



CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
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Northampton, MA

**Announcement of Audio/Video Recording**

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Jim Nash at 7:12 p.m.

At 7:12 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

**Roll Call**

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| At-Large Councilor Marissa Elkins        | At-Large Councilor Jamila Gore    |
| Ward 1 Councilor Stanley W. Moulton, III | 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 Garrick Perry           |                                   |

**Public Hearings**  
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Councilor Nash confirmed that the hearing was properly advertised per requirements of the charter and read the following legal notice:

In accordance with Article 7, Section 7-5 of the Charter, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7 p.m. The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program for FY2023-FY2027, and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The CIP is available for inspection [here](#).

**Councilor LaBarge moved to open the public hearing. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0. The hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m.**

Councilor Nash explained the procedure he would use in conducting the hearing.

Mayor Sciarra said she is very proud to present her first Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY2023 to FY2027. The city charter requires the mayor to create a five-year roadmap or plan for potential capital needs of the city throughout all departments and schools and to submit it to the City Council at least 120 days before the start of the new fiscal year. The City Council is then required to hold a hearing and to adopt the plan by resolution. The goal of the plan is to map out the next fiscal year's capital projects and their funding and to show a blueprint for how the city can fund the outyear capital projects. It is a renewing plan and each year it is updated and extended a year.

A 'capital improvement' is defined as a physical public improvement involving a facility, parcel of land or piece of major equipment with an estimated useful life of five or more years and cost of \$10,000 or more. Capital expenses include such things as new buildings or renovations, land acquisitions, major equipment acquisition and replacement or refurbishment, including IT hardware and software, paving and feasibility studies or engineering design services for potential future capital improvements.

Mayor Sciarra explained the process for developing the plan and the role of the capital planning committee in ranking projects in order of priority and making recommendations on the requests. The Mayor and finance director work together to identify funding for projects based on program submissions from departments, recommendations of the committee and the availability of funding.

In addition to making financial decisions, she also made decisions based on the city's goals of working towards carbon neutrality. She is quite proud of the leaps this plan makes towards meeting those goals, she shared.

For most of the program, funding relies on one-time funding sources such as the Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) and Capital Stabilization, she advised. She reviewed other funding sources, including a new temporary source of funding appearing for the first time this year - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. She reviewed the four

broad categories eligible for funding through this program. All these funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. For this capital plan, she proposes using \$1,090,656 of lost revenue and \$3.1 million for water and Stormwater infrastructure projects.

Lost revenue can be used for any general government one-time expense. In FY2022, the city became aware that the existing fire rescue ladder truck is unreliable and that the city now needs to rely on mutual aid from surrounding communities to provide a ladder at fire calls. The City Council authorized borrowing in September of 2021 for this ladder truck. With the acceptance of ARPA lost revenue, they can now use this resource for the unanticipated cost of the ladder in FY2023 to reduce the pressure on the debt schedule and save interest costs. The city will save an estimated \$149,000 in interest by using this funding.

The capital program this year consists of projects totaling \$90,946,714 across city departments and schools over five years. Next year's projects total \$15 million. She thanked Finance Director Charlene Nardi, Court Cline, Annie Lesko, Alan Wolf and Abbie Stone for their work on the document. They worked very hard to get the plan to them as quickly as humanly possible because of what they are hearing from departments about supply chain issues and materials and energy cost increases. Fuel is up 55% from this time last year. Fire rescue vendors are telling the mechanic he should plan on a 10 to 20% increase on all equipment and that every week he waits to order hose, he should plan on an additional 5% cost increase. They are certainly seeing this in terms of vehicles, both in wait times and price increases.

The plan includes a \$10,116,800 investment in capital projects for the two school districts, including energy management and improvement projects at each of the six Northampton public schools and desperately-needed window replacement and ventilation work at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School (SVAHS), Mayor Sciarra continued. Funding for net zero studies this year will complete the net zero studies of all city buildings. The seven city facility reports have been completed and net zero studies of three schools are currently underway. The FY2023 funding is for the last three school buildings: Northampton High School, JFK Middle School and Ryan Road School.

The mayor highlighted an IT project made possible by a generous gift from Smith College - the 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom technology project. Smith College donated \$500,000 over three years and \$167,667 is being used this year to modernize classroom computer equipment, providing interactive digital teaching and learning solutions for each of the schools.

The mayor pointed out a few changes: under Central Services Parking Maintenance and Enforcement, the 2001 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader originally proposed to be purchased from reprogrammed funds is now coming from parking reserves and the Ryan Road hot water heater originally proposed to be purchased with reprogrammed funds is being charged to Free Cash.

The plan has \$50,000 for the next five years for traffic calming, she noted. While \$25,000 appears in the Free Cash order on the agenda this evening, the other \$25,000 comes from Cash Capital, which can't be appropriated until the start of the fiscal year. Administrators have increased traffic calming and sidewalk budgets by \$25,000 each this year because they have heard it is a priority of the council. They are also continuing to invest in road repair and maintenance.

As stated, she made decisions to work towards the goal of municipal carbon neutrality. This year the focus has been to make sure that, as the city replaces vehicles, the contribution they make towards carbon emissions is reduced. The capital improvement committee has been recommending that vehicles necessary for department operations be viewed as operating expenses and included in the general fund budget. She would like to get departments on a reasonable fleet maintenance schedule to accomplish this but she has also made the commitment that, when an energy efficient or fossil fuel-free option is available, they will purchase it, even at a higher cost. She drew attention to a vehicle added for the Department of Community Care (DCC). Other vehicles for the DCC may be added to the department's OM budget, but she wanted to include one in the CIP. The DCC vehicle

is a 'to be decided' model as they are still building out and figuring out what that department needs.

Along the lines of greening their fleets, they are hoping there will be state and federal assistance. Senator Warren has spoken very encouragingly about assistance for electric buses and other vehicles but they are not yet readily available. A gas-powered bus was proposed for purchase in FY2023, but she has pushed that out for a couple of years to allow for an electric option.

She would like to move towards a more comprehensive study of all city vehicles, including whether there are any shared use possibilities between departments. She agrees they need to look at purchasing vehicles across the board, but because of the timeline in the charter that necessitates the capital improvement committee working in the fall this was not possible for this CIP. Therefore, they are looking at purchasing needed vehicles necessary for operations with purchases being reviewed by energy officer Chris Mason to find the most energy efficient option available.

