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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton
Thursday, November 2, 2023, 7 p.m.

The November 2, 2023 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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

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PARTICIPANT#: #

PASSCODE: 290695

1. Roll Call

2. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

3. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of Public Hearing on Administrative Orders

Per Charter [Section 6-1](#), the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing in hybrid format on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will consider proposed amendments to the City of Northampton Administrative Code, Part II Multi-Member Appointive Organization to 1) amend Section 15.0 Human Rights Commission to reduce the number of members from nine to seven and 2) amend Section 11 Energy and Sustainability Commission to add the Climate Action and Project Administration (CAPA) Director to its membership and designate the CAPA Director as its ex-officio chair. Instructions for accessing the hearing remotely may be found on the November 16, 2023 City Council agenda to be posted on www.northamptonma.gov no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

SEE DOCUMENTS BELOW

B. 7:00 P.M. Tax Classification Hearing

Per M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7 p.m. in hybrid format in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA to discuss the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property within the City of Northampton for FY2024.

C. 7:15 P.M. Public Hearing on 23.377 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Water Street (Petition #30817064)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:15 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid/Verizon's petition to relocate Pole #15 on Water Street. (Petition #30817064). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[23.377 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[23.377 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Water Street, Petition No. 30817064.pdf](#)

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

A. FY2024 First Quarter Financial Report

Review by Finance Director Charlene Nardi

Documents:

[Cannabis, Meals, Hotel- Motel- Shortterm Rentals.093023.pdf](#)

[Enterprise Fund Expenses.093023.pdf](#)
[Enterprise Fund Revenue.093023.pdf](#)
[GF Expenses.093023.pdf](#)
[GF Revenue.093023.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 October 19, 2023

Documents:

[10-19-2023_City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

B. Approve 23.377 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Water Street (Petition #30817064)

See documents above.

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. 23.390 An Order to Suspend Parking Fees on Certain Days - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.390 An Order to Suspend Parking Fees on Certain Days.pdf](#)

B. 23.392 An Order to Establish a Tax Classification for FY2024 - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.392 An Order to Establish a Tax Classification for FY2024.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

10. Administrative Orders

Process note: CHARTER SECTION 6-1 ORGANIZATION OF CITY AGENCIES:
". . . The mayor may prepare and submit to the city council, administrative orders that establish operating divisions for the orderly, efficient or convenient conduct of the business of the city. These administrative orders shall be accompanied by a message from the mayor which explains the expected benefits and advises the city council if an administrative order shall require amendments, insertions, revisions, repeal or otherwise of existing ordinances. Whenever the mayor proposes an administrative order, the city council shall hold 1 or more public hearings on the proposal giving notice by publication in a local newspaper, which notice shall describe the scope of the proposal and the

time and place at which the public hearing will be held, not less than 7 nor more than 14 days following the publication."

Documents:

[23.393 Administrative Orders Letter.pdf](#)

A. 23.393 An Administrative Order to Amend Administrative Code Section 15.0 Human Rights Commission - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.393 An Administrative Order to Amend Administrative Code Section 15.0 Human Rights Commission.pdf](#)

B. 23.394 An Administrative Order to Amend Administrative Code Section 11.0 Energy and Sustainability Commission - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.394 An Administrative Order to Amend Administrative Code Section 11 Energy and Sustainability Commission.pdf](#)

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. 23.391 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Ward Avenue - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.391 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Ward Avenue.pdf](#)

12. Zoning 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.

13. Zoning Ordinances

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

15. Resolutions

A. 23.389 A Resolution in Support of Picture Main Street

Process note: A final vote on the resolution will take place November 16, 2023

History:

- Introduced and discussed - 10/19/2023

Documents:

[23.389 A Resolution in Support of Picture Main Street.pdf](#)

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

18. Ordinances

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