



Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

*Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Chair
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, Vice Chair
Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.
Councilor John Thorpe*

Online Meeting via Teleconference

Meeting Date: October 7, 2021

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting will take place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:05 pm.

- 1. Meeting Called To Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting**

A. Minutes Of September 22, 2021

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4. Financial Orders

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E. 21.334 An Order To Reprogram Funds For NPS Early Childhood Program Lease

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5. New Business

-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

6. Adjourn

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On-line Zoom Meeting

Meeting Date: September 22, 2021

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting took place during a City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting began at 7 p.m.

1. **Meeting Called To Order:** At 7:48 p.m., Councilor Sciarra called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were committee members Gina-Louise Sciarra (Chair), Marianne LaBarge (Vice-Chair), Michael J. Quinlan, Jr. and John Thorpe. Also present from the City Council were William H. Dwight, Alex Jarrett, Karen Foster, Rachel Maiore and Jim Nash. Also present were Mayor David Narkewicz, Finance Director Charlene Nardi and Administrative Assistant Laura Krutzler.
3. **Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2021**
Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 2021. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.
4. **Financial Orders**
 - A. **21.320 An Order to Suspend Parking Fees on Certain Days - 1st reading**
Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

Councilor Quinlan asked about the decision not to include the parking garage along with other parking fees that are being suspended. What sort of income does it generate on those days and what is the reason for not making it free as well? He asked.

It is primarily a systems issue because the parking garage is a 24/7 facility, Mayor Narkewicz responded. The city has leased space for people who live and work downtown and some people park in the garage for multiple days in the winter. Administrators have always taken the position that when they do these types of suspensions it is challenging to shut the garage off because of the leased spaces and people who use it for inclement weather. They've always focused on off-street lots.

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Councilor LaBarge asked why monthly lease holders couldn't get the benefit of the suspension.

The goal is to support local businesses by supporting restaurants and commerce on key shopping dates during the holiday season, Mayor Narkewicz explained. The lease program is really for businesses and offices, people who purchase space for their business and staff or people who live downtown year-round. It is really two different things. It is not easy to waive fees for five days as people pay for leased spaces in multi-month increments, he added. They see them as two different users of the parking system.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

B. 21.321 An Order Authorizing the Lease of Rooftop Space on Bridge Street, Leeds and Ryan Road Elementary Schools for Solar PV Arrays - 1st reading

Councilor Sciarra read the order and Ms. Krutzler screen-shared depictions of the various arrays.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

Councilors may recall him coming to them with a similar surplus order for a solar system on the senior center roof, Mayor Narkewicz reminded. Northampton residents Brian Adams and Morey Phippen generously donated that system to the senior center as part of a nonprofit they formed to install solar systems on roofs of non-profits throughout the area. The donation is structured with a six-year lease which allows them as part of their business model to recoup some of the cost and reinvest it in other systems. The school department would save a projected \$4,000 a year in energy costs plus an unknown amount in reduced demand charges. In terms of greenhouse gas emissions, the energy and sustainability officer estimates the three arrays annually would offset the same amount of greenhouse gas emissions as produced by five school buses a year.

The School Committee was very happy and grateful to accept this gift and has taken its vote to surplus. The order now must come to the city council for a corresponding vote.

The similar-sized array at the senior center saved about \$3,236 in electricity costs in its first year of operation - more than originally projected - so that project has been very beneficial, he advised.

One offset worth mentioning is that a rooftop array doesn't cut trees, which are carbon sequestration systems, Councilor Dwight noted. It is the smallest impact with the best possible return. This has been discussed forever and is a commitment the city made some time ago. This offset is not even part of the calculation done when officials estimate the value of this. He is very glad to see this partnership that's been established and grateful for the opportunity to take advantage of these systems that conform to the city's plan to reduce its carbon footprint and provide access to energy cost savings.

It looks like a great project, Councilor Jarrett agreed. He noted that it looks like a larger size array would fit on some of these roofs. Does the donor's business model limit the size of the array? He asked. Is the city precluded from adding more in the future?

There are other systems on the roof installers have to work around such as air-handling systems, drains and other utilities, Mayor Narkewicz said. Consideration also is given to the orientation and angling of the array. His understanding is that this is the maximal use of the roofs. The price is right, he added.

