



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

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A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Ryan R. O'Donnell. At 7:10 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

**Roll Call**

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

**Announcement of Audio/Video Recording**

Councilor O'Donnell announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded for broadcast by Northampton Community Television.

**Communications & Proclamations from the Mayor**

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Mayor Narkewicz read a special proclamation declaring March 2019 'Brain Injury Awareness Month.' He presented the proclamation to a special guest - Mary Collier – a leading advocate for this topic.

Ms. Collier informed those present that someone sustains a traumatic brain injury (TBI) every 3.2 seconds and that the number of women getting brain injuries is rising. She was injured in 1979 when she was seven years old and Brain Injury Awareness Month started in 1980. She hit her head on concrete so hard that she blacked out and considers herself very lucky today to be who she is and to be able to do what she does. She read a poem from Chicken Soup for the Soul entitled, "Caught in the Middle," describing the experience of a person with a TBI.

On behalf of the City Council, Councilor O'Donnell expressed appreciation for Ms. Collier's work and her courage.

**Public Hearings Announcement of Public Hearing to consider FY 2020 Water and Sewer Rates**

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Councilor O'Donnell announced that the City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider the proposed FY2020 water and sewer rates and hear all persons who wished to be heard thereon.

**Public Hearing concerning the Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024**

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Councilor O'Donnell introduced the public hearing on the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Councilor Dwight moved to open the public hearing. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote. The public hearing was opened at 7:24 p.m.

The annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a five-year document the Mayor is required to prepare and submit to the City Council every year based on Article 7 of the Charter, Mayor Narkewicz explained. Essentially, the document is a planning exercise to look at both the city and schools and the four enterprise utilities to see what their potential capital needs are over a five-year period. Part of the exercise is

to identify those needs and get estimates of initial costs and ongoing maintenance expenses and the other is to identify a means of financing individual projects. Staff then work to put all that together into this document. He thanked Finance Director Susan Wright, who takes the lead in this process. An ad hoc committee helps the Mayor's office prepare the document, including a City Council member, School Committee member and three citizen members. He thanked residents Robert Ostberg, Mark Sullivan and Megan Murphy Wolf for their work on the CIP.

The document is broken up into an initial summary section summarizing the program and identifying various funding sources with a spreadsheet showing projects broken down by fiscal year. The program identifies 116 projects over the five-year period with an estimated total cost of \$87,023,150. Following this section is another section with projects broken down by funding source and department and a final section containing detailed descriptions of individual projects. The capital program continues the work the city has been doing to focus on Northampton's infrastructure: city and school buildings, roadways, etc. He reminded members that he had come to them at the end of the year to authorize borrowing \$2.5 million for road reconstruction projects and to talk about the emphasis on improving the city's roads. The plan also includes investing in the city's IT infrastructure; city officials have been making major investments in IT infrastructure particularly on the city side but also in the schools now that they have a combined City/School IT Department under the leadership of Chief Information Officer Antonio Pagan, he related.

The CIP proposes continued investment in research they've been doing into municipal broadband as well as an investment in public safety vehicles and the planning process. In particular, the plan includes a placeholder for potential funding to design streetscape improvements in downtown Florence as well as numerous projects in the public schools. With regard to the city's enterprise funds, the plan calls for major investments in the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and investment in water systems, including underground transmission lines and repair work on reservoir spillways and dams. Northampton is in the middle of a major design and upgrade to the WWTP to modernize it and bring it up to current standards, he reminded.

In the Stormwater enterprise, DPW officials continue to work on upgrading and replacing stormwater lines, much of it in conjunction with the afore-mentioned paving work, as well as continuing to work on levee and flood control systems.

The CIP contains a continuation of a strategy by the DPW to construct storage buildings for new equipment the city has purchased, Mayor Narkewicz continued. The challenge with an 1800's DPW storage building is that, as vehicles have gotten bigger, they have run out of space to store them out of the elements. To address this need, DPW Director Donna LaScaleia has requested money for simple buildings to protect the city's investment, including a proposal for a storage building at the Spring Grove Cemetery.

