



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

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A special City Council meeting was called to order by Council President Jim Nash at 6:01 p.m. On a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

**Roll Call**

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 B. Nash	Ward 4 Councilor Garrick Perry
Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge	

**Announcement of Audio/Video Recording**

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.

**Financial Orders (in 1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

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**22.139 An Order to Reprogram \$100K to JFK Energy Management System Upgrades**

This project has been ongoing for about five years and relates to the city's goal of municipal buildings being net carbon neutral by 2030, Finance Director Charlene Nardi presented. The City Council has been giving over \$100,000 and up to \$150,000 each year for each phase of the upgrades. Work involves upgrading Johnson Controls which include software, radiator valves, heating coils etc. As they all know, costs have almost doubled with all of their projects. They had expected bids of \$100,000 and bids came in almost double that.

Central Services Director Patrick McCarthy and Supervisor of School Maintenance Tony Kusnierz identified cafe lift money put aside for 2022 as a source of funding. That project is on hold while they decide how best to address the issue of wheelchair access to the stage in the cafeteria at the Leeds Elementary School. The Mayor realizes this is really important and the project they are taking money from is not going to be forgotten, she assured.

Councilor Nash expressed his understanding that the additional appropriation is for a project they have already approved through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Yes, the council appropriated \$100,000 for this phase 5 project back in March, Director Nardi confirmed.

Councilor Moulton asked if they know who is not being served by not having an operable lift for the last five years.

She understands they have rented a ramp when needed. Her understanding is that they have done this two times. The Mayor is concerned that this doesn't allow for the spontaneity of using the stage at unscheduled times. They do feel they need a more permanent solution.

Councilor LaBarge thanked Director Nardi for the extensive documentation about the lift.

**Councilor Elkins moved to suspend the rules to allow the order to be approved in second reading. Councilor Moulton seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with Councilors Jarrett and Maiore absent.**

**Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Perry seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with Councilors Jarrett and Maiore absent.**

**The following order passed final reading:**

**22.139 An Order to Reprogram \$100K to JFK Energy Management System Upgrades**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* June 30, 2022

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

**22.139 An Order to Reprogram \$100K to JFK Energy Management System Upgrades**

*Ordered, that*

\$100,000 in the NPS Handicap Lift Café account (19303-586305) be reprogrammed and added to the JFK Energy Management System Upgrade project account (19303-586701).

**Passed final reading and enrolled.**

**22.140 An Order to Reprogram Funds to Upgrade Ventilation in DPW Offices**

Again, this was a project approved back in March as part of the CIP, Director Nardi explained. There is no ventilation in the DPW offices. Pat McCarthy is expecting bids to come in for the project very soon. The quote was \$95,000 in the fall of 2021. He expects that, as with all the quotes they are seeing, there will be a significant increase. The work includes removing all of the ceiling tiles, meaning everything needs to be covered and employees moved out. It was discovered during COVID that this building does not provide adequate ventilation for not only employees but for the numerous people who visit the building.

Director McCarthy was thinking the boiler could be used for another year so it is possible to use the money appropriated for it for that purpose. He thinks the boiler in the municipal building can hold off for one more year.

**Councilor Moulton moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with Councilors Jarrett and Maiore absent.**

**Councilor Foster moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.**

From their tour and frequent visits, they can see that people work in very tight quarters and COVID has shown them better ventilation is needed.

**The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with Councilors Jarrett and Maiore absent.**

**The following order passed final reading:**

**22.140 An Order to Reprogram Funds to Upgrade Ventilation in DPW Offices**

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*In City Council* June 30, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

**22.140 An Order to Reprogram Funds to Upgrade Ventilation in DPW Offices**

*Ordered, that*

\$100,000 in the Municipal Building Boiler account (19303-585504) be reprogrammed and added to the FY2023 appropriation of \$95,000 for a total of \$195,000 in order to be able to add ventilation at the DPW Offices (19303-586840).

**Passed final reading and enrolled.**

Motion to Adjourn

**Upon motion made by Councilor Perry and seconded by Councilor Elkins, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with Councilors Jarrett and Maiore absent.**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Administrative Assistant to the City Council