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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton
Thursday, March 30, 2023, 7 p.m.

This 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.

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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. Announcement of Public Hearing to Consider FY2024 Water and Sewer Rates

The Northampton City Council Committee on Finance will hold a public hearing by remote participation on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @ 6 p.m. on the proposed FY2024 water and sewer rates. Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the April 5, 2023 Finance Committee agenda to be posted on www.northamptonma.gov no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council Committee on Finance will consider the proposed FY2024 water and sewer rates and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

See [23.289 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2024](#) below.

B. 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on 22.199 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for North Main Street (Petition #30610121) - Continued from March 16, 2023

The public hearing on National Grid/Verizon's petition to install two (2) jointly-owned stub poles on North Main Street. (Petition #30610121) was opened and continued at the last regular meeting to **Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7 p.m.** The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[22.199 DPW Memo.pdf](#)

[22.199 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for North Main Street.pdf](#)

C. 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on Administrative Order

Per Northampton Charter Section 6-1 Organization of City Agencies, the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on an Administrative Order. The City Council will consider a proposed amendment to the City of Northampton Administrative Code, Part II Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, Section 9.0 Council on Aging to reduce the number of members from 15 to 9. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

A. SJC Ruling that Free Speech During Public Meetings Includes the Right to be 'Rude.'

Explanation from Alan Seewald, Esq.

B. Size, Composition, Appointment Process and Timeline for Commission to Study Racialized Harms

Discussion with Sponsors of Resolution to Form Commission to Study Racialized Harms and the Mayor

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 March 16, 2023

B. Approve 22.199 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for North Main Street (Petition #30610121)

See Documents Above

C. 23.262 An Order to Appropriate \$45,000 Free Cash to Economic Development Projects and Initiatives - 2nd reading

History:

- 23.262, 23.263 and 23.264 referred as a group to the consent agenda - 3/16/2023

Documents:

[23.262 An Order to Appropriate 45,000 Free Cash to Economic Development Projects and Initiatives.pdf](#)

D. 23.263 An Order to Authorize Additional FY2023 Inter-municipal Agreements - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.263 An Order to Authorize Additional FY2023 Inter-municipal Agreements.pdf](#)

E. 23.264 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Purchase LUCAS 3 Devices for NFR - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.264 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to Purchase LUCAS 3 Devices for NFR.pdf](#)

F. Package of 10 Financial Orders to Implement FY2024 - FY2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

History:

- 23.265 (Hotel Bridge Project) referred to the consent agenda - 3/16/2023
- 23.266 - 23.274 (package of financial orders related to the CIP) referred as a group to the consent agenda - 3/16/2023

1. 23.265 An Order to Appropriate \$450,000 from Capital Stabilization for Hotel Bridge Project - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.265 An Order to Appropriate 450,000 from Capital Stabilization for Hotel Bridge Project.pdf](#)

2. 23.266 An Order to Appropriate Smith College Gift Toward 21st Century Classroom Technology Project - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.266 An Order to Appropriate Smith College Gift Toward 21st Century Classroom Technology Project.pdf](#)

3. 23.267 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$577,500 for DPW Vehicles - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.267 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 577,500 for DPW Vehicles.pdf](#)

4. 23.268 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Paving Projects - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.268 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.5 Million for Paving Projects.pdf](#)

5. 23.269 An Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.269 An Order to Appropriate 25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work.pdf](#)

6. 23.270 An Order to Reprogram Unused Funds to City Hall Exterior Repairs and OPS Shared Use Paths - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.270 An Order to Reprogram Unused Funds to City Hall Exterior Repairs and OPS Shared Use Paths.pdf](#)

7. 23.271 An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.271 An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects.pdf](#)

8. 23.272 An Order to Appropriate \$2.63 Million Free Cash to Various Capital Projects - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.272 An Order to Appropriate 2.63 Million Free Cash to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

