



CITY COUNCIL
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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton

The November 16, 2023 City Council meeting will be held 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. 7:00 P.M. 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 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

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 November 2, 2023

Documents:

[11-02-2023_City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

B. 23.390 An Order to Suspend Parking Fees on Certain Days - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 11/2/2023

Documents:

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

C. 23.392 An Order to Establish a Tax Classification for FY2024 - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to the consent agenda - 11/2/2023

Documents:

**D. 23.400 Appointments to Arts Council, for referral to City Services
Arts Council**

Indë Francis, 31 Trumbull Rd., Apt. 1R, Northampton

Term: November 2023 – November 2026

To fill a vacancy

Sara Siegel, 52 Revell Ave, Northampton

Term: November 2023 – November 2026

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[23.400 Appointments to Arts Council.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. 23.397 An Order to Reprogram Funds to the Ryan Road Heating Upgrade Project - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings/waiver of process is respectfully requested to allow payment to be made for completed work.

Documents:

[23.397 An Order to Reprogram Funds to the Ryan Road Heating Upgrade Project.pdf](#)

B. 23.398 An Order to Reprogram Various Funds for Senior Center Window Repairs - 1st reading

Process note: Waiver of process/two readings is requested since immediate repairs are necessary to prevent damage to the building envelope.

Documents:

[23.398 An Order to Reprogram Various Funds for Senior Center Window Repairs.pdf](#)

C. 23.399 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to NHS Road Safety Improvement Soft Costs - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.399 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to NHS Road Safety Improvement Soft Costs.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 and 23.394 Administrative Orders Message.pdf](#)

A. 23.393 An Administrative Order to Amend Administrative Code Section 15.0 Human Rights Commission - 2nd reading

History:

- Public hearing held - 11/2/2023
- Introduced and discussed - 11/2/2023

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 - 2nd reading

History:

- Public hearing held - 11/2/2023
- Introduced and discussed - 11/2/2023

Documents:

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

11. Orders

A. 23.396 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land Located on Florence Road - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.396 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land Located on Florence Road.pdf](#)
[23.396 Quitclaim Deed.pdf](#)
[23.396 Foreclosure Deed.pdf](#)

12. 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. Ordinances

A. 23.382 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Olander Drive and Ford Crossing - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/5/2023
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/13/2023

Documents:

[23.382 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Olander Drive and Ford Crossing.pdf](#)
[23.382 Stop Sign Diagram.pdf](#)

B. 23.391 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Ward Avenue - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/2/2023
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/13/2023

Documents:

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

14. 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.

15. Zoning Ordinances

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

17. Resolutions

A. 23.389 A Resolution in Support of Picture Main Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Introduced and discussed - 10/19/2023

Documents:

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

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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