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Hannah Shaffer, 115 Milton Street, Florence

Term: November 2020-June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Northampton Housing Authority- Board of Commissioners

Edgardo Cancel, *Northampton Housing Partnership appointee*

Term: November 2020-June 2023

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

Documents:

[20.145 Appointments to Northampton Housing Authority and Housing Partnership.pdf](#)

D. 20.147 Second Hand Dealer License Application for Feeding Tube Records

Renewal Application for:

Feeding Tube Records, 221 Pine Street, Florence

Applicant: Edward Lee

Documents:

[20.147 Second Hand Dealer License Application for Feeding Tube Records.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. 20.135 An Order to Declare Surplus and Authorize Sale of 593 Elm Street - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.135 An Order to Declare Surplus and Authorize Sale of 593 Elm Street.pdf](#)

B. 20.136 An Order to Make Changes to the FY2021 General Fund Budget to Balance the FY2021 Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.136 An Order to Make Changes to the FY2021 General Fund Budget to Balance the FY2021 Budget.pdf](#)

C. 20.137 An Order to Rescind and Replace FY2021 Water Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.137 An Order to Rescind and Replace FY2021 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

D. 20.138 An Order to Rescind and Replace FY2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.138 An Order to Rescind and Replace FY2021 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

E. 20.140 An Order to Surplus Land to Abutters at Woodland Drive - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.140 An Order to Surplus Land to Abutters at Woodland Drive.pdf](#)

F. 20.141 An Order to Accept \$10,000 Gift from DA Sullivan for Senior Services Technology Lending Program - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.141 An Order to Accept 10,000 Gift from DA Sullivan for Senior Services Technology Lending Program.pdf](#)

G. 20.142 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested.

Documents:

[20.142 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to Pine Street Bridge Reconstruction.pdf](#)

H. 20.143 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds for Construction of Pine Grove Trails - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.143 An Order to Appropriate 3,000 in CPA Funds for Construction of Pine Grove Trails.pdf](#)
[20.143 Letter from CPC re Recommendations for Funding.pdf](#)

I. 20.144 An Order to Appropriate \$65,000 in CPA Funds for Water Based Recreation Assessment Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.144 An Order to Appropriate 65,000 in CPA Funds for Water Based Recreation Assessment Project.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.134 An Order to Appropriate Funds to Complete the Stormwater Analysis Beaver Brook Estates Leeds - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 10/15/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 10/15/2020

Documents:

[20.134 An Order to Appropriate Funds to Complete the Stormwater Analysis Beaver Brook Estates Leeds.pdf](#)

14. Orders

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. 20.139 An Ordinance to Add Section 285-31 Newspaper Boxes

Documents:

[20.139 An Ordinance to Add Section 285-31 Newspaper Boxes.pdf](#)

16. Ordinances

A. **20.121 An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.3 to Reduce the Setback from Street Lot Lines for Accessory Stables - 1st reading**

History:

- referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/17/2020
- PB voted unanimously to recommend adoption - 9/24/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM - 10/13/2020

Documents:

[20.121 An Ordinance to Amend Section 5.3 to Reduce the Setback from Street Lot Lines for Accessory Stables.pdf](#)

17. **Deliberate/Vote on Community Resources Request to Suspend Council Rule 2.6.2.6.1 requiring report within 60 days and to refer 20.114 Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance to the Disability Commission**

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

19. **New Business**

20. **Adjourn**

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