



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: May 7, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The May 7, 2020 City Council meeting will be held via remote participation. The public can follow the council's deliberations by watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on youtube or joining the virtual meeting by phone or video conference. For the active youtube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

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

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

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of Public Hearing - 20.047 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road (Petition #29597581)

In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 @ 7:05 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways (Pole Petition #29597581 - Fox Farms Road). The hearing will be held via remote participation. Please see the agenda for the May 21, 2020 City Council meeting for instructions for accessing the hearing.

Documents:

[20.047 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Fox Farms Road.pdf](#)
[20.047 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

A. Announcement Regarding Executive Session Minutes

The Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 22) requires public bodies to regularly review minutes of Executive Session. With the assistance of the administrative assistant, the Council President has undertaken a review of the minutes and determined that, due to pending litigation, nondisclosure of executive session minutes of November 16, 2017 and September 19, 2019 is still warranted.

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

A. R-20.045 A Resolution Denouncing Anti-Asian, Anti-Asian American and Xenophobic Discrimination - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 4/16/2020

Documents:

[20.045 A Resolution Denouncing Anti-Asian Discrimination.pdf](#)

B. R-20.051 A Resolution in Support of Expanded Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.051 A Resolution in Support of Expanded Absentee Voting and Vote by Mail.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of April 16, 2020

Documents:

[04-16-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 20.050 Appointment of Jonathan Flagg as Building Commissioner - for referral to City Services

Documents:

[20.050 Appointment of Jonathan Flagg as Building Commissioner.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. 20.049 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers - 1st reading

Documents:

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

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.043 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Federal Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/16/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 4/16/2020

Documents:

[20.043 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Federal Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement.pdf](#)

B. 20.046 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Resilience Hub - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/16/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 4/16/2020

Documents:

[20.046 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Resilience Hub.pdf](#)

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. 20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/2/2020
- Joint PB/LM Public Hearing Held - 4/23/2020
- Adoption recommended, Planning Board - 4/23/2020
- Amended to add words "and are the only dimensional lot requirements necessary to be met," LM - 4/23/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM - 4/23/2020

Documents:

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

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

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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