



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**Meeting Agenda**

**On-line Video Conference**

**Meeting Date: April 14, 2022 Organizational Meeting**

**Meeting Time: 7 p.m.**

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**1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded**

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

**2. Roll Call**

**3. Public Hearings**

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor**

**6. Presentations**

**A. Ranked Choice Voting Committee Report and Draft Legislation**

Presentation by Ranked Choice Voting Committee Chair Robert Boulrice

Documents:

[RCV Draft Legislation FINAL.pdf](#)

[RCV Report.pdf](#)

**7. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)**

**8. 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. 22.064 An Order to Transfer \$1,460 from City Council OM to City Council PS**

Motion to move to the consent agenda approved by City Council on 3/31/2022

Documents:

[22.064 An Order to Transfer 1,460 from City Council OM to City Council PS.pdf](#)

**B. 22.065 An Order to Acquire Property Located on Westhampton Road**

Motion to move to consent agenda approved by City Council on 3/31/2022.

Documents:

[22.065 An Order to Acquire Property Located on Westhampton Road.pdf](#)

**C. 22.069 An Order to Authorize Expending Gift Money for Holiday Lights**

Motion to move to consent agenda approved by City Council on 3/31/2022.

Documents:

[22.069 An Order to Authorize Expending Gift Money for Holiday Lights.pdf](#)

**D. 21.073 Annual License for Louis Farrick of Antiques Corner as a second hand dealer**

Documents:

[21.073 Annual License for Louis Farrick of Antiques Corner as a second hand dealer.pdf](#)

**E. 22.075 Appointments - Refer to Committee on City Services  
Community Preservation Committee**

**Brian Adams**, 9 Hayward Road, Florence

Term: July 2022-June 2025 - *Reappointment*

**Conservation Commission**

**C. Mason Maronn**, 16 Ellington Road, Florence

Term: July 2022-June 2025 - *Reappointment*

**Disability Commission**

**Emma Cornwell**, 256 Pleasant Street, Apt. 309, Northampton

Term: July 2022-June 2025 - *Reappointment*

**Historical Commission**

**Martha Lyon**, 313 Elm Street, Northampton

Term: July 2022-June 2025 - *Reappointment*

**Human Rights Commission**

**Megan Paik**, 9 Laurel Street, Northampton

Term: July 2022-June 2025 - *Reappointment*

Documents:

[22.075 Appointments - Refer to City Services April 14, 2022 \(1\).pdf](#)  
[22.075 April 14, 2022 applications.pdf](#)

**9. 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. 22.076 Order Regarding Alteration of Winter Street - 1st Reading**

Public Hearing required for all street alterations.

Attached documents are:

Order to approve altering layout;  
Order to authorize acquisition;  
Order of taking;  
Map of proposed alteration

Documents:

[22.076 Winter Street Order Altering Way.pdf](#)  
[22.076 Acquisition Order Winter Street.pdf](#)  
[22.076 Winter St. ORDER OF TAKING.pdf](#)  
[22.076 picWinter St 040522 stamped.pdf](#)

**B. 22.077 An Order to appropriate funds to support the Central Services Round House Parking Lot Project - 1st Reading**

Documents:

[22.077 Round House Parking Lot Transfer FY22.pdf](#)

**C. 22.078 An Order to authorize expenditure of funds from Fire**

## Dept. Gift Account - 1st Reading

Documents:

[22.078 Fire Dept Equip Gift Fund \(2539\).pdf](#)

### D. **22.079 An Order to appropriate funds for the purpose enhancing fire prevention services - 1st Reading**

Documents:

[22.079 RR-A Ch 148A Code Enforcement.pdf](#)

## 10. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

### A. **22.066 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Alteration of Public Ways for MA Safe Routes to School Program (only if returned from Committee on Finance)**

**Process note:** The Planning Board positively recommended alteration of the portions of roadway as proposed at its regular meeting on March 24, 2022. If the council determines that "common convenience and necessity" would be served by the laying out of the way, the council must make the necessary takings to acquire the easements needed for the way.

Motion to refer to the Committee on Finance was approved by City Council on March 31, 2022.

