

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council October 7, 2021

Upon the recommendation of City Clerk Pamela L. Powers

O-21.331

Warrant for the 2021 Biennial Election to be held on November 2, 2021

Ordered, that a meeting of the inhabitants of the City of Northampton qualified to vote will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in the several polling places designated by the City Council, as follows:

WARD 1, Precinct A-In Jackson Street School Auditorium
WARD 1, Precinct B-In Jackson Street School Auditorium
WARD 2, Precinct A-In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School – Building B
WARD 2, Precinct B-In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School – Building B
WARD 3, Precinct A-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Great Room
WARD 3, Precinct B-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Great Room
WARD 4, Precinct A-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Patte’s Front Room
WARD 4, Precinct B-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Activity Rm #1
WARD 5, Precinct A-In Florence Civic and Business Building, 90 Park Street
WARD 5, Precinct B- In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School – Building B
WARD 6, Precinct A-In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School Gymnasium
WARD 6, Precinct B-In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School Gymnasium
WARD 7, Precinct A-In John F. Kennedy Middle School Community Room
WARD 7, Precinct B-In Leeds School Gymnasium, Lower Level

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening of the said day, and all such voters will within the said hours in the wards in which they are individually entitled to vote give in their votes for Mayor for four ensuing municipal years, for two Councilors-at-Large for two ensuing municipal years, for one Councilor from each of the seven wards of the City for two ensuing municipal years, for two members of the School Committee at Large for two ensuing municipal years, for one School Member from each of the seven wards of the City for two ensuing municipal years from the first Monday of January, 2022; for three Trustees of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School to serve for two years from the first Monday of January, 2022, and for one Elector under the Oliver Smith will for two years from the first Wednesday of May, 2022, and for two Trustees under the will of Charles E. Forbes for four years from the first Monday of January, 2022.

And all such voters in the several wards and precincts in which they are individually entitled to vote between said hours give their votes Yes or No on the following question:

QUESTION 1

A YES vote on this question is non-binding; a NO vote is binding

Do you vote to ratify the two prior affirmative votes of the city council authorizing the city to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and Department of Telecommunications and Cable, a municipal light plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services?

Summary: Question 1 would authorize but not require the city to establish a municipal light plant, which is a city-owned company that can provide utilities services including telecommunications systems. The municipal light plant, if approved, would be able to provide internet to businesses and households in the city.

A YES vote does not obligate the city to establish a municipal light plant, but the city cannot form a municipal light plant without voter ratification of the two prior city council votes in favor.

A NO vote would prohibit the city from forming a municipal light plant.

A "YES" vote would indicate your support for authorizing a municipal light plant.

A "NO" vote would indicate your opposition to authorizing a municipal light plant.

YES

NO