As far as planning exercises, administrators continue to focus on renewable energy and the CIP includes funding to advance work on resiliency planning and green infrastructure. At the Fire Station, the city is in the process through a state grant of building a solar canopy over the parking lot with battery systems to store energy intended to enhance the resiliency of that building, which serves as the city's 24-hour emergency operations center. As storms become stronger and sometimes cause extended power outages, the city is looking at resiliency projects to insure continued operation during severe climate events, he indicated.

Mayor Narkewicz concluded his quick overview by stating his expectation that councilors would probably have questions about individual projects. The CIP is available on line on the city's website, at city libraries and in city offices, he added.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lee Feldscher of Oak Street, Florence identified himself as a Florence resident

and business owner and member of the Northampton High-Speed Community Network Coalition. He asked audience members who had come out tonight as part of the group to rise, and half a dozen people stood.

Local communities such as Leverett, Westfield and South Hadley are already in the process of building municipal fiber networks, Mr. Feldscher related. They don't want to be the last Western Mass. town to have the benefit of high-speed, municipally-controlled internet. He expressed strong support for the construction of a municipal fiber network in Northampton, adding that the coalition respectfully offers its services and support as the city moves forward in this endeavor.

He estimated the cost of the network as \$10 to \$15 million, expressing confidence that this initial investment would be recouped by customer subscription fees over time, after which the service could potentially be a source of revenue for the city. He cited other benefits of such a network as being 'net neutrality' and strong privacy controls.

Many Northampton residents are frustrated and dissatisfied with Comcast and want true high-speed alternatives, he reported. He noted that he had collected 500 resident signatures on petitions to support this project, which he presented to the Mayor. He concluded by thanking the Mayor, noting that the group "applaud[s] Mayor Narkewicz for his leadership and vision in including funding in next year's budget to study the feasibility of a Northampton high speed network."

Ryan Shivers Brown of One Villone Drive, Leeds, also voiced support for the CIP around the high-speed fiber network. A big hesitation on the part of a few community members that he wished to address is the impending introduction of fifth-generation wireless networks (5G). Those expressing this concern questioned whether 5G won't make fiber networks obsolete since everybody with 5G will have wireless service. 5G is basically 4G – it's what powers smart phones, just the next generation, he explained. It is faster but it still can be unreliable and it cannot replace a fully-wired network, he maintained.

The major hesitation he has heard is that, once 5G comes out, users will be able to have wireless internet in every household via cell phones. The problem is that 5G only works in a radius of about 200 meters from a tower, so there would have to be towers all over town. Also, 5G can't penetrate buildings, so inside the high school or City Hall people would most likely not have service. In addition, the technology is incredibly expensive because it's only manufactured by one company. Even if it were to come to the United States anytime soon, it would be very expensive for Northampton to bring in. He wanted to address this in case anyone on the council had questions or reservations based on this concern. He thanked the Mayor and CIO Pagan for the proposal to fund a study.

There being no further public comments, Councilor Dwight moved to close the hearing. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote. The public hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m.

**Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs**

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As Chair of the Charter Review Commission, Councilor Dwight reported that the committee convened Tuesday night in the hearing room. (The public is invited, he reminded.) Two members of the public attended and called for ranked choice voting to be considered, another spoke in favor of the City Clerk position being changed from elected to appointive and someone wanted members to review compensation for elected officials as it relates to insurance. Also identified were housekeeping items such as handling vacancies on the Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School (SVAHS) Board of Trustees the same way as vacancies on the School Committee; i.e. – by joint appointment of the City Council and School Committee. And, as Northampton is unique in having two school districts, as a distinct district, SVAHS officials want to be present at the budget hearing. Also, interest was expressed in the possibility of lowering the voting age for municipi-