Mayor Sciarra concluded by reviewing various components of the plan. Finance Director Charlene Nardi, Police Chief Jody Kasper and DPW Director Donna LaScaleia are available to answer specific questions, she advised.

Councilors asked questions and offered comments on specific capital requests. Regarding energy systems in general, Councilor Jarrett said he noticed they are replacing a boiler in the municipal building in FY2023. What about the move to carbon neutrality? He asked.

She had some of the same questions, Mayor Sciarra shared. In this case, she was told that the existing hot water boiler in the municipal building is quite old and has been having issues. A heat pump/ERV combination is a good fit for classrooms, but a high-efficiency, circulating condensing boiler is the best fit for the existing hot water radiating infrastructure of that particular building.

#### **Police Department Fleet**

Councilor Maiore said she knows there is a lot of community interest in the police department's fleet. She asked if the four hybrid cruisers and unmarked hybrid utility vehicle proposed for purchase in FY2023 are replacement vehicles and whether the price shown is the going price for hybrid police vehicles.

Police vehicles were not funded for the last two years, Mayor Sciarra reminded. They are now at a place of significant deferred maintenance so the severity of the need for replacement is what has necessitated this being a capital expenditure. Four police vehicles are completely inoperable and have been decommissioned and another two have very high miles and need replacing. The hybrid vehicles are replacing fully gas-powered vehicles, she confirmed.

The price is higher because of the special features of police vehicles such as plexiglass dividers, blue lights and equipment boxes, Chief Kasper elaborated.

Some people are asking why the chief doesn't think about replacing fewer cruisers (maybe three) the first year, Councilor LaBarge chimed in. There is a lot of concern about this much money going out in one year, she volunteered.

The severity of the situation is necessitating the number of vehicles, Mayor Sciarra reiterated. The practice had been to buy two or three or at most four vehicles a year to maintain the fleet. Not funding the purchase for one or two years has created this more serious situation.

Councilor Nash thanked Mayor Sciarra for the presentation and all the work that went into putting it together. He asked the average life expectancy of a typical cruiser.

Under the old rotation method, they would essentially purchase a smaller number of new cruisers so they would have staggered mileage on the primary line fleet, Chief Kasper explained. When a cruiser has greater mileage it is moved into the secondary fleet. She

reminded councilors of the cruiser taken out of commission last year when Officer Knowlton was struck by a drunk driver. The purpose of the secondary fleet is to provide replacements in cases where a vehicle is taken out of service unexpectedly. On the primary fleet right now, they have one anomaly, a new cruiser they were able to purchase with insurance money. Without that anomaly, the average mileage on the primary fleet is 65,000 miles. Even with the new cruiser, the average is around 57,000. They put average mileage of about 35,000 miles a year on their cars since they are driven 24 hours a day.

A year from now, the majority of their fleet will be at almost 100,000 miles. "Our fleet is in pretty tough shape right now," she observed.

The new cruisers will be moved into their primary fleet and the current primary fleet vehicles will move into the secondary fleet.

### **Public Comment**

Councilor Nash opened the floor to public comment. Highlights of comments are as follows.

**Diego of North Street** spoke in opposition to the municipal kennel on Cooke Avenue. He grew up next to the Moose Lodge in Pines Edge. With regard to the sound test, he is not sure how well that was set up. From his experience living in the second building, not even the closest unit, he could definitely hear dogs barking in the Moose Lodge when they barked.

Councilor Nash informed Diego that this public comment period is specifically on the capital improvement plan.

**Joshua Yearsley of 292 1/2 South Street** voiced strong support for the funding in the CIP to upgrade air ventilation systems in various public building. Some of the upgrades will help reduce airborne illnesses and other diseases caused by air pollution. With these upgrades, he encouraged them to put in air quality monitoring tools. With monitoring, they can insure ventilation improvements are working as intended. Without pairing monitoring tools with the upgrades they are basically guessing. They could look to the Boston School system, which recently installed thousands of monitors across all of its schools, as an example. On its website, residents can now see real-time data for many of the classrooms. In the wake of COVID, they understand how important indoor air quality is and they have an opportunity to improve it.

**George Kohout of 234 State Street** said he was fortunate to be part of the CIP planning process back in 2005/2006. His brief comments are related to the DPW's CIP requests, specifically items related to pavement markings, sidewalks and traffic calming. He believes he speaks for a growing segment of Northampton residents who support a reordering of the city's fiscal priorities to support pedestrians, bicyclists, bus users and other nonvehicle uses rather than their traditional car-focused road and parking networks. It would serve residents and the city council well to know how much these itemized allocations will buy in comparison to much larger car-centric categories like street resurfacing and road improvement, he suggested. Can the city and DPW shift or add resources to focus on the backlog of sidewalk repairs and add traffic calming rather than steadily prioritizing streets and parking that don't encourage non-vehicle transportation modes? He asked. This shift in city allocations would support the city's urgent need to reach its carbon neutral goals for 2030 and 2050. He is here to support the DPW's work in these traffic-related areas but would like to see the City Council and DPW reallocate some of the funds to more non-vehicle types of things.

As they approach the anniversaries of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and many others and the anniversaries of mass protests, and a year on from submission of the Northampton Policing Review Commission (NPRC) report, he has spent a lot of time reflecting, especially around the promise and potential for action and change, **Dan Cannity** related. During his time on the NPRC, in dozens of meetings (73 in six months), hundreds of hours of public comment, in reading papers and in speaking with researchers engaged in public safety, social work, policing, criminology and in engaging with national and international activists, they listened and learned that the problem is not with individual officers; it is systemic. The NPRC report contained two values that were consistent and

needed to be addressed: the need to reimagine public safety and the need to reduce the footprint of policing in Northampton.

What concerns him is that during the last City Council meeting he heard that inboxes had been 'littered' with emails from residents. Is that litter or is that public engagement? He asked. He heard that public comment isn't reflective of Northampton and he asks, 'when has it ever been?' People come to speak about issues that move them, that impact their loved ones and that shape their daily lives. At the last meeting, they heard from a single neighborhood about a planned dog kennel, and he sincerely hopes they won't be dismissed because they aren't reflective of all of Northampton.

He also heard complaints about comments from people from outside Northampton. While they have the beginning of a Department of Community Care, as he is reflecting, he is asking, 'Is that enough? Is that the extent of our work?' They need to be mindful of every budget request, of every policy that that budget request represents, and ask, 'Is this public safety reimaged? Is this reducing the footprint of policing?'

