



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- President Gina-Louise Sciarra, At-Large
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- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Zoom Meeting
Meeting Date: March 19, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's [Emergency Order](#) Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, the March 19, 2020 meeting of the City Council will be held using remote participation.

THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY/COMMENTS AS THERE WILL BE NO IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE MARCH 19, 2020 MEETING.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY/COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT: CITYCOUNCIL@NORTHAMPTONMA.GOV UNTIL NOON ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020

Public comment will also be available via ZOOM teleconferencing for the City Council meeting on March 19, 2020.

The public comment period begins at 7 p.m. Please follow this link to access the Zoom teleconference: <https://zoom.us/j/875180064>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN

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.

Documents:

[20.032 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2021.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. 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

Documents:

[03-05-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

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.

A. 20.033 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.033 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers.pdf](#)

B. 20.034 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Public Safety Wireless Project - 1st reading

Process note: The Mayor's office respectfully requests two readings.

Documents:

[20.034 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Public Safety Wireless Project.pdf](#)

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:

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

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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