



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Northampton, Massachusetts

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Jim Nash at 7:01 p.m. Upon a roll call, the following City Councilors were physically present:

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| At-Large Councilor Marissa Elkins | At-Large Councilor Jamila Gore |
| Ward 1 Councilor Stanley Moulton, III | Ward 2 Councilor Karen Foster |
| Ward 3 Councilor James Nash | Ward 4 Councilor Garrick Perry |
| Ward 5 Councilor Alexander Jarrett | Ward 7 Councilor Rachel Maiore |

Announcement that Meeting Audio/Video Recorded

Ward 6 Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge was participating remotely.

Council President Nash announced that the meeting was being audio/video recorded.

**Public Hearings
Announcement of Public Hearing on 22.199 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for North Main Street (Petition #30610121)**

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Councilor Nash made the following announcement:
Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid/Verizon's petition to install two (2) jointly-owned stub poles on North Main Street. (Petition #30610121). Instructions for accessing the hearing remotely may be found on the March 16, 2023 City Council agenda to be posted on www.northamptonma.gov no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Announcement of Public hearing re: Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2024 - FY2028 - Thursday, March 16, 2023

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Councilor Nash read the following notice:
In accordance with Article 7, Section 7-5 of the Charter, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program for FY2024-FY2028, and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The CIP is available for inspection online at www.northamptonma.gov.

Public Comment

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Councilor Nash explained the procedure he would use in conducting public comment and opened the floor to comments.

Northampton Retirement Board member Tom Sullivan of South Hadley said he was present at the board's request to answer questions related to the order to approve an FY2023 COLA increase for Northampton retirees.

He has been on the board for over 11 years. The City of Northampton's retirement system is 76% funded, in the top third of municipalities. The target year for being fully-funded was just reduced by one year to 2035, saving thousands and maybe millions for the city.

The retirement board is asking to increase the Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) for FY2023 for Northampton retirees from 3 to 5%, he explained. The last time this was done was 2011. The 5% COLA is limited to the first \$13,000 of a retiree's annual pension, so people do not receive the increase on their full retirement benefit. Right now, the fund's 10-year annualized return is 7.39% and its 20-year annualized return is 7.60%, not bad considering that the last 10 years includes parts of the last two years, which have been rougher as far as investment returns. As of December 31, 2022, the system's assets are at \$145 million.

As everyone knows, Social Security had a major increase this year – 8.7% for 2022. He knows a lot of city retirees don't have the same access to that benefit as others since the state's wind-fall profit elimination provision restricts the amount of Social Security money they can receive.

The buzzer indicating the two-minute time limit rang but Councilor Nash said the council might choose to recognize Mr. Sullivan during its discussion of the order.

Jennifer Ritz Sullivan of Goshen, MA introduced herself as the Massachusetts 'Marked by COVID' COVID justice leader, a national, grassroots movement leading the way for pandemic justice and remembrance. Members are all volunteers who have been deeply impacted by the pandemic. She is a working-class, disabled, immuno-compromised person who is also COVID-bereaved whose husband is an essential worker in Northampton. The pandemic continues to impact her family and millions of others. Her 66-year old mother, Earla Dawn, caught COVID before the vaccines and spent the last two weeks of her life slowly suffocating to death isolated in an ICU. She was separated from her family and friends by over 800 miles and they were collectively forced to carry their grief alone without the rituals of community and memorialization that bring people comfort in times of loss.

HD3821 is a bill in the state house introduced by representatives Mindy Domb and Natalie Blais calling for the first Monday in March to be a day of COVID remembrance in Massachusetts. It is mirrored at the federal level where it was introduced by U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey. Over 180 cities in 36 states have introduced a COVID Memorial Day resolution. This is a day to unite and remember the losses that continue. Organizers view it as a day of future pandemic prevention. Since they can't prevent what they are unwilling to acknowledge, it is important to remember the over 24,000 COVID deaths in Massachusetts.

Ruthy Woodring, Florence, said she wanted to be here to celebrate this first in-person meeting. She thanked councilors for their service to the community.

