



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: December 6, 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. Minutes Of November 15, 2018

Documents:

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4. Financial Orders

A. 18.207 An Order To Appropriate Free Cash To Stabilization And Capital Stabilization

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B. 18.208 An Order To Appropriate Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings To Various Capital Projects

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C. 18.209 An Order To Appropriate Free Cash To NPS For McKinney Vento Transportation Reimbursement

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D. 18.210 An Order To Appropriate Free Cash To NPS For Circuit Breaker Reimbursement

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E. 18.211 An Order To Appropriate Host Community Fee To Health Department For Emergency Preparedness Activities

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F. 18.212 An Order To Borrow \$2.5 Million For Paving

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5. New Business

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

6. Adjourn

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1. **Meeting Called To Order:** At 7:19 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, and Alisa Klein. City Councilor Dennis Bidwell was absent.

3. Approval of Minutes From the Previous Meeting

A. Minutes of November 1, 2018

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes of November 1, 2018. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed with 4 Yes, 0 No.

4. Financial Orders

A. 18.202 An Order To Authorize Intermunicipal Agreement With Easthampton To Participate In The PV Bike Share Program

Councilor Murphy read the text of the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to make a positive recommendation. Councilor Sciarra seconded.

The order is self-explanatory, Mayor Narkewicz noted. Mayor LaChapelle in the City of Easthampton recently received a grant which will allow Easthampton to participate in the Pioneer Valley Bike Share Program, so this allows them to include them in the existing agreement.

The motion passed unanimously with 4 Yes, 0 No.

B. 18.203 An Order To Authorize Payment Of A Prior Year Bill

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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.

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

5. **New Business**

None.

6. **Adjourn:** At 7:21 p.m. Councilor Sciarra moved to adjourn; Councilor Carney seconded. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 4 Yes, 0 No.

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City of Northampton
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In City Council

December 6, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.207 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Stabilization and Capital Stabilization

Ordered, that

\$ 1,400,000 be appropriated from the FY19 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the following accounts:

\$700,000	5000 340616	Capital Stabilization Fund
\$700,000	5000 340574	Stabilization Fund

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In City Council December 6, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.208 An Order to Appropriate Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects

Ordered, that

\$650,000 be appropriated from the FY19 Water Enterprise retained earnings (free cash) for engineering and design associated with upgrades to the Ryan and West Whately Reservoirs.

\$750,000 be appropriated from the FY19 Sewer Enterprise retained earnings (free cash) for engineering and design associated with the planned upgrades to the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Pump Stations.

\$150,000 be appropriated from the FY19 Solid Waste Enterprise retained earnings (free cash) for ongoing landfill closure expenditures.

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

December 6, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.209 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for McKinney Vento Transportation
Reimbursement

Ordered, that

\$ 14,492 be appropriated from the FY19 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to Northampton Public Schools into the transportation budget (W0330000 533000) to provide the schools with the reimbursement from the Commonwealth which was received by the city for the transportation of homeless students in FY18, such reimbursement being known as the McKinney Vento Transportation Reimbursement.

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In City Council

December 6, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.210 An Order

to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Circuit Breaker Reimbursement

Ordered, that

\$ 6,937 be appropriated from the FY19 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to Northampton Public Schools into the Special Education Tuition budget D2930020 532002) to provide the schools with the Circuit Breaker Funds that exceeded allowable carryover thresholds at the close of FY18.

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In City Council

December 6, 2018

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

18.211 An Order to Appropriate Host Community Fee to Health Department for Emergency Preparedness Activities

Whereas, the Health Department is the recipient of a grant for Public Health Emergency Preparedness which provides services to a regional group of communities in Hampshire County and for which the city has received a host community fee of \$15,964;

Whereas, the Health Department wishes to carry out additional emergency preparedness activities specifically for the benefit of the City of Northampton and its residents which are not covered by the grant;

Whereas, the additional activities to be undertaken by the Health Department are in essence being funded by the host community fee;

Ordered, that

\$ 15,964 be appropriated from the FY19 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to the following line items in the Health Department Budget:

\$8,700	to	15111	511000	Permanent Salaries
\$2,764	to	15112	542000	Supplies
\$4,200	to	15112	530005	Training and Seminars
\$ 300	to	15112	571001	Travel

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
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In City Council,

December 6, 2018

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

18.212 An Order to Borrow \$2.5 Million for Paving

Ordered, that

the sum of \$2,500,000 is appropriated to pay costs of roadway engineering, design and reconstruction, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow such amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.