



*CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONDUCTED AS AN ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING  
Northampton, MA*

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Announcement of Audio/Video Recording  
Public Comment

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra at 7:01 p.m.

Councilor Sciarra announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded. The City Council accepted public comment for 33 minutes. (See **Public Comment Record Sheet** for names and topics of people making public comments.)

Roll Call

At 7:34 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra	At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight
Ward 1 Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.	Ward 5 Councilor Alex Jarrett
Ward 2 Councilor Karen Foster	Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge
Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash	Ward 7 Councilor Rachel Maiore
Ward 4 Councilor John Thorpe	

Public Hearings  
Announcement of Public Hearing on application to amend License for Storage of Flammables & Combustibles for 2 UST's (1-24,000 gallons gasoline & 1-12,000 gallons diesel) at 506 Pleasant St., Northampton, MA

Public Hearings  
Announcement of Public Hearing on application to amend License for Storage of Flammables and Combustibles for two (2) underground storage tanks (1-24,000 gallons gasoline and 1-12,000 gallons diesel) at 506 Pleasant St., Northampton, MA  
Councilor Sciarra made the following announcement:  
The City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. by remote participation. Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the October 21, 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 hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

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The Legislative Matters Committee may convene on October 18th to discuss an item relative to redistricting, Councilor Dwight announced.

The next City Council Rules Select Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6 p.m., Councilor Maiore advised.

Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

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Councilor LaBarge said she is pretty sure councilors and residents received a booklet but she reminded them that the Paradise City Arts Festival is in town this weekend from October 9<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>. Ward 6 residents Linda and Jeffrey Post are directors and founders of Paradise City Arts, she shared. Artists and restaurants will be on site.

Councilor Quinlan said he wanted to take a moment to reflect on the life lost of a cyclist in front of Northampton High School the other day. The circumstances of the accident are not clear at this time, but it has given him pause. He has had calls from residents and teachers concerned about the safety of the intersection in front of the high school. He urged residents to pay great attention at that intersection and to join him in trying to pay better attention in general when behind the wheel.

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

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As a follow-up to his presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) on September 22nd, Mayor Narkewicz noted that one item on the timeline was the city launching an on-

line survey for residents, business owners, etc. This survey was launched October 1st and is now available on the city website in both English and Spanish. They have had a great response so far with close to 700 responses in less than a week. He encouraged people to go to that page ([www.northamptonma.gov](http://www.northamptonma.gov)VARPA) for links to the surveys.

**Resolutions**  
**21.340 Resolution**  
**in Support of the**  
**Fairness to Farm-**  
**workers Act - 1st**  
**reading**

**Resolutions**  
**21.340 A Resolution in Support of the Fairness to Farmworkers Act - 1st reading**

Councilor Sciarra read the resolution.

**Councilor Dwight moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Quinlan seconded.**

Councilor Maire thanked cosponsors, Councilors LaBarge and Quinlan. This is an issue close to her heart. When she worked as the regional director of Jobs for Justice on the ballot initiative to increase the minimum wage in Massachusetts to \$15, they were thrilled to see the referendum succeed but felt special pain because they knew that farmworkers were being left behind. Other states, (CA, CO, NY, OH, etc.) have passed similar acts to correct this historic wrong. When she worked with farmworkers in her public health capacity, she did the work for a day and it was a humbling experience. (She referred to the repetitive nature of the work and the strain of doing even the same simple motion hour after hour and day after day.) It was frustrating because so much gets in the way of providing good healthcare access and options, including poverty and substandard living conditions often compounded by immigration status. She mentioned the difficulty of trying to convince farmworkers to wear gloves to protect against pesticide exposure when they were being paid by the bushel and even of trying to track health data with a seasonal population.

"I think we can all agree that farmworkers deserve the same rights as other workers in our state," she asserted.

It is not an adversarial issue, she cautioned. They all treasure local farms. It benefits everyone and most local farms already pay more than \$8 an hour. When they put money in people's pockets, it benefits the local economy and creates better health and more stability among workers, which in turn benefits farmers and farm owners. This basically codifies what they think should happen. Some farmers do pay close to minimum wage and this will just make it law. She thinks this is the time for it to happen. Claudia B. Quintero, staff attorney for migrant and seasonal farmworkers at the Central West Justice Center (CWJC), is present to answer any of councilors' questions.