Jacqueline McCreanor of Northampton echoed Ruthy's thanks to councilors for their service. Councilors Perry and Elkins, chair and vice chair of the Committee on Community Resources, along with Office of Planning and Sustainability Director Carolyn Misch, recently hosted two meetings with roundtable discussions on housing issues in Northampton. The first meeting was held November 21, 2022 and centered on housing economics, with panel members including two local builders, a local real estate agent, the director of the Land Use and Environment Department of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and the Real Estate Development Director of the Valley Community Development Corporation (Valley CDC). The second meeting January 23, 2023 centered on neighborhood character and design, tree-related building issues and energy and sustainability issues related to construction. Panelists featured a local architect and Northampton Tree Warden Rich Parasiliti. She believes residents, city officials and city staff found these very educational and informative. She wondered if the committee and Director Misch would be willing to team up again to continue the discussions on housing issues as they seemed so beneficial. If so, she wondered if the next roundtable could focus on the issue of workforce housing; in particular, ways in which the city could preserve its existing inventory of modest, middle-income workforce housing and prioritize construction of future workforce housing. Northampton seems to have found its footing with the development of Chapter 40B low-income housing and luxury single-family homes, townhouses and condos and it would be wonderful to have a panel of professionals address the need for workforce housing, she suggested.

There being no further comments, at 7:19 p.m., public comment ended.

Announcements

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On March 13, 2023, the Legislative Matters Committee will be meeting and taking up two ordinances related to parking on North Elm Street and school zones at Northampton High School and Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School (SVAHS), Councilor Jarrett announced. The committee will also hold two public hearings on seven ordinance amendments related to the form-based code and an ordinance to clarify reduced lot line uses allowed by right.

The City Council Select Committee is having a listening session March 19th at 12 p.m. for the public to come and talk about how they feel about barriers to serving on city boards and commissions, Councilor Gore advised.

The country recently passed the one-year mark of Russia’s invasion of the Ukraine and, as mentioned at an earlier meeting, Ward 2 is now home to a family that moved to Northampton after leaving the Ukraine for their safety, Councilor Foster reminded. She has been working with the family to promote ways to educate the public on humanitarian efforts and ways to support Ukrainian refugees.

Monday, March 13th, supporters will be hosting a small gathering at the Florence Civic Center from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Ward 2 neighbor Kate Geist is putting together a short snippet of film clips to tell the story of what’s happening in the Ukraine and will share information about ways to help families still living in the Ukraine. One charity is offering mental health support to families and children and a larger charity is offering humanitarian aid as well as ways to support families living right here in Western Massachusetts.

And, in the afternoon on Sunday, March 19, 2023, All Sports is hosting a dodge ball tournament as a fundraiser for humanitarian aid for the Ukraine. There will be a youth division for ages 11 – 14 as well as adult recreational and competitive divisions. More information is available on the All Sports website.

In the spirit of the City Council coming together, his announcement is about the city coming together with the Back Porch Festival happening this weekend – March 3rd, 4th and 5th - co-sponsored by the Northampton Arts Council, Councilor Perry shared. Musical performances will be taking place at the Academy of Music and a slew of other venues.

Councilor Nash thanked the Daily Hampshire Gazette for the coverage it has been providing for the last several months which has been really robust. He really appreciates it and is sure the council appreciates the information getting out to the community.

Mayor Sciarra reminded councilors that March 19th is the Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Regarding remote meetings, yesterday the House passed legislation to keep the provisions for remote participation that have been in place since the pandemic through March of 2025, she added.

And, with four Sundays in March this year, Back Porch is kicking off the first of four Sundays and the following Sunday will be the Silver Chord Bowl. She encouraged everyone to go onto the Arts Council webpage to see all the great things going on.

Consent Agenda

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Councilor Nash reviewed the items on the consent agenda offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request.

There being no requests for removal, **Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Elkins seconded. The motion carried 9:0 by roll call vote.**

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

- A. Minutes of February 2, 2023
- B. 23.249 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for City Hall Campus Space Study - 2nd reading
- C. 23.250 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for Recreational Field Usage and Responsibility Study - 2nd reading

For the text of financial orders approved as part of the consent agenda, see Financial Orders (on 2nd reading) below.

