



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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WALLACE J. PUCHALSKI MUNICIPAL BUILDING
212 MAIN STREET, NORTHAMPTON
Northampton, MA
September 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President William H. Dwight at 7:20 p.m. On roll call, nine (9) Councilors were present:

Roll Call

- At-Large Councilor Jesse M. Adams
- At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight
- Ward 1 Councilor Maureen T. Carney
- Ward 2 Councilor Paul D. Spector
- Ward 3 Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell
- 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 HEARINGS

- Councilor Dwight announced the Public Hearing for Verizon's Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations on Mann Terrace
 - Public Hearing Date: October 2, 2012
 - Location: City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA
 - Time: 7:05 p.m.
- Councilor Dwight announced a Special Joint Meeting of the City Council & School Committee as follows:
 - Meeting Date: Thursday, October 9, 2014
 - Location: JFK Middle School Community Room, 100 Bridge Road, Florence
 - Time: 6:00pm
 - Purpose: Fill the vacant Ward 2 School Committee Seat pursuant to Article 4, Section 4-6 of the City Charter

PRESENTATIONS

- Mr. Michael Nagy: Suggestions to improve accessibility in Northampton
 - Mr. Nagy, who represents Group for Accessibility Improvement in Northampton (GAIN), presented the council with an idea for better accessibility for disabled citizens. While Mr. Nagy feels that many details would need to be worked out, his idea highlighted a ramp borrowing program facilitating better access to businesses in the downtown area.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- None

PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND ONE-MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS

- Councilor LaBarge reminded citizens that a second public hearing regarding the Resolution on Vibrant Sidewalks will be held Tuesday, Oct. 14th 7-8:30 pm at the Florence Civic Center, 90 Park Street in Florence.
- Councilor Spector announced a meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 At Clark School to discuss the future use of the school's gym and swimming pool.
- Councilor Dwight announced that the Veteran's Day Parade will take place November 11th; for those marching, assembly is 10am in Lampron Park.

LICENSES AND PETITIONS

- Application for Taxicab License-Jeffrey D. Miller of 3 Market St, Northampton, MA
Councilor Carney moved to approve the Petition; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion; the Petition was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of City Council Minutes of September 4, 2014
Councilor LaBarge moved approval of the City Council Minutes of August 14, 2014; Councilor Spector seconded. The minutes were approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, APPOINTMENTS, AND ELECTIONS

- Councilor Spector moved to approve Meeting Minutes listed below as a group; Councilor Carney seconded the motion.
- Meeting Minutes:
 - Finance Committee Minutes of September 4, 2014

o Public Safety Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2014

Minutes approved

The Minutes for the Finance Committee and Public Safety were approved on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

• Appointment of Auditor:

- o City Council Engages Services of Scanton and Associates, Inc. for FY2015 Audit and Associated Report.

Councilor Murphy moved to approve the engagement of Scanton and Associates, Inc. for FY2015 Audit; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion; the motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No

• Appointments to Committees:

• Recreation Commission

- New Appointments
- Julia Chevan of 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence – term October 2014 – October, 2017; membership begins immediately to fill vacancy left by the retirement of James Duffer. (Refer to Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances)
- Yvonne Keefe of 40 Hickory Drive, Florence – term October 2014-June 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn. (Refer to Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances)

Councilor Sciarra moved to refer the appointments to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

• Arts Council

- New Appointment: Cassandra Kellam of 222 Prospect St., Northampton – term October 2014 – October 2017; appointment to fill the vacancy left by Robin Glenn. (Refer to Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances)

Councilor Carney moved to refer the appointment to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No

• Council on Aging

- New Appointment: Alexiz Pelyera, 145 Spring St., Florence – term October 2014-April 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn. (Refer to Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances)

Councilor LaBarge moved to refer the reappointment to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments, and Ordinances, Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion; the motion passed on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Recess for Finance Committee

At 7:50 p.m. the Council recessed for a Finance Committee Meeting.

City Council Reconvened

At 7:55 p.m. the Regular Meeting of the City Council reconvened.

