



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

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Ryan R. O'Donnell. At 7:28 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

Roll Call

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

At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight was absent.

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

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

Public Hearings

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None.

Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs

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Tomorrow and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. the Academy of Music and Hampshire Hope will present a very special theater performance – the Heroin project, a drama by Kent State University students that exposes the reality of the heroin crisis, Councilor Bidwell announced. He encouraged folks to attend.

Communications & Proclamations from the Mayor

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Mayor Narkewicz presented the annual roadway improvements memo. At an earlier meeting in December, he mentioned projects proposed for Burts Pit Road, Glendale Road, Spring Street and Bridge Road, he reminded. The memo adds upper Chesterfield Road from Kennedy Road to the Westhampton town line, a section of Main Street in Leeds and Cross Street to the list with some savings they have been able to glean from the Burts Pit Road contract. He has sent the memo to the council by e-mail and posted it to the website. In addition to the reclamation or mill and overlay projects, the DPW will be doing its annual crack sealing to keep water infiltration to a minimum and annual pavement marking, including line and crosswalk painting, he advised.

The memo also outlines three Chapter 90 projects, including some that have been in design for quite a while: the King Street Corridor Design Project, the Damon Road right-of-way acquisitions in preparation for the state's reconstruction of Damon Road, and the annual pavement management services contract, which provides an analysis of pavement conditions throughout the city.

Resolutions 19.031 A Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Massachusetts Public Schools through the Act

Resolutions
19.031 A Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Massachusetts Public Schools through the Act Providing Rightful Opportunities and Meaningful Investment for Successful and Equitable Education (PROMISE S.238, H.586) - 1st reading
19.032 Resolution in Support of the Act Committing to Higher Education the Resources to Insure a Strong and Healthy Public Higher Education System (CHERISH S.741, H.1214) - 1st reading
Councilor O'Donnell took the resolutions related to education out of order. He

<p><u>Providing Rightful Opportunities and Meaningful Investment for Successful and Equitable Education (PROMISE S.238, H.586) - 1st reading</u> <u>19.032 Resolution in Support of the Act Committing to Higher Education the Resources to Insure a Strong and Healthy Public Higher Education System (CHERISH S.741, H.1214) - 1st reading</u></p>	<p>suggested taking the two resolutions as a group, and Councilor Sciarra agreed.</p> <p>Councilor Bidwell moved to put the resolutions on the floor for discussion as a group. Councilor Sciarra seconded.</p> <p>Councilor Sciarra read the resolutions. Following the reading, she thanked those who came out tonight, her co-sponsors, the Northampton Association of School Employees (NASE), the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA), School Committee member Laura Fallon, Senator Joanne Comerford and her office and others, all of whom have been working tirelessly on this issue and certainly many for the last couple of weeks since House and Senate leadership agreed to fast-track the legislation. At the Joint Committee on Education hearing on the K-12 foundation budget tomorrow, many throughout the Commonwealth including many from Northampton are planning to make themselves heard on the foundation budget and in support of the Promise Act, she shared. She urged those who hadn't yet written letters to please do so this evening. Those present heard from Senator Comerford but Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, who was unable to be present, asked that she make a plea for letters to be sent to her tonight. Representative Sabadosa has about 70 letters in hand but would love to walk into the hearing with 100 or more. There seems to be a real will to finally address that the foundation budget is out of date and failing to adequately fund their schools. When first created by the Educational Reform Act in 1993, it had the very laudable goal of trying to equalize disparity between wealthy and less wealthy school districts. However, in 2015, the Foundation Budget Review Commission found that the foundation budget is underfunding education by over a billion dollars a year, and this is because for years it hasn't been adjusted to adequately fulfill the state-constitutional and moral mandate to educate every single child. It isn't properly funding educating students with disabilities, educating English language learners and educating low-income students. It is not accounting for health insurance costs which they all know are rising precipitously and, in districts like Northampton, the huge loss of sending tuition to charter schools which is never fully reimbursed because the statutory reimbursement formula is never fully funded.</p> <p>Multiple bills have been introduced this session, and their very knowledgeable and diligent Superintendent Provost's assessment is that the Promise Act is the most 'promising' as it addresses most of the commission's recommendations. He urges that, as they advocate for this reform, they push for a very clear timeline of implementation of the recommendations and demand that the funding source be identified and that there be a commitment to annually appropriate the funds.</p> <p>It was very welcome news from Senator Comerford this evening that they are moving the Fair Share Act forward with that intention, Councilor Sciarra continued. She is very heartened that there seems to be real passion and energy behind the "Fund our Future" movement and the Promise Act local legislators have signed on to and an appetite in the legislature for change. Their legislators are working very hard to rally support. "Let's fight to insure that our schools actually get what they need and that the promises that are made are kept," she urged.</p> <p>She humbly asked her colleagues to consider allowing two readings this evening - certainly on Promise since its hearing is tomorrow - so that both Senator Comerford and Representative Sabadosa can physically carry those resolutions into that hearing.</p> <p>With regard to 'Cherish,' they all recognize the psychological and practical impact of starting one's working career and adulthood with overwhelming debt, not to mention the effect that has on the economy. The Commonwealth really prides itself on its educational institutions both public and private. "We're failing our public colleges and universities by vastly underfunding them," Councilor Sciarra asserted. Here at the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts that shortfall is felt acutely because they all know so many people who work in that system. She thanked the legislation's lead sponsors - Senator Comerford and Representatives Paul Mark and Sean Garballey - for taking this on and working to get their colleges</p>
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and universities the funding they need.

