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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton
Meeting Date: December 5, 2019
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

1. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of Public Hearing - 19.158 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Hatfield Street (Petition #15048741)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 @ 7:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, 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 #15048741 - Hatfield

Street.

Documents:

19.158 DPW Recommendation.pdf

19.158 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Hatfield Street.pdf

B. 7:05 pm Public Hearing

In accordance with Section 6-1 of the Northampton City Charter, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider Proposed Amendments to the City of Northampton Administrative Code. The scope of the proposal is as follows: Changes to the following sections:

Part I Administrative Organization: 1) 2.01 Office of the Mayor, 2) 2.07 Office of Planning and Sustainability, 3) 4.03 Senior Services and 4) 6.01 Department of Public Works; **Part II Multiple-Member Appointive Organization:** 5) 1.09 Multiple-member body internal organization, 6) 5.0 Assessors, Board of, 7) 11.0 Energy and Sustainability Commission, 8) 14.0 Housing Partnership and 9) 24.0 Transportation and Parking Commission.

Documents:

19.174 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code.pdf

19.174 Message to Council re Administrative Order.111819.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. Presentations

A. Charter Review Committee Recommendations

Presentation by the Charter Review Committee

Documents:

19.179 CRC Annotated Charter - Approved 11-19-19.pdf

19.179 CRC_EXECUTIVE_SUMMARY - Approved 11-19-19.pdf

9. Resolutions

10. Consent Agenda

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.

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 19.172 An Order to Reprogram \$1,660 from AOM LED Lights to AOM Handicapped Ramp Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 11/21/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.172 An Order to Reprogram 1,660 from AOM LED Lights to AOM Handicapped Ramp Project.pdf](#)

14. Orders

A. 19.170 An Order Exempting the City of Northampton from Appointing Weighers of Hay, Weighers of Coal and Fence Viewers - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.170 An Order Exempting the City of Northampton from Appointing Weighers and Fence Viewers.pdf](#)

B. 19.177 An Order to Execute Contract Amendment Relative to the FY2020 Audit - 1st reading

Process note: A positive vote authorizes the City Council to sign Standard Contract Amendment #2 of the contract between the City of Northampton and Scanlon & Associates, LLC>

Documents:

[19.177 An Order to Execute Contract Amendment Relative to the FY2020 Audit.pdf](#)

15. Zoning Ordinance (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. 19.178 Zone Change Petition to Rezone 3 Wright Avenue from URC to GB

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.

Documents:

[19.178 Zone Change Petition to Rezone 3 Wright Avenue from URC to GB.pdf](#)

16. Zoning Ordinance

A. 19.149 An Ordinance to Rezone 37 Parcels from GI to OI and Portions of Two Parcels from GI to FFR - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred by City Council to Planning Board and Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/3/2019
- PB public hearing held and forwarded with positive recommendation - 10/24/2019
- LM public hearing held, forwarded with positive recommendation - 11/12/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.149 An Ordinance to Rezone 37 Parcels from GI to OI and Portions of Two Parcels from GI to FFR.pdf](#)

17. Ordinances

A. 19.136 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312 Vehicles and Traffic [to amend definitions of Parking Meter and Meter Violation] - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/19/2019
- Positive recommendation, TPC - 10/15/2019
- LM amended to change word "app" to "application"
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/12/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.136 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312 Vehicles and Traffic - as](#)

B. 19.153 Northampton Safe City Ordinance - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) by City Council - 10/17/2019
- Amended to incorporate changes as recommended by City Solicitor
- Positive recommendation as amended - 11/12/2019
- Amended by City Council to delete phrase "Notwithstanding sections 2(a)(i) and 2(b)(ii) above," revise opening paragraph to state, "providing that the Code of Ordinances. . . be amended as follows," and change "state and federal" to state **or** federal."
- Passed 1st reading as amended - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.153 Northampton Safe City Ordinance - POST CC 1st rdg.pdf](#)

C. 19.155 An Ordinance to Delete Reference to the Depot Lot from Section 312-110 - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) by City Council - 10/17/2019
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/12/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.155 An Ordinance to Delete Reference to the Depot Lot from Section 312-110.pdf](#)

D. 19.156 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Phillips Place - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters - 11/7/2019
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 11/12/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.156 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Phillips Place.pdf](#)
[19.156 Phillips Place Image.pdf](#)

E. 19.164 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 Departmental Revolving Funds to Delete Senior Services Gift Shop Revolving Fund - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/7/2019
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/12/2019
- Passed 1st reading - 11/21/2019

Documents:

[19.164 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 16 Departmental Revolving Funds to](#)

F. 19.167 An Ordinance Requiring the Use of Organic Pest Management Practices in the Municipal Places Where Children Play - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/7/2019
- LM amended to delete Sections C and E in their entirety and to change reference to "Department of Health" in **Exceptions C(3)** to "the director of the Health Department or their designee."
- Positive recommendation as amended (3:1), LM - 11/12/2019

Documents:

[19.167 An Ordinance Requiring the Use of Organic Pest Management Practices... - as amended by LM_111219.pdf](#)

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

19. New Business

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