Financial Orders (on 1st reading)

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23.253 An Order to Approve FY23 COLA Increase for Retirees

Councilor Nash read the order.

Mayor Sciarra confirmed her support for the proposal and recognized Finance Director Charlene Nardi to discuss the order in greater detail.

She is the Mayor's appointee on the Northampton Retirement Board and sits with four other members: City Auditor Joyce Karpinski (chair), Tammy Suprenant, Karen LaFleche and Tom Sullivan, Director Nardi shared. Retirement Administrator David Shipka sits in on the Zoom call.

The governor has allowed them to increase the COLA from 3 to 5%. Some of the reasons the board decided to do so is that the Social Security Administration (SSA) increased its retirement benefit by 8.7% for calendar year 2023 and applied the increase to the entire pension. As the Mayor and Tom Sullivan have said, the 5% is only on the first \$13,000. The local option is for a one-time increase to the gross retirement allowance for Northampton retirees and survivors capped at the base of \$13,000 retroactive to July 1, 2022. To qualify, an employee must have retired prior to July 1, 2021. The amount of the annual increase is a minimum of \$40 per year and a maximum of \$260 with an average increase of \$217 a year.

444 retirees qualify, 24% (about 106) of whom receive less than \$13,000. As noted, the retirement system is funded at 76% and Northampton is in the top one-third of municipalities that are that high. The increase will add \$1.2 million to the city's liability, or about \$100,000 to the last 12 years which the city has to become fully-funded. The increase will be covered by active employee contributions and investment returns as well as city funds.

The retirement fund's rate of return is 7.39% over 10 years and 7.6% over 20 years, she confirmed. It has seen average rates of return of about 9% since its inception.

48 out of 102 retirement systems in Massachusetts have already approved this and the next step is local approval.

In response to a question from Councilor LaBarge, Director Nardi confirmed retirees have received 3% increases annually over the last 20 years.

Councilor LaBarge recited a breakdown of retiree COLA's as follows:

1998 - \$252
1999 - \$360
2000 - \$288
2001 to 2010 - \$360
2011 to 2020 - \$390

Director Nardi said she didn't have those dollar amounts in front of her, but this year the increase will be an additional \$260 if approved. With the 5%, the increase will be \$650.

She feels that the additional 2% will help city retirees navigate growing costs such as the increase in real estate taxes, the stormwater fee, the increased cost of supplemental health insurance, housing costs, insurance, food, etc., Councilor LaBarge stated. How could we ever, ever as City Councilors say 'no' to something like this? She asked. Some residents on her ward have over 40 years of service to the city. "I think they deserve this," she asserted.

Director Nardi shared a point of information provided by Mr. Sullivan that, in 1971, the base upon which the COLA was applied was \$6,000. The increase that year was 6% or \$360, which is what they're asking for today.

Councilor Moulton expressed his understanding that municipalities can only authorize an increase if the governor and legislature approve giving them the local option. That being the case, he thinks it would be foolish of them not to take advantage of it.

Councilor Jarrett asked if this pushes back solvency in 2035 or if it means getting more money from active employees. How does it affect the solvency date? He wondered.

As part of its approval, the retirement board changed its schedule for payments by increasing the city’s contribution for FY2024 by \$132,000 to cover the increase, Director Nardi advised. That money comes from the General Fund, she confirmed.

Councilor Foster offered her support. One of the challenging things about public service jobs is that their salaries never keep up with the cost of living so she appreciates the city offering what it can to its retirees.

Mr. Sullivan referred to the large number of people affected, noting that every board member here will one day be a city retiree. He thinks it is a great thing and something duly noted as needed.

Councilor Jarrett moved to refer the order to the consent agenda. Councilor Elkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of March 2, 2023 for final reading.