Councilor Bidwell thanked his colleagues for their work on this. In the Senate, Senator Chang-Diaz from Boston has really 'carried the water' on the Promise Act as well as local representatives Aaron Vega from Holyoke and Mary Keefe from Worcester. He especially appreciates the visionary role the MTA has taken on in linking public education and higher education funding. He agrees it's critically important that they be linked.

He suggested they include the language of John Adams because it reminds them all that then and now public education is the great equalizer; there is no more important institution in the democratizing of their society than education. He is a product of the Denver public school system and his own children are proud graduates of Northampton High School (NHS).

With all that being said, it is absolutely alarming that state legislature has failed to keep up with the commitment it made to itself to adequately fund education, especially at a time when society is expecting more and more from schools, Councilor Bidwell observed.

He was especially pleased to hear from Mary Cowhey; her narrative with regard to class size is quite compelling. When she started teaching first grade in 1997 she had 14 students and a bilingual aide. Twelve years later, she had 26 students and no aide. Among those 26 students she had more English language learners, more students with learning disabilities and more students suffering from childhood trauma. Her experience "really encapsulates what has happened in our schools and how it does come down to class size and ratios and how much we are asking our teachers to do." He urged his colleagues to vote twice to allow them to send the resolutions off to the statehouse hearing tomorrow. He thinks letters and resolutions from School Committees and City Councils are going to contribute to making this a different outcome than it has been in the past.

Councilor LaBarge agreed 'we definitely need to fund our schools' and support the campaign to win the passage of the Promise and Cherish acts. They are looking at a graduate of Northampton schools, along with her husband and two sons, who went off with scholarships in football and track. Without the teachers and coaches in the city her children wouldn't be where they are today. "I feel that it really is time for the statehouse to act," she stressed, adding that she thinks they are going to see some movement. Every year they keep saying, 'change the formula.' It never happens and they end up with overrides of Proposition 2 ½ and people saying they can't afford to live in the city. "This is the right time to change the formula," she insisted.

She thanked the teachers in the city. She doesn't know what they would do without them because a lot of teachers are making more money by going to Connecticut. She will support two readings on this. "We need this to move to Boston," she said.

Councilor Nash thanked his co-sponsors on the education funding resolution team. When he signed on to this, it initially had to do with getting the public to show up to discuss the funding formula. He thinks any of those present would jump on board with sponsoring this. As for the second thing, the Cherish Act – he is a product of public higher education having attended Boston State College (BSC), UMass Boston, Norwalk Community College, UConn Stamford branch and SUNY Purchase. He is a non-traditional learner as many are and went to college to find himself and to find out what his interests were. It wasn't until he finally got to SUNY Purchase that he was advised to take upper level classes. He is grateful to UMass and BSC because that's where he learned to research and to write. He lived off campus at the time (1980) and the fees and tuition were \$500. Fees and tuition in 1979/1980 were \$960 a year. A student could live at home, have a job and afford to go to college and dabble. With that level of affordability, students can afford to go to school and make some mistakes and not be financially constrained for the rest of their lives. Had they kept up with funding, that \$960 cost per year would be

\$2,944 today. Instead, it's estimated that basic fees and tuition at UMass for in-state is going to be \$16,000. Right now, had they kept the funding going and accounted for inflation, one year at UMass could have paid for all four years.