When she read about the fairness to farmworker's act, she couldn't believe what she was reading, Councilor LaBarge said. She showed it to her husband, who agreed it was extremely unfair.

"I never knew this was happening to our farmworkers," she lamented. She thanked Rachel for stepping in. "It is time to make it fair and this is not fair at all." She pointed to poor working conditions such as an uncomfortable environment, long hours (50 to 60 hours a week) and no overtime or day of rest. In addition, she finds a racial problem with it. Her relatives in Brazil farm, and everybody deserves the rights of respect and dignity. Massachusetts has a state law on minimum wage, yet farmworkers are getting \$8.50 an hour.

Farmworkers deserve respect and dignity, minimum wage and a day of rest. Their housing is also not the best. Farmworkers give them the nutrition they need, she reminded. She urged fellow councilors to support it.

Councilor Quinlan thanked cosponsors for welcoming him as a sponsor. Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) famously said that the best customer of American industry is a well-paid worker. He spent a lot of time thinking about how privileged he is that he doesn't have to do the back-breaking work of farming his own vegetables. They are talking about paying farmworkers a fair wage so they can afford to feed, clothe and pay for themselves and their families with dignity. Tomorrow they will see a column by John Paradis about the disparity between owners and workers. He supports this because he believes they should all want what's best for their friends and neighbors.

Councilor Foster thanked sponsors for bringing the issue forward and providing a platform for discussion and education. She has struggled for many years with the hefty American desire for cheap food, which creates a tremendous amount of suffering – from climate impacts, environmental impacts and animal suffering to the suffering of the people working to provide that food. The resolution has her support.

Councilor Nash thanked the sponsors. He is definitely supporting this. Referring to the public comment made through a translator, he said he also appreciated the level of accommodation demonstrated to hear from people affected by this and their courage to come forward and speak. "It's just great community work."

Councilor Jarrett thanked sponsors for bringing the resolution forward and said he is definitely in support. He is having some conversations about the details of the act so, if time allows, he would prefer to have two readings so he can finish those conversations. However, if there is a need to expedite the resolution based on the legislative timeline, he understands and would be willing to do so.

Councilor Maire said she believed Claudia Quintero might be able to offer information on this point. **She moved to recognize Claudia B. Quintero. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

Claudia Quintero confirmed she represents migrant and seasonal farmworkers across the state of Massachusetts. She is honored to be before the City Council and thanked councilors for considering the resolution and taking time to learn about this issue. She has been in communication with the sponsors' staff and believes a hearing is slated for November 9<sup>th</sup> so there is a little bit of time to collect more information. She would like to impress upon the council that they have a lot of wonderful farmers in the area and local people who really care about farmworkers. As Councilor Maire mentioned, it is not an adversarial thing at all. It is time to put Massachusetts' feet to the fire and get the state legislature in a place to provide equity for all workers in the state. There are 13,000 farmworkers across the state and most of them are not voters and do not have a voice in policies that affect them. They have a lot of farmers who pay more than \$8 an hour. It is highly-skilled labor that deserves to be recognized.

Councilor Maire pointed out a minor scrivener's error on the third page. 'Fairness to farmworkers' should be 'fairness *for* farmworkers.' The same typo is found in the first 'Now Therefore, Be It Resolved' clause.

Councilor Maire respectfully requested two readings. As they know, one of the purposes of resolutions is to try to build momentum toward a larger goal. She thinks finalizing it would help build that momentum and give other municipalities time to form their own resolutions.

Councilor Dwight said he appreciates the sense of urgency but another purpose of a resolution is exactly what Councilor Jarrett is proposing, which is to expand the education. The strength of this is to engage the community in a conversation they may not be too aware of. If they pass it in two readings, that's the end of it.