	<p>pal elections to 16.</p> <p>Members discussed a process for addressing charter change proposals: for more controversial, meatier issues the committee will be having public forums and also inviting department heads and public officials to share their thoughts. Members have proposing embedding a link on the city website to a google document that will be updated regularly and highlight points of interest and discussion.</p>
<p><u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u></p>	<p><u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Resolutions</u> <u>19.003 Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024 Submitted to City Council on February 4, 2019 - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Resolutions</u> <u>19.003 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024 Submitted to City Council on February 4, 2019 - 1st reading</u> Councilor O'Donnell read 19.003.</p> <p>Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the resolution in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded.</p> <p>Councilor O'Donnell opened the floor to discussion and recognized Councilor Klein.</p> <p>Councilor Klein thanked Mayor Narkewicz for the study on a municipal fiber network. Like the committee members present, she thinks it is a really important project and is happy to see it included in the capital plan, she shared.</p> <p>With regard to the storage building at Spring Grove Cemetery, she posed a question from a constituent who lives adjacent to the cemetery. The Ward 7 resident asked about a document sent out by DPW Director LaScaleia: "Rules &amp; Regulations, City of Northampton Cemeteries (Revised August 2018)." Under Section 1, Sale &amp; Use of Lots, the document states that, "Cemetery grounds shall not be used for any other purpose other than interment of the dead."</p> <p>She asked how a larger, expanded storage building fits into that regulation.</p> <p>The rules and regulations are issued for the public, Mayor Narkewicz clarified. The burial plots themselves are specifically laid out and make up a very specific part of the cemetery. When someone is interred, the plot owner literally signs a deed. The regulation is not really directed at the DPW, it is directed to the public with the intent that the burial area be reserved as a place for quiet respect for the dead. In other words, it would not be an appropriate place for picnicking or other recreational activities.</p> <p>There has been a maintenance and administration facility dating back to the 1800's, Mayor Narkewicz continued. Slowly over time as the extent of the city's cemeteries, parks and recreational fields have grown and equipment needs have changed, the historic structure no longer provides sufficient storage. Administrators are proposing to build an additional unheated storage building. In the accompanying picture, it is possible to see all of the equipment parked outside. The goal of the project is to construct a building and be able to put all that equipment under cover to protect it. He does not believe this violates any cemetery or public use regulation as they are not building it on either current or future burial grounds.</p> <p>He is always very impressed with the process by which the CIP is laid out with the ethos to very conscientiously manage all these very complicated systems, including protecting new equipment the city buys, Councilor Dwight observed. Capital plans of years past have all included this holistic perspective that provides him some comfort.</p>

With regard to the broadband study, he would ask that any broadband proposal or study request include the idea of providing parity or social equity. There is a digital divide, and people who can't pay the fees of the substandard cable system are currently using the data plans on their phones, even if they can ill-afford it. Having to rely on a sanctioned monopoly creates or exacerbates the digital divide within the community and reinforces the competitive monopoly, he suggested. He is strongly in favor of the request and in agreement with all points made but would add to it social equity and the opportunity to provide accessible, cheap broadband service to families who might otherwise not be able to afford it.

In terms of equipment storage, one of the other 800-lb. gorillas in the room is that, when he was on the council, city officials spent a lot of time talking about the need to build a brand new, super-duper, multi-million dollar DPW facility, Mayor Narkewicz reminded. The approach DPW Director LaScaleia has been taking to address this need is trying to make sure operational locations make sense, moving staff around to address space needs and using fairly inexpensive structures to get equipment out of the weather. She believes some of these more inexpensive measures will relieve the immediate need for a new facility.

In terms of function, a major function of the new facility talked about seven or eight years ago was storage, he pointed out. Now, snowplows are stacked inside the barn like a New York City parking lot. Space is tight and, several years ago, DPW workers had to reinforce the floor. An added benefit is longer-term cost savings in terms of putting off the need to build a brand new DPW facility, he noted.

On the issue of broadband, Mayor Narkewicz reminded those present that they did an initial look at the city's existing fiber network built with Comcast money to see how they could better leverage it. The preliminary study included recommendations for how they could leverage the existing fiber network into a larger municipal fiber network. Mr. Pagan has been working to implement many of the recommendations of the plan, particularly in terms of delivering better, cheaper internet to the public schools.