If it's not in this moment, then when? When do we take those steps? He asked rhetorically.

**Leandro Herrera of Ward 3** spoke about the City Council's recent decision to invest in police surveillance equipment and its current consideration of capital investment in new police cruisers. He referred to the uprising that took place in the summer of 2020 in response to the police murder of George Floyd. That uprising showed a massive swell of community members demanding a defunding of the city's police force. It is fascinating to see how many members of the council are experiencing collective amnesia of that moment. It is also interesting to consider which 'experts' the council chooses to listen to and which they don't. It is rich hearing discussion of 'greening the city' in the same breath as investing in fuel-efficient cages on wheels. The answer to greening our city is not complicated; don't replace the vehicles, replace the police.

**Mark Cote of Ward 1** commented that the substantial increase in funding for police vehicles is concerning when they have not yet followed the recommendations of the NPRC. He is happy the city is making progress in choosing a qualified person to run it and some funding for it, but, until they follow the recommendation of fully funding the department, he thinks they should not rush into buying more equipment. It seems odd that they should be in a rush to buy more vehicles when it seems that many vehicles with basic repairs seem to be fully functioning. He personally drives a vehicle with over 100,000 miles. He thinks it would be a cost savings to invest more in the vehicles they already have.

**Shelbyyy Lee of Easthampton** commented that funding the Northampton Police Department (NPD) with large sums from capital improvement funds on top of approving a surveillance contract with a terrible company does not align with the desires of the community. She thinks many of them have a pattern of essentially gaslighting the community. Previously, this council said it recognized the desire of the community to shrink the footprint of the police department over time and fund alternate departments and services to meet community needs. The council voted to withhold money from the NPD and reallocate it to a new department but now it takes every opportunity to approve money for the use of the NPD. Because of this, people in this community are reasonably upset with them and, in this country, they are given the right to speak freely about their feelings.

Regarding the police department's secondary fleet cars, those cars just sit so the batteries die if they're not used all the time. The community wants to decrease the footprint of the police department. Giving large sums from capital improvement for a lot of cars does not align with that.

**Aimee Francaes of Northampton** expressed deep disappointment in what is happening in their local government in this moment. She reflected the words of previous speakers in saying the community is calling for them to divest from the police and invest in community care. They have very little power as city councilors and the power that they do have needs to be wielded for what the community is asking them to do. Here they are, years into this conversation, and they are back talking about putting more money into the police as if the 10% decrease never happened.

She has yet to hear of the police department doing something so wonderful for the city to justify putting almost a million dollars back in their budget between the dash cams and these new vehicles.

**Niko Villani of 73 Barrett Street** offered a perspective regarding policing and abolition. If they think about the social systems they rely on, there is no denying they live in a carceral system. When there is no other solution to handle situations so nuanced that no one knows exactly how to respond to them, their society responds in a carceral manner. If someone is having a mental health crisis that can't be managed by their health care team, they don't have social systems set up to respond to that situation that are not carceral in nature. By carceral, he means a system designed such that force is used to control and contain it, entailing incarceration. When they talk about abolition they are talking about abolishing carceral systems, he clarified. They want to fund the innovation of social systems that can recognize that no one wants to be incarcerated. When they fall through the cracks, what catches them is a carceral system, whether it be a jail or a hospital. If they are sitting here listening to folks speaking out against all of this spending for policing and are frowning, "We're asking you to challenge your conceptions of how the world works."

Carceral social systems are a direct legacy of European colonization of the Americas and the world and the further colonization of the world of capitalism. He asked them to also consider that what sparked this conversation is real violence by the police and then real protest and real uprising by people.

**Donovan Lee of Easthampton** spoke in support of 'taking as much book print away from the police as possible' and against the replacement of the police vehicles in particular. He has held a lot of positions as a driver, rider and occupant of vehicles, as a soldier both stateside and abroad and as an EMT and emergency-responding tree and construction worker. Driving a vehicle with over 60,000 miles on it is the norm. These vehicles don't need to be replaced yet.

**Gwenevra Lodi Nabad** of Northampton asked how vehicles would be customized. She is always going to say they have to put money into trees and the climate; also that they need to focus on the uniqueness of Northampton as an agricultural community and the last little remaining corner of Massachusetts with that agricultural piece to it. She is a little sad that the parks budget is a little low. She is the parent of a child who has had mental health issues since infancy. Over the years, mental health has changed. It used to be when she had a problem with her son she would call the therapist and that therapist would call a crisis team. But that funding got cut in Massachusetts, and, after that, the police would respond.

**Ezekiel Baskin** agreed with Dan Cannity's comment and with Gwen's point that they really need to be rebuilding some of the services that used to exist around mental health along with building new and better services. He is hearkening back to the policing review commission and its great work and the need to be reducing the footprint of the police rather than adding to it or even maintaining it at the current level.

There being no further comments on the CIP, Councilor Nash invited the proponents to respond.

Mayor Sciarra stated that she believes very strongly in the policing review commission's report and is working incredibly hard to try to implement its primary recommendation. In multiple places in the report they state that the police department will continue to exist and continue to have core responsibilities around law enforcement, she reminded, reading from various quotes reflecting this. She wants to be clear that she feels this is in keeping with their recommendation that there will be a different response to some calls but that there will still be a police department that will handle criminal calls. Having vehicles is core to their function and necessary for their operation.

She understands some people see a conflict with that but she personally doesn't see a conflict. She is working incredibly hard to get the department up and running with the implementation director as is everyone on staff. As covered, four of the vehicles literally don't work – they don't function and cannot be started. The ones that are on this plan are

ones that have to be replaced because they don't function at all or because fixing them would cost significant resources that would not be a good investment.

In response to George Kohout's comments, DPW Director LaScaleia said that, obviously, the cost of goods and services is increasing everywhere, but the appropriation requested for line striping should serve to restripe every pavement marking in the entire city. With regard to traffic calming and other pedestrian improvements, the DPW tries to incorporate roadway safety improvements into its large capital projects. Engineers are presently studying roadway geometry and potential improvements around the high school and traffic-calming money would be used to fund those improvements.

The DPW request \$50,000 a year for expanding the tree canopy, she added.