He worked doing outreach to tobacco workers in 1972, he continued. Farmworkers then were treated even more horribly than they are now. Housing was viciously substandard and company stores located on the farm deducted wages in the form of company scrip as payment for food and alcohol sold to laborers. Basically every chemical being applied then is now banned. He strongly supports this but thinks Councilor Jarrett has some legitimate questions; a lot of nuanced issues are associated with this. He would feel more comfortable if he had an opportunity to be clear on those points rather than rushing this to make a point they all seem prepared to make.

He sees the importance of having those conversations and giving his constituents time to hear the first reading and share their thoughts, Councilor Jarrett said. He mentioned there being no note on the agenda that two readings were being requested to alert him to the need to be ready to act tonight. He reiterated his request for a second reading on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councilor Maire stated her willingness to withdraw the request for two readings tonight.

Councilor Sciarra added her thanks to the resolution sponsors and state sponsors of the bills. They know the issue of wage theft is a huge issue for workers who have far more protections than farmworkers. In that context, she can only imagine how much more vulnerable farmworkers are to something like wage theft since they are in an even more vulnerable position.

**The motion to approve in first reading passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

Presentations  
Reprecincting  
Update

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Reprecincting Update

Presentation by City Clerk Pamela Powers and City GIS Coordinator James Thompson

She reached out to the City Council awhile back to share information about the need to 'reprecinct,' - draw new boundary lines for political wards and voting precincts - after the 2020 federal census, Clerk Powers presented. The roll out for redistricting was supposed to take place in 2021, so she is here to share the progress of the Reprecincting Working Group. The City Council has to approve the final map the committee comes up with.

She had planned to ask the council for a first reading tonight, but, when she presented the map to the state, she learned they in turn need to provide back to them a map, block report and a description of the legal boundary lines for each ward and precinct, so she is not prepared to request a first reading tonight.

As a result of the 2020 census, the state is redrawing lines due to population shifts and growth from one precinct to another. As a result of the shifts, city officials were given standards they must maintain for each of the new precincts. She and GIS Coordinator James Thompson formed a working group consisting of Mike Stiles, Howard Moore, Valle Dwight, Mariel Addis, Robbie Sullivan, Samantha Hopper and David Stevens.

The state sent them a proposed map and they were told they either had the option of moving forward with it or making recommendations to the state for adjusting the lines, Clerk Powers advised. She displayed the map proposed by the state.

As they can see, there were some big shifts in all the wards. Working group members knew this was not good for Northampton. She drew attention to the geographical footprint of Ward 7, where a large portion of what was formerly Ward 6B would become 7B under the state's redistricting proposal.

Some of the rationale the group discussed was the distance between some of the new boundaries and where folks in various precincts would be voting. People on the lower part of Westhampton Road would be driving all the way to Leeds School for any election that took place. That seemed a little difficult for them to accept. The working group developed a list of 30 or 40 concerns and worked very diligently to make adjustments based on the make-up of neighborhoods and the goal of maintaining the integrity of the historic maps as much as they could. Knowing that they have to live with this for the next 10 years, they continued even today looking for opportunities to fine-tune the map.

The hard truth here is that change is necessary and either they accept the huge shifts as proposed by the state or look at more modest shifts recommended by the group. Ward 2 in particular is going to be reduced in size in terms of its geographical footprint because of the higher-density population within that ward, and Wards 6 and 7 are likely to grow in size.

The group met and discussed the 30 or 40 opportunities to improve what the state sent them. She showed an alternative map that 'felt a little bit more like what we could live with.' The changes are not as drastic for some of the outlying wards and precincts. She compared the shape of Ward 7B proposed by the state with the shape recommended by the working group, commenting that "this is what we felt was a little bit more in line with what our Ward 6 footprint is today."

Other changes since 2010 affected the final outcome. In 2010, 745 census blocks were

defined by the federal census consisting of anywhere from 0 to 702 people. In 2020, they now have 512 blocks. The change is probably a result of better technology. The entire shape of Northampton in terms of the block boundaries was redefined in 2020 so it was impossible to retain the 2010 footprint.

She showed the map attached to the City Council agenda. Discussion continued after submitting that map since they will potentially have to live with it for 10 years. As a result, they came up with another map that they feel is most appropriate for the City Council to weigh in on.

