



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WALLACE J. PUCHALSKI MUNICIPAL BUILDING
212 MAIN STREET, NORTHAMPTON
Northampton, MA
August 18, 2016

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President William H. Dwight. At 7:15 pm on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight At-Large Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell
Ward 1 Councilor Maureen T. Carney Ward 2 Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell
Ward 3 Councilor Vacant Ward 4 Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra
Ward 5 Councilor David A. Murphy Ward 6 Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge
Ward 7 Councilor Alisa F. Klein

The following City Councilor(s) was (were) absent: None

Public Hearing

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Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

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Councilor Dwight noted that Councilor O'Donnell has recently been elected as the new At-Large City Councilor. Councilor O'Donnell replaces the former At-Large Councilor Jesse M. Adams who vacated the seat in May. Councilor O'Donnell will remain as City Council Vice-President. Councilor Dwight offered his congratulations to the new At-Large Councilor.

Announcements

Councilor LaBarge also congratulated Councilor O'Donnell. She feels that he was extremely professional during the campaign.

Councilor Klein also congratulated Councilor O'Donnell; she also announced that there will be two public conversations in September about the efforts to resettle refugees in Northampton. The public is invited. The first event will take place on Monday September 19 from 6:30 – 8:30 at JFK Middle School in the cafeteria. Mayor Narkewicz will also be present. There will be two staff members from Catholic Charities who will convey information and answer questions about the plans. The public is invited to come and share any questions that they may have. The second meeting will take place on Thursday, September 22nd from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Northampton Senior Center.

Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor

Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor:

None

Resolutions

Resolutions: None

Presentations

Presentations: None

Recess for Committee on City Services

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At 7:15 p.m. the City Council recessed for a Committee on City Services meeting. They reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Councilor Dwight took a moment to acknowledge the individuals who spoke during Public Comment about recent events at a nightclub in the City; many Councilors were notified about the concerns, some through social media. He did note that the Council is somewhat limited in authority concerning issues like this, but there is scrutiny that is being applied now. He expresses his apologies for the experience and he appreciates the testimony. He does believe that the Board of Health is involved at some level regarding some of the concerns that were raised.

Councilor Dwight noted that regarding the cemetery issues that were raised during Public Comment, there is nothing that is being proposed right now. The suggestions that were made are good, healthy and thoughtful. There is some discussion about what to do going forward, especially with the dissolution of the Public Works Commission. There is now a

	Public Works and Utilities Committee of the City Council; perhaps something could be done with that committee.
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<u>Consent Agenda</u>
<u>Remove items from Consent Agenda</u>	Councilor Carney moved to remove the approval of Linda Desmond's appointment from the Consent Agenda; Councilor Dwight seconded the motion and asked that 16.142 Request for City Council input regarding construction project on Damon Road also be removed. He notes that there will be a public hearing conducted by the State at some future date. It is not known at this time when that public hearing will take place.
<u>Motion to approve consent agenda</u>	Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.
<u>Motion Carried</u>	The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16.138 Refer appointment of Jeff Jones, Northampton Housing Representative, to the Community Preservation Committee - Refer to Committee on City Services• 16.131 Approve Appointments to Committees as follows: <u>Disability Commission:</u> Gene Page, 46 Evergreen Road #107, Leeds – term July 2016 – June 2019 <u>Housing Partnership:</u> Patrick Boughan, 95 Straw Avenue, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019 and Mark Goggins, 27 Spruce Lane, Florence – term August 2016 – June 2019 <u>Human Rights Commission:</u> Brian Barnes, 269 Main Street #2A, Northampton – term July 2016 – June 2019, Tara Ganguly, 55A Chestnut Street, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019, and Christine Young, 1443 Westhampton Road, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019 <u>License Commission:</u> William Rosen, 2 Laurel Lane, Northampton – term July 2016 – June 2019 (reappointment) <u>Parks & Recreation Commission:</u> David Cronin, 103 Pioneer Knolls Ext., Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019 (reappointment) and Thomas Dunphy, 6 Chesterfield Road, Leeds – term July 2016 – June 2019 (reappointment) <u>Zoning Board of Appeals:</u> Elizabeth Silver, 67 Willow Street, Florence – term July 2016 – June 2019 (moving from associate member to full member) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2016 City Council meeting.
<u>Motion to approve appointment of Senior Services Director</u>	Regarding the item separated out, Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the appointment of Linda Desmond as Senior Services Director; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.
<u>Motion Carried</u>	Councilor Dwight recalled that Linda Desmond served as the Ward 5 City Councilor in the past. He served with Ms. Desmond for a period of time. He recalls that she was the conscience of the City Council. He and Ms. Desmond are close in age and believes that she can transform and invigorate the Senior Services Center.
<u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u>	At 7:43 p.m. the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The City Council reconvened at 8:11 p.m.
<u>Financial Orders</u> <u>16.139 An Order to Authorize Purchase of Four Lots for affordable housing on Glendale Road - 1st Reading</u>	<u>16.139 An Order to Authorize Purchase of Four Lots for affordable housing on Glendale Road - 1st Reading</u>
<u>Motion to approve in 1st Reading</u>	Councilor Murphy moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