Northampton has done a lot of research, including meeting with many of the communities cited, Mass IT and MBI and touring the Westfield facility, Mayor Narkewicz related. What they are proposing for the next step is two-phased: first, a market study to insure the need for the network and then a design phase to determine what it will involve and how much it will cost. The equity piece would probably come into play more in designing the utility, he suggested.

It should be a consideration as far as demand as well, Councilor Dwight noted.

Mayor Narkewicz agreed, confirming that he is trying to keep the project moving forward. At the same time, he stands before them with a capital plan that requires major capital outlays for the four existing utilities, he pointed out. When they talk about investing \$10 to \$15 million in infrastructure for a new utility, he thinks it is important for them to do due diligence to understand how it would look, what the demand would be and how it could be designed in a way to be successful and self-supporting, he stressed.

Councilor Sciarra expressed her understanding that the two phases would occur over two years. She asked if they could expect there to be a report or decision made after those two years.

The study will be financed with cash capital from the FY2020 budget, Mayor Narkewicz said. Administrators will handle the procurement, select a vendor, then present and share the results. He will come back before them with the FY2021-FY2025 CIP to seek funding for the next phase. Before he comes back to ask for the next round of funding he would like to be able to say with confidence that there is a high demand and definitely a market for it, he advised. He noted that Leverett and the Hilltowns are in a different situation in that they are not competing with

Comcast since they have no cable provider. They are operating in a slightly different environment because there is no competitor and no access to broadband.

In other cases across the country, municipalities with gas and electric utilities such as Holyoke Gas & Electric and Westfield have used existing infrastructure as a backbone for their fiber networks. Northampton doesn't have that infrastructure, he noted.

The city has signed an agreement to provide fiber optic to GCC, he added.

The Mayor and Finance Director fielded questions on specific projects ranging from the renovation of the Tax Collector's office and installation of water bottle-filling stations in the municipal building to the replacement of sidewalks and purchase of additional chrome books for the schools.

With regard to the appropriation of \$205,000 for chrome books, last year the City Council authorized \$176,000 and at that time councilors were told they had just over 1,200 in the school system, Councilor Klein noted. She is curious as to how many were actually purchased with the \$176,000 authorized last year. She is also curious about the 'GoGuardian' piece and its additional cost per unit.

Mayor Narkewicz said he would get this information between now and the second reading. The School Committee has had significant discussion and debate on this purchase and has taken affirmative votes to move forward with the project, he confirmed. The School Committee controls all school property and school technology, he reminded.

The roll out of the chrome books has been going really well, he added. The public schools have had chrome books for years, they just haven't had enough so students have had to share. Last year's focus was the middle school, next year they will concentrate on the high school and eventually they will be working on equipping some of the upper elementary grades as well. He promised to get data on how many chrome books have been purchased and the total number in the system at this time, as well as the cost of the units and 'GoGuardian' extensions.

Councilor Klein asked about the appropriation of \$15,000 over four years to the Recreation Department and DPW for athletic field maintenance. She questioned how that fits into a capital budget.

The city signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the schools to work collaboratively to address long-term maintenance needs for the shared use of athletic fields, Mayor Narkewicz explained. As part of the agreement it was decided to build up a fund for this purpose and that the 'team' of the Recreation Department, Central Services and the schools would work together to make investments to one or more of the fields. One of the projects they are looking at now is making the fields below Bear Hill at JFK Middle School more usable by creating better drainage and irrigation. The money is for larger-than-usual maintenance type projects related to the use of fields by multiple departments, he summarized.

After brief additional discussion, Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to approve the resolution to adopt the Capital Improvement Program to a vote, and it passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of March 7, 2019 for second reading.

19.006 A Resolution in Support of Changing the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal - 1st reading

Councilor O'Donnell read the text of the resolution.

