



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- President Gina-Louise Sciarra, At-Large
- William H. Dwight, At-Large
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- Karen Foster, Ward 2
- Vice President James Nash, Ward 3
- John Thorpe, Ward 4
- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On Line Zoom Teleconference Meeting
Meeting Date: April 2, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

Pursuant to Mayor Narkewicz's March 16th [State of Emergency declaration](#) and Governor Baker's March 12th Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law, the April 2, 2020 meeting of the City Council will be conducted using remote participation. The public may access the meeting by watching it live on Comcast channel 15 or live-streaming in on youtube. For the active youtube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

WRITTEN TESTIMONY/COMMENTS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO CITYCOUNCIL@NORTHAMPTONMA.GOV UNTIL 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020 TO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THAT MEETING.

Public comment will also be available via telephone call in or ZOOM teleconferencing.

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Join the meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/790566798>

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PLEASE WAIT TO BE RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR. THE CHAIR WILL RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE ORDER OF THEIR CALL.

1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Zoom and Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being held via Zoom and audio/video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. 7:05 pm Public Hearing to Consider FY2021 Water and Sewer Rates

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing conducted via Zoom on **Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:05 p.m.** The City Council will consider the proposed FY2021 water and sewer rates and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

This hearing is being broadcast live on Comcast channel 15. To participate, log onto <https://zoom.us/j/790566798> or call in to 1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID: 790-566-798; Participant Number: #)

Documents:

[Water and Sewer Rates Hearing.pdf](#)

[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

9. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of March 19, 2020

Documents:

[03-19-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

10. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

11. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

A. 20.032 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2021 - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.032 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2021.pdf](#)

B. 20.035 An Order to Accept a Donation of Land on Woodland Drive for Housing and Trail Uses - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.035 An Order to Accept a Donation of Land on Woodland Drive for Housing and Trail Uses.pdf](#)

C. 20.036 An Order to Accept a Donation of Easement for Electric Power to NSH Memorial Park - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.036 An Order to Accept a Donation of Easement for Electric Power to NSH Memorial Park.pdf](#)

D. 20.038 - 20.039 Community Preservation Committee Small Grant Allocations

Documents:

[20.038 Small Grants Cover Letter.pdf](#)

A. 20.038 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds

to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.038 An Order to Appropriate 3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal.pdf](#)

B. 20.039 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Beaver Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.039 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Beaver Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project.pdf](#)

E. 20.040 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Emergency COVID19 Expenses - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.040 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Emergency COVID19 Expenses.pdf](#)

12. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.033 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 3/19/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 3/19/2020

Documents:

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

13. Orders

14. 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.

A. 20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities

Documents:

[20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities.pdf](#)

15. 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
- Continued to 4/2/2020 - 3/19/2020

Documents:

[9.3 post LM 3-31.pdf](#)

B. **19.178 Zone Change Petition to Rezone 3 Wright Avenue from URC to GB - 2nd 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
- Passed 1st reading - 3/19/2020

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 - 2nd 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
- Passed 1st reading - 3/19/2020

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 - 2nd 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
- Passed 1st reading - 3/19/2020

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 - 2nd 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
- Passed 1st reading - 3/19/2020

Documents:

[20.006 An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Map to Add New Smart Growth Overlay District at Laurel Street.pdf](#)

F. 20.024 An Ordinance to Change CBAC Map to Include Conz Street Lots Rezoned to CB - 2nd 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
- Passed 1st reading - 3/19/2020

Documents:

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

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

17. New Business

18. Adjourn

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