



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: February 17, 2022
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The February 17, 2022 City Council meeting will be held by 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 7p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

Join the meeting: <https://bit.ly/34MRi3d>

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PARTICIPANT #: #

1. Roll Call

2. Announcement that Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

3. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of a public hearing concerning the Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2023-FY2027 - Thursday, March 3, 2022

In accordance with Article 7, Section 7-5 of the Charter, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing by remote participation on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7 p.m. The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program for FY2023-FY2027, and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Instructions for accessing the hearing will be posted on the March 3, 2022 City Council agenda to be posted no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting on the city website at www.northamptonma.gov. The CIP is available for inspection [here](#).

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

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 February 3, 2022

Documents:

B. 22.020 Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions, all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 2/07/2022

Arts Council

Garrett Williams, 4 Sunhill Drive, Florence

Term: January 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kelsey Flynn, 15 Edwards Square, Northampton

Term: January 2022- June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Planning Board

Chris Tait, 46 Upland Road, Leeds

Term: January 2022– June 2025

To Full Member from Associate Member to fill a vacancy

Trust Fund Committee

Jacob Dissinger, 8 Stowell Street, Leeds

Term: June 2021 - June 2024

Reappointment

Documents:

[22.020 Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions.pdf](#)

C. 22.021 Appointment of Attorney Alan Seewald as City Solicitor, positive recommendation, City Services Committee - 2/07/2022

Documents:

[22.021 Appointment of Attorney Alan Seewald as City Solicitor.pdf](#)

D. 22.026 An Order to Appropriate \$45,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Consent Agenda - 2/3/2022

Documents:

[22.026 An Order to Appropriate 45,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds.pdf](#)

**E. 22.029 Appointment to Arts Council and Human Rights Commission - for referral to City Services
Arts Council**

Pete Olsen, 380 South Street, Northampton

Term: February 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Human Rights Commission

Chelsea Sunday Kline, 42 Cherry Street, Northampton

Term: February 2002-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[22.029 Appointment to Arts Council and Human Rights Commission.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.

A. 22.025 An Order to Acquire Property Located at 196 Cooke Avenue - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.025 An Order to Acquire Property Located at 196 Cooke Avenue.pdf](#)
[22.025 Berkshire Design Group Memo.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 22.016 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Consent Agenda - 1/20/2022
- Removed from Consent Agenda and Referred to Finance Committee for further discussion and public input - 2/3/2022
- No recommendation - Finance Committee member motion for neutral recommendation failed 2:2
- See [Finance Committee report](#) for general recommendations

Documents:

[22.016 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software.pdf](#)

10. Orders

11. 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.

12. Ordinances

A. 21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/18/2021
- Positive recommendation with correction of scrivener's errors, LM - 2/14/2021

Documents:

[21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances - POST LM.pdf](#)

B. 22.024 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs in the Village Hill Neighborhood - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 2/3/2022
- Positive recommendation, LM - 2/14/2022

Documents:

[22.024 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs in the Village Hill Neighborhood.pdf](#)
[22.024 Village Hill Road Diagram.pdf](#)

13. Zoning Ordinances

A. 21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) for public hearing - 10/7/2021
- Public hearing continued by PB - 11/18/2021
- Continuation of PB public hearing - 2/10/2022
- Positive recommendation w/amendments, PB - 2/10/2022
- Positive recommendation as amended by PB, LM - 2/14/2022

Documents:

[21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances.pdf](#)

[21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands PB Recommendation to Council.pdf](#)

B. 21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance - 1st reading

History:

- Referred by City Council to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/18/2021
 - PB hearing held, positive recommendation with comments - 1/13/2022
 - Positive recommendation with consideration of PB comment, LM - 2/14/2022
- [Note: Opinion received from city solicitor that using different term for wheelchair ramp in local ordinance shouldn't be a problem; Senior Services Director opinion sought on preferred term for referring to residents over age 65]

Documents:

[21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance PB Discussion.pdf](#)

14. Resolutions

A. 22.023 A Resolution in Support of Student Loan Debt Cancellation - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed in 1st reading - 2/3/2022

Documents:

[22.023 A Resolution in Support of Student Loan Debt Cancellation.pdf](#)

B. 22.027 A Resolution to Form a Select Committee to Study Barriers to Service on City Boards and Commissions - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 2/3/2022

Documents:

[22.027 A Resolution to Form a Select Committee to Study Barriers to Service on City Boards and Commissions.pdf](#)

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

16. 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.

17. Adjourn

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