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Councilor Klein moved to approve the resolution in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded.

Massachusetts  
State Flag and  
Seal - 1st reading

As background, she was contacted by members of a campaign who have been working for several years to actually change the state flag and seal, Councilor Klein explained. This year, members are going from town to town to try to get municipalities to support legislation and to put more pressure on state legislators.

In explaining her decision to sponsor the resolution, Councilor Klein noted that she grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, the home of the Cleveland Indians. The team's well-known logo is a disparaging cartoon of a grinning Native American known as Chief Wahoo. The image exists alongside myriad other teams with images and mascots that crudely and offensively depict indigenous people, she observed. As a child, she didn't give it much thought, but, as she developed a social and political conscience, she came to realize that, before they were used by sports teams, racist images were used on state flags and seals. The Massachusetts state seal depicts an Indian about to be killed by a settler. In talking to people some have asked why this is a problem, since the depiction is historically accurate. She is always a little stunned by this argument as it could be used to justify Germany adopting an image of Jews being marched into a gas chamber. "If you think of that kind of parallel, it's really unthinkable," she noted.

People need to always be mindful and to teach about history's most shameful acts so that they don't repeat them, she maintained. The state's emblems "should reflect our hopes and aspirations and values," not a racist image, she stressed.

"I don't think a racist conqueror should ever get to gloat" or depict the people that he's plundered or destroyed and that's essentially what she sees in this image, she continued. The Southern Poverty Law Center just came out with a study showing a 30% rise in hate groups in the United States in the past three years, a fact which 'compels us even more to redress racist wrongs in our collective history.'

Two bills have been introduced in the Massachusetts state legislature – House Bill 2968 and Senate Bill 1495. The House bill is lead-sponsored by Northampton's state representative Lindsay Sabadosa and co-sponsored by Jo Comerford in the Senate. The bills call for establishment of a special commission to 'make recommendations regarding a revised or new design of the seal of the Commonwealth.'

She encouraged fellow councilors to vote yes on the resolution to support their representatives in the statehouse as they advocate for this little piece of redress towards the native tribes in Massachusetts and to acknowledge and address the white supremacy that fostered the inhumanity of the colonizers in Massachusetts; also, to push back against the ways they see white supremacy playing out and burgeoning in our country today.

She thanked Howard Clark and David Detmold from the "Change the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal" campaign, who were helpful in crafting the resolution.

Councilors Carney, Dwight, Bidwell, LaBarge, Nash, O'Donnell and Sciarra spoke unanimously in support of the resolution, expressing gratitude to Councilor Klein and Northampton's representatives in Boston for advancing it. Among sentiments expressed, members agreed that, instead of representing racism and the historic mistreatment of Native Americans, the state flag should be representative of the values residents hold today. Councilor Bidwell suggested a slight change to standardize the reference to Massachusetts as a 'Commonwealth' rather than state.

Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to a vote, and it passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of March 7, 2019 for second reading.

Presentations

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None.

