



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- President Gina-Louise Sciarra, At-Large
- William H. Dwight, At-Large
- Michael J. Quinlan, Jr., Ward 1
- Karen Foster, Ward 2
- Vice-President James Nash, Ward 3
- John Thorpe, Ward 4
- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

**Meeting Agenda**  
**On-line Video Conference**  
**Meeting Date: January 21, 2021**  
**Meeting Time: 7 p.m.**

The January 21, 2021 City Council meeting will be held via remote participation. The public can follow the council's deliberations by watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on youtube or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. For the active youtube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

Live public comment will be available using telephone call-in or video conferencing technology beginning at 7 p.m.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING**

**Join Virtual Meeting:** <http://bit.ly/39GWDb8>

**For telephone call-in, call:**

**+253 215-8782 US**

**+301 715-8592 US**

**MEETING ID: 996 9498 6566**

**PARTICIPANT #: #**

**PASSCODE: 784358**

**1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Remote Participation and Audio/Video Recorded**

This meeting is being held via remote participation and audio/video recorded.

## 2. Public Comment

## 3. Roll Call

## 4. Public Hearings

### A. Announcement of Public Hearing on Package of National Grid/Verizon Pole Petitions for jointly-owned poles (2) and National Grid Pole Petitions for single-owned poles (2) on Damon Road and Bridge Road

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 @ 7:05 p.m. on the following petitions of National Grid and Verizon New England, jointly, and of National Grid, severally, to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways:

20.174 National Grid Pole Petition for Bridge Road (Petition #23303524)

20.175 National Grid Pole Petition for Damon Road (Petition #23303524)

20.176 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Damon Road (Petition #23303524)

20.177 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Bridge Road (Petition #23303524)

Documents:

[20.174 DPW Recommendation for Poles on Bridge Road.pdf](#)

[20.174 National Grid Pole Petition for Bridge Road.pdf](#)

[20.177 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Bridge Road.pdf](#)

[20.175 DPW Recommendation for Poles on Damon Road.pdf](#)

[20.175 National Grid Pole Petition for Damon Road.pdf](#)

[20.176 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Damon Road.pdf](#)

## 5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

## 6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

## 7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

## 8. Resolutions

### A. 20.113 A Resolution in Support of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance - 1st reading

**Process note:** The sponsors request that this be taken up after the second reading of **20.114 Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance** if it successfully passes.

Documents:

[20.113 Resoluton in Suport of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability](#)

## 9. Presentations

## 10. Consent Agenda

### A. Minutes of December 17, 2020

Documents:

[12-17-2020\\_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

### B. 20.162 Appointments to Various Committees, all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 1/14/2021

#### Arts Council

**Jesse Hassinger**, 184 Main Street, Apt. 4, Northampton

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

#### **Housing Partnership**

**Sara Howard**, 8 High Street, Florence

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

#### Human Rights Commission

**Kathy Wicks**, 102 Black Birch Trail, Florence

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

#### Northampton Housing Authority - Board of Commissioners

**Jo Ella Tarbutton**, 81 Conz Street, Apt. 626, Northampton

Term: January 2021 - June 2022

*To fill a newly-created position on the NHA Board of Commissioners through the Special Act*

Documents:

**C. 21.187 Appointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee**

**Arts Council**

**Dana Osterling**, 58 Paradise Road, Apt. 1, Northampton

Term: February 2021-June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

**Thulani Davis**, 112 Franklin Street, Northampton

Term: February 2021-June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

**Historical Commission**

**Dr. Jonathan Daube**, 15 Carolyn Street, Florence

Term: February 2021- June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

**Rev. Harvey Hill**, 19 Ward Avenue, Northampton

Term: February 2021-June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

Documents:

[21.187 Appointments to Various Committees.pdf](#)

**11. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)**

**12. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)**

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

**13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)**

**A. 20.178 An Order to Increase Personal Property Tax Exemption Threshold to \$2,500 - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 1/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 1/7/2021

Documents:

[20.178 An Order to Increase Personal Property Tax Exemption Threshold to 2,500.pdf](#)

**B. 20.179 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Paving Projects - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 1/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 1/7/2021

Documents:

[20.179 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.5 Million for Paving Projects.pdf](#)

**C. 20.180 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash \$1.5 Million to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Fiscal Stability Stabilization Funds - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 1/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 1/7/2021

Documents:

[20.180 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash 1.5 Million to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Fiscal Stability Stabilization Funds.pdf](#)

**14. Orders**

**A. 20.183 An Order Amending the Charter to Mail Ballots for Municipal Elections to All Registered Voters - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Passed 1st reading - 1/7/2021

Documents:

[20.183 An Order Amending the Charter to Mail Ballots for Municipal Elections to All Registered Voters.pdf](#)

**B. 20.184 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Resident Non-Citizens to Vote in Municipal Elections - 2nd reading**

**Process note:** Revised language submitted by Attorney Seewald for consideration on second reading.

**History:**

- Passed 1st reading

Documents:

[20.184 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Resident Non-Citizens to Vote in Municipal Elections FINAL Redlined.pdf](#)

[20.184 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Resident Non-Citizens to Vote in Municipal Elections FINAL.pdf](#)

**C. 20.185 An Order Amending the Charter to Make Clarifications and Correct Deficiencies in the Prior Language - 2nd reading**

**Process note:** Revised language submitted by Attorney Seewald to address request by City Clerk to remove reference to City Clerk from Section 8-2(a).

**History:**

- Passed 1st reading - 1/7/2021

Documents:

[20.185 An Order Amending the Charter to Make Clarifications and Correct Deficiencies in the Prior Language Rev AS Redline.pdf](#)

**D. 20.186 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Residents 16 Years of Age or Older to Vote in Municipal Elections - 2nd reading**

**Process note:** Revised language submitted by Attorney Seewald.

**History:**

- Passed 1st reading - 1/7/2021

Documents:

[20.186 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Residents 16 Years or Age or Older to Vote in Municipal Elections FINAL.pdf](#)

**15. 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.

**16. Ordinances**

**A. 20.114 Plastic Reduction & Sustainability Ordinance - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Referred to Community Resources Committee (CRC) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/3/2020
- Public forum held. Positive recommendation with request for consideration of possible amendments related to enforcement/implementation date and disability accommodations - 11/16/2020
- Referred to Disability Commission - 11/5/2020
- Two exemptions recommended, Disability Commission - 11/10/2020
- Multiple amendments approved, LM - 12/14/2020
- Positive recommendation as amended, LM - 12/14/2020
- Two amendments approved to 1) require food establishments to provide accessories such as utensils only upon request and to add definitions of Disposable Food Service Ware Accessory and Online Food Ordering Platform,

and 2) require retailers > 5,000 s.f. to charge .10 per checkout bag - 1/7/2021  
- Passed 1st reading - 1/7/2021

Documents:

[20.114 Plastic Reducton and Sustainability Ordinance - POST 1st reading.pdf](#)

## **17. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests**

## **18. New Business**

## **19. Adjourn**

*Contact: G-L Sciarra, Council President*  
[glsciarra@northamptonma.gov](mailto:glsciarra@northamptonma.gov)  
(413) 570-3133