



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: May 20, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The May 20, 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.

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1. Announcement that meeting is being held by remote participation and Audio/Video Recorded

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

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. 7:05 pm **Public Hearing on 21.261 Application for License to Store Flammables and Combustibles - 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 on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.261 Application for License to Store Flammables and Combustibles at 140 Olander Drive.pdf](#)

[Public Hearing for License for UST for 5-20-21 City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

[21.261 Memo re Decision to Use Propane for Hot Water System.pdf](#)

B. 7:15 pm **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). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.239 BPR Plan.pdf](#)

[21.239 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

C. 7:30 pm **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). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

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. 21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 5/6/2021

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 - 2nd reading

History:

- Amended 2nd "Be it Further Resolved" clause to delete "by at least \$882,602" and replace with "with a meaningful investment that would assure viability"
- Amended 3rd "Be it Further Resolved" clause to delete "situated underneath the Board of Health" and replace with "housed outside of the police department" (the two amendments were approved by single motion that carried 8:0 with one abstention - Councilor Thorpe)
- motion to further amend document to incorporate the other 13 recommendations of the report was proposed but then withdrawn
- Passed 1st reading 8:0 with one abstention (Councilor Thorpe)

Documents:

[21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission - POST 1st rdg.pdf](#)

C. 21.272 A Resolution Urging Action on an Act to Prevent Wage Theft, Promote Employer Accountability and Enhance Public Enforcement - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.272 A Resolution Urging Action on an Act to Prevent Wage Theft, Promote Employer Accountability and Enhance Public Enforcement.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of April 1, 2021

Documents:

[04-01-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. Issue License to Store Flammables and Combustibles @ 140 Olander Drive to North Commons @ Village Hill, LLC

See documents above

C. Approve 21.238 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)

See documents above

D. Approve 21.239 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Two (2) Jointly-owned (JO) Poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition#30025210)

See documents above.

E. 21.273 Reappointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee

Arts Council

Danielle Amodeo, 50 Union Street, Apt. #13, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Freeman Stein, 27 Fairfield Avenue, Florence,

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Council on Aging

Cynthia Langley, 419 Fairway Village, Leeds

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Jennifer Dierenger, 60 North Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021- June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Urban Forestry Commission

Jen Werner, 16 Winthrop Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Molly Hale, 96 Oak Street, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Documents:

[21.273 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. 21.271 Order to Authorize Conservation Commission to Acquire Massachusetts Audubon Society Conservation Restriction - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.271 An Order to Authorize Conservation Commission to Acquire Massachusetts Audubon Society Conservation Restriction.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 5/6/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 5/6/2021

Documents:

[21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant.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.

Process note: Due to not having sufficient information, Legislative Matters forwarded 21.240, 21.241, 21.242 and 21.243 to the full council on 5/10/2021 with a neutral recommendation. Since then, in consultation with the DPW Director and Council President, there has been a request to refer these ordinances back to LM for further discussion.

A. **21.240 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Front Street - 1st reading**

History:

- referred to LM - 4/15/2021
- neutral recommendation, LM - 5/10/2021

Documents:

[21.240 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Front Street.pdf](#)

B. **21.241 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Grove Avenue - 1st reading**

History:

- referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/15/2021
- neutral recommendation, LM - 5/10/2021

Documents:

[21.241 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Grove Avenue.pdf](#)

C. **21.242 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Florence Street - 1st reading**

History:

- referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/15/2021
- neutral recommendation, LM - 5/10/2021

Documents:

[21.242 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Florence Street.pdf](#)

D. **21.243 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street,**

Leeds - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/15/2021
- neutral recommendation, LM - 5/10/2021

Documents:

[21.243 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street, Leeds.pdf](#)

16. Ordinances

A. 21.217 An Ordinance to Move Zero Lot Line from Section 10.14 to Section 6.13 - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Community Resources, Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/1/2021
- Neutral recommendation, Community Resources - 4/26/2021
- Joint public hearing held with PB, positively recommended, LM - 5/10/2021
- Recommended forwarding to City Council, PB passed 6:0 with one abstention (Member Kohout) and one absent (Member Fowler) - 5/10/2021

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 - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Community Resources, Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/1/2021
- Neutral recommendation, Community Resources - 4/26/2021
- Amended language submitted by Office of Planning and Sustainability (OPS) to address comments in CR - 5/6/2021
- Amendment added by solicitor Seewald to clarify language - 5/7/2021
- Joint PB/LM public hearing held - 5/10/2021
- 350-6.13 A (2) i changed : "has a reduced side setback of up to 5' from the standard setback" to "has a reduction from the standard setback of up to 5'" - 5/10/2021
- Amended to accept combined changes of OPS and the city solicitor, 10:0 with one abstention (Member Kohout) and one absent (Member Fowler) - 5/10/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 5/10/2021
- Recommend forwarding to City Council, PB, 6:0 with one abstention (Member Kohout) and one absent (Member Fowler) - 5/10/2021

Documents:

[21.218 An Ordinance to Amend Zero Lot Line Section of Code - POST LM.pdf](#)
[21.218 Proposed AJ Amendment.pdf](#)

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

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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