



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: December 2, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The December 2, 2021 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.

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1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.347 and 21.348 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid petition to install underground conduit and heavy-duty handholes on Old Ferry Road (Petition #30408955)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid's petition to install 330 feet of underground conduit leading to this pole along with two heavy-duty handholes on Old Ferry Road (Petition #30408955). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the December 16, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city's website (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.

Documents:

[21.347 National Grid-Verizon Joint Pole Petition for Cross Path Road \(Petition No. 30408955\).pdf](#)

[21.348 National Grid Petition to Install Underground Conduit on Old Ferry Road \(Petition No. 30408955\).pdf](#)

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

A. ARPA Survey and Transition Update

8. Resolutions

9. Presentations

A. City Council Rules Select Committee Final Report

Presentation by City Council Rules Select Committee Members

Documents:

[CouncilRulesAsProposed tobeAmended.112321.pdf](#)
[FINAL_Final Report.pdf](#)

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of November 18, 2021

Documents:

[11-18-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 21.364 Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night

Documents:

[21.364 Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night.pdf](#)

11. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

12. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

A - J 1st round of FY2022 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Community Preservation Act (CPA) Funding Recommendations

Documents:

[21.360 Community Preservation Committee Cover Letter.pdf](#)

A. 21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.358 An Order to Appropriate 3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities](#)

B. 21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.359 An Order to Appropriate 31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project.pdf](#)

C. 21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.360 An Order to Appropriate 20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden.pdf](#)

D. 21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.361 An Order to Appropriate 100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project.pdf](#)

E. 21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.362 An Order to Appropriate 230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program.pdf](#)

F. 21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.365 An Order to Appropriate 608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project.pdf](#)

G. 21.366 An Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment - 1st reading

Documents:

H. 21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.367 An Order to Appropriate 70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project.pdf](#)

I. 21.368 An Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.368 An Order to Appropriate 82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project.pdf](#)

J. 21.369 An Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.369 An Order to Appropriate 233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions.pdf](#)

K. 21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road.docx](#)

L. 21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to meet the immediate needs of people with disabilities.

Documents:

[21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines.pdf](#)

M. 21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land

on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road.pdf](#)

[21.372 Survey of Land Now or Formerly of Luman E. Bartlett.pdf](#)

[21.372 Order of Taking.pdf](#)

N. **21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

O. **21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.374 An Order to Accept 21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

14. Orders

A. **21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules - single reading only required**

Documents:

[21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules.pdf](#)

15. 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.

16. Ordinances

A. **21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022 - 1st reading**

Process note: Waiver of referral of the ordinance to Legislative Matters is respectfully requested.

Documents:

[21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022.pdf](#)
[21.371 Amy Cahillane Letter.pdf](#)

B. 21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- Positive recommendation - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue.pdf](#)

C. 21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- Motion to amend title to substitute word 'Accessible' for word 'Handicapped'
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces.pdf](#)

D. 21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- LM discussed Councilor Foster's language change request but deferred action based on Attorney Seewald's advice that he is undertaking a wholesale ordinance amendment to address this language change throughout the ordinance.
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street.pdf](#)

E. 21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path

Road - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 10/7/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path Road.pdf](#)

F. 21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/4/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street.pdf](#)

17. Zoning Ordinances

A. 21.318 An Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB), Community Resources (CR) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/22/2021
- Positive recommendation, PB - 9/23/2021
- Positive recommendation, CR - 10/18/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading with attention drawn to some anomalies in the numbering and correction requested - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.318 An Ordinance to Amend 350-17 FFR District and 350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - FINAL.pdf](#)

B. 21.319 An Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB), Community Resources (CR) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/22/2021

- Positive recommendation w/amendment to remove reference to conduit, PB - 9/23/2021
- Positive recommendation from CR as amended by PB - 10/18/2021
- Positive recommendation as amended by PB, LM - 11/8/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 11/18/2021

Documents:

[21.319 An Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - POST PB.pdf](#)

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

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

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