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In response to another question from Councilor Jarrett, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed Mr. Phippen and Mr. Adams have an agreement/relationship with an installer who shares their mission. They're responsible for installing and maintaining the system for the first six years.

Councilor LaBarge thanked the two residents very much for doing what they're doing. She asked how much it would cost if the city had to pay to install the systems.

Mayor Narkewicz said he couldn't give an exact estimate but could only think about similar projects. It has got to be on the order of between \$20,000 and \$40,000 for each system. It is definitely a significant gift plus maintenance for the next six years, associated electrical work, etc.

Councilor Maire said she feels compelled to say that when some say climate goals in Northampton are too lofty; this is how they do it. It's not just what city government is doing, it's what they all do as a community, by them all being generous and committed to this together. She finds this really heartening and offered her thanks to Morey and Brian.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

C. 21.322 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.09 Million for New Fire Ladder Truck - 1st reading

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

The current ladder is 2003, so it is almost 20 years old, Chief Davine advised. They have run into some significant repair costs. They spent significant money a few years ago and just got some bad news again yesterday. In his memo, he stated that it would cost about \$50,000 to repair the current problem. The department's mechanic has been working with an E-1 vendor (the manufacturer of the ladder) in North Andover, and he said they are looking at between \$65,000 and \$80,000 because they need to repair the entire aerial control system, including the turntable on which the ladder is mounted and platform at the top.

The mechanic has done a great job of getting it back in service, but it seems like every time firefighters go to use it will go up six to eight feet and rotate a little bit but then the ladder loses its position. The mechanic can override the system manually by lifting the cab of the truck and going under it, but it's just not safe at this point. The department formed a committee consisting of two deputy chiefs, the training captain and two firefighters, and the committee has been working with three vendors: Pierce, E-One and Ferrara.

The last three engines they've purchased have been Pierce and they've had great luck with them so they are leaning toward purchasing a Pierce ladder. One of the significant issues in Northampton are low bridges. Firefighters Dustin Culver and Ryan Davis went out at night when there was low traffic and measured each of the low bridges so they would have a solid number. The ladder needs to be 11 feet high or less. Most are 11.4 or 11.6 so it is kind of a custom-built ladder. If it couldn't get under bridges, they would have to leave headquarters, go down King Street and go around the industrial park to Bridge Street to get to that section of the city. The ladder proposed by Pierce comes in at 11 feet.

The current ladder actually has a 500-gallon water tank and pump so it can work as a fire engine if needed but they have had problems with the pump and with the tank leaking so, as a committee, they decided that

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they don't need to go that route again. If they did, they would be looking conservatively at \$1.5 to \$1.6 million.

It would be a true ladder. It has a pre-piped waterway up the ladder but doesn't have a pump and water tank on it. It actually gives them a lot more compartment space to add equipment and carry ground ladders. He thinks Pierce is the way to go. E-One came back with a proposal for a ladder that is still 11.4 feet, so they automatically disqualified them. He heard mixed things from chiefs about the Ferraras. Their mechanic knows the Pierce inside and out.

"Right now I don't trust this ladder," he reported. The shift runs all power equipment every morning and, this morning, they got it up eight feet and it died again.

Councilor LaBarge asked a great question this morning; "what's your plan?" without a ladder, he related.

He is going to sit down with the mechanic to figure out how to at least get it on scene but right now they are relying on mutual aid from Hadley and then Easthampton. If they have a reported fire or smoke in the building, dispatch will call them automatically so if the ladder doesn't work, they will have another on the way.

Councilor Sciarra asked when the new one could be delivered. With all the supply chain delays, they are saying conservatively 18 months, Chief Davine said. That is why the mayor felt it was important to do this as soon as possible. It would be the same with any other vendor. It's quite a long build time.

Councilor Dwight noted that a large amount of the building inventory that would require a ladder response is on the Smith College campus. The department needs the apparatus to accommodate issues presented on the campus.

Absolutely, Chief Davine agreed. All of Main Street downtown and even larger homes would require a ladder too, he added. They need a ladder to rescue people from third and fourth floors.

In the past they have had Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) offers from Smith College particularly dedicated to apparatus aimed specifically at serving them. That is what he is intimating, Councilor Dwight indicated.

