



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

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President William H. Dwight. At 7:07 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 James Nash	Ward 4 Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra
Ward 5 Councilor David A. Murphy	Ward 6 Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge
Ward 7 Councilor Alisa F. Klein	

Public Hearing

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 22, Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a public hearing was held tonight in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street on the petition of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. to locate poles, wires and fixtures upon, along, under, or across one or more public ways in the City of Northampton. The petition concerns pole #15 on Barrett Street. Petition is #23180524.

Motion to open public hearing

At 7:08 pm Councilor O'Donnell moved to open the public hearing; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion carried

Lisa Jasinski from National Grid was presented the proposed work planned for this project. National Grid is requesting permission to relocate pole #15 on Barrett Street. There is a new development going in at that location and the pole needs to be moved to make way for a driveway. The plan calls for the pole to be moved 7 – 8 feet east of the existing location.

Peg Murray lives at 99 Barrett Street. She had a question about Comcast service since this company was not listed on the notice to abutters. Comcast provides telephone, internet and cable services; Ms. Murray was concerned about how the proposed work will affect the service to her and her neighbors. Lisa Jasinski explained that a new pole will sit right directly into the existing wires. The existing wires will be attached to the pole in place. The workers will be able to detach the wires that are on the pole that needs to be moved. Ms. Jasinski explained that there should not be an outage for this, but if there is, the workers will let residents know. Going into the property eventually there will be additional work done to place wires underground. All of that work will be brand new and will not have any effect on the existing poles and wires.

Ms. Jasinski stated that Ms. Murray had a question about how Comcast was handled and wondered if Comcast would be going into the development. Mr. Shaul Perry, the developer from Sunwood Builders who is requesting the pole relocation, nodded "yes". He stated that Comcast was just one of the array of services and that they will be handled the same as all the rest of the services.

The memo prepared by the Department of Public Works concerning this project was read into the record by Councilor Dwight. Ms. Jasinski was aware of the memo as it pertains to the relocation of the pole. Councilor Dwight asked who had responsibility if the sewer lateral was disturbed, as stipulated in the memo. Ms. Jasinski stated that she had a discussion with DPW today. The sewer line comes from 99 Barrett Street. She states that care will be taken when

<u>17.235 Continued</u>	<p>the hole is hand dug for the pole.</p> <p>Ms. Jesse Bierwert was also present from 92 Barrett Street. Ms. Bierwert was present to hear about the work being done as she is an abutter.</p> <p>Councilor O'Donnell asked if any of the abutters had objection to approving the pole petition tonight. There did not appear to be any objection from abutters in the audience.</p>
<u>Motion to close Public Hearing</u>	<p>At 7:14 pm Councilor LaBarge moved to close the public hearing; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</p>
<u>Motion Carried</u>	<p>See CONSENT AGENDA section for the vote on this item.</p>
<u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u>	<p><u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u></p> <p>Councilor O'Donnell announced a public meeting. The Department of Transportation is holding a public meeting about a proposed roundabout to be constructed at North King Street and Hatfield Street. This is a public meeting that is held at a particular stage of design. The meeting will be Monday, March 6 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will take place on the second floor of City Hall in the Hearing Room.</p> <p>Councilor Sciarra announced that on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm, the Northampton Democratic City Committee is having a general meeting and then breaking into ward meetings. The meeting will be at JFK in the cafeteria.</p> <p>Councilor Nash announced that on Monday, March 9, at 7pm in the Library at Bridge Street School, Valley CDC, the Ward 3 Neighborhood Association and Councilor Nash will be sponsoring an informational meeting concerning the proposed development of Sergeant House on Bridge Street. The discussion will pertain to the proposed overlay that the City Council will be considering. The idea of the meeting is to allow neighbors and the public to ask questions and vet the proposal ahead of the Public Hearing that is scheduled for March 13 when this project will be discussed. (Clerk's Note: On March 13, 2017 @ 5:30 pm the City Council Committee on Legislative Matters and the Planning Board will hold a joint Public Hearing concerning the proposed overlay. That meeting will be held in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton.)</p>
<u>Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor</u>	<p><u>Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor:</u></p> <p>None</p>
<u>Resolutions</u>	<p><u>Resolutions:</u> None</p>
<u>Presentations</u>	<p><u>Presentations:</u> None</p>
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</p> <p>The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>17.236 Pole Petition Request #23180524 from National Grid and Verizon New England, inc. for a pole on Barrett Street</u>• <u>17.261 The referral of various appointments to the Committee on City Services:</u>
<u>Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 17.236, 17.261, & Minutes</u>	
<u>Motion Carried</u>	