The state will be sending the new map, block report and legal block descriptions associated with the new boundaries. Since ward descriptions are part of the city code, amendments to them will need to go to Legislative Matters (LM) and have two votes of council.

The timeline is pretty condensed and doesn't coincide with the City Council's schedule. She asked for the council's help in helping her meet the October 30th deadline knowing that they are now waiting on final descriptions from the state. The descriptions will need to be reviewed by the city solicitor before being sent to LM.

Clerk Powers confirmed her committee is doing a public review of the redistricting proposal on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, the goal is for people to be able to hone in and ask questions.

Councilor Sciarra laid out the options for the City Council to proceed. Today, they can refer the ordinance to LM which is prepared to hold a special meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Or, the council could waive referral to LM, thereby suspending the rule requiring referral. The ordinance will return to City Council on October 21<sup>st</sup>, at which time the council can either take two readings or schedule a special meeting for the second reading.

Councilor Dwight expressed his understanding that the new map will go into effect before the next election.

The official map goes to the secretary of the Commonwealth and the deadline for the legislature to pass the redistricting proposal is July of 2022, Clerk Powers explained. The next election after that would be the state elections, so changes would be in effect for that. They have to notify every resident affected and at the September election next year people will be voting in the new locations for the first time. The changes do not apply to the election looming in November.

The working group took a look at where incumbent elected officials and candidates on the ballot were in terms of boundaries, although it was not a determining factor in drawing the lines. The redistricting does impact two School Committee members. If those folks are elected in November, beginning next July, they will be living in a different precinct than the one they were elected to represent.

Councilor LaBarge asked how that is handled.

For the candidate it is an inconvenience. The next time they run they may need to run for a different ward, Clerk Powers explained. The committee focused on the legal requirements of reprecincting; i.e. maintaining a comparable number of residents in each ward. They took the approach of not engaging elected officials to determine those boundaries.

She will be getting Ryan Road back again, Councilor LaBarge said. She lost them 10 years ago.

Members asked questions and offered comments. Councilor Nash thanked the working group, GIS coordinator and Clerk Powers, adding a special thank you to Howard Moore for fighting for Ward 3 turf and for his equanimity in the discussion involving the Lathrop Community. The federal government's delay in undertaking the census and getting the figures out to the states for reprecincting is what has communities so under the gun, he asserted. "It's rather unprecedented. We're basically taking the recommendations of the state and just running with it," rather than taking a more thoughtful approach over a few

months, he noted.

He expressed the opinion that the amendment should definitely go to LM. LM can solidify the legislation before it comes back to City Council on October 21<sup>st</sup>. That's the route he'd like to see it go.

As the Ward 3 councilor, he can say there are some hard changes. "It's with regret that I'm backing this process," he commented.

The committee recognized that there were a lot of difficult decisions, and there is not really anything anybody can do about it, Clerk Powers said. The hardest decision for the entire city has to be Ward 2. It is shrinking in size, which affects a lot of people who live by the high school. Those folks have aligned themselves a great deal with Ward 2 initiatives. Not that they couldn't align with other initiatives, but she sees that as a cohesive neighborhood, and it is unfortunate that they had to draw a line as they did.

At this point, the reprecincting group can be somewhat flexible but the argument really needs to be compelling for them to go back to the drawing board; that is, something the committee overlooked or didn't think through enough. There is some level of flexibility. Everything is liquid until the City Council actually says, 'this is the solid.'

In the past, it might have been less possible to make last-minute changes because the city was coming up with the language. Now, they are feeding the state the blocks and the state is coming back with the language for the boundary descriptions.

**Councilor Quinlan moved to recognize Reprecincting Working Group member David Stevens. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

This is his third time participating in reprecincting, Mr. Stevens shared. He commended the work of Pam Powers and GIS Coordinator James Thompson. He hates the fact that it is rushed, but they don't have control of that.

If they don't have this done by the end of the month, the map James showed early on - the state map - will take over. "We have a deadline," he stressed.

He is firmly convinced that this is the best they could do given the three weeks they had to work. The whack-a-mole analogy is relevant, he said, referring to an analogy Clerk Powers used to describe the effect of one map change on other areas of the map.

