



CITY COUNCIL
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Please note: any agenda items not reached for discussion during this meeting will be taken up at a special meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m. If action is taken on all agenda items, this special meeting will be cancelled.

Meeting Agenda

On-line Video Conference

Meeting Date: June 17, 2021

Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m.

The June 17, 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 5:30 p.m.

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1. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. 7:05 pm Public hearing on package of National Grid/Verizon Pole Petitions (21.257, 21.258 and 21.259) to install a total of three (3) poles on Finn Street, King Street and Myrtle Street in connection with the MassDOT King Street reconstruction project (Petition#24881246)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, a public hearing will be held on **Thursday, June 17, 2021 @ 7:05 p.m.** on the following joint petitions of National Grid/Verizon New England and sole petition of National Grid to install a total of three (3) poles upon, along, under or across one or more public ways: Finn Street, King Street and Myrtle Street.

Documents:

[21.257, 21.258, 21.259 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)
[21.257 National Grid Pole Petition for Finn Street.pdf](#)
[21.258 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for King Street.pdf](#)
[21.259 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Myrtle Street.pdf](#)

B. 7:15 pm Public Hearing on 21.279 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Pine Street (Petition#30336314)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Pine Street (Petition #30336314). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.279 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)
[21.279 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Pine Street.pdf](#)

C. Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.287 National Grid/Verizon Petition to relocate one (1) jointly-owned (JO) pole on Leonard Street (Petition#28691142)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to relocate one (1) jointly-owned (JO) pole on Leonard Street to the opposite side of the road to make way for road re-configuration. (Petition #28691142). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the July 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:

[21.287 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Leonard Street.pdf](#)
[21.287 DPW Recommendation.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**
9. **Presentations**
10. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **May 20, 2021 minutes and May 25, 2021 Budget Hearing minutes**

Documents:

[05-20-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)
 - B. **Approve 21.257, 21.258 and 21.259 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petitions for Finn Street, King Street and Myrtle Street (Petition#24881246)**

See documents above
 - C. **Approve 21.279 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Pine Street**

(Petition#30336314)

See documents above

D. 21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees - all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 6/7/2021

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](#)

E. 21.273 Reappointments to Various Committees - all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 6/7/2021

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](#)

F. 21.274 Applications for Second Hand Dealer Licenses - Born Again Vintage & Consignment, Tim's Used Books

Renewal applications for:

Born Again Vintage & Consignment, 4 Old South Street

Applicant: Laura Burke

Tim's Used Books, Inc., 183 Main Street

Applicant: Timothy F. Barry

Documents:

[21.274 Applications for Secondhand Dealer Licenses - Born Again Vintage Consignment Application.pdf](#)

G. 21.295 Appointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services

Agricultural Commission

Stan Zawalick, 538 Sylvester Road, Florence, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Disability Commission

Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, 20 Hampton Avenue, Apt. 301, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Linda Kakos, 220 Rocky Hill Road, Florence, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Northampton Housing Authority-Board of Commissioners

Maureen Carney, 13 Church Street, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021- June 2026

To fill a vacancy

Council on Aging

Gerriann Butler, 46 Autumn Drive, Florence, MA

Term: July 2021 - June 2024

Reappointment

Anne Romano, 351 Pleasant Street, Unit 6, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021 - June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Planning Board

Corinne Coryat, 26 Bedford Terrace, Apt. 2, Northampton

Associate Member

Term: July 2021 - June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[21.295 Appointments 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. 21.294 An Order to Reprogram Surplus from CS Forbes Library Windows to Forbes HVAC Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.294 An Order to Reprogram Surplus from CS Forbes Library Windows to Forbes HVAC Project.pdf](#)

B. 21.296 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers - 1st reading

Documents:

C. 21.297 An Order to Authorize Damon Road Sewer Line Taking - 1st reading

Process note: The DPW has requested two readings since the current schedule calls for sewer work to begin in early July.

Documents:

[21.297 An Order to Authorize Damon Road Sewer Line Taking.pdf](#)
[21.297 Order of Taking.pdf](#)
[21.297 Plan for Sewer Line Taking.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 21.280 An Order to Approve FY2022 General Fund Budget - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/3/2021

- Vote to adopt FY2022 General Fund budget with \$40,000 line item in the Central Services Parking Maintenance budget for the Pedal People contract removed - Passed 8:1 with Councilor Maiore opposed

- Vote to approve \$40,000 line item for Pedal People contract - Passed 8:0 with Councilor Jarrett recused

- 21.280 An Order to Approve FY2022 General Fund budget passed 1st reading 7:1 with Councilor Maiore opposed and Councilor Jarrett recused - 6/3/2021

[Note: it was necessary to bifurcate the vote on the budget to accommodate the participation of Councilor Jarrett since he had a conflict of interest on a single line item. A separate vote was taken to adopt the FY2022 budget with the Pedal People contract removed since Councilor Jarrett was ineligible to vote on Order 21.280 itself due to his conflict.]

