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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton
Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7 p.m.

This 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. Roll Call

2. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

3. Public Hearings

A. 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on 23.251 National Grid Pole Petition for Pleasant Street (Petition #30684497)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid's petition to install a single-owned pole on Pleasant Street. (Petition #30684497). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[23.251 National Grid Pole Petition for Pleasant Street, Petition No. 30684497.pdf](#)
[23.251 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

B. 7:05 P.M. Public Hearing on 23.254 National Grid Pole Petition for Maple Street (Petition #30732483)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:05 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid's petition to install one single-owned pole on Maple Street. (Petition #30732483). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[23.254 National Grid Pole Petition for Maple Street, Petition No. 30732483.pdf](#)
[23.254 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

C. 7:10 P.M. Public Hearing on 23.255 National Grid Pole Petition for South Street (Petition #30734983)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid's petition to install one single-owned pole on South Street. (Petition #30734983). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[23.255 National Grid Pole Petition for South Street, Petition No. 30734983.pdf](#)
[23.255 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

A. FY2024 Budget Message

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Message accompanying the [FY2024 Budget](#) - Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra

B. Elected Officials Compensation Advisory Board Report

Discussion with Elected Officials Compensation Advisory Board Members; John Bidwell - Chair; Peter Whalen - Vice Chair

Documents:

[23.314 Comparison Communities.pdf](#)
[23.314 Whalen Dissent.pdf](#)
[23.314 Compensation Advisory Board Presentation.pdf](#)
[23.314 2023 Elected Officials Compensation Advisory Board Report.pdf](#)

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 January 31, 2023 Joint City Council/School Committee/SVAHS Trustees Meeting and April 13, 2023 and May 4, 2023 City Council meetings

Documents:

[05-04-2023_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)
[04-13-2023_City Council Meeting.pdf](#)
[01-31-2023 Joint City Council and School Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

B. Approve 23.251 National Grid Pole Petition for Pleasant Street (Petition #30684497)

SEE DOCUMENTS ABOVE

C. Approve 23.254 National Grid Pole Petition for Maple Street (Petition #30732483)

SEE DOCUMENTS ABOVE

D. Approve 23.255 National Grid Pole Petition for South Street (Petition #30734983)

SEE DOCUMENTS ABOVE

E. 23.308 An Order to Reprogram funds to NPS Playground Account - 2nd reading History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 5/4/2023

Documents:

[23.308 An Order to Reprogram Funds to NPS Playground Account.pdf](#)

F. 23.309 An Order to Accept DA Sullivan \$10,000 Gift for Public Art and Economic Development Project - Portable Stage - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 5/4/2023

Documents:

[23.309 An Order to Accept DA Sullivan 10,000 Gift for Public Art and Economic Development Project - Portable Stage.pdf](#)

G. 23.310 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Smith Charities Phase 2 Rehabilitation Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 5/4/2023

Documents:

[23.310 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Smith Charities Phase 2 Rehabilitation Project.pdf](#)

H. 23.311 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Collections Preservation Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 5/4/2023

Documents:

[23.311 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Collections Preservation Project.pdf](#)

I. 23.312 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Forbes Library Restroom Ventilation Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 5/4/2023

Documents:

[23.312 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Forbes Library Restroom Ventilation 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. 23.315 An Order to Approve FY2023 Budgetary Transfers - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.315 An Order to Approve FY2023 Budgetary Transfers.pdf](#)

B. 23.316 An Order to Approve FY2024 General Fund Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.316 An Order to Approve FY2024 General Fund Budget.pdf](#)

C. 23.317 An Order to Approve FY 2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.317 An Order to Approve FY 2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

D. 23.318 An Order to Approve FY 2024 Water Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.318 An Order to Approve FY 2024 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

E. 23.319 An Order to Approve FY 2024 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.319 An Order to Approve FY2024 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

F. 23.320 An Order to Approve FY 2024 Stormwater and Flood Control Enterprise Fund Budget - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.320 An Order to Approve FY2024 Stormwater and Flood Control Budget.pdf](#)

G. 23.321 An Order to Approve FY2024 Revolving Funds - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.321 An Order to Approve FY2024 Revolving Funds.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.

A. Discussion to Consider Amending Section 5-5 per Recommendations of Elected Officials Compensation Advisory Board

[Section 5-5](#) Compensation of Elected Officials

12. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

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. 23.322 An Ordinance to Create a National Flood Insurance Program Overlay District - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.322 NFIP Overlay Zone.pdf](#)

[23.322 An Ordinance to Create a National Flood Insurance Program Overlay District.pdf](#)

13. Zoning Ordinances

14. Ordinances

15. Select Committee to Study Barriers to Service Final Report - Discuss Process for Implementing Recommendations

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

17. Resolutions

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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