



CITY COUNCIL
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MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton
Meeting Date: March 19, 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

A. Announcement of Public Hearing to consider FY2021 Water and Sewer Rates

By Order of the City Council, a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA.

The City Council will consider the proposed FY2021 water and sewer rates and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

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 - 2nd reading**

- History:

- Passed 1st reading - 3/5/2020

- Documents:

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

9. **Presentations**
10. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Minutes of March 5, 2020**
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)**
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.
16. **Ordinances**

A. 19.173 An Ordinance to Allow Change from One Conforming Use to Another without a Finding - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) and the Planning Board (PB) - 11/21/2019
- Positive recommendation with amendments, PB - 01/09/2020
- Public hearing opened and continued to 3/9/2020, LM - 2/10/2020
- Public hearing closed; positive recommendation with stipulation that OPS provide language for amendment to continue to require Findings for projects that don't otherwise trigger PB review (split vote - 3:1) - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[19.173 An Ordinance to Allow Change from One Conforming Use to Another - w -PB amendments.pdf](#)
[9.3 post LM FINAL 3-11.pdf](#)

B. 19.178 Zone Change Petition to Rezone 3 Wright Avenue from URC to GB - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 12/5/2019
- Public hearing held, City Council adoption recommended by PB - 2/13/2020
- Public hearing held, positive recommendation, LM - 3/9/2020

Documents:

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

C. 20.004 An Ordinance to Rezone Nine Conz Street Parcels from NB to CB - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 1/16/2020
- PB public hearing held, City Council adoption not recommended because design guidelines not in place [note: an ordinance has since been brought forward to change CBAC map to include Conz Street parcels rezoned to CB] - 2/13/2020
- Public hearing held; positive recommendation, LM - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.004 An Ordinance to Rezone Nine Conz Street Parcels from NB to CB.pdf](#)

D. 20.005 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map on Old South Street and Clark Avenue - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board and Legislative Matters - 1/16/2020
- PB hearing held, City Council adoption recommended - 2/13/2020
- Public hearing held, positive recommendation, LM - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.005 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map on Old South Street and Clark Avenue.pdf](#)

E. 20.006 An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Map to Add New Smart Growth Overlay District at Laurel Street - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 1/16/2020
- PB public hearing held, PB recommends City Council adoption - 2/13/2020
- LM hearing held, positive recommendation - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.006 An Ordinance to... Overlay District at Laurel Street.pdf](#)

F. 20.024 An Ordinance to Change CBAC Map to Include Conz Street Lots Rezoned to CB - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) by City Council - 2/20/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM, split vote 3:1 with Sciarra opposed - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.024 An Ordinance to Change CBAC Map to include Conz Street Lots Rezoned to CB.pdf](#)

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

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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