Councilor LaBarge said she appreciated the chief talking to her today. He made her understand what bad shape the ladder truck is in and explained thoroughly to her how they would operate without a ladder. She is happy and thankful he talked to her and she is going to support this. She has always supported equipment for their fire department. It is the fire department that knows what is needed to save lives in their city, she commented. She is supporting this with a high recommendation to city council.

The city can't sign a contract without a funding source, so that is why he is bringing the request to city council out of sequence with the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Mayor Narkewicz explained. They are seeking a borrowing authorization to authorize them to sign a contract. Obviously with the necessary lead time they won't necessarily need to borrow right away so, as they go through the CIP, they may use a different mechanism for funding. It would normally appear on a capital plan but given the emergency nature, he wanted to get it in process right away. He didn't make a request for a second reading, but the sooner they can get it in process the better.

In response to a question from Councilor Maiore, Chief Davine said the life expectancy of the truck depends on its level of use. They don't put a ton of hours on it. They have gotten almost 20 years out of this one and hopefully will get more from the next.

Councilor Quinlan said he intends to support it. He asked if it would get under Councilor Nash's truck-eating bridge, and Chief Davine said it would.

Councilor Nash said he appreciates that they are looking for ladders that can make it to Ward 3. He can verify that that's the height of those bridges since he's been out there as well. It is clear as day that they need to make this investment; it's like when a boiler or a car breaks down. He sees due diligence in the work that's gone into trying to keep this vehicle working and operating. It is concerning that, when out on calls, it has stopped operating. This seems to be something they need to get corrected so they have equipment that works and people don't get harmed.

There being no further comments, **the motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.**

D. 21.323 An Order to Acquire, Surplus and Dispose of a Certain Property Located at 33 King Street - 1st reading

Councilor Thorpe disclosed that, although he doesn't have a conflict of interest, he needs to recuse himself because of his employment with the Commonwealth.

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

This has been one of those slow-roasting state projects that seems to take forever, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed. He had his earliest meeting with DCAMM about it back in 2017/2018. The trial court system made the decision to basically abandon the building at 33 King Street, former home to the Probate and Family Court, Hall of Records and Registry of Deeds. The state went through the process of putting out an RFP and selecting a developer to basically build and lease them a new courthouse on Atwood Drive and the registry went through a similar process to relocate off Pleasant Street in the Gleason building.

The building is now empty so the city began having conversations with the state about what would happen with this particular property. It is a large parcel totaling about one and a half acres in the heart of downtown with significant access to transportation. Obviously, city officials had concerns about the building sitting empty for 10 or 20 years or being sold or marketed by the state which may not necessarily have a good understanding of Northampton's needs and vision for its historic downtown.

The state over the years has begun a program of surplus and redeveloping state-owned properties across the Commonwealth by basically reaching agreement to transfer the property to the community itself and putting the city in the driver seat in terms of surplus and redeveloping the property. At the end of the process after all costs are taken into account, the city essentially shares the net profit with the state 50/50.

After much going back and forth with DCAMM about how this would work, DCAMM filed special legislation to effectuate the transfer and not utilize the normal building disposition process. The bill made it through the legislature and got signed by the governor at the very end of the last session. The law said DCAMM had

one year (until December 31, 2021) to transfer the property. The city finally has the disposition documents necessary to finalize this transfer.

In order for the city to accept a gift real property, it requires an acceptance by city council. Like the earlier vote on the roofs, the city council is basically turning around and immediately surplusing it to city needs in order to redevelop it. The city will then be in the position to begin the redevelopment process.

Listed in the order are a number of potential uses the property could serve. The next phase of this would be working with Director Feiden on creating an RFP to seek developers that might be interested in the project. Over the last four or five years he has been approached by several developers who are already very, very interested in this property for housing, commercial uses, hotel uses, etc. A lot of people have had their eye on this building and he doesn't think it will be difficult to find interested developers.

He suspects the building itself would come down. It is an example from the state's 'brutalist' period of architecture, he said facetiously. The building has been modified; parts of the building are an old parking garage and it has an asbestos issue. It is an incredible opportunity. It will bring the property onto the tax rolls since it is not taxable now and has the potential to create economic development for the city.