Documents:

[22.066 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Alteration of Public Ways for MA Safe Routes to School Program.pdf](#)

[22.066 Order of Taking of MA Safe Routes to School Easements.pdf](#)

[22.066 MA SRTS Street Alteration and Easement Plans.pdf](#)

### B. **22.067 An Order to Alter the Layout of Portions of Certain Streets - Parsons Street, Union Street, Pomeroy Terrace, Hawley Street and Holyoke Street (only if returned by Committee on Finance)**

**Process note:** The process for the laying out, alteration, relocation and discontinuance of public ways is spelled out in [M.G.L. Chapter 82, Section 1](#). The city solicitor has described the [procedure](#) the City Council is to follow based on the steps set forth in this statute.

Motion to refer to Committee on Finance was approved by City Council on March 31, 2022.

Documents:

22.067 An Order to Alter the Layout of Portions of Certain Streets - Parsons, Union, Pomeroy, Hawley and Holyoke Streets.pdf  
18.021 Seewald Memo re Layout of Public Ways.pdf

**C. 22.071 An Order to Approve \$50,000 from Short Term Rental Impact Fees to Affordable Housing (only if returned by Committee on Finance)**

Motion to refer to Finance Committee approved by City Council on March 31, 2022.

Documents:

[22.071 An Order to Approve 50,000 from Short Term Rental Impact Fees to Affordable Housing.pdf](#)

## 11. Orders

**A. 22.072 An Order For Special Legislation Relative To Ranked Choice Voting In The City Of Northampton - 1st Reading**

Documents:

[22.072 RCV Legislation Order.pdf](#)  
[22.072 RCV Legislation Order - redlined.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. Ordinances Relative to Form Based Code - 2nd Reading**

Process Notes:

1st Reading in City Council on 3/17/2022

Public Hearing in Legislative Matters on March 24 and continued to April 11  
(*Public hearing notice published March 10, 2022 and March 17, 2022 in the Daily Hampshire Gazette per M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5.*)

Positive Recommendation to City Council with amendments recommended by Planning Board (see attached document) and as amended by Legislative Matters on April 11:

- Amendment by LM - document #22.054 - to item 11.8 B2 - Add "

FVC & FVG" to list - place between CB & GB (approved by LM to accept amendment on 4/11). This section is addressing traffic mitigation and the amendment proposed adds the Florence Village Central Business and General Business District. Traffic mitigation is not required in these districts.

22.045 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Definitions
22.046 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-3.1 Districts
22.047 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-3.4 Zoning Maps
22.048 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-6.5 Screening and Buffers
22.049 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-7.4 Signs
22.050 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-7.9 Sandwich Board Signs
22.051 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-8.1, 8.8, 8.10, 8.11
22.052 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-9.3 Change of Use, etc.
22.053 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350 to Delete Attachments 9, 10
22.054 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-11.6
22.055 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-10.1
22.056 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350 to Add Sections 21, 22
22.057 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 161-3
22.058 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 156 CB and West Street Architecture

Documents:

- [22.045 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Definitions.pdf](#)
- [22.046 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 350-3.1 Districts.pdf](#)
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22.055 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350-10.1.pdf  
22.056 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 350 to Add Sections 21, 22.pdf  
22.056 Addendum - Changes POST PB (1).pdf  
22.056 Character-based Zoning for DT and Florence.pdf  
22.057 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amend Ch. 161-3.pdf  
22.058 An Ordinance Relative to Form-Based Zoning - Amendment to Ch. 156 CB and West Street Architecture.pdf

## 14. Resolutions

### A. **22.080 Resolution In Support of the Fair Share Amendment on the Nov. 8 State Election Ballot**

Documents:

[22.080 Resolution in Support of the Fair Share Amendment, April 2022.pdf](#)

### B. **22.060 A Resolution in Support of H3126, An Act Providing for a Gender Neutral Designation on State Documents and Identifications**

Documents:

[22.060REV A Resolution in Support of H3126, An Act Providing for a Gender Neutral Designation on State Documents and Identifications.pdf](#)

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

## 16. 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.

## 17. Adjourn

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