



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

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- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: August 19, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The August 19, 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 7p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

Join the meeting: <https://bit.ly/3iFJJ2E>

For telephone call-in, call:

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MEETING ID: 832 7034 9973

PARTICIPANT #: #

PASSCODE: 113435

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. Announcement of Public Hearing on Administrative Order**
BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing by remote participation on **Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the September 2, 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 consider proposed amendments to the **City of Northampton Administrative Code, Part I Administrative Organization, Section 2.04 Office of the City Clerk.**

The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.
The City Council meeting begins **at 7 p.m.**

Documents:

[21.317 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code.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

- A. 21.315 A Resolution Relative to COVID-19 Housing Security - 1st reading**

Process note: The sponsors are respectfully requesting two readings.

Documents:

[21.315 A Resolution Relative to COVID-19 Housing Security.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Interim Procedure for Conducting City Council Meetings

Council discussion/decision on format of City Council meetings for remainder of 2020-2021 Council session. Consideration of options:

- Remain remote
- Return in-person (would retain option of remote participation by councilors per existing rules)
- Hybrid model

11. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of October 8, 2020 and November 12, 2020 Special City Council Meetings (never accepted), Minutes of June 17, 2021 and July 15, 2021

Documents:

[06-17-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

[11-12-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

[10-08-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

[07-15-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. Amend Term of Appointment to Urban Forestry Commission

Process note: This amendment is to correct an error. Molly Hale's reappointment to the Urban Forestry Commission was approved by the City Council on June 17, 2021 with a term expiration date of 2023. The term should end June 30, 2024.

Urban Forestry Commission

Molly Hale, 96 Oak Street, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2023~~4~~

Reappointment

C. 21.316 Appointments to Various Committees
Council on Aging

Monica V. Grezzi-Mulea, 573 Burts Pit Road, Florence

Term: September 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Energy & Sustainability Commission

Benjamin Weil, 123 Audubon Road, Leeds

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Planning Board

Melissa Fowler, 87 Chesterfield Road, Leeds

Full Member

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Christian Tait, 46 Upland Road, Leeds

Associate Member

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Transportation & Parking Commission

Jami Albro-Fisher, 50 Manhan Street, Northampton

Term: July 2020-June 2023

Reappointment

Adam Novitt, 17 Hooker Avenue, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Whiting Street Fund Committee

Michael Shaughnessy, 575 Bridge Road, Unit 11-5, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Joseph Misterka, 312 Chesterfield Road, Leeds

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Andrea Murray, 54 Day Avenue, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals

David Bloomberg, 86 Vernon Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Documents:

12. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

13. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

A. 21.305 An Order to Reprogram CS Surplus Funds to CS 2005 Vehicle Replacement - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to support moving forward with these projects as quickly as possible.

Documents:

[21.305 An Order to Reprogram CS Surplus Funds to CS 2005 Vehicle Replacement.pdf](#)

B. 21.306 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to Hotel Bridge Improvements - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.306 An Order to Appropriate Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Funds to Hotel Bridge Improvements.pdf](#)

C. 21.307 An Order to Reprogram \$15,000 from Safety Village Surplus to Sheldon Field Dugout Replacement - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested in order to move this project forward as quickly as possible.

Documents:

[21.307 An Order to Reprogram 15,000 from Safety Village Surplus to Sheldon Field Dugout Replacement.pdf](#)

D. 21.308 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Safety Netting for Florence Recreation Fields - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to keep the project moving forward on schedule.

Documents:

[21.308 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Safety Netting for Florence Recreation Fields.pdf](#)

E. 21.309 An Order to Authorize Spending \$2,577.62 from

Equipment Firefighting Donation Account on UTV and Trailer - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to allow the Fire Chief to move forward with the purchase.

Documents:

[21.309 An Order to Authorize Spending 2,577.62 from Equipment Firefighting Donation Account on UTV and Trailer.pdf](#)

F. 21.314 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Florence Fire Station Repaving - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to allow the project to proceed in a timely manner.

Documents:

[21.314 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Florence Fire Station Repaving.pdf](#)

14. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 21.303 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable and Attainable Housing at Chapel Street, Oak Street and Evergreen Road - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 7/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 7/15/2021

Documents:

[21.303 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable and Attainable Housing at Chapel Street, Oak Street and Evergreen Road.pdf](#)
[21.303 Inventory of Affordable Housing on Surplus City Land.pdf](#)

15. Orders

A. 21.310 Warrant for September 28, 2021 Preliminary Election - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.310 Warrant for September 28, 2021 Preliminary Election.pdf](#)

B. 21.311 Warrant to Set Early Voting Dates, Times and Locations in Northampton - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.311 Warrant to Set Early Voting Dates, Times and Locations in Northampton.pdf](#)

C. 21.312 An Order to Submit a Measure to the Voters at the 2021 Regular City Election - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.312 An Order to Submit a Measure to the Voters at the 2021 Regular City Election.pdf](#)

16. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Process Note: M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 requires the City Council to submit zoning ordinances to the Planning Board for review within 14 days of receipt and for the Planning Board and City Council or a committee designated for that purpose to hold public hearings thereon, together or separately, prior to adoption.

A. 21.313 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, §350-3.4, at Chapel Street

Documents:

[21.313 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Section 350-3.4, at Chapel Street.pdf](#)

17. 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.

18. Ordinances

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

20. New Business

21. Adjourn

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