



## **Committee on City Services and the Northampton City Council**

Committee Members:

*Chair: Councilor Karen Foster  
Vice-Chair: Councilor Jamila Gore  
Councilor Marianne LaBarge  
Councilor Garrick Perry*

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2022  
Time: 5 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 5:05 p.m., Chair Karen Foster called the meeting to order. On a roll call, Councilor Foster (Chair), Councilor Jamila Gore (Vice-Chair), Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge and Councilor Garrick Perry were present. Also present was City Clerk Pamela Powers.

Councilor Foster announced that the meeting was being audio/video recorded.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

As no members of the public were present, Councilor Foster moved to the next item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- A. Minutes of December 29, 2021, February 7, 2022 Organizational Meeting, March 7, 2022, May 2, 2022 and May 19, 2022

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the minutes as a group. Councilor Perry seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- A. 22.098 Appointments and Reappointments to Various Boards and Committees, referred by City Council - 5/5/202

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*

**Marilyn Clare**, 256 Pleasant St., #414, Northampton

Term: July 2022-June 2025

*Reappointment*

**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*

**Jennifer Ewers**, 20 Beacon Street, Florence

Term: July 2022-June 2028

*To fill a vacancy*

**Urban Forestry Commission**

**David Lukens**, 45 Ridgewood Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2022-June 2025

*Reappointment*

The recommendations for appointment include a raft of reappointments and a few new appointments, Councilor Foster noted. She proposed pulling out the new appointments for separate discussion so the committee could approve the reappointments as a batch.

She pulled out the appointment of Jennifer Ewers for separate consideration.

He had the pleasure of talking to Jennifer, who is an insurance broker who works at the Cancer Connection and has lived in the area for 15 years, Councilor Perry reported. She wanted to do her part, so when asked by the mayor personally to apply for this position she thought it would be a great way to interact with the community and really fits her wheelhouse. He can do nothing but move a positive recommendation.

Councilor Perry moved to positively recommend the appointment of Jennifer Ewers to the License Commission. Councilor Gore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Gore moved to positively recommend the reappointments shown (22.098) as a group. Councilor Perry seconded.

Councilor Foster read the names of the appointees and asked if there were any removals prior to voting. There being none, the motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

B. 22.117 Reappointments to Various Committees, referred to City Services - May 19, 2022

**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 positively recommend the reappointments shown (22.117) as a group. Councilor Gore seconded.

Councilor Foster read the names. She asked if there were any removals.

There being none, the motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

C. 22.128 Appointments to Various Committees, referred by City Council - 6/2/2022

**Housing Partnership**

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

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Erin Buzuvis**, 131 State Street, Northampton  
Term: July 2022-June 2025  
*To fill a vacancy*

**Planning Board**

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

Councilor Foster pulled out the appointment of Erin Buzuvis for separate consideration. She interviewed Erin to fill the vacancy for the July 2022 to June 2025 term. She is well-connected to the people who serve, and, like Jennifer Ewers, looks forward to the opportunity to be more involved and give back. She does quite a bit for kids and is especially interested in adult programming, having noticed during the pandemic that a lot of adults have really rediscovered some recreational opportunities. She plays in the softball league, uses the community garden and describes herself as a future pickle ball player and kayaker. She looks forward to doing her part to help make Parks and Rec strong and serve the community well. She is a law professor at Western New England College and so mentioned that, during one semester, she will have a conflict with the Monday night Parks and Rec meeting. She will work with the director and the rest of the commissioners to accommodate that.

Councilor Foster moved to positively recommend the appointment of Erin Buzuvis to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Perry moved to positively recommend the remaining appointments (Carmen Junno and David Whitehill) as a group. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Foster noted that, due to the need to reschedule this month's meeting, it was necessary to cancel the discussion with former Councilor Bill Dwight and Bill Newman and Emiliano from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on the facial recognition technology ordinance. She asked if members would like to reschedule this discussion for July or if they felt they had enough information and didn't need to reschedule.

Councilors Gore and LaBarge expressed interest in rescheduling, so Councilor Foster said she would invite the group back in in July. Since Laura Krutzler was not present, she said she would touch base with her by email in the morning to pick a date that would work with all of their schedules.

6. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Councilor Perry moved to adjourn. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion carried 4:0 by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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