



## Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council

### Committee Members:

Chair: Councilor Karen Foster

Vice Chair: Councilor Jamila Gore

Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge

Councilor Garrick Perry

### MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 13, 2022

Time: 5 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

The June 13, 2022 City Services Committee meeting was held via remote participation. The public was able to follow the committee's deliberations by joining the virtual meeting vial phone or computer. The meeting was recorded for later broadcast. Instructions for how the public could participate was included on the meeting agenda.

1. Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call: At 5:02 pm Councilor Foster called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were: Councilor Foster, Councilor Gore, Councilor LaBarge and Councilor Perry. Councilor Foster announced that the meeting was being video and audio recorded. No members of the public were present.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Approve minutes of previous meetings--December 29, 2021, February 7, 2022, March 7, 2022, May 2, 2022 and May 19, 2022

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve as a group; Councilor Perry seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved on a roll call vote of 4 Yes, (Gore, LaBarge, Perry, Foster), 0 No.

4. Approve appointment that was referred to the committee on May 5, 2022

License Commission - Jennifer Ewers, 20 Beacon Street, Florence, Term: July 2022-June 2028, *To fill a vacancy*

Councilor Perry interviewed Jennifer Ewers as a candidate for the License Commission. He notes that she has lived in the area for 15 years. She is an insurance broker and also works for the Cancer Connection. She was asked by the Mayor to join the License Commission and she is eager to do her part. Councilor Perry moved to refer a positive recommendation back to full city council; Councilor Gore seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 4 Yes (LaBarge, Perry, Foster, Gore), 0 No.

Councilor Foster notes that the License Commission has been working with only two members for a period of time. This was due to the fact that state law requires the commission to have at least one Republican Party representative as a member of the body, and this was difficult to accomplish. A home

rule petition sought by the city was approved by the state legislature, and with that Jennifer Ewers was able to be appointed to the Commission as a third member.

5. Approve appointments as a group that were referred to committee on May 5, 2022 as follows:

Agricultural Commission - Timothy Smith, 13 River Road, Whately, Term: April 2022-June 2025,  
*Reappointment*

Board of Registrars - Joseph Tarantino, 110 N. Elm Street, Northampton, Term: April 2022-March 2025  
*Reappointment*

Community Preservation Committee Brian Adams, 9 Hayward Road, Florence, Term: July 2022-June 2025,  
*Reappointment*

Conservation Commission - Randy Krotowski, 171 Emerson Way. Florence, Term: July 2022-June 2025  
*Reappointment*

Board of Health - Joanne Levin, MD, 40 Columbus Avenue, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025  
*Reappointment*

Disability Commission - Michael Morton, 95 Washington Avenue, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025,  
*Reappointment*

Disability Commission - Marilyn Clare, 256 Pleasant St., #414, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025  
*Reappointment*

Disability Commission - Rodney Kunath, 8 Reed Street, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025  
*Reappointment*

Housing Partnership - Richard Abuza, 245 Chestnut Street, Florence, Term: July 2022-June 2025  
*Reappointment*

License Commission - Natasha Yakovlev, 147 Nonotuck Street, Florence, Term: July 2022-June 2028  
*Reappointment*

Urban Forestry Commission- David Lukens, 45 Ridgewood Terrace, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025,  
*Reappointment*

Councilor Gore moved to approve the appointments as a group; Councilor Perry seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 4 Yes (Perry, Foster, Gore, LaBarge), 0 No.

6. Approve appointments as a group that were referred to committee on May 19, 2022 as follows:

Board of Assessors - Dennis Nolan, 319 Elm Street, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025,  
*Reappointment*

Conservation Commission - Jason Perry, 14 Carolyn Street. Florence, Term: July 2022-June 2025,

*Reappointment*

Northampton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners - JoElla Tarbutton Springfield, 81 Conz St., Apt 626, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025, Reappointment

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the appointments; Councilor Gore seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 4 Yes, (Foster, Gore, LaBarge, Perry), 0 No.

7. Approve appointment referred to committee on June 2, 2022 as follows:

Parks and Recreation Commission - Erin Buzuvis, 131 State Street, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025, To fill a vacancy

Councilor Foster interviewed the candidate. Ms. Buzuvis is well connected with other members who serve and is looking forward to a chance to give back to the community and to be involved. She knows that the Parks and Rec does quite a bit for kids and she is especially interested in adult programming. During the pandemic, a lot of adults rediscovered the programs that Park and Rec had to offer. She is heavily involved in the Parks and Rec programming herself. She did advise that in the fall months she will likely be unavailable to attend Monday night meetings because she teaches at the college level. Councilor Foster moved a positive recommendation back to the full City Council; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 4 Yes (Gore, LaBarge, Perry, Foster), 0 No.

8. Approve appointments referred to committee on June 2, 2022 as follows:

Housing Partnership - Carmen Junno, 73 Straw Avenue, Florence, Term: July 2022-June 2025, Reappointment

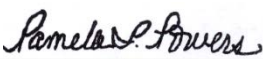
Planning Board - David Whitehill, 60 Washington Avenue, Northampton, Term: July 2022-June 2025, Reappointment

Councilor Perry moved a positive recommendation back to the full City Council, Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 4 Yes (LaBarge, Perry, Foster, Gore), 0 No.

9. New Business: Councilor LaBarge noted that the July meeting is currently scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> and she recommended rescheduling the meeting.

A discussion concerning the facial recognition ordinance was previously planned for the month of June, however, the committee did not meet on its pre-scheduled meeting date. Councilor Foster wondered if the committee wanted to reschedule this discussion. Councilor Gore requested that the meeting be rescheduled and Councilor LaBarge supported this request. Councilor Foster will poll the guests and the committee members via e-mail and will work with the Council Clerk to come up with an alternate date in July.

10 Adjourn: At 6:17 Councilor Perry moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 4 Yes (Perry, Foster, Gore, LaBarge), 0 No.

Attest:   
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Pamela L. Power, City Clerk