Obviously, the process will take some time and will be one of the pieces he will be transitioning to the next mayor but because of the legislation they have to get this piece of it completed before the end of the year in order to meet the statutory deadline. Otherwise, it would have to go back to the legislature.

The Office of Planning and Sustainability (OPS) will be working on an RFP. They are already doing some initial work on the property in terms of identifying potential easements needed because of utilities that may be under it as well as doing an environmental assessment. This is the first step in the city taking custody of the building and being in the driver's seat in terms of making sure it is developed in the best interests of Northampton.

Councilor Jarrett said it seems like a great opportunity for downtown Northampton. He asked about the redevelopment process; how it would be decided what would go there and if the council would have a role in determining those uses.

Mayor Narkewicz deferred to Director Feiden since OPS will be conducting the RFP process. The council has had a role in determining what type of uses are allowed downtown, but in terms of evaluating development proposals, that would be something Director Feiden could speak more to.

As some know, they are going through a rapid recovery planning process for downtown and have a public forum tomorrow night, Director Feiden reminded. One of the things they have asked consultants to do is to give them recommendations for the best process for going through an RFP process. They are waiting for their presentation and report. They don't know what the uses will be so he is not comfortable saying it will be housing or a commercial use. They will have to do it as an RFP for which price is just one of the many criteria. Obviously, the decision process will extend into the next mayor, so he is not comfortable putting words in the next mayor's mouth for exactly what the process will be. Usually when they do an RFP, it is the city's procurement officer who makes the decision based on very clear criteria.

Councilor Jarrett said he does feel concern about accepting this and authorizing the next mayor to do this without any restrictions on its ultimate use. Affordable and attainable housing is one thing he would like to see or affordable commercial space. Downtown's variety and vitality may be limited by the cost of commer-

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cial space, and some communities have created a community land trust that includes commercial space to allow lower margin businesses to succeed, he shared. He wondered if there is a way to split the order to agree to accept and surplus the property now but then allow the council to have some input when it comes to developing criteria for the RFP. In the past, when the council surplused property they have known it is going to a specific use such as a community music center. Here they are not yet seeing that clear idea.

From a legal standpoint, yes, they could absolutely do that, Director Feiden confirmed. He would be very concerned that it would scare away bids. Northampton is not a tier 1 market. Knowing that they have full approval from city council is significant to the financial value of the property and the ability to attract good proposals. His suggestion would be to say on behalf of his department that they are happy to pledge to involve the council in discussions but would prefer not to have a legal approval process that would depress the market.

This is a long time coming, Councilor Nash observed. He thinks the fact that it is a really ugly building actually enhances the ideas. "There's nothing worse that can happen here," he joked. All ideas are on the table.

The thing he sees missing in the order is language about a transit center. He knows that's been kicked around in the past.

That is certainly worth looking at, Director Feiden agreed. It took a long time to get the Amtrak station developed and a few million dollars have gone into it, he reminded. He doesn't think this is a better site. The main reason they were looking at the site originally is that they asked the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) to identify a site for a full multi-modal transit facility. The King Street site didn't work very well because it wasn't a good spot to bring in buses, so it didn't really have a benefit over Union Station. They would be moving from one side of downtown to another without any better access. He will consult with PVRTA to see if anything has changed with regard to the turning radius of buses, he said.

With regard to general outreach, people have been talking about this site for years, so having a venue where all of those ideas can be voiced and some sort of listening process is really important, Councilor Nash reflected. He expressed his understanding that if they vote tonight they are handing the listening process back to the planning department. He is comfortable doing that if that is going to occur. He asked if he could speak about how he pictures the listening and outreach.

Director Feiden agreed a listening process is a critical piece. His department will coordinate the process but they only advise the mayor and city council, he clarified. Ultimately, planners can summarize the voices they hear and create a process but they will be passing it on to the mayor. Their theory has always been that sunshine cures most things, so having a process for recording peoples' voices and reaching out to people who would not otherwise be at the table helps drive that process.

If the city had wanted to buy the property itself, the cost would be pretty astronomical, Director Feiden advised. He cited some lots at the state hospital the city was interested in acquiring for affordable housing as examples of the Commonwealth's inflated appraisal process. The Commonwealth's appraisal came in somewhere between \$500,000 to \$600,000, leading the mayor to instead filed legislation to have the property transferred to the city for a dollar.