Everybody with gray hair had access to affordable education, he pointed out. They have let austerity and level-funding chip away with it to the extent that everybody even going to public institutions now is walking out with debt. He is supporting both.

Councilor Klein thanked the cosponsors and state legislators and expressed appreciation for the comments of her colleagues and Councilor LaBarge's thanks to local school teachers. She expressed the opinion that teachers are some of the most under-valued people in the community. To follow up on Councilor Nash's comment, the United States has over \$1.7 trillion dollars of student loan debt and seven million borrowers, which is absolutely insane. The average student has about \$37,000 in student loan debt when he or she finishes a four-year college.

The United States is a 'first world' country yet it burdens its students with massive debt while over 40 countries in the world have completely free tertiary education. To her it is absolutely shameful that they burden their students with this debt and don't value education enough to offer it at every level at very low cost. She really supports the resolutions and is grateful to the sponsors for bringing them forward.

With regard to the Cherish Act, one of the things that has puzzled him is why in comparison to other legislatures Massachusetts system of higher education is so minimally funded, Councilor Bidwell observed. How is it that the Connecticut legislature so generously funds the Connecticut university system in relation to how the Massachusetts legislature funds its system? He once asked late state Representative Peter Kocot, and Representative Kocot said to look at where Connecticut lawmakers went to college. In Connecticut, 60% of legislators have come through public higher education, mostly the University of Connecticut (UConn). In Massachusetts, it's more than reversed; only 28% of legislators have gone to public institutions and 72% to private. Furthermore, 35% of the Connecticut legislature are graduates of UConn's Storrs, while, in Massachusetts only 11% of legislators went to UMass Amherst. In Massachusetts, the statehouse has 38 graduates of Suffolk, 25 graduates of Harvard and 17 of Boston College. No disrespect to those institutions, but it helps to explain a little bit what they're up against and reminds them that advocates for dramatically increased funding for higher education need to be armed with as much information as they can give them. He loves the idea of sending Northampton legislators armed with hundreds of letters and emails.

Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to approve the resolutions as a group in first reading to a vote, and it passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend rules to allow two readings. Councilor Carney seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

Councilor Carney moved to approve the resolutions as a group in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

The following resolutions passed two readings:

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, March 21, 2019

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Councilor Dennis Bidwell and Councilor James Nash

R-19.031 A Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Massachusetts Public Schools through the Act *Providing Rightful Opportunities and Meaningful Investment for Successful and Equitable Education* (PROMISE S.238, H.586)

WHEREAS, John Adams wrote in the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that

Wisdom, and knowledge, as well as virtue, diffused generally among the body of the people, being necessary for the preservation of their rights and liberties; and as these depend on spreading the opportunities and advantages of education in the various parts of the country, and among the different orders of the people, it shall be the duty of legislatures and magistrates, in all future periods of this commonwealth, to cherish the interests of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries of them; especially the university at Cambridge, public schools and grammar schools in the towns;...

thereby establishing that free public schools available to all students without exception are foundational to our democracy and are constitutionally-required; and

WHEREAS, all of our students, no matter where they live, deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child and provide them with a well-rounded school experience that addresses their academic, social and emotional needs; and

WHEREAS, the state's foundation budget formula, which determines state aid to each district, has been woefully out of date for years, thereby underfunding our school districts by more than \$1 billion a year for essential educational services, according to the Foundation Budget Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, the *PROMISE Act* would phase in an updated foundation budget formula, which according to the Massachusetts Teachers Association would bring the Northampton Public Schools an estimated \$827,675 in additional state aid over five years; and

WHEREAS, the *PROMISE Act* addresses the 2015 recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, which would have a direct impact on Northampton Public Schools. These recommendations include addressing actual district health care costs; providing adequate funding to support English-language learners and low-income students; accurately accounting for special education enrollment and costs; and for districts like Northampton that suffer losses of sending tuition to charter schools, increasing aid to offset the state's failing to fully fund the statutory reimbursement formula; and