Councilor Quinlan echoed Councilor Nash's thanks to Clerk Powers, the GIS coordinator and seven community members. He thinks there is a provision in the charter that if ward boundaries change, the ward representative could finish his/her term in that ward. He recognizes that the state's map had much more disruption than what the working group has come up with in their diligence.

Councilor LaBarge also thanked David Stevens.

**Councilor Quinlan moved to refer the ordinance change to Legislative Matters. Councilor LaBarge seconded.**

Members discussed. Clerk Powers explained that the state will provide legal descriptions based on the final map and she and the GIS coordinator will fill in the blanks for geographical landmarks such as streams that are not identified by the state. It's those kinds of things LM will review. It is only the council's own rules that require referral to LM; it's not a state requirement, she added. There are 14 pages of descriptions.

Councilor Dwight expressed his understanding that, by the time it gets to LM, it is mostly a done deal.

Regardless of the process, the City Council will rely heavily on staff for a thorough review of the descriptions, Clerk Powers confirmed. She doesn't want to bypass LM but she can't

emphasize enough that unless they are willing to dedicate a full eight hours to go through all of the descriptors, they are definitely going to be relying on what she and James pull together.

Councilor Dwight said he is perfectly comfortable keeping the process in council and bypassing LM given the time constraints and lack of flexibility available to them. He would have no problem approving the ordinance in full council.

Councilor LaBarge said she also feels it should not have to come to LM. Time is of the essence here, she commented.

**The motion to refer failed 2:7 with Councilors Foster and Nash in favor and the rest opposed by roll call vote.**

Members discussed a tentative special meeting date of Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> if councilors are not comfortable taking two readings on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u> Councilor Sciarra reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request. <b>Councilor Sciarra asked for removal of the appointment of Pamela Powers. Councilor Dwight moved approval of the consent agenda with the removal. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</b></p> <p>The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:  <b>A. <u>Minutes of September 22, 2021</u></b>  <b>B. <u>21.327 Appointment to Council on Aging, positive recommendation, City Services Committee – 10/4/2021</u></b>  <u><b>Council on Aging</b></u>                  Carolyn Sandel, 132 Chesterfield Road, Leeds                  Term: October 2021- June 2024                  To fill a vacancy  <u><b>21.341 Appointment to the Arts Council - for referral to City Services</b></u>  <u><b>Arts Council</b></u>                  Mi Belitsky, 20 Lasell Avenue, Northampton                  Term: October 2021- June 2024                  To fill a vacancy</p> <p><u><b>21.324 Appointment of Pamela Powers as City Clerk, positive recommendation, City Services Committee – 10/4/2021</b></u>  <b>Councilor Dwight moved to approve the appointment of Pamela Powers as City Clerk. Councilor Foster seconded.</b></p> <p>Councilor Sciarra disclosed that Pamela Powers contributed to her campaign. This does not exclude her from voting, but since this is a paid city appointment, she is going to abstain, she said. <b>The motion passed 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Sciarra recused.</b></p>
<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></p>	<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u> The City Council recessed for Finance Committee at 9:25 p.m. The Finance Committee adjourned at 9:52 p.m. After a brief recess, the council reconvened at 10:01 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Financial Orders (On 1<sup>st</sup> reading) 21.329 Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Renovation-1st rdg.</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (On 1<sup>st</sup> reading pending Finance Committee review)</u>  <u>21.329 An Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Expansion and Renovation - 1st reading</u>                  Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p><u>See minutes of October 21, 2021 for second reading.</u></p>

21.330 Order to Authorize Payment of Prior Year Bills to AMERESCO - 1st reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to suspend the rules to allow a second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* \_\_\_\_\_ October 7, 2021

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.330 An Order to Authorize Payment of Prior Year Bills to AMERESCO

*Ordered, that*

the Council authorize payment of prior fiscal year bills (FY2021) for the following AMERESCO invoices for net metering credits associated with the Glendale Road solar array lease and power purchasing agreement - funds which are ultimately credited back to city utility accounts by National Grid resulting in lower energy costs.