<p><u>Recess for Committee on City Services Meeting</u></p>	<p>At 9:01 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on City Services meeting. The Committee on City Services adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 9:07 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u>          Councilor O'Donnell reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request. Councilor Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.</p> <p>The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:  <b>A. <u>Minutes of February 7, 2019</u></b>  <b>B. <u>18.241B Appointment to Housing Authority Housing Authority</u></b>  <b>Elizabeth Silver</b>, 67 Willow Street, Florence          Term: February 2019 to March 2021  <i>To fill the unexpired term of Jerry Budgar</i>  <b>C. <u>19.008 Appointments to Various Committees - for Referral to City Services Arts Council</u></b>  <b>Rachel Hart</b>, 211 Elm Street, Unit 2A, Northampton          Term: March 2019 - June 2021  <i>To fill a vacancy on the Arts Council</i></p> <p><b><u>Historical Commission</u></b>  <b>Emily Estes Baillargeon</b>, 19 Allison Street, Northampton          Term: March 2019 to June 2019  <i>To fulfill the remaining term of Bruce Kriviskey</i></p> <p><b><u>Housing Partnership</u></b>  <b>Carmen Junno</b>, 73 Straw Avenue, Florence          Term: March 2019 to June 2019  <i>To fill a vacancy on the Housing Partnership</i></p>
<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></p>	<p>At 9:08 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 9:18 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 9:18 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Financial Order (for Referral to Finance Committee)</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Order (for Referral to Finance Committee)</u>  <u>19.009 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2020</u>          Councilor O'Donnell read the text of the order.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to refer the order to the Finance Committee. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.</p>
<p><u>Financial Orders (on 1st reading)</u>  <u>19.002 Order to Purchase, Declare Surplus and Donate Land on Easthampton Road to Mass Audubon Society for Conservation</u>  <u>19.004 An Order to Reprogram Memorial Hall Repairs Surplus to Senior Center</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)</u></p> <p><u>19.002 An Order to Purchase, Declare Surplus and Donate Land on Easthampton Road to Mass Audubon Society for Conservation Purposes - 1st reading</u>          Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p><u>See minutes of March 7, 2019 for second reading.</u></p> <p><u>19.004 An Order to Reprogram Memorial Hall Repairs Surplus to Senior Center Repairs - 1st reading</u>          Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p>

Repairs - 1st reading  
19.005 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers - 1st reading

See minutes of March 7, 2019 for second reading.

19.005 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers - 1st reading  
 Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Carney seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of March 7, 2019 for second reading.

19.007 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers - 1st reading

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 Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
 MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* February 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.007 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers**

*Ordered, that*

the following FY2019 budgetary transfers be and hereby are made:

Department	Org	Object	Transfer To:	Transfer From:
Salary Reserve	19491	519700		\$ (123,422.00)
Arts and Culture	16991	511000	3,777	
Assessor	11411	511000	273	
Auditor	11351	511000	3,229	
Building	12411	511000	1,726	
Central Services	11921	511000	15,578	
City Clerk	11611	511000	646	
City Council	11111	511000	468	
Dispatch	12121	511000	29,509	
Engineering and Admin	14211	511000	331	
Fire	12201	511000	3,822	
Health	15111	511000	255	
Highways	14221	511000	744	
Human Resources	11522	511000	11,416	
IT	11551	511000	10,234	
Mayor's Office	11211	511000	10,870	
Parking Enforcement	12111	511000	7,471	
Parking Maintenance	14811	511000	5,141	
Planning	11751	511000	1,789	
Police	12101	511000	5,904	
Recreation	16301	511000	2,799	
Senior Services	15411	511000	1,129	
Treasurer/Collector	11461	511000	5,715	
Veterans	15431	511000	595	
<b>Total</b>			<b>123,422</b>	<b>\$ (123,422.00)</b>

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Financial Orders (on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)  
18.233 An Order to Acquire Land on Chestnut

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18.233 An Order to Acquire Land on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading  
 Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra

Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection – 2nd reading

seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, \_\_\_\_\_, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Mayor and the Department of Public Works*

**18.233 An Order  
to Acquire Land on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection**

*Ordered, that*

WHEREAS, The City of Northampton owns a surface drinking water supply in the towns of Hatfield, Whately and Williamsburg which is surrounded by watershed land owned by both the City and private property owners, and;

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the City to acquire privately held parcels within this watershed as they become available for sale to protect its drinking water supply, and;

WHEREAS, Certain parcels of land within the watershed are available for acquisition, and it is in the interest of the City to acquire the parcels for watershed protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED,

That the City Council authorizes the acquisition by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, the fee interest in one parcel of land containing 9.125 acres, more or less, located on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield and shown as Parcel 3 on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Hatfield, Massachusetts Surveyed for the City of Northampton," dated January 15, 2019, by Heritage Surveys, Inc. This acquisition is for the purpose of the sanitary protection of the Mountain Street Reservoir, part of the City of Northampton's Water Supply. The parcels shall be held in the custody and control of the Department of Public Works.

