



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
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- 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: 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](http://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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