November 4, 2020 – AMERESCO	\$8,072.70
December 2, 2020 – AMERESCO	\$7,145.40
January 5, 2021 – AMERESCO	\$4,757.81
February 3, 2021 – AMERESCO	\$4,967.26

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

21.332 An Order to Appropriate FY2022 CPA Funds for Community Preservation Purposes - 1st reading

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Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:



**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, October 7, 2021*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

21.332 An Order to Appropriate FY2022 CPA Funds for Community Preservation Purposes

**Ordered, that**

The following amounts be appropriated or reserved from fiscal year 2022 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues \$2,075,465 (\$1,482,475 FY22 local assessment estimate, plus \$592,990 estimated state match) for fiscal year 2022 Community Preservation purposes:

\$228,301 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve (account # 2344930-359931)

\$228,301 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Historic Preservation Reserve (account # 2344930-359932)

\$228,301 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Affordable Housing Reserve (account # 2344930-359933)

\$75,000 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Administrative Account (account # 2344930-359934)

\$1,315,562 from FY22 Total Estimated CPA Revenue to the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve (account # 2344930-359930)

Also, the following amounts be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930) for FY21 Community Preservation bonding repayment purposes:

\$60,000 for principal and \$6,075 for interest for Bean Farm bond (account #3100931-393102-11)

\$90,000 for principal and \$16,200 for interest for Florence Fields bond (account #3100931-393103-12)

\$65,000 for principal and \$12,800 for interest for Pulaski Park II bond (account #3100931-393105-16)

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

21.333 Order to Appropriate \$15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire/Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project - 1st reading

21.333 An Order to Appropriate \$15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire and Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of October 21, 2021 for second reading.

21.334 Order to Reprogram Funds for NPS Early Childhood Program Lease - 1st reading

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Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Quinlan moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* \_\_\_\_\_  
October 7, 2021

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**21.334 An Order to Reprogram Funds for NPS Early Childhood Program Lease**

*Ordered, that*

\$18,300 in the Northampton Public Schools Electrical and AC Units Upgrades (19303-586911), be reprogrammed to a designated line account in the Central Services budget (11922) to cover the Northampton Public Schools Early Childhood Program lease at 40 Main Street Office #206 for a 12 month period, November 1, 2021 through October 30, 2022, whereupon the Northampton Public Schools will fund any such lease moving forward directly from its budget.

**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

**Financial Orders**  
**(On 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**  
**21.320 Order to**  
**Suspend Parking**  
**Fees on Certain**  
**Days – 2nd**  
**reading**

**Financial Orders (On 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**  
**21.320 An Order to Suspend Parking Fees on Certain Days – 2nd reading**  
Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

**The following order passed two readings:**

**City of Northampton**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, September 22, 2021,*

*Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz*

**21.320 An Order to Suspend Parking Fees on Certain Days**

*Ordered, that*

On the following days, collection of fees for on-street and off-street parking spaces, excluding the EJ Gare Parking Garage, shall be suspended:

Saturday, November 20, 2021 (Bag Day)

Friday, November 26, 2021 (Black Friday)

Saturday, November 27, 2021 (Small Business Saturday)

Friday, December 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve)

Friday, December 31, 2021 (New Year's Eve)

**Passed two readings and enrolled.**

**21.321 An Order Authorizing the Lease of Rooftop Space on Bridge Street, Leeds and Ryan Road Elementary Schools for Solar PV Arrays – 2nd reading**  
Councilor Jarrett moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

**The following order passed two readings:**

21.321 Order Authorizing Lease of Rooftop Space on Bridge Street, Leeds and Ryan Road Schools for Solar PV Arrays – 2nd reading

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council*

September 22, 2021

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.321 An Order Authorizing the Lease of Rooftop Space on Bridge Street, Leeds, and Ryan Road Elementary Schools for Solar Photovoltaic Arrays

*Ordered, that*

Whereas, Mayor Narkewicz committed and City Council endorsed a goal for Northampton to be a net carbon neutral city by 2050, and

Whereas, installing solar photovoltaic arrays on school facilities will reduce greenhouse gas and carbon emissions resulting from school operations, and