16.139 Motion Carried See minutes of September 1, 2016 for second reading.

16.140 Order to authorize the purchase of 17.9 acres to add to the Saw Mill Hills Conservation area east of Sylvester Road- 1st Reading

Motion to approve in 1st Reading Councilor Murphy moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried See minutes of September 1, 2016 for second reading.

16.141 An Order to authorize the purchase of 20 acres to add to the Broad Brook Greenway west of North Farms Road - 1st Reading

Motion to approve in 1st Reading Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried See minutes of September 1, 2016 for second reading.

16.143 Order to Authorize the Purchase of 9 Lots for limited development off Burts Pit Road and Overlook Drive- 1st Reading

Motion to approve in 1st Reading Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion.

Motion to Amend Councilor O'Donnell moved to amend the order under the second Whereas clause by adding a third Whereas clause. It would read; "Whereas the City's goal in this limited development scenario is the creation of at least two lots dedicated for first time homebuyer affordable housing". In the following Whereas clause, section 2B would be amended by striking the words "1 or 2" and replacing those words with "a number of". Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion to amend was approved on a voice vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion to amend carried

Motion to approve in 1st Reading; as amended The order was approved in first reading as amended on a roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

By way of explanation for the changes, Councilor O'Donnell stated that as Director Feiden commented there is a difference between what the City is doing on Glendale Road versus Burts Pit Road. What is being attempted on Burts Pit Road is good; since the City is waiting for funding might come together, Councilor O'Donnell feels that the City should not limit itself to one or two; it might be a good idea to say, "a number of affordable lots". The City should also express its desired goal. Since it is unclear what funding possibilities might exist, it might make better sense not to limit the number of affordable lots.

Councilor LaBarge asked for Director Feiden's opinion regarding this language change; Director Feiden has no objections to the aspirational language change.

16.143 Motion Carried See minutes of September 1, 2016 for second reading.

16.144 Order to authorize payment for prior year bills - 1st Reading

Motion to approve in 1st Reading Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried See minutes of September 1, 2016 for second reading.

16.145 Order to accept a gift of a van from PVTA for the IT Department - 1st Reading

Motion to approve in 1st Reading Councilor Murphy moved to approve the order in first reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried See minutes of September 1, 2016 for second reading.