WHEREAS, once fully implemented, the *PROMISE Act* includes a guaranteed annual minimum state aid per pupil increase of \$50; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature failed to pass any foundation budget legislation in the last session, leaving districts, educators and students without the funds necessary to support the schools our students deserve; but

WHEREAS, this session the Massachusetts Senate and House leadership agreed to fast-track deliberation on education funding and the Joint Committee on Education will hold its first hearing on Friday, March 22, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northampton City Council encourages residents to deliver testimony as to the deleterious effects of the current broken public school funding formula, either directly at the State House on March 22, or in writing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Northampton City Council urges the Legislature to approve the *PROMISE Act* at the earliest time this spring, create a timeline for its implementation and ensure the needed funds are fully appropriated annually; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to the sponsors of the *PROMISE Act*, State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz, State Representative Aaron Vega and State Representative Mary Keefe; Chairs of the Joint Committee on Education, State Senator Jason Lewis and State Representative Alice Hanlon Peisch; State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa; State Senator Jo Comerford; House Speaker Robert DeLeo; Senate President Karen Spilka and Governor Charles Baker.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, March 21, 2019

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Councilor Dennis Bidwell and Councilor James Nash

R-19.032 Resolution in Support of the Act *Committing to Higher Education the Resources to Insure a Strong and Healthy Public Higher Education System (CHERISH S.741, H.1214)*

WHEREAS, public education that is available to all students from pre-kindergarten through higher education is foundational to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, all of our students, no matter where they live or study, deserve access to an affordable public college or university; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Education Finance Commission's 2014 report found that when inflation is taken into account, the Commonwealth's per-student funding for public higher education has declined by one-third since 2001; and

WHEREAS, according to the New England Board of Higher Education, Massachusetts' public higher education costs are the fastest rising in the nation, exceeding the maximum Pell Grant and increasing the gap that low-moderate income students need to make up with other loans or by burdening their families with debt; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center found that in 2004 Massachusetts public university students graduated with some of the lowest debt in the country, but by 2016 that had flipped to the country's tenth highest debt at a little over \$30,000 a year, impoverishing students and families and preventing many from completing their degree programs; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Education Statistics' Baccalaureate & Beyond longitudinal survey, the vast majority of students who attend our public colleges and universities live and work in Massachusetts after they graduate, contributing their knowledge and skills to our economy and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Education Finance Commission found in 2014 that our public colleges and universities are underfunded by more than \$500 million a year; and

WHEREAS, faculty and staff in community colleges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts system are experiencing the elimination of programs, service cuts, and increased use of part-time faculty and staff.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Northampton City Council urges the Legislature to approve the *CHERISH Act*, filed by Senator Jo Comerford in the Senate and by Representatives Sean Garballey and Paul Mark in the House. This bill would freeze tuition and fees, and over the period of five years restore state per-student spending on public higher education to the inflation-adjusted levels of FY2001, as long as the Legislature appropriates the funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to State Senator Jo Comerford, State Representative Sean Garballey, State Representative Paul Mark; Chairs of the Joint Committee on Higher Education, State Senator Ann Gobi and State Representative Jeffrey Roy; State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa; House Speaker Robert DeLeo; Senate President Karen Spilka, and Governor Charles Baker.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.012 A Resolution Establishing a Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction – 2nd reading

Councilor Klein moved to approve the resolution in second reading. Councilor Nash seconded.

Councilor Klein noted the need to offer a few amendments. Councilor O'Donnell reviewed his proposed amendments as follows:

- changing the date in Item #1 under "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" from April 12, 2019 to April 18, 2019
- changing the date in Item #3 under "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" FROM April 26, 2019 to May 1, 2019
- changing the date in Item #4 from October 15, 2019 to October 1, 2019

This will allow more time to conduct an open and transparent process to appoint the committee, Councilor O'Donnell suggested. He so moved. Councilor Klein

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seconded.

Councilor Klein offered an additional amendment to add the phrase "after which the select committee shall cease to exist," at the end of Item #4.

Councilor O'Donnell accepted this change as a friendly amendment to his motion. He called the motion to amend to a vote, and it passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote with Councilor Dwight absent.

