



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: May 7, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The May 7, 2020 City Council meeting will be held via 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 video conference. For the active youtube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

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

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

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

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. 20.045 A Resolution Denouncing Anti-Asian, Anti-Asian American and Xenophobic Discrimination - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 4/16/2020

Documents:

[20.045 A Resolution Denouncing Anti-Asian Discrimination.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

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.

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.043 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Federal

Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/16/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 4/16/2020

Documents:

[20.043 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Federal Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement.pdf](#)

B. 20.046 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Resilience Hub - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/16/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 4/16/2020

Documents:

[20.046 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Resilience Hub.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. Ordinances

A. 20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/2/2020
- Joint PB/LM Public Hearing Held - 4/23/2020
- Adoption recommended, Planning Board - 4/23/2020
- Amended to add words "and are the only dimensional lot requirements necessary to be met," LM - 4/23/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM - 4/23/2020

Documents:

[20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities.pdf](#)

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

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty

Upon the recommendation of Councilor Karen Foster and Councilor Rachel Maiore

R-20.045 A RESOLUTION
DENOUNCING ANTI-ASIAN, ANTI-ASIAN-AMERICAN AND XENOPHOBIC DISCRIMINATION

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Northampton City Council has passed a Resolution Declaring Northampton's Commitment to Being a Safe and Accepting Community on November 17, 2016 as well as a Resolution Regarding Hate Crimes on February 21, 2013 and,

WHEREAS the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric related to COVID-19, such as the "Chinese Virus," "Wuhan Virus," and "Kung-flu," have perpetuated anti-Asian stigma and,

WHEREAS the use of anti-Asian rhetoric, including by our current US President and top federal officials, has resulted in people of Asian descent being harassed, assaulted, and scapegoated for the COVID-19 pandemic throughout the US including in our own community and,

WHEREAS, since January 2020, there has been a dramatic increase nationwide in reports of hate crimes and harassment of those of Asian descent, with the online reporting forum STOP Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) HATE logging in more than 1,100 reports of incidents of racial harassment and discrimination in the United States¹ and,

WHEREAS the Northampton City Council has established, as stated in the November 17, 2016 Resolution Declaring Northampton's Commitment to Being a Safe and Accepting Community, that it believes in "the rights of people to to lead lives of peace and dignity free from fear, harassment and violence"

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts calls on all local public officials to condemn and denounce any and all anti-Asian sentiment in any form in and around our City.

¹"STOP AAPI HATE Receives over 1,100 Incident Reports of Verbal Harassment, Shunning and Physical Assault in Two Weeks", last modified April 3, 2020, http://www.asianpacificpolicyandplanningcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/Press_Release_4_3_20.pdf

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts recognizes that the health, safety, and dignity of all residents, no matter their background, must be of utmost priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts stands with our Asian and Asian-American neighbors and business community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts condemns all manifestations of Anti-Asian racism, xenophobia, discrimination, and scapegoating.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts calls on the United States leadership to combat misinformation and discrimination that puts Asian Americans at risk and to commit to building a more inclusive, diverse, and tolerant society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Ed Markey, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, U.S. Representative Grace Meng, Congressman James McGovern, Massachusetts Governor Charles Baker, State Senator Joanne Comerford and State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa.

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In City Council

April 16, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.043 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Federal Foster Care Transportation
Reimbursement

Ordered, that

\$ 4248 be appropriated from the FY20 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to Northampton Public Schools for Federal Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement (W033000-533002).

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In City Council,

April 16, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

20.046 An Order to Approve Gift Fund Expenditures for Resilience Hub

Whereas, one of the key service gap recommendations of the 2019 Mayor's Work Group on Panhandling Study Report (*A Downtown Northampton for Everyone: Residents, Visitors, Merchants, and People At-Risk*) was the creation of a community day center to serve Northampton's at-risk population; and

Whereas, in line with that recommendation and concurrent with Northampton's climate resiliency efforts, the city is exploring creation of a resilience hub and day program to support vulnerable residents facing chronic and acute stress due to climate change and other disasters, and social and economic challenges; and

Whereas, during normal times a resilience hub would serve those at the frontline of chronic stress (i.e. frontline communities, including homeless, Single Room Occupancy (SRO) residents, those living in extreme poverty, and climate vulnerable populations) and possibly other community needs; and

Whereas, the resilience hub will be designed, however, so that during times of acute stress or major disruption (e.g. a major storm event, disaster, or pandemic) and during the recovery phase, it can serve all residents; and

Whereas, preliminary community discussions of this resilience hub concept as part of the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan development have created significant interest and already inspired two substantial donations to support the effort.

Ordered that, Northampton City Council in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure) authorizes the expenditure of funds donated by the public to be used for the ongoing planning and potential implementation of a resilience hub and day program to support Northampton residents who face chronic and acute stress due to climate change and other disasters, and social and economic challenges.

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In the Year Two Thousand Twenty

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

20.037 An Ordinance Relative to Essential Services and Municipal Facilities

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to indicate that within all use and dimensional tables essential services and municipal facilities do not require a minimum lot size, depth or frontage. This change restores the original intended dimensional requirements and corrects an oversight that occurred in more recent table changes that inadvertently eliminated this provision in some districts. For more than 15 years, the zoning ordinance made clear that minimum lot size was not required for these type of essential services provided by the City.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, by adding:

1) A footnote to Chapter 350 Attachments 4-8, 18, 24:

* No Minimum Lot size, depth, or frontage required for essential services or municipal facilities as defined in 2.1. Minimum setbacks for principal buildings as part of municipal facilities are the same as other principal uses in table above. and are the only dimensional lot requirements necessary to be met.

2) Adding a line within 350 Attachment 19 showing municipal and essential facilities are allowed by right.