**Spencer Fox Peterson of Holyoke** noted out that he has lived in Northampton before and that he presently works and shops here. He brings this up because they have talked about diminishing people who are renters or from out of town. As a person who works in this city, he is one of the people who supplies food to them; he brings food to their stores. The 'flex' last time was that 66% of people being pulled over by the police are from out of town. He literally drives around all day. He sees what people do; he is in a high truck delivering food.

Addressing Councilor Perry directly, Mr. Peterson took him to task for what he perceived as treating abolitionists as a monolith and throwing him as an abolitionist in with Northampton Abolition Now (NAN) in his op ed. "There's a whole host of abolitionists," he stressed, citing abolitionists who are capitalists, abolitionists who are communists, anarchists and people like him who just don't want to fund state violence in 'rolling cages' as examples. "This is a system that catches people; to spend more money on it is nuts," he insisted.

Mr. Peterson continued to speak for several minutes with the occasional use of profanity and allusions to his first amendment rights before yielding his time. Among other things, he said that to give more money to the police when they know they uphold the 'hegemony of white supremacy' is the opposite of care and that, "Us abolitionists are not a monolith and we are not bullies. You need power to be a bully." Also, "Civility is the tool of white supremacy. They called natives savages to dehumanize them," he pointed out. "You call us radicals when we're asking for peace."

**Geve Mollins of Ward 5** seconded what others had said about not wanting to add more money to the police budget. She was personally pretty shocked to see what feels like a pretty big turnaround from the 2020 budget to now. She urged councilors to listen to what people are saying about the police budget and, if they don't understand what people are talking about, to ask questions.

**Ya-Ping of Turners Falls** said she was responding to the mayor's emphasizing that the policing review commission's report refers to the fact that the police department is going to continue to exist. For any of them who have been following this and staying in tune to the calls from the National Movement for Black Lives, this is a really ridiculous and insulting thing to say, she suggested. "It doesn't make sense to emphasize that point." Their report recommended that the police be immediately removed from wellness checks, suspicious person calls and nonviolent assembly; and that they be removed as soon as possible from the following responsibilities: public disturbances, animal control, flagging, misdemeanors, traffic details, etc. She is confused how the mayor justifies adding 11 new police cruisers with moving those responsibilities out of the police ASAP and very confused as to how she translates those remaining responsibilities to 11 police cruisers. Clearly, the thrust of their report was moving most of the responsibilities out of the police. That was just a horrible, disrespectful comment to make, she asserted.

Ezekiel Baskin asked about the point the mayor raised about continuing to have a police department. He is curious about what timeline the mayor does anticipate around materially reducing the footprint of the police department because investing in new police cruisers which have a shelf life of three to four years implies to him that she anticipates having the same size police department for the next three or four years. He is curious about where the off ramp is. When do you imagine there being less police officers and less police cruisers? He asked. When do you concretely see the footprint being reduced?

	<p>Mayor Sciarra said she can't give them that answer yet and it wouldn't be fair to the implementation director to speculate. They are not in a place yet where she could give them a five-year timeline. Figuring out the operations of this department and then what the impact on other departments might be is not something she can do at this moment.</p> <p>There being no further public comments, <b>Councilor Foster moved to close the public hearing. Councilor Moulton seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Maire absent.</b></p> <p><b>The public hearing was closed at 9:19 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p>	<p>Councilor Nash explained the procedure he would use in conducting public comment and opened the floor to comments. Public comment commenced and continued for 30 minutes with 14 individual speakers.</p> <p><b>Nancy Smith of Chapel Street, Roberto of 66 Pines Edge Drive, Patricia Maynard of 18 Pines Edge Drive, Kimberly Lambert of Pines Edge Drive, Christine Clarke and Adrienne Andrews of Pines Edge Condominiums, Diego of North Street, who grew up in Pines Edge condos, and Northampton residents Benjamin Spencer and Tracey Atwood</b> all spoke in opposition to the municipal animal control facility.</p> <p><b>Mark Cote</b> commented that, considering the city's low crime rate, he thinks it should focus on promoting better mental health services as well as fully funding the Department of Community Care (DCC).</p> <p><b>Hannah Shaffer</b>, who identified herself as a renter in Ward 5 and member of the Northampton Housing Partnership (NHP), fellow NHP member <b>Ace Tayloe of Ward 3, Evan Roland</b>, a renter in Ward 5 and <b>Joshua Yearsley, 292 1/2 South Street</b> spoke in favor of the order to seek special legislation to prevent landlords and brokers from charging brokers' commissions to tenants.</p> <p>Yearsley also supported extending the moratorium on the use of facial surveillance technology.</p> <p>There being no further comments, <b>public comment was closed at 9:51 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Recess</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Recess</u></b>  <b>At 9:51 p.m., the City Council recessed briefly. The council reconvened at 10:00 p.m.</b></p>
<p><b><u>Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor</u></b></p> <p>Councilor LaBarge thanked Peter Vogel for helping someone in their neighborhood reset their mailbox after it had been knocked down.</p> <p>Councilor Foster announced that Monday's meeting of the City Services Committee (March 7, 2022 @ 4 p.m.) would include a discussion with Brian Foote of the Arts Council.</p> <p>Councilor Elkins thanked Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Donna LaScaleia and her staff for the extensive tour of DPW facilities on Monday. She added that she, Councilor Foster and Councilor Gore also toured the new mixed-income housing complex at Village Hill - North Commons - this week. She commended the fantastic work to increase the city's housing stock and the range of available, accessible housing it represents.</p>
<p><b><u>Presentations</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Presentations</u></b>          None.</p>
<p><b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>          Councilor Nash reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for</p>

separate consideration upon request. There being no removals, **Councilor LaBarge moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Gore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

A. Minutes of February 17, 2022

**Financial Orders**  
**(on 1<sup>st</sup> reading)**  
**22.031 Order to**  
**Add \$1,460 Free**  
**Cash to Funds for**  
**CS Vehicle**  
**Replacement**

**Financial Orders (on 1<sup>st</sup> reading)**  
**22.031 An Order to Add \$1,460 Free Cash to Funds for CS Vehicle Replacement**

Councilor Nash read the order.

Mayor Sciarra cited this as an example of a vehicle that has gone up in cost due to rising prices but that is now ready for pick-up; however, at an additional cost that she believes the city solicitor is actually challenging. While the city attorney goes through this process, they would like to take possession of the vehicle.