**Financial Orders
(on 2nd reading)
23.249 An Order to
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\$30,000 Free Cash
for City Hall
Campus Space
Study - 2nd reading**

Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

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

The following order passed final reading:

23.249 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for City Hall Campus Space Study - 2nd reading

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

February 16, 2023

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

23.249 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for City Hall Campus Space Study

Whereas, the City of Northampton owns a cluster of buildings in downtown Northampton functionally known as the “City Hall Campus,” that includes City Hall, the Puchalski Municipal Building, and Memorial Hall. These buildings house multiple city and Northampton Public School departments that provide services to city residents as well as public meeting spaces for the City Council and city boards and committees; and

Whereas, more than one hundred municipal and school employees currently work and are based out of offices housed on the City Hall Campus; and

Whereas, the buildings of the City Hall Campus have significant maintenance needs, and the priority is to conduct all work to help reach our *Climate Resilience and Regeneration Plan* decarbonization goals, and to that end assessment of space and usage is needed; and

Whereas, in the past year, the City has created or proposed additional staff to deliver critical services to Northampton Residents, including the transition of the Health Department to the Department on Health and Human Services including the division of Community Care and the Climate Action and Project Administration Department, which have put pressure on existing spaces; and

Whereas, multiple city departments have significant storage needs for documents, personal protective equipment (PPE) stockpiles, elections equipment, and other bulky community assets, including those that must legally be kept on campus and whose storage directly competes with municipal employee desk space on the City Hall Campus; and

Whereas, an external, independent evaluation is necessary to recommend how to maximize the efficiency and equity of allotted space to each department according to their staff and storage needs relative to the available space in all buildings on the City Hall Campus; so

Now, Therefore be it Ordered, that

The sum of \$30,000 be appropriated from the FY2023 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to complete a study on uses of municipal space in the City Hall Campus area, with recommendations on efficiency of use.

Passed final reading and enrolled.

The following order passed final reading:

23.250 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for Recreational Field Usage and Responsibility Study - 2nd reading

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City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

February 16, 2023

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

23.250 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for Recreational Field Usage and Responsibility Study

Whereas, the Northampton Parks & Recreation Department works to promote the well-being of the individual and the community by providing a wide range of high quality and affordable activities to meet the leisure needs of our residents and visitors, the City of Northampton; and

Whereas, the Northampton Public Schools athletic program provides a competitive arena where student-athletes can display their talents, enhance their physical wellness and skills, and gain greater technical and tactical understanding of and appreciation for their chosen sport; and

Whereas, the City of Northampton has 245+ acres of land designated for recreational use for Northampton Public Schools, Northampton residents, and visitors to Northampton. Approved uses include sporting events sponsored by Northampton Public Schools and private leagues for both adults and children, casual recreational uses such as hiking, walking dogs on leash, enjoyment of playground structures, etc; and

Whereas, Recreational fields in the City of Northampton are managed by three separate departments - the Parks & Recreation Department which works to program most public fields, the Department of Public Works Division of Forestry, Parks and Cemeteries which is responsible for the maintenance and preparation of many recreation areas, and the Central Services Department, which is responsible for the maintenance and preparation of all fields controlled by Northampton Public Schools and Smith Vocational Agricultural High School. These city entities work in close cooperation to ensure quality resources for all sporting and recreational activities in Northampton; and

Whereas, in order to maximize the efficiency of service delivery at Northampton public recreation resources, and to minimize the duplication of staff effort across city departments, and minimize the costs of maintenance materials, equipment and other operational costs across all resources, a comprehensive independent study of the interplay of city policy and practices is

needed, to fully understand complex interaction of so many city departments and identify areas where services can be improved and cost savings can be enjoyed; and

Now, Therefore be it Ordered, that

The sum of \$30,000 be appropriated from the FY2023 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to complete a study on the Recreational Field Usage and Responsibilities.

Passed final reading and enrolled.

