



CITY COUNCIL
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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: March 17, 2022

Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

VIA REMOTE TELECONFERENCE

The March 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: [PUBLIC MEETING LINK](#)

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PARTICIPANT #: #
PASSCODE: 279430

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 to consider FY 2023 Water and Sewer Rates

The Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing by remote participation on Thursday, March 31, 2022 @ 7 p.m. The City Council will consider the proposed FY2023 water and sewer rates and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the March 31, 2022 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website, www.northamptonma.gov, no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

A. Proclamation of March 2022 as Brain Injury Awareness Month

Documents:

[Brain Injury Awareness Proclamation 2022.pdf](#)

B. Discussion of March and April Meeting Schedule

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. 22.028 Appointment to the Board of Health, positive recommendation City Services Committee - 3/7/2022
Board of Health

Dallas Ducar, 330 Elm Street, Northampton

Term: January 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[22.028 Appointment to the Board of Health.pdf](#)

B. 22.029 Appointment to Arts Council and Human Rights Commission, positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 3/7/2022
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](#)

C. 22.061 Appointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee
Arts Council

Jo Ella Tarbutton-Springfield, 351 Pleasant Street, #163, Northampton

Term: March 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Anna VA Polesny, 30 Aldrich Street, Northampton,

Term: March 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Energy & Sustainability Commission

Victoria McGarril, 107 Island Road, Northampton

Term: March 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Housing Partnership

Gwen Nabad, 19D Hampshire Heights, Northampton

Term: March 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Beverly Bates, 206 Emerson Way, Florence

Term: March 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kristin Dardano, 281 Elm Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021- June 2024

Reappointment

Glenn Connly, 49 Platinum Circle, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Documents:

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

D. 22.032 FY23 CIP - An Order to Approve Appropriating Smith College Gift Toward 21st Century Classroom Technology Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.032 FY23 CIP - An Order to Approve Appropriating Smith College Gift Toward 21st Century Classroom Technology Project.pdf](#)

E. 22.033 FY23 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$594,900 for DPW Vehicles - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.033 FY23 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing 594,900 for DPW Vehicles.pdf](#)

F. 22.034 FY23 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.034 FY23 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction Projects.pdf](#)

G. 22.035 FY23 CIP - An Order to appropriate \$291,000 from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

H. 22.036 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.036 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Projects.pdf](#)

I. 22.037 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.037 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects.pdf](#)

J. 22.038 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate Gift Fund Balance to JFK Energy Management System Upgrades - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.038 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate Gift Fund Balance to JFK Energy Management System Upgrades.pdf](#)

K. 22.039 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$2.06 Million Free Cash to Various Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.039 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 2.06 Million Free Cash to Various Projects.pdf](#)

L. 22.040 FY23 CIP - An Order to Reprogram Unused Funds to OPS and NPS Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.040 FY23 CIP - An Order to Reprogram Unused Funds to OPS and NPS Projects.pdf](#)

M. 22.041 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$31,000 from State Earmark to Support DCC for Electric Vehicle - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.041 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 31,000 from State Earmark to Support DCC for Electric Vehicle.pdf](#)

N. 22.042 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$137,500 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Ice Pond Nature-Based Solution Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[22.042 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 137,500 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Ice Pond Nature-Based Solution Project.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. 22.044 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds for Laurel Park Historic Signage - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.044 An Order to Appropriate 3,000 in CPA Funds for Laurel Park Historic Signage.pdf](#)

B. 22.059 An Order to Transfer Funds for Health Department Title V Inspections - 1st reading

Documents:

**C. 22.062 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for
FY2023 - 1st reading**

Documents:

[22.062 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2023.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

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 - 2nd reading**

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/18/2021
- Positive recommendation with correction of scrivener's errors, LM - 2/14/2022
- Amended to add replacement of the word "Development" with the word "Sustainability" in the title of the Office of Planning and Sustainability in Section 156-5 - 2/17/2022
- Tabled to next meeting - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances - POST 1st RDG.pdf](#)

**13. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred) - Introduction of Form-Based
Code (package of 14 zoning ordinance amendments)**

Process Note: M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 requires the City Council to submit zoning ordinances to the Planning Board for review within 14 days of receipt and for the Planning Board and City Council or a committee designated for that purpose to hold public hearings thereon, together or separately, prior to adoption.

A. 22.045 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning -

Amendment to Definitions - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.045 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Definitions.pdf](#)

B. 22.046 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-3.1 Districts - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.046 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-3.1 Districts.pdf](#)

C. 22.047 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-3.4 Zoning Maps - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.047 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-3.4 Zoning Maps.pdf](#)

D. 22.048 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-6.5 Screening and Buffers - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.048 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-6.5 Screening and Buffers.pdf](#)

E. 22.049 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-7.4 Signs - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.049 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-7.4 Signs.pdf](#)

F. 22.050 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-7.9 Sandwich Board Signs - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.050 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-7.9 Sandwich Board Signs.pdf](#)

G. 22.051 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-8.1, 8.8, 8.10, 8.11 - 1st reading

Documents:

22.051 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-8.1, 8.8, 8.10, 8.11.pdf

H. 22.052 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-9.3 Change of Use, etc. - 1st reading

Documents:

22.052 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-9.3 Change of Use, etc..pdf

I. 22.053 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350 to Delete Attachments 9, 10 - 1st reading

Documents:

22.053 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350 to Delete Attachments 9, 10.pdf

J. 22.054 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-11.6 - 1st reading

Documents:

22.054 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-11.6.pdf

K. 22.055 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-10.1 - 1st reading

Documents:

22.055 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-10.1.pdf

L. 22.056 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350 to Add Sections 21, 22 - 1st reading

Documents:

22.056 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350 to Add Sections 21, 22.pdf

M. 22.057 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 161-3 - 1st reading

Documents:

22.057 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 161-3.pdf

N. 22.058 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 156 CB and West Street Architecture - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.058 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 156 CB and West Street Architecture.pdf](#)

14. Zoning Ordinances

A. 21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances - 2nd 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
- Amended to add "exceeding 12 such events per year" to final sentence - 2/17/2022
- Tabled to next meeting - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands PB Recommendation to Council - POST 1st RDG.pdf](#)

B. 21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance - 2nd 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]
- Added amendment to replace phrase "the elderly" in section 350-20.7 subsection A with phrase "persons 60 years and over" - 2/17/2022
- Tabled to next meeting - 3/3/2022

Documents:

[21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning](#)

15. Resolutions

A. **22.030 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2023-FY2027 Submitted to City Council February 17, 2022 - 2nd reading**

Per [Charter Section 7-5 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM](#), "At any time after the public hearing but before the first day of the last month of the current fiscal year, the city council shall by resolution adopt the capital improvements program, which may be amended, provided that each amendment shall be voted on separately and that an increase in the capital improvements program as submitted shall clearly identify the method of financing to accomplish the proposed increase."

The CIP is available for inspection [here](#).

B. **22.060 A Resolution in Support of H3126, An Act Providing for a Gender Neutral Designation on State Documents and Identifications - 1st reading**

Documents:

[22.060 A Resolution in Support of H3126, An Act Providing for a Gender Neutral Designation on State Documents and Identifications.pdf](#)

16. **Interim Procedure for Conducting City Council Meetings (Remote vs. In-person)**

Review of January 3, 2022 decision to continue holding Northampton City Council meetings remotely until April 1, 2022.

Process note: Governor Baker has extended the provision modifying the Open Meeting Law (OML) to allow governmental bodies to continue meeting remotely until July 15, 2022.

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

18. **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.

19. Adjourn

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