

City of Northampton

Massachusetts

In City Council

December 2, 2021

Upon recommendation of Mayor Narkewicz & Mayor-Elect Sciarra

21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Whereas, on March 11, 2021 President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide \$350 billion in emergency funding to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments around the country to respond to and recover from the COVID – 19 crisis;

Whereas, municipalities and functional counties in the Commonwealth will receive a total of \$3.4 billion of federal aid;

Whereas, the City of Northampton will receive \$21,747,984 of these relief funds over the course of the next two years;

Whereas, the funds must be committed by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026;

Whereas, there are four eligible categories authorized by the Act which include responding to the public health emergency, providing essential worker premium pay, recovering revenue loss, and investments in water, sewer and broadband;

Whereas, the American Rescue Plan will provide a substantial infusion of resources allowing the City the opportunity to address the impacts of the pandemic;

Now Therefore Be it Ordered, that

The City Council accepts the Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds to the City of Northampton in the amount of twenty one million seven hundred forty seven thousand nine hundred eighty four and 00/100 dollars (\$21,747,984). Said funds will be expended in accordance with the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLRF) authorized

purposes, including recovering municipal revenue loss, and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L Chapter 44, Section 53A.