9. 23.273 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Tax Title Properties - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.273 An Order to Appropriate 30,000 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Tax Title Properties.pdf](#)

10. 23.274 An Order to Appropriate \$975,000 from Stabilization for Various Capital Projects - 2nd reading

Documents:

[23.274 An Order to Appropriate 975,000 from Stabilization for Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

G. 23.283 Appointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee

Conservation Commission

Kevin Lake, 35 Washington Avenue, Northampton

Term: July 2023-June 2026

Reappointment

Disability Commission

Kathy Murri, 50 Laurel Park, Northampton

Term: July 2023-June 2026

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Edgardo Cancel, 37 Indian Hill Road, Florence

Term: July 2023- June 2026

Reappointment

Gordon Shaw, 482 Haydenville Road, 4th Floor, Leeds,

Term: July 2022-June 2025

Reappointment

Hannah Shaffer, 115 Milton Street, Florence

Term: July 2023-June 2026

Reappointment

Ace Tayloe, 14 Fruit Street, Northampton

Term: July 2023-June 2026

Reappointment

Parks & Recreation Commission

Julia Chevan, 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence

Term: July 2023-June 2026

Reappointment

David Cronin, 103 Pioneer Knolls, Florence

Term: July 2022- June 2025

Reappointment

Whiting Street Fund Committee

Joseph Misterka, 312 Chesterfield Road, Leeds

Term: July 2023- June 2026

Reappointment

Documents:

[23.283 Appointments to Various Committees.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. 23.284 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Ryan Road Fire Alarm Panel Repair - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.284 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Ryan Road Fire Alarm Panel Repair.pdf](#)

B. 23.285 An Order to Accept Smith College Gift to Conduct School Corridor Safety Study - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.285 An Order to Accept Smith College Gift to Conduct School Corridor Safety Study.pdf](#)

C. 23.286 An Order to Authorize Spending Fire Dept. Gift Money to Purchase Commercial Dishwasher - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.286 An Order to Authorize Spending Fire Dept. Gift Money to Purchase Commercial Dishwasher.pdf](#)

D. 23.287 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 to Evaluate the Feasibility of Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.287 An Order to Appropriate 30,000 to Evaluate the Feasibility of Geothermal Heating and Cooling Systems.pdf](#)

E. 23.288 An Order to Approve FY2023 Budgetary Transfers - 1st reading

Process note: Suspension of rules is respectfully requested to allow approval of the budget transfers at the same meeting at which they are introduced.

Documents:

[23.288 An Order to Approve FY2023 Budgetary Transfers.pdf](#)

F. 23.289 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2024 - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.289 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2024.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

10. Orders

A. 23.277 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code - 2nd reading

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."

History:

- Introduced and discussed - 3/16/2023

Documents:

[23.277 Administrative Order Message.pdf](#)

[23.277 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code.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. 23.278 An Ordinance to Reclassify Parking Meter Zones on Elm Street - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.278 An Ordinance to Reclassify Parking Meter Zones on Elm Street.pdf](#)

B. 23.279 An Ordinance to Clarify Parking Garage Time Limits - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.279 An Ordinance to Clarify Parking Garage Time Limits.pdf](#)

12. Ordinances

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

15. Resolutions

A. 23.256 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2024-FY2028 Submitted to City Council March 2, 2023 - 2nd reading

Process note: Per the Northampton City Charter, **Section 7-5 Capital Improvement Program**, "Adoption - At any time after the public hearing but before the first day of the last month of the current fiscal year, the city council shall by resolution adopt the capital improvements program, which may be amended, provided that each amendment shall be voted on separately and that an increase in the capital improvements program as submitted shall clearly identify the method of financing to accomplish the proposed increase'

History:

- Introduced and discussed - 3/16/2023

Documents:

[23.256 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2024-FY2028 Submitted to City Council March 2, 2023.pdf](#)

16. City Council Meeting Format for Remainder of Session

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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