Documents:

[21.280 An Order to Approve FY2022 General Fund Budget.pdf](#)

B. 21.281 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/3/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 6/3/2021

Documents:

[21.281 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

C. 21.282 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Water Enterprise Fund Budget - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/3/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 6/3/2021

Documents:

[21.282 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

D. 21.283 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/3/2021
- Passed 1st reading 8:0 with Councilor Jarrett recused - 6/3/2021

Documents:

[21.283 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

E. 21.284 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Stormwater and Flood Control Enterprise Fund Budget - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/3/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 6/3/2021

Documents:

[21.284 An Order to Approve FY 2022 Stormwater and Flood Control Enterprise Fund Budget.pdf](#)

F. 21.285 An Order to Approve FY2022 Revolving Funds - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/3/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 6/3/2021

Documents:

[21.285 An Order to Approve FY2022 Revolving Funds.pdf](#)

G. 21.286 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel on the Easterly Side of the Mill River - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/7/2021

- Passed 1st reading - 6/7/2021

Documents:

[21.286 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel on the Easterly Side of the Mill River.pdf](#)
[21.286 Order of Taking.pdf](#)

H. **21.289 An Order to Approve Mayor's Youth Commission Gift Fund Expenditure for T-Shirts - 2nd reading**

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/3/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 6/3/2021

Documents:

[21.289 An Order to Approve Mayors Youth Commission Gift Fund Expenditure for T-Shirts.pdf](#)

14. Orders

A. **21.278 An Order Transferring Care, Custody and Control of a Certain Area of Land from Smith Voke to DPW - 2nd reading**

History:

- Passed 1st reading

Documents:

[21.278 An Order Transferring Care, Custody and Control of a Certain Area of Land from Smith Voke to DPW.pdf](#)
[21.278 Diagram of PRV Building Area.pdf](#)

B. **21.288 An Order Further Amending Order 20.062 Entered on June 4, 2020, as Amended by Order 20.149 and Order 21.211 - 2nd reading**

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 6/7/2021

Documents:

[21.288 An Order Further Amending Order 20.062 Entered on June 4, 2020, as Amended by Order 20.149 and Order 21.211.pdf](#)

C. **21.293 An Order to Authorize FY2022 Intermunicipal Agreements - 1st reading**

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested.

Documents:

[21.293 An Order to Authorize FY2022 Intermunicipal Agreements.pdf](#)

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. 21.218 An Ordinance to Amend Zero Lot Line Section of Code - 2nd 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
- Postponed 1st reading - 5/20/2021
- Clean language submitted by OPS - 5/27/2021
- Passed 1st reading with correction of scrivener's error - 6/7/2021

Documents:

[21.218 An Ordinance to Amend Zero Lot Line Section of Code - CM with AJ amendment CLEAN.pdf](#)

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

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 4/15/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 5/10/2021
- Referred back to LM for further discussion - 5/20/2021

- Positive recommendation, LM - 6/14/2021

Documents:

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

C. 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
- Referred back to LM for further discussion - 5/20/2021

- Amended to make parking restriction on the easterly side of Grove Avenue from Evergreen Road to Front Street year-round instead of seasonal - 6/14/2021

- Positive recommendation as amended, LM - 6/14/2021

Documents:

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

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

History:

- Referred to LM - 4/15/2021
- Neutral recommendation, LM - 5/10/2021
- Referred back to LM for further discussion - 5/20/2021

- Positive recommendation, LM - 6/14/2021

Documents:

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

E. 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
- Referred back to LM for further discussion - 5/20/2021

- Amended to make parking restriction on the easterly side of Main Street from a point 306 feet southerly of Mulberry Street to the Hotel Bridge year-round instead of seasonal - 6/14/2021

- Positive recommendation as amended, LM - 6/14/2021

Documents:

[21.243 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street, Leeds.pdf](#)
[21.243 Main St Leeds Parking Map.pdf](#)
[21.243 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street, Leeds - POST-LM.pdf](#)

F. 21.275 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Cross Street - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 5/27/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 6/14/2021

Documents:

[21.275 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Cross Street.pdf](#)
[21.275 Cross Street Aerial Photo.pdf](#)

G. 21.277 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 6/7/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 6/14/2021

Documents:

[21.277 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces.pdf](#)

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

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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