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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton
Thursday, September 7, 2023, 7 p.m.

This City Council meeting will be conducted in hybrid format with the option for both councilors and the public to either attend in person or participate remotely. The public may follow the council's deliberations by attending in person, watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on YouTube [here](#) or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. Live public comment is available beginning at 7 p.m.

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MEETING ID: 845 2122 8288

PARTICIPANT#: #

PASSCODE: 279430

1. Roll Call

2. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

3. Public Hearings

A. 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on 23.348 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Loudville Road (Petition# 30749004)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid/Verizon's petition to install one jointly-owned pole on Loudville Road. (Petition #30749004). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[23.348 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Loudville Road \(Petition No. 30749004\).pdf](#)
[23.348 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

B. 7:05 P.M. Public Hearing on 23.360 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Bradford Street (Petition #30759246)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:05 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid/Verizon's petition to install one jointly-owned pole on Bradford Street. (Petition #30759246). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[23.360 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Bradford Street, Petition No. 30759246.pdf](#)
[23.360 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

C. 7:10 P.M. Public Hearing on 23.335 Comcast Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit at 54 Main Street, Florence

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:10 p.m.** on Comcast's petition to install underground conduit at 54 Main Street, Florence. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Process note: Withdrawn at Comcast request.

Documents:

[23.335 Plan.pdf](#)
[23.335 Comcast Petition for Underground Conduit at 54 Main Street, Florence.pdf](#)

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

7. Consent Agenda

Rule 4.4.4 There shall be no debate or discussion by any City Council member regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.

Rule 4.4.5 Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the

request of any City Council member prior to the taking of a vote on the motion to approve it. All such items will be considered individually, in the order in which they were removed, immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda.

A. Minutes of August 17, 2023

Documents:

[08-17-2023_City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

B. Approve 23.348 National Grid Pole Petition for Loudville Road (Petition# 30749004)

See documents above

C. Approve 23.360 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Bradford Street (Petition #30759246)

See documents above

D. 23.358 Appointment to Urban Forestry Commission, positive recommendation, City Services - 8/29/2023

Urban Forestry Commission

Jordan Friede, 49 Beacon St., Florence

Term: July 2023 – June 2026

New Appointment

Documents:

[23.358 Appointment to Urban Forestry Commission.pdf](#)

E. 23.361 An Order to Award Contract for FY2024 - FY2026 Audit to Scanlon and Associates - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 8/2/2023
- referred to consent agenda - 8/17/2023

Documents:

[23.361 An Order to Award Contract for FY2024 - FY2026 Audit to Scanlon and Associates.pdf](#)

F. 23.367A Appointments to Various Committees, positive recommendation, City Services - 8/29/2023

Process note: the reappointment of Marilyn Richards to the Northampton Housing Authority (NHA) was temporarily withdrawn so as not to exceed the 45-day timeframe (See [Charter Section 2-10](#)) for consideration of mayoral appointments. Additional time was needed since the item was tabled at the 8/29/2023 City Services Committee meeting to accommodate a request for a meeting with the NHA executive director.

Human Rights Commission

Donnell Turner, 73 Barrett St., Northampton

Term: August 2023 – August 2026

New Appointment

Documents:

[23.367 Appointments to Various Committees.pdf](#)

G. 23.368 Appointment of Assistant Fire/Rescue Chief Andrew Pelis as Chief of Northampton Fire/Rescue, positive recommendation, City Services - 8/29/2023

Documents:

[23.368 Mayors Appointment Memo.pdf](#)

H. 23.376 Appointment of Chad Dunham as Director of Human Resources - for referral to City Services

Documents:

[23.376 Appointment of Chad Dunham as Director of Human Resources.pdf](#)

8. Review of Request for Proposals (RFP) for 33 King Street, referred to Finance Committee and Community Resources - 8/17/2023

History:

- referred to Finance Committee and Community Resources (CR) - 8/17/2023
- Unanimous positive recommendations from both Finance Committee and CR subject to the clarification that a range of mixed-income housing (market rate housing or other commercial uses with either affordable or attainable housing, see Scoring Criterion D) will be considered highly advantageous - 9/6/2023

Documents:

[23.364 Request for Proposals for 33 King Street_POST_JOINT CR_FC.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 1st reading)

Rule 2.6.1.1.1 Process. Financial orders will be introduced and discussed at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda of a future meeting or the Finance Committee for more public input, discussion and recommendation.

A. 23.373 An Order to Appropriate \$206,603 from Stabilization for Emergency Replacement of the Forbes Library Boiler - 1st reading

Process note: Waiver of process/two readings respectfully requested to allow work to be completed by an October deadline.

Documents:

[23.373 An Order to Appropriate 206,603 from Stabilization for Emergency Replacement of the Forbes Library Boiler.pdf](#)

B. 23.374 An Order to Appropriate up to \$20,000 from Senior Services Gift Fund

for Painting and Molding at Senior Center - 1st reading

Process note: Waiver of process/two readings respectfully requested to coordinate the work with another project.

Documents:

[23.374 An Order to Appropriate up to 20,000 from Senior Services Gift Fund for Painting and Molding at Senior Center.pdf](#)
[23.374 Kim Park Memo.pdf](#)

C. 23.375 An Order to Accept Gift of Sheds from Ray Ellerbrook Family Memorial Fund - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.375 An Order to Accept Gift of Sheds from Ray Ellerbrook Family Memorial Fund.pdf](#)

10. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

11. Orders

A. 23.337 An Order to Adopt the Massachusetts Municipal Opt-In Specialized Stretch Code - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 6/15/2023
- public hearing held; positive recommendation, LM - 8/14/2023

Documents:

[23.337 An Order to Adopt the Massachusetts Municipal Opt-In Specialized Stretch Code.pdf](#)

B. 23.371 An Order to Authorize Partial Termination of Notice of Activity and Use Limitation re Parcel B on the southerly side of the Roundhouse Parking Lot - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.371 Plan - Lots A-D.pdf](#)
[23.371 AUL Term Pkg Parcels B Termination 67 Old South.pdf](#)
[23.371 An Order to Authorize Partial Termination of Notice of Activity and Use Limitation re Parcel B, Roundhouse Parking Lot.pdf](#)

C. 23.372 An Order to Authorize Notice of Activity and Use Limitation re Parcel B and Parcel C on the southerly side of the Roundhouse Parking Lot - 1st reading

Process note: As background, the City Council authorized the purchase of Parcels A - D and grant of shared access easements from the Roundhouse Parking lot to the lots by [Order 18.225](#) (An Order to Authorize Roundhouse Parking Lot Fee and Easement Acquisition and Sale) adopted on February 7, 2019.

Documents:

[23.372 AUL Package Parcels B and C.pdf](#)
[23.371 Plan - Lots A-D.pdf](#)

12. 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.

13. Ordinances

14. Zoning Ordinances

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

16. Resolutions

17. Proposed City Council Meeting Format for Remainder of Session

18. New Business

Rule 4.9 NEW BUSINESS. Any Councilor may introduce any written proposed order, ordinance, or resolution to be considered by the Council at the next meeting, but not to be debated during new business.

19. Adjourn

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