FINANCIAL ORDERS

1. Financial Order: 14.227 Order authorizing Fire Dept. to enter into a maintenance service contract for Power Assisted Stretchers and Loaders (*1st Reading*)

Councilor Spector moved to approve the Order in the first reading; Councilor Sciarra seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

2. Financial Order: 14.228 Temporary Easement at 71 and 79 Reservoir Road to perform work necessary to stabilize the banks of the Roberts Meadow Brook. (*Request 2 Readings*)

Councilor LaBarge moved to recognize Director of Public Works, Ned Huntley, and Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor Adams moved to suspend Council Rules allowing to recognize citizen Ken Lynds; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Councilor Spector made a motion to table the discussion until the October 2, 2014 City Council Meeting; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Roll Call vote of 8 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Dwight).

3. Financial Order: 14.222 Appropriate from unallocated funds \$18,326 for a folding & inserting machine. (*2nd Reading*)

Councilor Carney moved to approve the Order in the second reading; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The Order was approved in second reading on a Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

The following Order passed second reading:

In City Council, September 4, 2014

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

Whereas,

The city has determined it will be cost effective to purchase a folding and inserting machine to streamline mailing of bills and other large mailings conducted by the city's various departments;

Whereas,

There remains \$34,522.67 remaining in unallocated Cash Capital Funds from the FY14 Capital Plan;

Ordered that

\$18,326 be appropriated from unallocated funds remaining in the FY14 Cash Capital Program (19303 586400) to provide funds to purchase a folding and inserting machine.

Enrolled.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance: 14.229 Solid Waste Reduction and Environmental Protection Ordinance (*Refer to Committee on Economic and Community Development, Housing and Land Use, Board of Public Works, Joint City Council/Board of Public Works Conference Committee, Board of Health, Youth Commission, Energy and Sustainability Commission, and Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances*)

Councilor Klein moved the Refer to Committee on Economic and Community Development, Housing and Land Use, Board of Public Works, Joint City Council/Board of Public Works Conference Committee, Board of Health, Youth Commission, Energy and Sustainability Commission, and Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances; Councilor Spector seconded the motion. The motion to refer passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Item 32 only-Rules suspend and enrolled

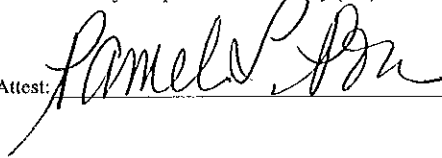
NONE

Updates from Council

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs--*NONE*

President and Committee Chairs	
Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7)	Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7)-- <i>NONE</i>
New Business	NEW BUSINESS – Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.-- <i>None</i>

At 8:35 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Sciarra and seconded by Councilor O'Donnell. The vote to adjourn passed unanimously (9-0).

Attest:  , Clerk of Council

ROLL CALL VOTE
City Council
 2014-2015

September 18,
 2014
 7:20 p.m.

Roll Called by Pamela L. Powers, Clerk of the City Council

	Councilor Jesse M. Adams	Councilor Maureen T. Carney	Councilor William H. Dwight	Councilor Alisa F. Klein	Councilor Marianne I. LaBarge	Councilor David A. Murphy	Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell	Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra	Councilor Paul D. Spector	Total
1.	Application for Taxcab License: Jeffrey D. Miller of 3 Market St, Northampton, MA Councilor Carney moved to approve the Petition; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion; the Petition was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.									Petition Approved Voice Vote, 9 Yes, 0 No
2.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 4, 2014 Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes as presented; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No. Councilor Spector moved to approve items 3 & 4 as a group; Councilor Carney seconded the motion.									Petition Approved Voice Vote, 9 Yes, 0 No
3.	Finance Committee Minutes of September 4, 2014									Minutes Approved Voice Vote 9 Yes, 0 No
4.	Public Safety Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2014 The Minutes for the Finance Committee and Public Safety were approved on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.									
5.	City Council to Engage Services of Scanlon and Associates, Inc. for FY2015 Audit and Associated Report Councilor Murphy moved to approve the engagement of Scanlon and Associates, Inc. for FY2015 Audit; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion; the motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No									Auditor Approved Roll Call Vote 9 Yes, 0 No

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2014
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City Council
2014-2015

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Total

6. Appointments:
 • Recreation Commission / New Appointments
 • Julia Chevan of 8 Cosman Avenue, Florence – term October 2014 – October, 2017; membership begins immediately to fill vacancy left by the retirement of James Durfer.
 • Yvonne Keefe of 40 Hickory Drive, Florence – term October 2014-June 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn.