Further, that no appropriation is necessary for the acquisition authorized hereunder inasmuch as sufficient funds for this acquisition have been appropriated in Water Enterprise 61523-581000-11 – Land.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

18.236 An Order to Reprogram AOM Funds from Foundation Repair to Stage Door Handicapped Access – 2nd reading

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Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council* February 7, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**18.236 An Order to Reprogram AOM Funds from Foundation Repair to Stage Door Handicapped Access**

*Whereas*, the City appropriated funds to make the stage door access at the Academy of Music handicapped accessible and the project was bid in the spring of 2018;

*Whereas*, the bids received exceeded the approved budget and the project was put on hold in order to review and rebid once additional funds were identified;

*Whereas*, the AOM Foundation Repairs have been completed and have funds remaining that are now surplus;

*Ordered, that*

The balance of \$6,420 remaining in the Academy of Music Foundation Repairs Capital Project (19303 586842) be reprogrammed to add to the \$131,527 previously appropriated for the Academy of Music Stage Door Handicapped Access Project (19303 586712), bringing the total appropriated for the Stage Door Handicapped Access Project to \$137,947.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

18.237 An Order

18.237 An Order to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for

to Appropriate CPA Funds for Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill Apartments – 2nd reading

Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill Apartments – 2nd reading  
Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, February 7, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

18.237 An Order  
to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill Apartments

**Ordered, that**

WHEREAS, The Community Builders submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of affordable housing units at the Village Hill Apartments;

WHEREAS, the project will create approximately 65 units of mixed income rental housing at Village Hill on two parcels, and 35 of these will be restricted to households and individuals earning 60% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, open spaces and playgrounds are part of the project and will be open and available for use by the public;

WHEREAS, The Community Builders has an excellent record of providing affordable housing in Northampton and beyond;

WHEREAS, the project will leverage funds from a variety of other sources and has wide community support;

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$150,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$150,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to The Community Builders for the Village Hill Apartments project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$89,000 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933), and \$61,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

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Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

18.238 Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project – 2nd reading

18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project – 2nd reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, February 7, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project

**Ordered, that**

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of 87 acres within the Parsons Brook greenway on Route 66 and Burts Pit Road;

WHEREAS, the area includes rare pine barrens habitat, a coldwater fishery, core habitat of rare and endangered species, acidic wetlands, and serves as a wildlife corridor for birds and large mammals, and is adjacent to already-protected open space;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail Plan to protect open space, provide for passive recreation, and protect heritage landscapes;

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$118,160 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$118,160 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Parsons Brook Pine Barrens acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$118,160 is appropriated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931).

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Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog – 2nd reading

18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog – 2nd reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, February 7, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog

**Ordered, that**

WHEREAS, the Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for a .75 mile multi-use trail within the Burts Bog Greenway;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Northampton Sustainability Plan and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-Use Trail Plan.

WHEREAS, the project has wide community and regional support, will connect neighborhoods, and will create safe routes to school and meaningful non-motorized travel options.

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used as a match for an approved FY19 Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$200,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$200,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Rocky Hill Trail at Burt's Bog. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$45,840 is allocated from the CPA Open Space Reserve (account #2344930-359931), and \$154,160 is allocated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

18.240 Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Window at Forbes Library – 2nd reading

18.240 A Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Windows at Forbes Library – 2nd reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, February 7, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

**18.240 An Order**

**to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Windows at Forbes Library**

**Ordered, that**

WHEREAS, the Northampton Central Services Department submitted a CPA application for restoration of the 125-year old windows at Forbes Library;

WHEREAS, the library is important to the history of the City and the region, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and includes invaluable historic collections, including the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Library;

WHEREAS, restoration of the windows is an appropriate historic treatment that conforms to the Secretary of the Interior's standards and will secure the building's envelope and increase energy efficiency;

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2018, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$100,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$100,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Northampton Central Services for the Forbes Library Window Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$100,000 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