**Councilor Moulton moved to waive the council rule requiring the order to be referred to either the Finance Committee or the consent agenda. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

**Councilor LaBarge moved to adopt the order in final reading. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

**The following order passed final reading:**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* \_\_\_\_\_ March 3, 2022

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**22.031 An Order to Add \$1,460 Free Cash to Funds for CS Vehicle Replacement**

*Ordered, that*

\$1,460 from the FY22 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) be appropriated and added to the appropriation of \$63,000 for a total of \$64,460 for the Central Services Replacement of a City Maintenance Vehicle (19303-585515).

**Rules suspended, passed final reading and enrolled.**

**Resolutions**  
**22.030 Resolution**  
**to Adopt the**  
**Capital Improve-**  
**ment Program for**  
**FY2023-FY2027**  
**Submitted to City**  
**Council February**  
**17, 2022**

**Resolutions**  
**22.030 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2023-FY2027**  
**Submitted to City Council February 17, 2022**

Councilor Nash moved this item up on the agenda, explaining that the next step in the process is to consider a resolution to adopt the overall capital improvement program (CIP). After adopting the plan, the council will move on to acting on the individual financial orders to implement the plan. He read the resolution.

Councilor LaBarge moved to adopt the resolution but withdrew her motion after a brief discussion of the updated council rules. The new process calls for the introduction and discussion of resolutions at an initial meeting prior to a single vote on adoption at a subsequent meeting, it was noted. Therefore, unless the council votes to suspend the rules, it will not be approving the resolution tonight, Councilor Jarrett pointed out. After reviewing the process, members agreed to discuss the resolution tonight but to make a final decision on its adoption in two weeks.

Councilor Nash shared the city solicitor’s opinion that it is appropriate to handle the resolution adopting the overall plan before acting on the individual financial orders. In terms of the charter, the council technically has until June 30<sup>th</sup> to adopt the resolution, Councilor Jarrett added. He asked if there was any particular time pressure on the financial orders.

Mayor Sciarra informed councilors that there is time pressure on approving appropriations due to rising costs and that the money for the paving contract in particular needs to be appropriated fairly soon in order to get on an appropriate schedule for the spring. Due to the competition for available resources, the faster they get out to bid the more likely the city will receive favorable bid prices for roadway reconstruction, Director LaScaleia elaborated.

The mayor confirmed her expectation that the council would introduce the resolution and financial orders tonight but not vote until its meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Elkins initially moved to refer the resolution to the consent agenda but withdrew her motion after it was explained that this is not necessary, since, per the council’s rules, resolutions are simply carried forward to the next agenda as separate agenda items. [Only financial orders are specifically required to be referred to either the Finance Committee or the consent agenda, Councilor Jarrett clarified.]

Members discussed that the council will not be approving the financial orders associated with the CIP tonight unless it suspends its rules.

Councilor Nash said the council would address the resolution before taking up the financial orders at the next meeting.

**Financial Orders  
(On 2nd reading)  
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Councilor Nash moved this order up in order on the agenda, since a number of residents were present for its discussion.

**Councilor Jarrett moved approval for purposes of discussion. Councilor LaBarge seconded.**

Mayor Sciarra thanked all who spoke about this and confirmed that a series of questions was asked at the recent Finance Committee meeting. Her office has been listening very intently to what residents have been saying and is really working hard to address their concerns, she assured. She and her staff are deeply committed to finding a solution with the least and most gentle impact on that area.

With regard to operating costs and the lifecycle of the building, this will be a high quality building with a life expectancy of over 50 years, she reported. It will not have a lot of heavy traffic so it should not need a lot of maintenance or repair. It will meet all building codes for construction and energy codes for insulation so building and energy costs will be reduced. It will be designed with mini-split heating/cooling units so electricity costs should be minimal and plans call for putting solar on the roof. They are projecting energy use of about 17,500 kilowatt hours (kwh) per year with an estimated annual cost of \$4,300. However, with a 14 kwh photovoltaic solar array, the power generated should cover energy costs, so it will be a net zero building.

On a normal schedule, the full-time animal control officer (ACO) works 35 hours a week and the part-time officer works 20 hours.

In terms of savings, there will be a savings in terms of the contract the city now has with the kennel, but the most significant savings would be the time of the ACO’s.

With regard to data, the most complete information available is from 2016 and 2017. There were 1,395 total calls in 2016 and 1,275 calls in 2017, with types of calls including calls for loose dogs, dog complaints, dogs in hot car, wild animals, dog bites, quarantines, missing cats, cruelty investigations and others.

In 2016, there were 299 'dog nights' or nights dogs were accommodated overnight by the city as calculated by taking the total annual kennel fee and dividing it by the fee per dog per night (\$15), the mayor advised. "These are not an insignificant number of calls," she noted.

In response to a question from Councilor Maiore, Mayor Sciarra confirmed there would be a savings in transportation costs. She shared that the animals would not be attended at night but would be monitored remotely. This is not an unusual arrangement and is standard for both private and municipal facilities, she suggested.

Councilor LaBarge noted that at one local kennel, the owners are in the house right next door so that if there is a problem, they are right there. She does have great concerns about the dogs and stress, she confirmed.

In response to a question about how the ACO handles dogs with chips, Mayor Sciarra stated that the ACO calls the owner immediately if an animal has a chip.

The mayor fielded additional detailed questions about the operating hours of the facility and fees the city incurs under the existing contracted arrangement. An important benefit of a permanent facility is enabling the city to fulfill mandatory regulations they are not currently able to fulfill, such as providing space for quarantine and isolation and sanitizing bowls and blankets after use.

### **DISCUSSION**

Councilor LaBarge said she was going to be honest that she has a problem with the site in general. "I'm not happy with it," she reported. She is concerned about the dogs and people who live in that area. The city has had difficulty trying to find a suitable location. She thinks that, no matter what, they should 'go regional' and work with other towns.

Councilor Foster said she hears neighbors' concerns about the disturbance of listening to barking. However, her dog goes to a doggie daycare and when she stands outside the building with 40 dogs inside, she can't hear them. She expressed the opinion that, while nobody wants to live surrounded by constant barking, effective soundproofing is possible. One of the challenges in Northampton is that it is really built out.

Councilor Elkins said she appreciates how many people have come out and spoken on this issue. She reassured them that she and other councilors have heard them even if they have not been able to respond personally in every case. As a pet owner herself, she is convinced of the need and thinks that having a local facility is a responsibility and obligation of the city. She agrees the current situation is untenable and thinks having a city-owned building would be a vast improvement; also that, as an additional benefit, having an animal control officer at the conservation area would encourage compliance with leash laws.