Whereas, in order to avoid unnecessary cost, it is best practice that a roof that is slated to hold a solar photovoltaic array have sufficient life remaining so that re-roofing is unlikely to be needed during the lifetime of the solar array; and

Whereas, Bridge Street Elementary, Leeds Elementary, and Ryan Road Elementary Schools have all recently undergone roof replacements and thus re-roofing is unlikely to be needed during the lifetime of solar photovoltaic arrays installed on said roofs; and

Whereas, city residents Morey Phippen and Brian Adams, acting through Phippenadams, LLC, have generously offered to fund the installation of three solar photovoltaic arrays on the roofs of Bridge Street Elementary, Leeds Elementary, and Ryan Road Elementary Schools and a six-year lease is a condition precedent to the grant of the array as a gift to the city; and

Whereas, on September 9, 2021, the Northampton School Committee voted unanimously to surplus the three school roofs in support of this important renewable energy project; and

Whereas, M.G.L. c. 30B, § 16 requires a vote of the City Council to surplus any interest in public property prior to its disposal,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The City Council declares surplus a leasehold interest in the roofs of Bridge Street Elementary School located at 2 Parsons St, Northampton, Leeds Elementary School located at 20 Florence St, Leeds, and Ryan Road Elementary School located at 498 Ryan Rd, Northampton, and authorizes the Mayor to execute a six-year lease for said roofs on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems reasonable, subject, however, to the following restrictions:

- (1) The lessee will be responsible for the care, repair, and maintenance of the solar photovoltaic array for the duration of the lease.
- (2) At the conclusion of the lease, the lessee shall gift the solar photovoltaic array to the City of Northampton.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.323 An Order to Acquire, Surplus and Dispose of a Certain Property Located at 33 King Street – 2nd reading

This is the second reading, but additional language has been added, Councilor Sciarra noted. She read the amended language.

Councilor Dwight moved to accept the amendments and approve the order as amended in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

These amendments were worked on since the last meeting in response to concerns about making sure the council has a role in the public process and Request for Proposals (RFP), Mayor Narkewicz advised. Before any RFP or proposal is issued, it will be brought to the council for its review and approval, he assured.

She sent Director Feiden an email and wanted to say publicly that she really appreciated

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his responsiveness in naming the public process as well as including the council in [development of] the RFP, Councilor Foster said.

Councilor Quinlan said he just wanted to understand what the engagement will be. He asked if they could highlight that process.

They have had some brief discussions about this, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed. City officials are right in the middle of the Main Street redesign and the city election is November 2nd. They don't want to conflate it with the Main Street project. His sense would be that after November 2<sup>nd</sup> they would be prepared to roll out some public meetings and stakeholder outreach to try to engage people to attend those meetings. He would defer to Director Feiden to create a roadmap for that.

Director Feiden said he totally agrees with the mayor that they wouldn't want to do it before the election. The city is currently doing an environmental site assessment and the Commonwealth is going through their paperwork. The council has been talking a lot about equity. Planners are trying to do a better job of engaging people, such as by not having too many meetings since that rewards the people who come but thinking instead about people who are not at the table. He doesn't have a specific schedule.

Councilor LaBarge thanked Director Feiden for the added language. Councilor Jarrett said he really appreciates the new version and feels like it takes into account the concerns expressed.

The motion passed 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Thorpe recused.

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, September 22, 2021*

*Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Office of Planning & Sustainability*

**21.323 An Order to Acquire, Surplus, and Dispose of a Certain Property Located at 33 King Street**

WHEREAS, Whereas Chapter 345 of the Acts of 2020 authorizes the Massachusetts Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer 33 King Street, the former Probate and Family Court, to the City of Northampton, with a formula for splitting the proceeds of the ultimate sale of the land between the City and the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the land to be transferred is shown Lots 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Northampton, Mass. Prepared for the Hampshire County Commissioners, dated January 31, 1972, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 83, Page 95.

WHEREAS, Consistent with the City’s Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan, this property provides a critical redevelopment opportunity for downtown Northampton, with a reuse that can advance downtown vibrancy;

WHEREAS, Redevelopment of this property in the core of the Central Business District has the potential to advance economic development, downtown vibrancy, housing, affordable housing, and other important city interests;

WHEREAS, The City will engage community members, community development stakeholders and economic development stakeholders to help set priorities prior to issuing a Request for Proposals.