He doesn't think the city would be in a position to buy the property because it would be subject to an inflated Commonwealth valuation process and then be stuck tearing down the building. The city probably

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wouldn't want to take an ownership role. Instead, it could sell it with restrictions that might devalue it somewhat but would only cost half as much to acquire as it would otherwise. Thinking of it as a series of restrictions and easements as opposed to ownership is the path he thinks they almost certainly want to go.

Councilor Foster said Councilors Jarrett and Nash actually vocalized her thoughts. It is awkward as a councilor to vote on an order authorizing myriad uses without knowing what the process will be. She would urge OPS to push for a really public process.

Director Feiden said he absolutely agreed.

In the past, the Commonwealth has not demonstrated concern about what Northampton cares about or values, Councilor Dwight observed. Since it is a partnership with the Commonwealth, he asked if the state has the authority to put the kibosh on something. Can they stop or turn down a proposal?

No. That's what's so wonderful about this process. As long as the city is consistent with the legislation that spells out the process, they cannot, Director Feiden said. If they said they wanted to buy it themselves that would put the state back in the driver's seat

Councilor LaBarge agreed a public process is extremely valuable and said she thinks the city council should be involved.

Director Feiden confirmed the city has the prerogative to specify what it wants to see developed.

Councilor Quinlan referred to contradictions he has heard. The mayor mentioned he has been approached by developers interested in the property but the planning director said he is concerned that amending the order could depress the property's value. Are they depressing the value or do they have a potential for takers? He asked.

With a new mayor coming in, they don't want to put words in that mayor's mouth, he agreed. For that reason, he wondered if they could take Councilor Jarrett's suggestion of removing part of the order. He referred to the great job Community Resources does in engaging the public and wondered aloud if the council shouldn't be involved in this at a little higher level. Listening to his council colleagues and knowing they won't be advancing this too far until a new mayor is in place, he wondered if they wanted to take a greater chunk of the role here.

Director Feiden said he thinks both are true. A lot of people have expressed interest, but he would not underestimate the amount of money it costs to do due diligence to see if a proposal really works. For a developer to know that the city has the authority to sell the property is important. Uploading the public process up front absolutely makes sense. Going to a bidding process with uncertainty about the final outcome is what would depress interest, he clarified. Making a clear statement that at the end of the process the property will be sold is essential.

His suggestion would be to have the council have the opportunity to approve an order; not to write the RFP but to provide broad guidelines for what would be in the RFP, Councilor Jarrett said. They would then know that there would be a public process and that the general results of the process would be something the council would have the opportunity to approve.

Councilor Dwight asked how this is different from how they surplus any other property.

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The universe of potential uses downtown is much broader, Director Feiden said. The potential use of the South Street School was very narrow. It makes the RFP more complex. He certainly wants the council and the public deeply engaged, so they will pledge to do that, but his preference is not to have a delayed up or down vote.

Councilor Dwight said he takes his meaning that having an up or down vote would dampen enthusiasm for proposals. He doesn't see that they are actually in conflict, he thinks they are all more or less agreed as to the goals. He actually doesn't see approval of this order as limiting those stated goals. For everyone's peace of mind, it would be helpful to have a general idea of what the process for soliciting public input and developing the RFP would be.

Director Feiden asked if the councilors who wanted them to make this clear would be comfortable with a clause at the end saying that the actual process of creating an RFP would be done in consultation with the council and community stakeholders.

Councilor Quinlan said he would ask him to detail *how*.

Director Feiden said that's fair. He doesn't know the answer, but they have asked their consultants for help to inform the process. His preference if councilors are willing would be for them to take a first reading tonight and give him a chance to come back with language for an amendment for second reading.

Councilor Sciarra said she sees some nods. Councilor Foster said that makes sense to her so she would be comfortable voting positively this evening. Councilor Maiore said it would satisfy her as well. She would like to see it codified in the actual language of the order.

Councilor Jarrett said he also is comfortable passing it in first reading although there have been some concerns about actions around surplusings. He looks forward to the language and hopes it will resolve his concerns.