With regard to the cost/benefit analysis for this particular piece of property relative to other sites considered, it strikes her that the city will be hard-pressed to find a suitable facility on existing infrastructure that will be as fiscally responsible as the current site. She was present for the acoustic experiment and personally thought it was sound. She is extremely confident that, with the design features and materials available to deal with sound, builders can control the sound and address those concerns. This has been a priority for a long time and is a very important service and obligation of the city which she doesn't think needs to be regional.

This will be the third time he is voting on this facility, Councilor Nash volunteered. He voted to approve Initial funding three years ago and joined other councilors in basically doubling that amount last year. The money for the facility has already been set aside; what's up for discussion here is the \$100,000 to acquire the land. As Councilor Elkins pointed out, it is a very reasonable price for land in Northampton. This is about caring for animals; it reflects their values as a city. As an additional benefit, it is less travel for the ACO's so they are here in Northampton and can be available to residents for animal control activities.

With regard to concern about incoming development, he thinks if the kennel moves forward and is built, neighbors will be surprised at what they're actually getting; that they're actually

getting neighbors and a facility that's performing a really great service for the community. He stated his intention to support the acquisition.

Councilor Moulton asked about the process for designing the building if the process moves forward.

The planning office will be involved in site design while the Central Services Department will oversee design of the building itself, Office of Planning and Sustainability (OPS) Director Wayne Feiden said. Planners are pledging to the neighborhood that they will do another community meeting to get input on site design issues such as parking.

Councilor Elkins said she assumed the site plan would go to the Planning Board.

The building size may or may not meet the threshold for review but plans will need to go before the Planning Board for the parking lot itself, Director Feiden confirmed. It will also need a permit from the Conservation Commission.

Councilor Moulton expressed his understanding that the Planning Board would sign off on the parking configuration so that there will be opportunities at Conservation Commission and Planning Board meetings for neighbors to continue to be engaged.

Forty-four of 55 households signed onto a petition opposing the kennel, Councilor Moulton reminded. He has heard from close to 50 people personally and, of those expressing opinions, 24 are opposed and 19 in support. Most of the immediate neighbors do oppose it although it is not unanimous. Ward 1 is not an island; every ward in the city depends on centralized municipal services spread throughout various wards and the need for an animal control facility has been well-vetted, he reflected. Two city councils approved money for it in 2017 and last April. He reviewed the minutes of that meeting and all of the discussion was about the site and not about the need for the facility.

"I feel that the noise mitigation will work," he said. Besides building construction, they have the additional option of an earthen berm and he feels the concern about parking will be subject to neighborhood engagement and further consideration by other city boards. What they're really talking about is the humane treatment of animals as they are a city with close to 2,000 licensed dogs. "I think it's time for us to move positively on this," he concluded.

The dual action of preserving conservation land and willingness on the part of the city to work with residents going forward is enough for her to support this, Councilor Maiore said.

He does think they have a need for this, Councilor Jarrett agreed. In terms of cost, it is a capital expense, so it's important to remember that its benefits would be felt over many years. If the cost is looked at on a per year basis, it is not a considerable amount. He understands the sound test was only an approximation, but it gave him enough of an idea that he can feel comfortable moving forward. He asked himself if he would be okay with this 300 feet away from his house and the answer was 'yes.' He mentioned the co-benefits of parking, animal control, etc. It is a tough decision and a compromise, but he does feel comfortable supporting this.

Councilor Gore said she is torn and it will be a hard decision to make. Hearing that it is on native American land is disturbing and she would like it to be a conservation area.

Mayor Sciarra confirmed that the money has already been appropriated. The animal control facility was on the CIP in 2018 and just last April Mayor Narkewicz brought forward another appropriation after a design group looked at the plans and said the money appropriated was not going to be sufficient.

The initial appropriation in the FY2018 CIP was \$395,000 and an additional \$400,000 was approved last April, Councilor Moulton advised.

Coming from his background, he thinks that if they put the money into it they can get the sound down to a level acceptable to most people, Councilor Perry suggested. He is feeling a little more comfortable, he reported.

There being no further comments, **the motion passed 8:1 by roll call vote with Councilor LaBarge opposed.**

**The following order passed final reading:**

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, February 17, 2022*

*Upon the recommendation of Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra and Office of Planning & Sustainability*

**22.025 An Order to Acquire Property Located at 196 Cooke Avenue**

WHEREAS, The City's Capital Plan, approved by City Council, provides funding to develop an animal control facility for the Police Department and Animal Control Officer use; and

WHEREAS, The City identified 196 Cooke Avenue, the former Moose Lodge property owned by Apple Tree, LLC or some or all of their principals, as the best place for an animal control facility, with opportunities for sound mitigation from the nearest homes and for limited parking to serve the adjacent Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway, in a rural yet relatively central location;