<p><u>Orders</u></p>	<p><u>Orders</u> None</p>
<p><u>Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)</u> None</p>
<p><u>Ordinances</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances</u> None</p>
<p><u>Resolutions</u> <u>23.252 A Resolution in Support of the Annual Observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Resolutions</u> <u>23.252 A Resolution in Support of the Annual Observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day - 1st reading</u> Mayor Sciarra read the resolution into the record.</p> <p>Mayor Sciarra thanked Councilors Maiore and Moulton for supporting this annual day of remembrance with her and recognizing victims, those who mourn and those who continue to struggle with the effects of the pandemic as well as their front-line and essential workers. She gave special thanks to Jennifer Ritz Sullivan and others from 'Marked by COVID Massachusetts' for approaching the city to ask them to pass this resolution. She also thanked state Representatives Mindy Domb and Natalie Blais for introducing a bill at the state level as well as their Massachusetts congress members for their support of legislation at the federal level. She said she hoped the council will join them in recognizing the first Monday of March as COVID Remembrance Day and urging that same recognition at both the state and federal level.</p> <p>Councilor Maiore thanked Mayor Sciarra for her swift response. She thinks reading Jennifer Ritz Sullivan's story struck a chord in all of them. Even if they haven't lost someone, none of them will ever be the same. The way it's played out; they haven't really gotten to the end of it. As Jennifer Ritz Sullivan said in her email, how can they prevent something they are not even willing to acknowledge? It behooves them to make space for processing this experience as it is important for deciding where go next in terms of precautions, permanent changes, and deciding what kind of normalcy they can go back to. Memorial days offer that kind of ritual and space. Jennifer Ritz Sullivan has done her mother's memory a great honor with her great work with 'Marked by COVID.' She is honored to follow her lead and support this day of remembrance.</p> <p>As has been alluded to several times, this is first time the City Council has convened in person here since March 5, 2020 just days before Northampton joined much of the rest of the world in having its community altered in lasting ways, Councilor Moulton related. The number of COVID cases in Northampton has risen from the number cited in the resolution - 7,137 - to 7,198 today, evidence that the suffering continues. The fact that they're back tonight does not mean that the pandemic has ended and that they're back to normal. They are still coping with the impacts of the pandemic which have affected so many in the community. He thinks it is appropriate the first time back in chambers to have some time to reflect on that. The day of remembrance is a way of honoring front line essential workers, professional healthcare staff and the many volunteers who stepped up to help with relief efforts. It is appropriate to honor them as well as the people who have been lost. It is also a time to note that they as a community particularly need to continue to support the most vulnerable among them who were most affected by the pandemic. As a way of recognizing that, two weeks ago the mayor announced \$4 million in ARPA money that will be going to 61 recovery projects to help people recover from the pandemic. He appreciates his co-sponsors work on this and hopes it can be approved tonight.</p> <p>Councilor LaBarge lent her personal support to the resolution.</p> <p>Councilor Elkins moved to suspend the rules to allow the resolution to be approved tonight. Councilor Jarret seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Councilor Perry moved to approve the resolution. Councilor Elkins seconded.</p>

Councilor Gore offered condolences to those who lost loved ones to COVID and thanks to essential workers who worked so hard to battle the virus. Councilor Nash commented on how appropriate it is for them to be considering this tonight when they're back together for the first time. He thanked the sponsors for the opportunity to reflect on what they have all been through in the last few years.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following resolution passed final reading:

In the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Councilor Rachel Maiore and Councilor Stanley Moulton III

R.23.252 A Resolution in Support of the Annual Observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day

WHEREAS, the first Monday in March is an appropriate day to be designated as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person and has spread across the world creating a global pandemic and having catastrophic effects on human life, our community, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, in March 2020, communities everywhere began to experience increased loss of life and families lost parents, siblings, children, other relatives, friends and neighbors from the virus; and

WHEREAS, many people across the Commonwealth and the United States continue to be personally impacted by COVID-19, including suffering from the long-term health implications of the virus; and

WHEREAS, more than 6.8 million people worldwide and 1.1 million people in the United States have lost their lives due to COVID-19, and, in Northampton alone, 7,137 cases of COVID-19 were reported as of Feb. 4, 2023, including 113 lives lost to this deadly virus; and

