



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- President Gina-Louise Sciarra, At-Large
- William H. Dwight, At-Large
- Michael J. Quinlan, Jr., Ward 1
- Karen Foster, Ward 2
- Vice-President James Nash, Ward 3
- John Thorpe, Ward 4
- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: May 6, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The May 6, 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 7 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

Join meeting: <https://bit.ly/3sUdjUe>

For telephone call-in, call:

+253 215-8785 US

+301 715-8592 US

MEETING ID: 934 2443 0260

PARTICIPANT #: #

PASSCODE: 585930

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. 7:05 pm **Public Hearing on 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install underground conduit on Damon Road (Petition #23303524). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.197 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[21.197 Distribution Civil Drawings - REVISED.pdf](#)

B. **Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.238 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Damon Road (Petition #23303524). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 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:

[21.238 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[21.238 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Damon Road.pdf](#)

C. **Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.239 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Two (2) Jointly-owned (JO) Poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition#30025210)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install two jointly-owned (JO) poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition #30025210). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 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:

[21.239 BPR Plan.pdf](#)

[21.239 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

D. Announcement of Public Hearing for 21.261 Application for License to Store Flammables and Combustibles at 140 Olander Drive

Per M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 13, North Commons at Village Hill, LLC has submitted an application for a License to Store Flammables and Combustibles for one (1) 4,000-gallon LP Gas underground storage tank at 140 Olander Drive, Northampton, MA.

The City Council will hold a public hearing by video conference on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 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. The City Council meeting begins **at 7 p.m.**

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

A. Municipal Broadband Update

8. Resolutions

A. 21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette.pdf](#)

B. 21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of April 1, 2021

B. Approve 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)

See documents under public hearing above.

C. 21.260 Petition for Second Hand Dealer License - Cancer Connection

Renewal License for:

Cancer Connection, 375 South Street
Applicant: Christine Quinn

Documents:

[21.260 Second Hand Dealer License for Cancer Connection.pdf](#)

D. 21.263 Applications for Seven (7) Taxicab Licenses, Jeffrey Miller - Cosmic Cab Company

Renewal Licenses for Taxi Cabs for the following vehicles:

- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Gray
- 2005 Dodge Magnum - Gray
- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Brown
- 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan - Gray
- 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan - Blue
- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Black
- 2007 Chevrolet Suburban - Brown

Documents:

[21.263 Cosmic Cab Taxi License Applications.pdf](#)

E. 21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee

Agricultural Commission

John J. Bobala, 25 Old Ferry Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Richard E. Jaescke, 774 Bridge Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Robert Vollinger, 460 North Farms Road, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Earle “Chip” Parsons, 137 Mill Valley Road, Hadley

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Central Business Architecture Committee

Joseph Blumenthal, 39 Chapel St., Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Urban Forestry Commission

Susan Lofthouse, 15 Stoddard Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Council on Aging

Robert Dionne, 87 Vernon Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Jeanne Hoose, 36 South Park Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Historical Commission

Dylan Gafney, 23 Marshall Street, Northampton

Term: July 2019-June 2022

Reappointment

Barbara Blumenthal, 39 Chapel Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Julio Alves, 35 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021- June 2024

Reappointment

James Reis, 108 Coles Meadow Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Parks and Recreation Commission

Julia Chevan, 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence

Term: July 2020-June 2023

Reappointment

Planning Board

George Kohout, Full Member, 234 State Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals

Maureen Scanlon, 197 Nonotuck Street, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Documents:

[21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees.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. 21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers.pdf](#)

B. 21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College.pdf](#)

B. 21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage.pdf](#)

C. 21.249 An Order to Appropriate \$120,000 in CPA Funds Toward Habitat Housing on Burts Pit Road - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.249 An Order to Appropriate 120,000 in CPA Funds Toward Habitat Housing on Burts Pit Road.pdf](#)

D. 21.250 An Order to Appropriate \$14,500 in CPA Funds to Lilly

Library Stair Repair Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.250 An Order to Appropriate 14,500 in CPA Funds to Lilly Library Stair Repair Project.pdf](#)

E. 21.251 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds for Historic Preservation Plan - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.251 An Order to Appropriate 70,000 in CPA Funds for Historic Preservation Plan.pdf](#)

F. 21.252 An Order to Appropriate \$21,250 in CPA Funds for Damon House/Shepherd Barn Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.252 An Order to Appropriate 21,250 in CPA Funds for Damon House - Shepherd Barn Project.pdf](#)

G. 21.253 An Order to Appropriate \$60,000 in CPA Funds for Mill River Greenway Beach Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.253 An Order to Appropriate 60,000 in CPA Funds for Mill River Greenway Beach Project.pdf](#)

H. 21.254 An Order to Appropriate \$50,000 in CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.254 An Order to Appropriate 50,000 in CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund.pdf](#)

I. 21.255 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Southeasterly Side of Brierwood Drive - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.255 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Southeasterly Side of Brierwood Drive.pdf](#)

[21.255 Order of Taking.pdf](#)

[21.255 Plans - Edbert Homes Inc.pdf](#)

J. 21.256 An Order Authorizing Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 2.93 Acres off Kennedy Road - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.256 Notice of Non-Exercise.pdf](#)

14. Orders

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. Florence Traffic & Parking Ordinances Sponsored by Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC)

History:

- Scanlon Avenue and Cross Street Stop Signs (21.198 and 21.199) referred by City Council - 3/4/2021
- Pine/Maple/Mann Intersection & Pine Street Parking (21.213, 21.214, 21.215, 21.216) referred by City Council - 4/1/2021
- All positive recommendations, Legislative Matters - 4/12/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

A. 21.198 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Scanlon Avenue - 2nd reading

Documents:

[21.198 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Scanlon Avenue.pdf](#)

B. 21.199 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Cross Street - 2nd reading

Documents:

[21.199 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Cross Street.pdf](#)

C. 21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street - 2nd reading

Documents:

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

D. 21.214 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Maple Street, Mann Terrace and Pine Street - 2nd reading

Documents:

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

E. 21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading

Documents:

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

F. 21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading

Documents:

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

17. Ordinances

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

19. New Business

20. Adjourn

Contact: G-L Sciarra, Council President
glsciarra@northamptonma.gov
(413) 570-3133