Councilor Sciatta moved to refer the appointments to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

7. Appointment:
 • Arts Council / New Appointment
 • Cassandra Kellam of 222 Prospect St., Northampton – term October 2014 – October 2017; appointment to fill the vacancy left by Robin Glenn.

Councilor Carney moved to refer the appointment to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances; Councilor Sciatta seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

8. Appointment:
 • Council on Aging/New Appointment
 • Alexis Pelayra, 145 Spring St., Florence – term October 2014-April 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn.

Councilor LaBarge moved to refer the appointment to the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Referred on a Voice Vote 9 Yes, 0 No

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ROLL CALL VOTE
City Council
 2014-2015

September 18, 2014 7:20 p.m.	Financial Order: 14.227 Order authorizing Fire Dept. to enter into a maintenance service contract for Power Assisted Stretchers and Loaders.	Councillor Jesse M. Adams	Councillor Maureen T. Carney	Councillor William H. Dwight	Councillor Alisa F. Klein	Councillor Marianne L. LaBarge	Councillor David A. Murphy	Councillor Ryan R. O'Donnell	Councillor Gina-Louise Scharra	Councillor Paul D. Spector	Total
9.	Councillor Spector moved to approve the Order in the first reading; Councillor Scharra seconded the motion. <i>The motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1 st Reading Roll Call Vote 9 Yes, 0 No
10.	Financial Order: 14.228 Temporary Easement at 71 and 79 Reservoir Road to perform work necessary to stabilize the banks of the Roberts Meadow Brook. (Request 2 Readings) Councillor LaBarge moved to recognize Director of Public Works, Ned Huntley, and Councillor Murphy seconded the motion. <i>The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</i> Councillor Adams moved to suspend Council Rules allowing to recognize citizen Ken Lynds; Councillor Carney seconded the motion. <i>The motion passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</i> Councillor Spector made a motion to table the discussion until the October 2, 2014 City Council Meeting; Councillor LaBarge seconded the motion. <i>The motion passed on a Roll Call vote of 8 Yes, 1 No (Councillor Dwight).</i>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Table Roll Call Vote 8 Yes, 1 No (Councillor Dwight)
11.	Financial Order: 14.222 Appropriate from unallocated funds \$18,326 for a folding & inserting machine. (2 nd Reading) Councillor Carney moved to approve the Order in the second reading; Councillor LaBarge seconded the motion. <i>The Order was approved in second reading on a Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 nd Reading Roll Call Vote 9 Yes, 0 No

ROLL CALL VOTE											
City Council 2014-2015											
September 18, 2014 7:20 p.m.	Ordinance: 14,229 Solid Waste Reduction and Environmental Protection Ordinance (Refer)	Councilor Jesse M. Adams	Councilor Maureen T. Carney	Councilor William H. Dwight	Councilor Alisa F. Klein	Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge	Councilor David A. Murphy	Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell	Councilor Gina- Louise Sclarra	Councilor Paul D. Sector	Total
12.	<i>Councilor Klein moved the Refer to Committee on Economic and Community Development, Housing and Land Use, Board of Public Works, Joint City Council/Board of Public Works Conference Committee, Board of Health, Youth Commission, Energy and Sustainability Commission, and Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances; Councilor Sector seconded the motion. The motion to refer passed on a Voice Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.</i>										Referred on a Voice Vote 9 Yes, 0 No.

At 8:35 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Sclarra and seconded by Councilor O'Donnell. The vote to adjourn passed on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.