



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton
Thursday, January 4, 2024, 7 p.m.

The January 4, 2024 City Council meeting will be conducted in hybrid format with the option for both councilors and the public to attend in person or participate remotely. The public may follow the council's deliberations by attending in person, watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on YouTube [here](#) or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. Live public comment is available beginning at 7 p.m.

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1. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

2. Roll Call

3. Public Hearings

4. **Public Comment**

5. **Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor**

6. **Presentations**

A. Forbes Library Strategic Plan - Lisa Downing, Forbes Library Director

Presentation by Director Lisa Downing

7. **Consent Agenda**

Rule 4.4.4 There shall be no debate or discussion by any City Council member regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.

Rule 4.4.5 Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any City Council member prior to the taking of a vote on the motion to approve it. All such items will be considered individually, in the order in which they were removed, immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda.

A. Minutes of December 21, 2023

Documents:

[12-21-2023_City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

B. 24.003 Appointments to Parks and Rec, Arts Council, for referral to City Services

Parks and Recreation Commission

David Ames, 32 Round Hill Road, Unit C, Northampton

Term: January 2024 - January 2027

To fill a vacancy

Arts Council

Jennifer Polins, 32 Maple Street, Florence

Term: January 2024 - January 2027

To fill a vacancy

Kit Pedraza, 85 Market Street, Apt. 4, Northampton

Term: January 2024 - January 2027

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[24.003 Appointments to Park and Rec, Arts Council.pdf](#)

8. **Financial Orders (on 1st reading)**

Rule 2.6.1.1.1 Process. Financial orders will be introduced and discussed at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda of a future meeting or the Finance Committee for more public input, discussion and recommendation.

9. **Orders**

10. Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

11. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

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12. Ordinances

13. Zoning Ordinances

A. 23.349 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 350-12.2 Outdoor Lighting - 2nd reading

Process note: Since the ordinance is carried over from the previous session and some councilors have not heard the discussion/presentation, the city solicitor's recommendation is to restart the City Council's public hearing.

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/19/2023
- Joint PB/LM public hearing opened and continued to 12/11/2023 - 11/13/2023
- Amended ordinance submitted incorporating comments received - 11/27/2023
- Positive recommendation, PB, with amendment to set color temperature maximum at 3,000 Kelvin instead of 2,700- 12/11/2023
- Positive recommendation, LM, as proposed - 12/11/2023
- per Rule 5.8 Automatic carryover, pending matters are carried over to the new council

Documents:

[23.349 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 350-12.2 Outdoor Lighting_as edited during 12-11 Joint meeting CM edits.pdf](#)

14. Resolutions

15. New Business

Rule 4.9 NEW BUSINESS. Any Councilor may introduce any written proposed order, ordinance, or resolution to be considered by the Council at the next meeting, but not to be debated during new business.

16. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests

17. Adjourn

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