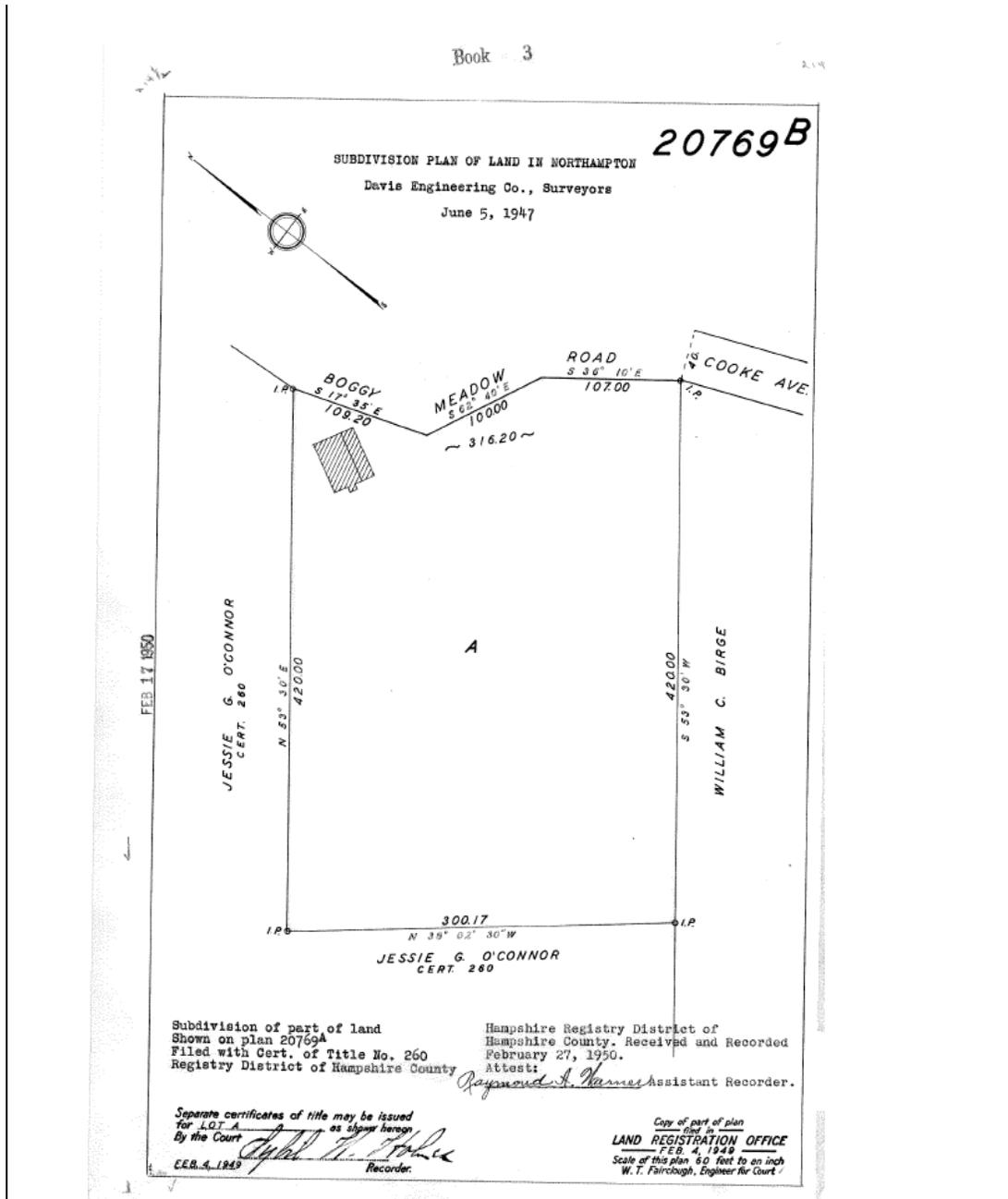
WHEREAS, The City has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Option with Apple Tree, LLC, to purchase 196 Cooke Avenue for \$100,000, subject to due diligence and City Council approval;

***Ordered, that***

The City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise of the property located at 196 Cooke Avenue (Hampshire Land Court Plan Book 3, Page 214, 2/27/1950).

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

Further, the City Council appropriates the \$100,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Sale of Land Account.



**Passed final reading and enrolled.**

<p><b><u>Recess</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Recess</u></b> The City Council recessed briefly at 11:43 p.m. The council reconvened at 11:50 p.m.</p>
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<p><b><u>Financial Orders (on 1<sup>st</sup> reading)</u></b> <b><u>Package of 11 Financial Orders to Implement FY23 - FY27 CIP (1st rdg.)</u></b> <b><u>22.032 Order to Approve Appropriating Smith College Gift Toward 21st Century Classroom Technology Project</u></b> <b><u>22.033 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$594,900 for DPW Vehicles</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Financial Orders (on 1<sup>st</sup> reading)</u></b> <b><u>Package of 11 Financial Orders to Implement FY2023 - FY2027 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (On 1st reading)</u></b> <b>Councilor Elkins moved to refer all 11 financial orders as a group to the consent agenda for the purposes of discussion. Councilor LaBarge seconded.</b> Councilor Nash read each of the financial orders associated with the CIP. Mayor Sciarra presented an overview of the request and answered general questions, deferring to department heads for more detailed explanations as needed. <b><u>22.032 FY23 CIP - An Order to Approve Appropriating Smith College Gift Toward 21st Century Classroom Technology Project - 1st reading</u></b> <b><u>22.033 FY23 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$594,900 for DPW Vehicles - 1st reading</u></b> They keep a very detailed inventory of all of their equipment, the bulk of which is highly specialized for the DPW's many and varied operations, DPW Director LaScaleia explained. This order will cover new vehicles for streets and for the Forestry, Parks &amp; Cemeteries Division. It includes a six-wheel dump truck which will cost close to \$300,000 and a series</p>
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of smaller expenditures for vehicles needed to patch potholes, repair sidewalks and for a tractor for forestry, parks and cemeteries.

Councilor LaBarge said she thought it would be helpful for DPW Director LaScaleia to show slides of the equipment being replaced, which councilors themselves saw on a recent tour.

**22.034 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction Projects - 1st reading**

**22.034 FY23 CIP - An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction Projects - 1st reading**

This year they are recommending having an eye toward preserving the investments that the city has made in road reconstruction projects over the last decade, Director LaScaleia explained. The city is responsible for maintaining more than 160 miles of roadway and the typical service life of a newly-constructed roadway is between 20 and 30 years, depending on many factors. Through bonds and Chapter 90 funds, the city has invested millions and millions of dollars in trying to bring major arterial roads to a level where they're not riddled with potholes, having to be constantly maintained and causing damage to people's cars. This year, they are recommending preserving the investment in Route 66 which was reconstructed in 2009 by applying a cape seal, or very thin overlay of a combination of asphalt mixed with aggregate and recycled rubber. This treatment buys another decade at least of service life to a roadway that is starting to degrade. They are recommending doing this cape seal treatment to Route 66 from Florence Road to the Westhampton Town line - a distance of 3.6 miles - to West Farms Road from Route 66 to Ryan Road and to Florence Road from the Easthampton Town line to Route 66, for a total of almost five miles of roadway last completely reconstructed in 2009/2010. It is a cost-effective way to protect the city's investment in these major thoroughfares, she asserted.

If they do nothing, they can expect to be talking about another major reconstruction project in another five to seven years, Director LaScaleia presented. If they apply this treatment, 10 years from now they would expect these roadways to be in similar or even better condition than they are today, so they would not have to have a conversation about funding another reconstruction for decades. As part of this, they have carefully reviewed the roadway geometry and looked at right-of-way widths and will be adding bicycle lanes where possible, she confirmed.