Orders

16.137 State Primary Warrant - Request 2 Readings

Motion to approve in 1st Reading Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the warrant in first reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

Motion to suspend Council Rules Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend Council Rules to allow for a second reading; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion carried

Motion to approve in 2nd Reading Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the warrant in second reading; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried The following order passed second reading:

Upon the recommendation of City Clerk Wendy Mazza

16.137
A Warrant
Regarding the State Primary Scheduled for September 8, 2016

that meetings of the members of the Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and United Independent Party, in the City of Northampton, qualified to vote, will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2016 in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the City Council, as follows:

- WARD 1, Precinct A - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 1, Precinct B - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 2, Precinct A - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 2, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School

16.137
Continued

WARD 3, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
WARD 3, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
WARD 4, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
WARD 4, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
WARD 5, Precinct A - In Florence Civic and Business Building, 90 Park Street
WARD 5, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
WARD 6, Precinct A - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School
WARD 6, Precinct B - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School
WARD 7, Precinct A - In John F. Kennedy Middle School, Community Room
WARD 7, Precinct B - In Leeds School Gymnasium, Lower Level

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the eve the said day, and all such members will in the several wards and precincts in which they are entitled to vote between said hours give in their votes for Representative in Con for the Second Congressional District, for Councillor for Eighth District, for Senator in General Court for Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District, for Representative in General Court for the First Hampshire District and for Sheriff for Hampshire County

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

16.146 Accept a deed or a taking for Pleasant Street from Holyoke Street to Hockanum Road - 1st Reading

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Motion to approve in 1st Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to allow the Mayor to accept a deed or a taking in first reading; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

See minutes of September 1, 2016 for second reading.

Ordinances

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16.136 An Ordinance relative to parking on Old South Street - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters

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Motion to Refer to Committee

Councilor LaBarge moved to refer the ordinance to the Committee on Legislative Matters; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on voice call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

16.135 An Ordinance Relative to a Bus Stop on Main Street - Refer to Committee on Legislative Matters

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Motion to Refer to Committee

Councilor LaBarge moved to refer the ordinance to the Committee on Legislative Matters; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on voice call vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Motion Carried

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

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None

Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests

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None

New Business

New Business: None

At 8:30 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Klein. The vote to adjourn passed on a voice vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.

Attest:  Administrative Assistant to the City Council

2015-2016 City Council Roll Call Record

Record of City Council Votes for August 18, 2016

		Vacant	Bidwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	LaBarge	Murphy	O'Donnell	Sciara	Total
Roll Call by Pamela L. Powers, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:15 p.m.		Vacant	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	8 Present, 0 Absent, 1 Vacant
Appointment of Linda Desmond as Senior Services Director	Approve		Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant
16.139 An Order to Authorize Purchase of Four Lots for affordable housing on Glendale Road - 1st Reading	1st Reading		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant
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16.141 An Order to authorize the purchase of 20 acres to add to the Broad Brook Greenway west of North Farms Road - 1st Reading	1st Reading			Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant
16.143 Order to Authorize the Purchase of 9 Lots for limited development off Burts Pit Road and Overlook Drive- 1st Reading	1st Reading as amended		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve As Amended Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant
	Motion to Amend	Councilor O'Donnell moved to amend the order under the second Whereas clause by adding a third Whereas clause. It would read: "Whereas the City's goal in this limited development scenario is the creation of at least two lots dedicated for first time homebuyer affordable housing" the following Whereas clause would amend section 2B striking the words "1 or 2 and replacing those words with "a number of". Councilor Sciara seconded the motion. The motion to amend was approved on a voice vote.									Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant

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16.137 State Primary Warrant - Request 2 Readings	1st Reading		Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant
		Suspend Rules to allow for Second Reading									
		Motion to suspend City Council Rules to allow for second reading made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Bidwell. The motion was approved on a voice vote.									
		Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant									
		2nd Reading									
		Second Yes									
		Motion to Approve Yes									
		Yes									
		Motion to Approve Yes									
		Yes									
		Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant									
		1st Reading									
		Yes									
		Motion to Approve Yes									
		Yes									
		Motion Carried 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant									

At 8:30 p.m. Councilor LaBarge motioned to adjourn; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant.
 Recorded By:

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