WHEREAS, in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19, front-line and essential workers and health-care professionals took selfless action to protect their neighbors and communities and find innovative ways to provide services and save lives; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color, rural and tribal communities, people with disabilities, people with weakened immune systems, unhoused individuals, and those living in congregate settings such as long-term care facilities and prisons — exacerbating systemic inequities and social determinants of health; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the Native American community, with Native Americans losing over 6 years life expectancy (1), and has caused the incalculable loss of elders who carried with them the communities' cultures, languages, traditions; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been an insidious disease for veterans, including five from Northampton who lost their lives at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home in one of the worst outbreaks during the early weeks of the pandemic. The impact has been especially difficult for those veterans

struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (2), because of the increased social isolation and disrupted access to mental health services; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has harmed the health and well-being of children by delaying access to care and health services, disrupting schooling, undermining their sense of safety and security, increasing stress on caregivers, and tragically robbing millions of children of a parent or caregiver; and

WHEREAS, each life lost to COVID-19, each inequity brought to light, and each sacrifice made shall never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, 185 other cities and towns across the country recognize COVID-19 Remembrance Day; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Northampton recognizes the first Monday of each March as COVID-19 Remembrance Day, in recognition of those who died as a result of pandemic and the suffering of those who survived but carry the long-term impacts of this virus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that COVID-19 Remembrance Day acknowledges the front-line and essential workers who provided services to our community, and the selfless actions of hundreds of volunteers who stepped up to help support relief efforts for their neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Northampton urges local residents to continue taking preventive measures as appropriate, to protect vulnerable members of the community and to mitigate spread of this virus, in tribute to essential workers and those who rose in service to protect the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Northampton urges the Massachusetts state legislature to move with all deliberate speed and urgency to pass [HD.3821](#), Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day (3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administrative assistant to the City Council shall send a copy of this resolution to: Congressman James P. McGovern, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Edward Markey, Governor Maura Healey, Senate President Karen Spilka, House Speaker Ronald Mariano, State Senator Jo Comerford and State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa.

- (1) National Institutes of Health: “Life Expectancy Loss among Native Americans during the COVID-19 Pandemic” (revised June 13, 2022)
- (2) U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: “Effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic on PTSD”

- (3) The 193rd General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: HD 3821: Resolutions establishing the annual observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day; <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/HD3821>

Rules suspended, passed final reading and enrolled.

<p><u>New Business</u></p>	<p><u>New Business</u> The City Services Committee will not hold its meeting scheduled for this Monday, March 6, 2023, Councilor Foster said. Instead the committee will meet Monday April 3, 2023 at which time members will have an update on the Department of Community Care (DCC) from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).</p>
<p><u>Adjourn</u></p>	<p><u>Adjourn</u> Councilor Perry moved to adjourn. Councilor Elkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.</p> <p>Attest: _____, Administrative Assistant</p>

EXHIBIT A

List of Documents Reviewed at March 2, 2023 Northampton City Council Meeting:

1. March 2, 2023 Agenda
2. Minutes of February 2, 2023
3. 22.199 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for North Main Street (Petition #30610121) with DPW Recommendation – Memo from Greg Newman, Senior Civil Engineer to Donna LaScaleia, DPW Director Dated February 21, 2023 re: Petition No. 30610121 to install two SO poles on North Main Street
4. 23.249 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for City Hall Campus Space Study
5. 23.250 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for Recreational Field Usage and Responsibility Study
6. 23.253 An Order to Approve FY23 COLA Increase for Retirees
7. 23.252 A Resolution in Support of the Annual Observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day

Record of City Council Votes for March 2, 2023		Elkins	Foster	Gore	Jarrett	LaBarge	Maio	Moulton	Nash	Perry	Total	
Roll Call by Council Administrative Assistant Laura Krutzler @ p.m.		Present	Present	Present	Present	Remote	Present	Present	Present	Present	9 Present (1 remote)	
Approval of Consent Agenda:		Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call	
Minutes of February 2, 2023												Consent
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23.252 A Resolution in Support of the Annual Observance of COVID-19 Remembrance Day - 1st reading		Suspend rules	Motion to suspend	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
		1st reading	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
Adjourn			Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to adjourn	Motion carried 9:0; roll call