



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. 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](#)

### B. 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:

**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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