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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: January 5, 2023
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The January 5, 2023 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 live 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 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 22.196 National Grid Pole Petition for Sherman Avenue (Petition #30661203)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7 p.m.** on National Grid's petition to install one (1) utility pole to provide service to 29 Sherman Avenue (Petition #30661203). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[22.196 National Grid Pole Petition for Sherman Avenue.pdf](#)

[22.196 DPW Memo.pdf](#)

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. December 15, 2022 Minutes

B. Approve 22.196 National Grid Pole Petition for Sherman Avenue (Petition #30661203)

See documents above.

C. 22.205 Appointment to Human Rights Commission, City Services recommendation pending - 1/3/2023

History:

- referred to City Services Committee - 12/1/2022
- City Services Committee recommendation pending - 1/3/2023

Documents:

[22.205 Appointment to Human Rights Commission.pdf](#)

D. 22.206 An Order to Appropriate \$2.9 Million Free Cash to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Fiscal Stability Stabilization Funds - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.206 An Order to Appropriate 2.9 Million Free Cash to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization](#)

E. 22.207 An Order to Appropriate Funds and Authorize the Acquisition of a Building for a Community Resilience Hub - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.207 An Order to Appropriate Funds and Authorize the Acquisition of a Building for a Community Resilience Hub.pdf](#)

F. 22.208 An Order to Appropriate \$1 Million Free Cash for Picture Main Street Design Services - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.208 An Order to Appropriate One Million Free Cash for Picture Main Street Design Services.pdf](#)

G. 22.209 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Bike Path Bridge Lights Over Main Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.209 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Bike Path Bridge Lights over Main Street.pdf](#)

H. 22.210 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Purchase and Install OpenGov - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.210 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Purchase and Install OpenGov.pdf](#)

I. 22.211 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash for NFD Software Conversion - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.211 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash for NFD Software Conversion.pdf](#)

J. 22.212 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash for Fire Ladder Truck - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.212 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash for Fire Ladder Truck.pdf](#)

K. 22.213 An Order to Rescind Borrowing for Ladder Truck - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.213 An Order to Rescind Borrowing for Ladder Truck.pdf](#)

L. 22.214 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash for Ambulance Purchase - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.214 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash for Ambulance Purchase.pdf](#)

M. 22.215 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NFD Safe at Home Program - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.215 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to FD Safe at Home Program.pdf](#)

N. 22.216 An Order to Appropriate Retained Earnings to FY23 Enterprise Capital Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.216 An Order to Appropriate Retained Earnings to FY23 Enterprise Capital Projects.pdf](#)

O. 22.217 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to Hotel Bridge Improvements - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.217 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to Hotel Bridge Improvements.pdf](#)

P. 22.218 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for McKinney Vento Transportation Reimbursement - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 12/15/2022

Documents:

[22.218 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for McKinney Vento Transportation Reimbursement.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.

9. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 22.219 An Order to Appropriate \$3 Million Free Cash to Establish Climate Change Mitigation Stabilization Fund - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to Finance Committee - 12/15/2022
- Finance Committee recommendation pending - 1/3/2023

Documents:

[22.219 An Order to Appropriate 3 Million Free Cash to Establish Climate Change Mitigation Stabilization Fund.pdf](#)

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.

12. Ordinances

A. 22.159 An Ordinance to Amend Section 312-36 Parking Meter Locations and Regulations - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Transportation and Parking Commission (TPC) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 8/18/2022
- Neutral recommendation, TPC with two changes: 1) E1, Class 1A and 1B should be 8PM, not 9PM; 2) 312-110(A) Roundhouse Lot, remove question marks and insert 3C and 4C to reflect that visitors can buy a monthly pass or pay by the hour. [By way of explanation for the neutral recommendation, the Commission did not want to hold this ordinance up, but notes that Nanci Forrestall voiced concerns about staffing considerations, technology limitations and revenue impacts that should be vetted further.]
- LM - Positive recommendation as amended by TPC with a limit to the rate increase allowed under §312-36 E(5) [Not to exceed a 100% increase] and various housekeeping changes - 10/3/2022
- Approval postponed to clarify implementation date - 10/6/2022

Documents:

[22.159 An Ordinance to Amend Section 312-36 Parking Meter Locations and Regulations POST LM.pdf](#)

B. 22.220 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Hawley Street - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.220 Hawley Street Parking Schedule.pdf](#)
[22.220 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Hawley Street.pdf](#)

C. 22.221 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Middle Street, High Street and Clement Street - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.221 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Middle Street, High Street and Clement Street.pdf](#)
[22.221 Proposed Stop Signs on Clement Street, Middle Street and High Street.pdf](#)

13. 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.

14. Zoning Ordinances

15. Resolutions

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

17. 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.

18. Adjourn

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