In another suggested amendment, Councilor Klein said she and cosponsor Nash discussed the need to identify some of the groups that will want a representative on the committee such as the Agricultural Commission, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission and other local organizations that work on related issues such as the Broad Brook Coalition and Grow Food Northampton. It is up to the council president to decide who is selected but in order to get the breadth of voices needed they think they potentially need to have an additional couple of members. For this reason, she would like to change Item #1 to, "The Council President shall appoint up to ten (10) members. . . "

She so moved. Councilor Carney seconded.

This also requires changing 1 (b) from six (6) to eight (8), Councilor O'Donnell noted. They are not writing multiple member bodies into the structure of the committee so participation by specific groups is not required, he clarified.

The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote (Councilor Dwight absent).

Councilor Nash noted that he had failed at the last meeting to mention the importance of the ideas of Bernadette Giblin. He thanked her publicly, and Councilor O'Donnell joined him in this sentiment.

Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to approve the resolution to a vote, and it passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote (Councilor Dwight absent).

The following resolution passed two readings:



City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, March 7, 2019

Upon the Recommendation of: Councilor Alisa F. Klein
Councilor James B. Nash

R-19.012

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SELECT COMMITTEE ON PESTICIDE¹ REDUCTION

- WHEREAS, Section 2.6.3 of the Northampton City Council Rules provides that the City Council may “establish select committees for the purpose of considering a particular policy or issue;” and
- WHEREAS, in Goal EEC-4 of the Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan dated January 2008, Objective #9 calls for Northampton to “Reduce use of toxic substances being released in the environment, including pesticides, herbicides, high Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) paints, and other listed toxic materials;” and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has declared that “the commonplace, widespread use of pesticides is both a major environmental problem and a public health issue;”² and
- WHEREAS, pesticides are poisons that are known to cause harm to more than just the pests that they are supposed to target. Human exposure to pesticides has been linked to a range of serious illnesses and diseases in humans including, but not limited to, asthma, childhood and adult cancers, degenerative brain diseases such as Parkinson’s disease, neurological disorders, birth defects, depression, anxiety, and attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder (ADHD);³ and
- WHEREAS, pregnant women, the elderly, people with compromised immune systems, pets, and children are particularly vulnerable to the deleterious effects of exposure to pesticides; and

¹ For purposes of this resolution, as guided by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Research Foundation, the term “pesticide” includes insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and other toxins designed to manage or regulate plant growth. Pests are defined as *undesirable* plants, insects, fungi, bacteria, rodents, birds, and other animals.

² U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, “Healthy Lawn, Healthy Environment, June 1992.

³ Impact of pesticides on health. Pesticide Action Network UK. <http://www.pan-uk.org/health-effects-of-pesticides/>

- WHEREAS, babies and children are often exposed to these toxins more than adults because they crawl on the grass and play in parks and on fields and school grounds where turf management practices include the use of pesticides⁴; and
- WHEREAS, the use of pesticides is associated with the precipitous decline of pollinators and birds; in fact: a) most types of bees are in steep decline in the United States and in 2018, Massachusetts beekeepers lost 65 percent of their honey bee hives, a rate 25 percent higher than the national average⁵, and b) the American Bird Conservancy has listed 113 pesticides that have caused direct bird mortality⁶; and
- WHEREAS, toxic runoff from pesticides pollutes streams, lakes, and drinking water sources; and
- WHEREAS, the use of hazardous pesticides is not always necessary to create and maintain landscapes given the availability of viable alternatives; and
- WHEREAS, towns, cities, states, and regions all over the world are banning the use of some pesticides and requiring both organic management and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) of municipal green space and agricultural areas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton hereby establishes a "Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction" as follows:

1. The Council President shall appoint up to ten (10) members to the Committee by April 18, 2019, including:
 - a. Two (2) members of the City Council; and
 - b. Up to eight (8) city residents who possess expertise in the professional fields of agriculture, recreation, forestry, turf management, organic and/or IPM land care, conservation, public health, or other related fields, or who are representatives from the public schools.
2. The Committee shall study and evaluate:
 - a. The city's current management of turf, conservation areas, and other municipal green space, particularly around schools and other locations where children play;

⁴ Children and Pesticides. National Pesticide Information Center. <http://npic.orst.edu/health/child.html>
⁵ Massachusetts Pollinator Advocates Vow to Advance Protections After Legislature Fails to Restrict Neonicotinoids (9 August 2018). Beyond Pesticides. <https://beyondpesticides.org/dailynewsblog/category/statelocal/massachusetts/>
⁶ Mineau, P. & Whiteside, M. (2013). Pesticide Acute Toxicity Is a Better Correlate of U.S. Grassland Bird Declines than Agricultural Intensification. PLoS ONE 8(2): e57457. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0057457>