<u>Orders</u>	<u>Orders</u> None.
<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u>	<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> None.
<u>Ordinances</u>	<u>Ordinances</u> None.
<u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) &amp; Study Requests</u>	<u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u>  None
<u>Motion to Adjourn</u>	Upon motion made by Councilor Dwight and seconded by Councilor Nash, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.  Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council

## EXHIBIT A

List of Documents Reviewed at February 21, 2019 Northampton City Council Meeting:

1. February 21, 2019 Agenda
2. Public Comment Sign-up Sheet for February 21, 2019
3. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2019
4. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY2020-FY2024
5. 19.003 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024 Submitted to City Council on February 4, 2019
6. 19.006 A Resolution in Support of Changing the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal
7. 18.241B Appointment to Housing Authority - Memo from Mayor David J. Narkewicz to City Council dated February 5, 2019 re: Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions proposing the appointment of Dan Krassner to the Housing Partnership, Rachel Maiore and Megan Paik to the Human Rights Commission and Elizabeth Silver to the Housing Authority, together with Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions from Elizabeth Silver.
8. 19.008 Appointments to Various Committees - Memo from Mayor David J. Narkewicz to City Council dated February 19, 2019 re: Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions proposing the appointment of Rachel Hart to the Arts Council, Emily Estes Baillargeon to the Historical Commission and Carmen Junno to the Housing Partnership, together with Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions.
9. 19.009 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2020
10. DPW Recommendation on Water-Sewer Rates (Memo from Donna LaScaleia, Director of Public Works, to Mayor David Narkewicz dated February 19, 2019 re: FY2020 Water and Sewer Rates)
11. 19.002 An Order to Purchase, Declare Surplus and Donate Land on Easthampton Road to Massachusetts Audubon Society for Conservation Purposes
12. 19.004 An Order to Reprogram Memorial Hall Repairs Surplus to Senior Center Repairs
13. 19.005 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers
14. 19.007 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers
15. 18.233 An Order to Acquire Land on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection
16. 18.236 An Order to Reprogram AOM Funds from Foundation Repair to Stage Door Handicapped Access
17. 18.237 An Order to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill Apartments
18. 18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project
19. 18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog
20. 18.240 A Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Window at Forbes Library

2018 - 2019 ROLL CALL RECORD FOR NORTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL											
Record of City Council Votes for February 21, 2019		Bidwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	LaBarge	Murphy	Nash	O'Donnell	Sciarra	Total
Roll Call by Laura Krutzler, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:10 p.m.		Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	9 Present
19.003 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2020-FY2024 Submitted to City Council on February 4, 2019 - 1st reading	1st reading	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
19.006 A Resolution in Support of Changing the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal - 1st reading	1st reading	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
19.002 An Order to Purchase, Declare Surplus and Donate Land on Easthampton Road to Massachusetts Audubon Society for Conservation Purposes	1st reading	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
19.004 An Order to Reprogram Memorial Hall Repairs Surplus to Senior Center Repairs - 1st reading	1st reading	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
19.005 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers - 1st reading	1st reading	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
19.007 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers - 1st reading	1st reading	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
	Motion to suspend				Second	Motion to suspend					Motion carried 9:0; voice vote
	2nd reading	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
18.233 An Order to Acquire Land on Chestnut Mountain Road in Hatfield for Water Supply Protection - 2nd reading	2nd reading	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
18.236 An Order to Reprogram AOM Funds from Foundation Repair to Stage Door Handicapped Access - 2nd reading	2nd reading	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
18.237 An Order to Appropriate Community Preservation Act Funds for Creation of Affordable Housing Units at Village Hill Apartments	2nd reading	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
18.238 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Parsons Brook Pine Barrens Acquisition Project - 2nd reading	2nd reading	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
18.239 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Rocky Hill Trail at Burts Bog - 2nd reading	2nd reading	Second Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote
18.240 A Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Restoration of 125-year Old Window at Forbes Library - 2nd reading	2nd reading	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote

At 9:24 p.m., Councilor Dwight moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Nash seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.