



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONDUCTED AS AN ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING
Northampton, MA

A special City Council meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Nash at 6:31 p.m. On a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

Roll Call

At-Large Councilor Jamila Gore Ward 2 Councilor Karen Foster
Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash Ward 4 Councilor Garrick Perry
Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge

Also present was Parks & Recreation Department Director Ann-Marie Moggio.

Announcement of
Audio/Video
Recording

At-Large Councilor Marissa Elkins, Ward 1 Councilor Stanley Moulton, III, Ward 5 Councilor Alex Jarrett and Ward 7 Councilor Rachel Maiore were absent.

Councilor Nash announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded.

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Parks & Recreation Department Director presented the application. This is the 10th Family Fourth event put on by the city although it wasn't able to be held the last two years due to COVID. Festivities are held at Look Park with typically 7,000 to 8,000 people in attendance. The event is coordinated by a super volunteer committee - Co-chairs are Jim and Linda Ryan of Leeds - and features games, live music (the Florence Community Band) and food vendors. There was some confusion this year around permitting for the event and organizers realized Tuesday that the fireworks application had not been submitted to the City Council. She expressed gratitude for the council for holding the special meeting to accommodate them.

Councilor Foster asked about outreach to the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital in Leeds.

Typically the committee does reach out to the VA and she will make sure that they have, Director Moggio assured.

The fireworks are fantastic and a lot of people have missed them due to COVID, Councilor LaBarge said. Jim and Linda Ryan are very, very active in the community. She asked Director Moggio to relay her thanks to the committee for their hard work in making it happen this year.

Councilor Perry moved to approve the permit. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion carried 5:0 by roll call vote with Councilors Elkin, Jarrett, Maiore and Moulton absent.

Motion to Adjourn

Upon motion made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Foster, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. The motion carried 5:0 by roll call vote with Councilors Elkin, Jarrett, Maiore and Moulton absent.

Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council