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- b. Alternatives to pesticide use, including but not limited to, integrated pest management and organic management;
 - c. Policies and practices from other jurisdictions to reduce pesticide use;
 - d. Estimated costs as well as potential grants, incentive programs, and other financial resources to implement pesticide reduction projects;
 - e. Recommend benchmarks with respect to the goal of achieving an overall reduction in the use of pesticides consistent with sound pest management practices; and
 - f. Other related issues.
3. The Committee shall convene by May 1, 2019 and then meet as determined by the Committee.
4. The Committee shall submit a report to the City Council by October 1, 2019 that includes practical and legislative recommendations to reduce pesticide use in Northampton, after which the Select Committee shall cease to exist.
5. The Committee shall be a public body.
6. The Committee shall not be staffed by the Administrative Assistant to the City Council unless otherwise determined by the Council President.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Presentations

Presentations
None.

<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 LaBarge moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote (Councilor Dwight absent).</p> <p>The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda: A. <u>Minutes of March 7, 2019</u> B. <u>19.026 Appointments to Various Committees – for referral to City Services Disability Commission</u> Jeremy Dubs, 20 Hampton Avenue, Apt. 301, Northampton Term: March 2019 - June 2021 <i>To fill a vacancy on the Disability Commission</i></p> <p>Council on Aging Benjamin Capistrant, 48 High Street, Florence Term: March 2019 - June 2019 <i>To fill the unexpired term of Robert Montague</i></p>
<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></p>	<p>At 8:14 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 Orders (on 1st reading)</u> <u>18.234 Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(a) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term Rentals - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)</u> <u>18.234 An Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(a) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term Rentals - 1st reading</u> Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded.</p> <p>The Community Resources Committee had a public forum on Monday which was very well attended by 20 or so people, Councilor Sciarra reported. The majority of the comments were people seeking clarity on whether they fell under this fee. She felt they got the answers they needed, and members received positive feed-back from everyone that the meeting was helpful.</p> <p>Councilor Nash noted that there were two different orders related to short-term rentals.</p> <p>In talking with the Council President, the decision was made to stagger the orders to create some separation in approval since M.G.L. 64G 3D (a) has to be accepted first, Mayor Narkewicz advised. Acceptance of Part b will be queued up to come along after the second reading on Part a, he explained.</p> <p>Councilor Bidwell asked about the 14-day threshold. A unit must be rented for 14 cumulative days in a calendar year for the fee to apply, Mayor Narkewicz clarified.</p> <p>Councilor Bidwell asked about the process and timeline for the regulatory aspect of legislation.</p> <p>The Building Commissioner and Health Director have been doing some research on this and some Airbnb operators want to chat with him on that subject as well, Mayor Narkewicz responded. There is a fairly small license fee for Bed & Breakfasts and they are thinking about having something similar for short-term rentals so city officials will know where these are located. They are thinking about a process whereby people could certify that they have smoke detectors and other safety features as opposed to city staff going out and doing inspections. They are leaning toward the most non-intrusive model that will give them the information needed to regulate responsibly. State law has put in place a requirement for \$1 million in liability insurance if the platform provider doesn't provide this. As he has said, he thinks a lot of enforcement will be complaint driven.</p>

They are looking at what other folks are doing and trying to create a balance, he concluded.

Councilor LaBarge said she attended the public forum and thought it was very well attended. People operating short-term rentals seemed very pleased to have the Mayor address their concerns.

On April 4th, the City Services Committee will have Mr. Hasbrouck in to meet with them and will have the opportunity to ask more specific questions, Councilor Carney related.

Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to a vote, and it passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.013 Order to Appropriate Approximately \$1.699 Million from Free Cash for Various Capital Projects - 1st reading

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Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.014 Order to Appropriate \$44,000 from Parking Receipts Reserved for Four Parking Kiosks - 1st reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.015 Order to Appropriate \$1.175 Million from Capital Stabilization for Various Capital Projects - 1st reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.016 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$950,000 to Construct Cold Storage Facility, Spring Grove Cemetery - 1st reading

19.016 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$950,000 to Construct Cold Storage Facility at Spring Grove Cemetery - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.017 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$220,000 to Purchase DPW Vehicles and Equipment - 1st reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.018 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$180,000 for Jackson Street Boiler - 1st reading

19.018 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$180,000 for Jackson Street School Boiler - 1st reading

Councilor Klein moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

School Boiler -
1st reading

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.019 Order to
Appropriate
\$25,000 from
Cemetery Trust
and Income Fund
for Cemetery
Restoration - 1st
reading

19.019 Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income Fund
for Cemetery Restoration - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.020 Order to
Appropriate
Mayor's PILOT
and Gift Fund
Money to
Purchase
Chromebooks -
1st reading

19.020 Order to Appropriate Mayor's PILOT and Gift Fund Money to Purchase
Chromebooks - 1st reading

Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Councilor Klein said she is going to vote no on this until they have answers about the GoGuardian software.

The motion passed 7:1 by roll call vote with Councilor Klein opposed and Councilor Dwight absent.

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.021 Order to
Reprogram NFR
Exhaust System
Money to Replace
NFR Utility Brush
Unit - 1st reading

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Utility Brush Unit - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.022 Order to
Appropriate
Cable Funds to
ITS for Various
Projects - 1st
reading

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reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.023 Order to
Reprogram NFR
Surplus Funds to
SCBA
Replacement - 1st
reading

19.023 Order to Reprogram NFR Surplus Funds to SCBA Replacement - 1st
reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.024 An Order
for FY2019
Budget Transfers
- 1st reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading Councilor Carney seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote.

Councilor Carney moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council March 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

19.024 An Order for FY2019 Budget Transfers

Ordered, that

the following FY2019 budgetary transfers be and hereby are made:

Department	Description	Org	Object	Transfer From:	Transfer To:
Assessor	PS Salaries Permanent	11411	511000		7,918
Auditor	PS Salaries Permanent	11352	511000		2,569
Building	PS Salaries Permanent	12411	511000		13,715
Central Services	PS Salaries Permanent	11921	511000		3,141
City Clerk	PS Salaries Permanent	11611	511000		1,862
Dispatch	PS Salaries Permanent	12121	511000		11,500
DPW - Administration and Engineer	PS Salaries Permanent	14211	511000		2,126
DPW - Streets	PS Salaries Permanent	14221	511000		2,097
DPW = Forestry, Parks & Cemetery	PS Salaries Permanent	14921	511000		3,557
Health	PS Salaries Permanent	15111	511000		4,416
Human Resources	PS Salaries Permanent	11521	511000		1,332
Planning	PS Salaries Permanent	11751	511000		4,577
Police	PS Salaries Permanent	12101	511000		801
Recreation	PS Salaries Permanent	16301	511000		18,122
Senior Services	PS Salaries Permanent	15411	511000		6,570
Treasurer/Collector	PS Salaries Permanent	11461	511000		5,588
Veterans	PS Salaries Permanent	15431	511000		2,819
Reserve for Personnel	PS Wage Adjustment/Reclass	19491	519700	(92,710)	
Total Budgetary Transfers:				(92,710)	92,710

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.027 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal - 1st reading

Councilor Carney moved to approve the order in first reading with the stipulation that somebody be present to address questions at the next meeting. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Members discussed the possibility of approving the orders as a group but decided against it.

The motion passed 7:1 by roll call vote with Councilor Klein opposed and Councilor Dwight absent.

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.028 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds for Signage Upgrades Project - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Klein seconded.

He would like to hear a little more about this so he is going to vote no, Councilor O'Donnell said. He thinks there may be better usage for CPA funds although he knows it has been used effectively for this in the past.

The motion passed 7:1 by roll call vote with Councilor O'Donnell opposed and Councilor Dwight absent.

See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.

