



CITY COUNCIL
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MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: April 1, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The April 1, 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 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 7 p.m.

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1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Remote Participation and Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being held via remote participation and audio/video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. **Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.200 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Warner Street (Petition#30293688)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned pole on Warner Street to service two new homes (Petition# 30293688). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the April 15, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website (www.northamptonma.gov) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.200 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[21.200 REVISED Cover Letter.pdf](#)

[21.200 Sketch.pdf](#)

[21.200 REVISED National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Warner Street.pdf](#)

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

A. **21.207 A Resolution Decriminalizing Controlled Substance Possession as well as Cultivation and Distribution of Psychedelic Plants - 2nd reading**

History:

- Amended to change 'HD3439' to 'HD3829,' Hampden County DA to Hampshire County DA, 'adults' to 'individuals' and to send resolution to Hampshire DA and N'hamp. Police Chief Jody Kasper - 3/18/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 3/18/2021

Documents:

[21.207 A Resolution Decriminalizing Controlled Substance Possession etc.of Psychedelic Plants - POST 1st rdg.pdf](#)

B. 21.208 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2022-FY2026 Submitted to City Council on February 24, 2021 - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 3/18/2021

Documents:

[21.208 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2022-FY2026 Submitted to City Council on February 24, 2021.pdf](#)

C. 21.209 A Resolution Expressing Gratitude to Northampton Health Department, First Responders, Ancillary Staff and Volunteers for Efforts to Vaccinate Our Community - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 3/18/2021

Documents:

[21.209 A Resolution Thanking Health Department, 1st Responders, Support Staff and Volunteers for Efforts to Vaccinate Community.pdf](#)

D. 21.231 A Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.231 A Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency.pdf](#)

E. 21.233 A Resolution to Review and Revise the Rules and Committees of the City Council - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.233 A Resolution to Review and Revise the Rules and Committees of the City Council.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. 21.232 Appointment of Charlene Nardi as Finance Director - for referral to City Services Committee

Documents:

[21.232 Appointment of Charlene Nardi as Finance Director.pdf](#)

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

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

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

A. 21.230 An Order to Reprogram Funds to AOM Fire Suppression and Leeds Elementary Parking Lot Repaving - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.230 An Order to Reprogram Funds to AOM Fire Suppression and Leeds Elementary Parking Lot Repaving.pdf](#)

B. 21.234 An Order to Accept DA Sullivan \$10,000 Gift to Fund Public Art Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.234 An Order to Accept DA Sullivan 10,000 Gift to Fund Public Art Projects.pdf](#)

C. 21.235 An Order to Appropriate Marijuana Community Impact Fee \$2.6 Million to Various Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.235 An Order to Appropriate Marijuana Community Impact Fee 2.6 Million to Various Projects.pdf](#)

D. 21.237 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash \$400,000 to Animal Control Facility - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.237 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash 400,000 to Animal Control Facility.pdf](#)

13. Package of 11 Financial Orders to Implement FY2022 - FY2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (On 1st reading pending Finance Review)

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

A. 21.219 FY22 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$6 Million for Radio System Upgrade - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.219 FY22 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing 6 Million for Radio System Upgrade.pdf](#)

B. 21.220 FY22 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$450,000 for Hotel Bridge - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.220 FY22 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing 450,000 for Hotel Bridge.pdf](#)

C. 21.221 FY22 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$685,000 for DPW Vehicles - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.221 FY22 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing 685,000 for DPW Vehicles.pdf](#)

D. 21.222 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$500,000 from Capital Stabilization to Arch Street Bridge Repairs - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.222 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 500,000 from Capital Stabilization to Arch Street Bridge Repairs.pdf](#)

E. 21.223 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Perpetual Care for Cemetery Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.223 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 25,000 from Cemetery Perpetual Care for Cemetery Projects.pdf](#)

F. 21.224 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$1.8 Million Free Cash to Various Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.224 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 1.8 Million Free Cash to Various Projects.pdf](#)

G. 21.225 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$150,000 from PEG Access Fund to IT Services Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.225 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 150,000 from PEG Access Fund to IT Services Projects.pdf](#)

H. 21.226 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$115,000 from Parking Receipts Reserved for Parking Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.226 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 115,000 from Parking Receipts Reserved for Parking Projects.pdf](#)

I. 21.227 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$215,000 from Sale of Land RRA Account for NPS Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.227 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 215,000 from Sale of Land RRA Account for NPS Projects.pdf](#)

J. 21.228 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$94,575 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Florence Fields Recreation Area - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.228 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 94,575 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Florence Fields Recreation Area.pdf](#)

K. 21.229 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$424,000 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Water Line Replacement - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.229 FY22 CIP - An Order to Appropriate 424,000 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Water Line Replacement.pdf](#)

14. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 21.205 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2022 - 2nd reading

History:

- Public hearing held - 3/18/2021
- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 3/18/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 3/18/2021

Documents:

[21.205 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2022.pdf](#)

15. Orders

**A. 21.212 An Order to Set Preliminary Municipal Election Date -
2nd reading**

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 3/18/2021

Documents:

[21.212 An Order to Set Preliminary Municipal Election Date.pdf](#)

16. 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. 21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street

Documents:

[21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street.pdf](#)

**B. 21.214 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Maple Street,
Mann Terrace and Pine Street**

Documents:

[21.214 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Maple Street, Mann Terrace and Pine Street.pdf](#)

**C. 21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann
Terrace**

Documents:

[21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann Terrace.pdf](#)

**D. 21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann
Terrace**

Documents:

[21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann Terrace.pdf](#)

17. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Process Note: M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 requires the City Council to submit zoning ordinances to the Planning Board for review within 14 days of receipt and for the Planning Board and City Council or a committee designated for that purpose to hold public hearings thereon, together or separately, prior to adoption.

**A. 21.217 An Ordinance to Move Zero Lot Line from Section
10.14 to Section 6.13**

Documents:

[21.217 An Ordinance to Move Zero Lot Line from Section 10.14 to Section 6.13.pdf](#)

B. 21.218 An Ordinance to Amend Zero Lot Line Section of Code

Documents:

[21.218 An Ordinance to Amend Zero Lot Line Section of Code.pdf](#)

18. Ordinances

A. 20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing (350-6-12) - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Community Resources, Legislative Matters and the Planning Board - 1/7/2021
- Positive recommendation, Community Resources - 2/23/2021
- Joint Planning Board/Legislative Matters Committee public hearing held - 3/8/2021
- Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption (David Whitehill absent) - 3/8/2021
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 3/8/2021
- Postponed to 4/1/2021 - 3/18/2021

Documents:

[20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing - 350-6-12.pdf](#)

B. 21.189 An Ordinance to Create an Incentive for Smaller Houses by Allowing Two Half-Scale Units to Count as a Single-Family for Density Purposes - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Community Resources, Legislative Matters and the Planning Board - 2/4/2021
- Positive recommendation, Community Resources - 2/23/2021
- Joint Planning Board/Legislative Matters Committee public hearing held - 3/8/2021
- Planning Board unanimously recommends adoption (David Whitehill absent) - 3/8/2021
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 3/8/2021
- Postponed to 4/1/2021 - 3/18/2021

Documents:

[21.189 An Ordinance to Create Incentive for Smaller Houses by Allowing Two Half-Scale Units to Count as a Single-Family for Density Purposes.pdf](#)
[21.189 Report from Community Resources Committee.pdf](#)

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

Requests

20. New Business

21. Adjourn

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