<u>Consent Agenda Continued</u>	<p><u>Human Rights Commission:</u> Nural Mohammed, 34 Michelman Ave, Apt 2, Northampton – term February 2017 – June 2020 (replacing Natalia Munoz)</p> <p><u>Housing Partnership:</u> Kyla Prior, 32 Bliss St, Florence – term February 2017 – June 2020 (replacing the expired term of Rachel Taylor-Doward)</p> <p><u>Arts Council:</u> Nikolas Guardia, 9 Ahwaga Ave, Northampton – term February 2017 – June 2020 (replacing the expired term of Elizabeth Stone); and Sarah Gibbons, 295 South St. Northampton – term February 2017 – June 2020 (replacing the expired term of Robin Glenn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve Minutes of February 16, 2017 meeting
<u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u>	<p>At 7:19 p.m. the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The City Council reconvened at 8:00 p.m.</p>
<u>Financial Orders</u>	<u>Financial Orders</u>
<p><u>17.258 To appropriate \$1,668,582 for paying costs of roof replacement at Bridge Street School - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>17.258 To appropriate \$1,668,582 for paying costs of roof replacement at Bridge Street School - 1st reading</u></p>
<p><u>Motion to approve 17.258 in 1st Reading</u></p>	<p>Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in 1st reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</p>
<p><u>Motion Carried</u></p>	<p><u>See minutes of March 16, 2017 for second reading.</u></p>
<p><u>17.259 A Financial Order To appropriate \$1,775,294 for paying costs of roof replacement at Leeds Elementary School - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>17.259 A Financial Order To appropriate \$1,775,294 for paying costs of roof replacement at Leeds Elementary School - 1st reading</u></p>
<p><u>Motion to approve 17.259 in 1st Reading</u></p>	<p>Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in 1st reading; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</p>
<p><u>Motion Carried</u></p>	<p><u>See minutes of March 16, 2017 for second reading.</u></p>

<p><u>17.255 An Order to authorize payment of a previous year bill for the Board of Health - 2nd reading</u></p>	<p><u>17.255 An Order to authorize payment of a previous year bill for the Board of Health - 2nd reading</u></p>
<p><u>Motion to approve 17.255 in 2nd Reading</u></p>	<p>Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in 2nd reading; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</p>
<p><u>Motion Carried</u></p>	<p>The following order passed second reading:</p> <p><u>Upon recommendation of the Mayor</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>17.255</u> <u>An Order</u></p> <p><u>To authorize payment of a previous year bill incurred by the Health Department</u></p>
<p><u>17.255 Enrolled</u></p>	<p>BE IT ORDERED,</p> <p>that the Council authorize payment of a prior fiscal year bill (FY2016) in the amount of \$400 to Overdose Lifeline for work associated with the Health Department's Opioid Task Force Grant.</p> <p><u>Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.</u></p>

<p><u>Orders</u></p>	<p><u>Orders</u></p>
<p><u>17.260 An Order Authorizing joint operation of public activities agreement to implement "Healthy Hampshire Massachusetts in Motion/1422" grant - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>17.260 An Order Authorizing joint operation of public activities agreement to implement "Healthy Hampshire Massachusetts in Motion/1422" grant - 1st reading</u></p>
<p><u>Motion to approve 17.260 in 1st Reading</u></p>	<p>Councilor Klein moved to approve the order in 1st reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</p>
<p><u>Motion Carried</u></p>	<p><u>See minutes of March 16, 2017 for second reading.</u></p>

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Motion to approve 17.254 in 2nd Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in 2nd reading; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion Carried

The following order passed second reading:

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

17.254

An Order

To authorize that premiums received upon sale of bonds used to pay project costs shall reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed by any such premium so applied

Ordered, that

That the City votes to supplement each prior order of this Council that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

17.254 Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Ordinances

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17.244 An Ordinance regarding Fair Minimum Wage - 2nd reading

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Motion to approve 17.244 in 2nd Reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the ordinance in 2nd reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion Carried

The following ordinance passed second reading:

17.244 Continued

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell.

**17.244
AN ORDINANCE**

**TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM WAGE
FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

That the Code of Ordinances be amended by adding the following:

§ 5-6 Fair Minimum Wage Ordinance

No executive or legislative branch employee of the City of Northampton shall be paid at a rate less than the minimum wage set forth in the Massachusetts Minimum Fair Wage Law, MGL Chapter 151 Section 1. Nothing herein shall be construed to apply to any wages established pursuant to an existing collective bargaining agreement or to the compensation of any elected official.

17.244 Ordained
& Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

Updates from
Council
President and
Committee
Chairs

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs:

None

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

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


None

New Business

New Business: None

Adjourn

At 8:05 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Klein and seconded by Councilor Murphy. The vote to adjourn passed on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Attest:  Administrative Assistant to the City Council

2016 - 2017 ROLL CALL RECORD FOR NORTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL

Record of City Council Votes for March 2, 2017		Bidwell	Carmy	Dwight	Klein	LaBarge	Murphy	Nash	O'Donnell	Sciarra	Total
Roll Call by Pamela L. Powers, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:07 p.m.		Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	9 Present, 0 Absent
17.258	To appropriate \$1,668,582 for paying costs of roof replacement at Bridge Street School	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No
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17.244	An Ordinance regarding Fair Minimum Wage	2nd Reading Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No
At 8:05 p.m. Councilor Klein motioned to adjourn. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.											
Recorded By:											
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