

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

December 15, 2022

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

22.208 An Order to Appropriate \$1 Million Free Cash for Picture Main Street Design Services

WHEREAS the City is obligated to pay for all design services for road way projects that will be fully funded for construction by MassDOT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton engaged the services of Toole Design Group LLC in 2018, after a competitive bid process, to comprehensively redesign Main Street in accordance with MassDOT standards; and

WHEREAS, the original contract with Toole Design Group LLC did not anticipate a full depth reconstruction that would include underground infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, Toole Design has modified the contract and design to accommodate both greater public input and more detailed design for construction of underground utilities which has increased the scope and cost of the original contract by \$1,296,300; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that Picture Main Street project remains on track for construction in the 2025 MassDOT schedule design cannot be interrupted or stalled; and

WHEREAS, the City received \$21.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and allocated \$10 million as Loss Revenue in FY2022 which has been certified to the FY2023 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash).

Now, Therefore be it Ordered, that

the sum of \$1,000,000 be appropriated from the FY2023 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to Plan-Picture Main Street (19303 586404) to bring the project through the MassDOT 100% design phase and Project Scope and Estimates plan for Picture

Main Street. This will allow the project to advance to the point that it can be put out to bid for construction.