



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton
Meeting Date: March 5, 2020
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

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

A. 20.031 A Resolution in Support of the Empower Act - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.031 A Resolution in Support of the Empower Act.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of February 20, 2020

Documents:

[02-20-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 20.022 Appointment to the Council on Aging - Positive recommendation, City Services - 3/2/2020

History:

- Referred to City Services - 2/6/2020
- Positive recommendation, City Services - 3/2/2020

Council on Aging

Aurea “Agie” E. Domenech, 81 Conz St., Apt. 603, Northampton

Term: February 2020- June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[20.022 Appointment to the Council on Aging.pdf](#)

C. 20.023 Appointment of Assistant Chief Jon Davine as Fire Chief - Positive recommendation, City Services - 3/2/2020

History:

- Referred by City Council - 2/20/2020
- Positive recommendation, City Services - 3/2/2020

Documents:

[20.023 Appointment of Assistant Chief Jon Davine as Fire Chief.pdf](#)

11. Deliberate and vote on Individual Charter Review Committee Recommendations

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

- Expanding the Electorate
- Appointed vs. Elected City Clerk
- Temporary Absences and Vacancies in the Office of Mayor
- Filling Vacancies on the School Committee and Trustees of Forbes Library
- Extending School Committee Provisions to Smith Agricultural School

Documents:

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

[19.179 CRC_EXECUTIVE_SUMMARY - Approved 11-19-19.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. 20.025 An Order to Adjust Income Limit for Senior Tax Deferral Program - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/20/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 2/20/2020

Documents:

[20.025 An Order to Adjust Income Limit for Senior Tax Deferral Program.pdf](#)

B. 20.026 An Order to Accept DA Sullivan \$10,000 Gift for Digital Display and Presentation System - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/20/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 2/20/2020

Documents:

[20.026 An Order to Accept DA Sullivan 10,000 Gift for Digital Display and Presentation System.pdf](#)

15. Orders

A. 20.027 An Order to Grant Easement to National Grid in

Conjunction with WWTP Upgrades - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/20/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 2/20/2020

Documents:

[20.027 An Order to Grant Easement to National Grid in Conjunction with WWTP Upgrades.pdf](#)

B. 20.028 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for the Laying Out of Finn Street as a Public Way - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/20/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 2/20/2020

Documents:

[20.028 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for the Laying Out of Finn Street as a Public Way.pdf](#)

[20.028 Finn Street Metes and Bounds Description.pdf](#)

[20.028 Finn Street Order of Taking.pdf](#)

[20.028 Street Acceptance Plan - Finn Street.pdf](#)

C. 20.029 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for the Laying Out of North Street as a Public Way - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 2/20/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 2/20/2020

Documents:

[20.029 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for the Laying Out of North Street as a Public Way.pdf](#)

[20.029 North Street Metes and Bounds Description.pdf](#)

[20.029 Street Acceptance Plan - North Street.pdf](#)

[20.029 North Street Order of Taking.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

A. 19.125 An Ordinance Related to Wireless Antennas on Street Poles - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) and Planning Board (PB) - 9/5/2019
- Public Hearing Held/Positive Recommendation, PB - 9/26/2019
- Public Hearing Held/Positive Recommendation with the stipulation that amended language be provided by the Office of Planning and Sustainability (OPS) to address concerns about placement of equipment on the pole -

10/7/2019

- Amended by City Council to strike word 5G from phrase "for the purpose of providing 5G wireless telecommunications."
- Referred back to Legislative Matters for further discussion - 10/17/2019
- Continued to 12/9/2019, LM - 11/12/2019
- Revised ordinance submitted by OPS to 1) move design criteria for small cell facilities out of code and into DPW regulations, 2) reduce fee for right-of-way access from \$400 to \$270 as recommended by the FCC and 3) add \$1,000 fee for installation on city-owned poles to offset additional maintenance and inspection costs.
- Amended to correct two scrivener's errors - remove '5G' and replace 'telecommunications' with 'facilities' in 350-10.9 D - 2/10/2020
- Positive recommendation as amended, Legislative Matters - 2/10/2020
- Amended to accept changes proposed by OPS post LM hearing and to change "shall pay annual \$270" to "shall pay an annual fee of \$270" in Section 285-10 C - 2/20/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 2/20/2020

Documents:

[19.125 An Ordinance Related to Wireless Antennas on Street Poles - POST 1st reading.pdf](#)

[19.125 An Ordinance Related to Wireless Antennas on Street Poles - Possible changes for 2nd reading.pdf](#)

B. 20.012 An Ordinance Relative to Demolition Review for Historically-Significant Buildings - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 1/16/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM - 2/10/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 2/20/2020

Documents:

[20.012 An Ordinance Relative to Demolition Review for Historically-Significant Buildings.pdf](#)

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

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

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