The motion carried 3:0 with Councilor Thorpe recused.

E. 21.326 An Order Adding Parcel on Mt Tom Road and Dike Road to CT River Greenway-Historic Mill River - 1st reading

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation Councilor LaBarge seconded.

This is a small piece of property that was appraised almost a decade ago, Director Feiden presented. The city was thinking of buying it because they couldn't track down an owner. The consensus of the tax title group was that it was cleaner for it to go through land court as a property of low value. The assessor went through that process so it became the city's property. They have assessed it to see if has any other city uses, and it is really not usable as anything else. They have given a right of access to MassDOT so it can use a little bit of the property as part of Exit 18 work. It abuts existing conservation land on the south so they think the highest and best use is to add it to conservation property.

The city closed off Dike Road some years ago, dramatically reducing trash dumping in the meadows. Owning the property allows the city to more permanently close that road and provides a permanent solution to the trash dumping problem.

In response to a question from Councilor Jarrett, Director Feiden confirmed there would still be access for pedestrians.

The motion carried 4:0 by roll call vote.

5. **New Business**

None.

6. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, Councilor Quinlan moved to adjourn. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 Yes, 0 No. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

October 7, 2021

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.329 An Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Expansion and Renovation

Ordered that

The Northampton City Council accepts the donation of \$39,150.31 from the Northampton Academy of Music, Inc., and in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53A approves using the gifted funds for the expansion and renovation of the Academy of Music restroom facilities project (19303 586405).

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

October 7, 2021

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.330 An Order to Authorize Payment of Prior Year Bills to AMERESCO

Ordered, that

the Council authorize payment of prior fiscal year bills (FY2021) for the following AMERESCO invoices for net metering credits associated with the Glendale Road solar array lease and power purchasing agreement - funds which are ultimately credited back to city utility accounts by National Grid resulting in lower energy costs.

November 4, 2020 – AMERESCO	\$8,072.70
December 2, 2020 – AMERESCO	\$7,145.40
January 5, 2021 – AMERESCO	\$4,757.81
February 3, 2021 – AMERESCO	\$4,967.26

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, October 7, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.332 An Order to Appropriate FY2022 CPA Funds for Community Preservation Purposes

Ordered, that

The following amounts be appropriated or reserved from fiscal year 2022 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues **\$2,075,465 (\$1,482,475 FY22 local assessment estimate, plus \$592,990 estimated state match)** for fiscal year 2022 Community Preservation purposes:

\$228,301 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve (account # 2344930-359931)

\$228,301 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve (account # 2344930-359932)

\$228,301 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Reserve (account # 2344930-359933)

\$75,000 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Administrative Account (account # 2344930-359934)

\$1,315,562 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve (account # 2344930-359930)

Also, the following amounts be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930) for FY21 Community Preservation bonding repayment purposes:

\$60,000 for principal and \$6,075 for interest for Bean Farm bond (account #3100931-393102-11)

\$90,000 for principal and \$16,200 for interest for Florence Fields bond (account #3100931-393103-12)

\$65,000 for principal and \$12,800 for interest for Pulaski Park II bond (account #3100931-393105-16)

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, October 7, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.333 An Order to Appropriate \$15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire and Hampden Canal
Historical Documentation Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for documentation and preservation of the Hampshire and Hampden portions of the New Haven and Northampton Canal;

WHEREAS, the Canal is a significant historical and cultural resource, of which most portions have been lost. The project will increase knowledge of the Canal and related resources, and help to inform future preservation and placemaking efforts;

WHEREAS, the project is a regional collaboration, supported by all communities in which the Canal was located, and is the first to attempt to document the canal in its entirety in Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$15,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$15,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$15,000 is allocated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

October 7, 2021

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.334 An Order to Reprogram Funds for NPS Early Childhood Program Lease

Ordered, that

\$18,300 in the Northampton Public Schools Electrical and AC Units Upgrades (19303-586911), be reprogrammed to a designated line account in the Central Services budget (11922) to cover the Northampton Public Schools Early Childhood Program lease at 40 Main Street Office #206 for a 12 month period, November 1, 2021 through October 30, 2022, whereupon the Northampton Public Schools will fund any such lease moving forward directly from its budget.