**22.035 Order to Appropriate \$291,000 from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects**  
**22.036 Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust & Income for Cemetery Projects**

**22.035 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$291,000 from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading**

Councilor Nash reviewed each of the individual requests totaling \$291,000.

**22.036 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Projects - 1st reading**

**22.037 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects - 1st reading**

**22.038 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate Gift Fund Balance to JFK Energy Management System Upgrades - 1st reading**

**22.039 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$2.06 Million Free Cash to Various Projects - 1st reading**

Councilor Nash reviewed the individual requests totaling \$2.06 million dollars.

Councilor Gore questioned whether the council wanted to send the Free Cash order to the Finance Committee since it contains funding for cruisers which drew a lot of comments in public comment. Councilor LaBarge said she would like to see it go to finance.

They can send it out to committee, but they've actually just conducted a public hearing where people have had ample opportunity to weigh in on individual orders, Councilor Nash pointed out.

Councilor Jarrett said he thought it should be referred if they might want to make a change. While he is firmly in support of reducing the scope of policing and agrees with many of the concerns heard, he doesn't think they are ready to do that yet.

Councilor Nash reminded members that the motion on the floor is to refer all orders to the

**22.037 Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects - 1st reading**  
**22.038 FY23 CIP - Order to Appropriate Gift Fund Balance to JFK Energy Management System Upgrades - 1st reading**  
**22.039 FY23 CIP - Order to Appropriate \$2.06**

<p><u>Million Free Cash to Various Projects - 1st reading</u>  <u>22.040 Order to Reprogram Unused Funds to OPS and NPS Projects</u>  <u>22.041 Order to Appropriate \$31,000 from State Earmark to Support DCC for Electric Vehicle</u>  <u>22.042 Order to Appropriate \$137,500 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Ice Pond Nature-Based Solution Project</u></p>	<p>consent agenda. While they will go on the consent agenda, he fully expects them to pull the orders off for a deeper discussion. "I don't plan to vote 'yes' on these as part of the consent agenda. I expect to pull them off so we can do a review."</p> <p><u>22.040 FY23 CIP - An Order to Reprogram Unused Funds to OPS and NPS Projects - 1st reading</u></p> <p><u>22.041 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$31,000 from State Earmark to Support DCC for Electric Vehicle - 1st reading</u></p> <p><u>22.042 FY23 CIP - An Order to Appropriate \$137,500 from Sale of Land RRA Account for Ice Pond Nature-Based Solution Project - 1st reading</u>                  This is to expand the capability of that area to hold storm water, Councilor Nash advised.</p> <p><b>The motion to refer the orders to the consent agenda passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</b></p> <p><u>See minutes of March 17, 2022 for second reading.</u></p> <p>Councilor Jarrett said he would like to do the next order but wondered if others would consider deferring the remaining agenda items to the next meeting.</p>
<p><u>Orders</u>  <u>22.043 Order for Special Legislation to Prohibit Landlords and Brokers from Requiring Brokers' Commissions to be Paid by a Tenant or Prospective Tenant - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Orders</u>  <u>22.043 An Order for Special Legislation to Prohibit Landlords and Brokers from Requiring Brokers' Commissions to be Paid by a Tenant or Prospective Tenant - 1st reading</u>                  Councilor Jarrett read the order.</p> <p>When he served on the Northampton Housing Partnership (NHP), its members assisted the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) in creating the "Unlocking Opportunity: An Assessment of Barriers to Fair Housing in Northampton" report, Councilor Jarrett reported. What they found is that the cost of housing is a major concern but so is the upfront cost. Qualified renters are seeing as much as 70% of one months' rent being paid to the broker, and significant discrimination was found against those holding housing vouchers. Just requiring these fees could have the effect of crowding out those with housing vouchers since the vouchers do not pay for that cost. This would transfer the cost to landlords but it would be spread out over the lease term. He believes this is a cost that can be absorbed better by a landlord than by a tenant.</p> <p>He and Councilor Maiore serve on the Community Resources Committee and, along with the housing partnership, intend to do significant outreach before it comes back to them. He said he would be making a motion to refer it to the housing partnership, Community Resources, and Legislative Matters (LM).</p> <p>These services are provided to the landlord free of charge, so it really can be a fairness issue, Councilor Maiore pointed out. They all know how frustrating it is to address the rising cost of housing and this is one thing they can do.</p> <p>They know these fees can absolutely make the difference between somebody being able to obtain housing and somebody not being able to, Mayor Sciarra observed. She worked on this with Councilor Jarrett and Councilor Maiore as a councilor and is happy to continue working on it as mayor and to move this forward and get it to the legislature.</p> <p>Councilor Foster, Councilor Perry, Councilor Elkins and Councilor LaBarge all spoke in favor, after which <b>Councilor Jarrett moved to refer the order to the housing partnership, Community Resources Committee and Legislative Matters. Councilor Perry seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</b></p>

<p><u>Ordinances</u>  <u>19.176 Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Face Surveillance Systems - Three-year review</u>  <u>21.355 Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances</u>  <u>19.176 An Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Face Surveillance Systems - Three-year review</u>                  The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is interested in coming and sharing feedback on this, Councilor Nash advised. His recommendation would be to refer it to City Services, Community Resources and eventually back to Legislative Matters.   <b>Councilor Elkins so moved. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 to by roll call vote.</b>                   Members agreed by consent to table the other items on the agenda to the next meeting:   <u>21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</u>   <u>See minutes of March 17, 2022 for second reading.</u></p>
<p><u>Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u></p>	<p><u>Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u>                  None.</p>
<p><u>Zoning Ordinances</u>  <u>21.339 Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</u>  <u>21.356 Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</u></p>	<p><u>Zoning Ordinances</u>  <u>21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</u>   <u>See minutes of March 17, 2022 for final reading.</u>   <u>21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</u>   <u>See minutes of March 17, 2022 for final reading.</u></p>

**Interim Procedure for Conducting City Council Meetings (Remote vs. In-person)**

**Interim Procedure for Conducting City Council Meetings (Remote vs. In-person)**

Tabled by mutual consent.

**See minutes of March 17, 2022 for discussion.**

**New Business**

**New Business**

None.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Upon motion made by Councilor Maiore and seconded by Councilor Jarrett the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 a.m. The motion passed 9:0 by roll call vote.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative Assistant to the City Council