19.029 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Historic Textile Preservation Project - 1st reading

Councilor Klein moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Carney

19.027 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal - 1st reading

<p><u>19.028 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds for Signage Upgrades Project - 1st reading</u></p>	<p>seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).</p> <p><u>See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.</u></p> <p><u>19.030 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to the ONE Northampton Logo and Signage Project - 1st reading</u> Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.</p> <p>Again, he is going to oppose the order for the reason stated before, Councilor O'Donnell advised. The motion passed 7:1 by roll call vote with Councilor O'Donnell opposed and Councilor Dwight absent.</p> <p><u>See minutes of April 4, 2019 for second reading.</u></p>
<p><u>19.029 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Historic Textile Preservation Project - 1st reading</u> <u>19.030 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to the ONE Northampton Logo and Signage Project - 1st reading</u></p>	
<p><u>Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)</u> <u>19.009 Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2020 – 2nd reading</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)</u></p> <p><u>19.009 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2020 – 2nd reading</u> Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Klein seconded.</p> <p>Mayor Narkewicz addressed a statement made in public comment to the effect that water rates have gone up 35% in the last five years. Over the last five years there have been two increases: 1% for Tier 1 and 1.5% for Tier 2 in FY2019 and this year 2.5% across the board. There have only been two increases in that five-year stretch, he clarified. He said he wasn't sure where the cited figure came from and didn't know if that particular resident had increased usage.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).</p> <p><u>The following order passed two readings:</u></p>

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, February 21, 2019

Upon the Recommendation of the Mayor

**O-19.009 AN ORDER
TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR FY2020**

Ordered, that:

Effective July 1, 2019, the per 100 cubic foot (CCF) rates for water and sewer are as follows:

WATER

Customers with 1” meter or smaller

Tier 1 consumption: 0 – 16 CCF \$4.51 per CCF *(FY19 rate \$4.40 per CCF)*
Tier 2 consumption: >16 CCF \$6.09 per CCF *(FY19 rate \$5.94 per CCF)*

Customers with meter larger than 1”

All consumption \$5.99 per CCF *(FY19 rate \$5.84 per CCF)*

SEWER

Non-metered

\$7.86 per CCF based on 80% of metered water consumption *(FY19 rate \$7.67)*

Metered

\$7.86 per CCF *(FY19 rate \$7.67)*

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Orders
19.001 An Order
to Join the ICC to
Vote on the IECC
– 2nd reading

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19.001 An Order to Join the ICC to Vote on the IECC – 2nd reading
Councilor Klein moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).

The following order passed two readings:

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the City Council, March 7, 2019

Upon the Recommendations of Councilors William H. Dwight, Alisa F. Klein and Gina-Louise Sciarra

**O-19.001 AN ORDER
TO JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL (ICC) TO VOTE ON THE INTERNATIONAL
ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE (IECC)**

Whereas,

The International Code Council (ICC) develops model building codes for adoption by states and local jurisdictions, including the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In Massachusetts, municipalities are statutorily required to follow the statewide code that is based in part on the IECC.

Whereas,

The ICC is currently in the code development process for a new edition of the IECC to be published in 2021. Only ICC members are eligible to vote to approve changes to the existing code. Voting is important because it can affect how much energy efficiency is required in the new base building code followed by most states and many countries. It is in the best interest of governmental units interested in reducing energy consumption to have the next IECC include substantially enhanced energy efficiency requirements.

Whereas,

Government/municipal agencies, departments and units engaged in administration, formulation or enforcement of laws, regulations or ordinances relating to public health, safety and welfare are eligible to join the ICC as a government member for an annual membership fee of \$135 per year. The more registered voters Northampton has, the more it can influence the code.

Whereas,

The Northampton Energy and Sustainability Commission (NESC) has affirmed the desirability of expanding Northampton's engagement in the IECC process. The Building Department is already a member of the ICC and the Office of Planning and Sustainability has recently joined. Other departments are being encouraged by the NESC to consider membership. The City Council is eligible to join the ICC and identify up to four individuals to vote on the new code.

Now therefore be it ordered that,

The City Council hereby authorizes registering the Northampton City Council as a member of the ICC and designating four city councilors to serve as voting representatives for purposes of voting on the IECC.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

<p><u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>19.025 An Ordinance to Rezone Five Parcels from URC to CB and to Include Parcels in CBAD</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>19.025 An Ordinance to Rezone Five Parcels from URC to CB and to Include Parcels in CBAD</u> Councilor Sciarra moved to refer the ordinance to Community Resources, Legislative Matters and the Planning Board. Councilor Murphy seconded. The motion passed 8:0 by voice vote with one absent (Councilor Dwight).</p>
<p><u>Ordinances</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) & Study Requests</u></p>	<p><u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u> None</p>
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn</u></p>	<p>Upon motion made by Councilor Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Nash, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m. Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council</p>