***Ordered, that***

The Mayor is authorized to accept a deed or other instrument of conveyance for the property located at 33 King Street in accordance with and subject to the provisions of St. 2020, c. 345; and Further that City Council declares the property located at 33 King Street surplus to City needs; and

Further, after obtaining City Council approval of the Request for Proposals prior to its issuance, that the Mayor is authorized to transfer, subject to retained easements and restrictions as the Mayor deems reasonable, the property at 33 King Street for redevelopment, which may include but is not limited to parking, commercial uses, market and affordable housing, streetscape improvements, shared use path access, and/or other redevelopment opportunities, consistent with state procurement requirements;

Further, Mayor is authorized to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to achieve the purposes of this Order.

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Passed two readings and enrolled.

**21.326 An Order Adding Parcel on Mt Tom Road and Dike Road to CT River Greenway-Historic Mill River – 2nd reading**

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following order passed two readings:

21.326 Order Adding Parcel on Mt Tom Road and Dike Road to CT River Greenway-Historic Mill River - 2nd reading

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, September 22, 2021*

*Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission*

21.326 An Order Adding Parcel on Mt Tom Road and Dike Road to CT River Greenway-Historic Mill River

WHEREAS, The *Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2019-2025* recommends filling gaps within the Connecticut River Greenway-Meadows and the Historic Mill River; and

WHEREAS, The City acquired 0.45 acres, on the southwest corner of Mount Tom Road and Dike Road (Map ID 39A-048) by Judgement in Tax Lien Case, City of Northampton vs. William Wilkin (Hampshire Registry Book 13247, Page 112 on 4/29/2019);

WHEREAS, The parcel abuts other portions of the Connecticut River Greenway-Historic Mill River and its highest and best value is conservation;

***Ordered, that***

The Mayor is authorized to sign a deed to the City of Northampton in the care and custody of the Conservation Commission for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

Orders  
21.331 Warrant for the November 2, 2021 Biennial Municipal Election - 1st reading

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21.331 Warrant for the November 2, 2021 Biennial Municipal Election - 1st reading  
Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Jarrett said he noticed the warrant did not have the non-binding question about the municipal light plant on it. He asked if that was because a separate order was already approved by the council authorizing its placement on the warrant.

Mayor Narkewicz said that would be a question for the City Clerk. Councilor Sciarra said they would make sure to ask before the second reading.

See minutes of October 21, 2021 for second reading.

Ordinances (Not yet Referred)  
21.335 Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue  
21.336 Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces  
21.337 Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street  
21.338 Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path Road

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21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street  
21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path Road

Councilor Dwight moved to refer the ordinances as a group (21.335, 21.336, 21.337 and 21.338) to Legislative Matters. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

<p><u>Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u>  <u>21.339 Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances</u></p>	<p><u>Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u>  <u>21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances</u>                  Councilor Dwight moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters and the Planning Board. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p>
<p><u>Ordinances</u>  <u>21.325 Ordinance Relative to Compensation for Elected Officials</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances</u>  <u>21.325 An Ordinance Relative to Compensation for Elected Officials – 1<sup>st</sup> reading</u>                  The ordinance proposes to strike the City Clerk from the section on elected officials’ annual compensation since the clerk’s position is now appointed and to remove a name no longer used for the superintendents of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, Councilor Sciarra explained.                   Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p>
<p><u>Zoning Ordinances</u>  <u>21.313 Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, §350-3.4, at Chapel Street - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Zoning Ordinances</u>  <u>21.313 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, §350-3.4, at Chapel Street - 1st reading</u>                  Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded.                   The proposal is to designate the parcel as a smart growth district in order to allow denser development and create an incentive for the construction of affordable housing, Mayor Narkewicz explained.                   The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p>
<p><u>New Business</u></p>	<p><u>New Business</u>                  None.</p>
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn</u></p>	<p>Upon motion made by Councilor Dwight and seconded by Councilor LaBarge, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m. The motion passed 9:0 by roll call vote.                   Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council</p>