



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: October 21, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The October 21, 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

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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. Announcement of Tax Classification Hearing

Per M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. by remote participation to discuss the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property within the City of Northampton for FY2022. Information regarding this hearing will be available for public inspection on line at www.northamptonma.gov on or before November 2, 2021 after 12 p.m. Instructions for accessing the hearing will be posted on the November 4, 2021 City Council agenda on www.northamptonma.gov no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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. 21.340 A Resolution in Support of the Fairness to Farmworkers Act - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading with correction of scrivener's error - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.340 A Resolution in Support of the Fairness to Farmworkers Act.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Approval of Official Map, Block Report and Legal Boundary Description for Northampton - 1st reading

Process note: Ward and precinct boundaries must be finalized by City Council for submittal to the state by October 31, 2021.

Documents:

[21.346 An Order to Define Wards and Precincts in the City of Northampton.pdf](#)

11. Consent Agenda

A. Approve 21.328 Application to Amend License for Storage of Flammables and Combustibles at 506 Pleasant Street

See documents under public hearing, above

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. 21.342 An Order to Appropriate Senior Center Gift Fund Money to Financial Aid Fund - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.342 An Order to Appropriate Senior Center Gift Fund Money for Financial Aid Fund.pdf](#)

[21.342 Memo from Senior Services Director.pdf](#)

B. 21.343 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable Housing and a Community Resilience Hub off Crafts Avenue - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.343 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable Housing and a Community Resilience Hub off Crafts Avenue.pdf](#)

14. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 21.329 An Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Expansion and Renovation - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 10/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.329 An Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Expansion and Renovation.pdf](#)

B. 21.333 An Order to Appropriate \$15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire and Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 10/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.333 An Order to Appropriate 15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire and Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project.pdf](#)

15. Orders

A. 21.331 Warrant for the November 2, 2021 Biennial Municipal Election - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021
- Revised language to add question about Municipal Light Plant added by City Clerk

Documents:

[21.331 Warrant for the November 2, 2021 Biennial Municipal Election - POST 1st rdg.pdf](#)

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. Ordinances

A. **21.325 An Ordinance Relative to Compensation for Elected Officials - 2nd reading**

History:

- referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/22/2021
- positive recommendation, LM - 10/4/2021
- passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.325 An Ordinance Relative to Compensation for Elected Officials.pdf](#)

B. **21.344 An Ordinance Relative to Ward and Precinct Boundaries for the City of Northampton - 1st reading**

History:

- Referral to Legislative Matters (LM) waived - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.344 An Ordinance Relative to Ward and Precinct Boundaries for the City of Northampton.pdf](#)

[21.345 An Ordinance to Delete Ward and Precinct Boundaries from Code Book and Maintain by Council Order.pdf](#)

19. Zoning Ordinances

A. **21.313 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, §350-3.4, at Chapel Street - 2nd reading**

History:

- Referred to Community Resources (CR), Legislative Matters (LM) and Planning Board (PB)- 8/19/2021
- Positive recommendation, CR - 9/20/2021
- Joint LM/PB public hearing held - 10/4/2021
- Positive recommendation, PB - 10/4/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 10/4/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

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

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

21. New Business

22. Adjourn

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