



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building**  
**212 Main Street, Northampton**  
**Meeting Date: October 18, 2018**  
**Meeting Time: 7:00pm**

**1. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording**

This meeting may be audio/video recorded for broadcast by Northampton Community Television.

**2. Public Comment**

**3. Roll Call**

**4. Public Hearings**

**A. Announcement of a Public Hearing regarding FY2019 Tax Levy**

The Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 7:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA to discuss the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property within the City of

Northampton for FY 2019 in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Information regarding this issue will be available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office on or before October 30, 2018 after 12:00 p.m.

## 5. Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs

Documents:

[NHA Community Forum2.pdf](#)

### A. Announcement Regarding Executive Session Minutes

The Open Meeting Law (M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 22) requires public bodies to regularly review minutes of Executive Session to determine if they may be disclosed. It has been determined that, because of pending litigation, the purpose of the November 16, 2017 Executive Session has not been yet served, so continued nondisclosure is warranted.

## 6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

## 7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

## 8. Resolutions

### A. 18.170 A Resolution Opposing the Expansion of Gas Infrastructure and Calling for Increased Development and Implementation of Renewable and Clean Energy Sources - 2nd reading

#### History:

- Amended to incorporate additions to reflect September 14, 2018 Columbia Gas pipeline explosions and related events, add recipients and change names of SWAP and NESC to correct scrivener's errors - 10/4/2018
- Passed first reading - 10/4/2018

Documents:

[18.170 Senators Markey and Warren Letter to Columbia Gas - 9.17.18.pdf](#)

[18.170 A Resolution Opposing the Expansion of Gas Infrastructure - consolidated amendments w10-4-18 corrections.pdf](#)

[18.170 A Resolution Opposing the Expansion of Gas Infrastructure - FINAL.pdf](#)

### B. 18.186 A Resolution Reaffirming Northampton and Massachusetts Non-Discrimination Laws Prohibiting Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation on the Basis of Gender Identity and Gender Expression - 1st

## reading

Documents:

[18.186 A Resolution Reaffirming Northampton and MA Non-Discrimination Laws Prohibiting Discrimination in Places of Public Accommodation.pdf](#)

## 9. Presentations

## 10. Consent Agenda

### A. Minutes of October 4, 2018

Documents:

[10-04-2018\\_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

### B. 18.189 Appointments to Various Committees

#### Planning Board

**Terry Culhane**, 5 Stearns Court, Northampton

Term: October 2018-June 2019

*to fill the unexpired term of Dan Felten*

#### Transportation and Parking Commission

**Adam Novitt**, 17 Hooker Avenue, Florence

Term: October 2018-June 2021

*To fill the vacancy left by the expired term of Christa Grenat*

#### Trust Fund Committee

**Jake Dissinger**, 8 Stowell Street, Leeds

Term: October 2018-June 2021

*To fill the vacancy left by the expired term of Staunton Williams*

Documents:

[18.189 Appointments to Various Committees.pdf](#)

## 11. 18.187 Warrant for 2018 State Election - 1st reading

**Process note:** Two readings are requested as the warrant must be posted by October 30, 2018.

Documents:

[18.187 Warrant for 2018 State Election.pdf](#)

## 12. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

## 13. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

**A. 18.176 An Order to Reprogram AOM Capital Project Surplus to AOM Stage Door Handicapped Access Capital Project - 1st reading**

Documents:

[18.176 Order to Reprogram AOM Capital Project Surplus to AOM Stage Door Handicapped Access Capital Project.pdf](#)

**B. 18.177 An Order to Increase Senior Tax Work-Off Program Maximum Abatement - 1st reading**

Documents:

[18.177 An Order to Increase Senior Tax Work-Off Program Maximum Abatement.pdf](#)

**C. 18.178 An Order to Increase Veterans Tax Work-Off Program Maximum Abatement - 1st reading**

Documents:

[18.178 An Order to Increase Veterans Tax Work-Off Program Maximum Abatement.pdf](#)

**D. 18.180 An Order to Authorize PILOT Agreement with Syncarpha Solar, LLC - 1st reading**

Documents:

[18.180 An Order to Authorize PILOT Agreement with Syncarpha Solar, LLC.pdf](#)

**E. 18.181 An Order to Approve the Purchase of 119 Acres on Marble Brook, Leeds - 1st reading**

Documents:

[18.181 An Order to Approve the Purchase of 119 Acres on Marble Brook, Leeds.pdf](#)

**F. 18.182 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Garfield Avenue Extension - 1st reading**

**Process note:** Two readings are requested to finalize street acceptance process before the first snowfall as Habitat for Humanity has been plowing this small section of roadway. The City Council is asked to execute an Order of Taking.

**History:** The City Council previously acted to lay out and accept Garfield Avenue Extension as a public way and approved **18.095 An Order of Garfield Avenue Taking** in second reading on May 17, 2018. Due to a mistake in

wording, the City Council is being asked to redo the order with amended wording.

Documents:

[18.182 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Garfield Avenue Extension.pdf](#)

**G. 18.185 An Order to Reprogram Radio Hardware Funds for Radio Hardware and Radio Consulting - 1st reading**

Documents:

[18.185 An Order to Reprogram Radio Hardware Funds for Radio Hardware and Radio Consulting Services.pdf](#)

**H. 18.188 An Order to Appropriate \$75,000 in CPA Funds for Housing for Homeless Youth Project - 1st reading**

**Process note:** The Community Preservation Committee has requested two readings to expedite the project.

Documents:

[18.188 An Order to Appropriate 75,000 in CPA Funds for Housing for Homeless Youth Project.pdf](#)

**14. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)**

**A. 18.171 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Avis Circle - 2nd reading**

**History:**

The City Council voted on August 19, 1999 to layout and accept Avis Circle as a public way but never authorized the taking of easements for this purpose. This action to acquire easements within the right-of-way will complete the street acceptance process.

- Amended in Finance to change phrase "The Mayor is hereby authorized to acquire" to "The City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition" and to insert the word "of"
- Positive recommendation as amended, Finance Committee - 10/04/2018
- Amended order passed first reading - 10/4/2018

Documents:

[18.171 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of Easements for Avis Circle as edited by as.pdf](#)

[18.171 Order of Taking - Avis Circle.pdf](#)

[18.171 Petition for Acceptance of Avis Circle.pdf](#)

[18.171 Street Acceptance Plan - Avis Circle.pdf](#)

**15. Orders**

## 16. Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

### A. 18.179 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 350-11.5 B2 Site Plan Submittal Requirements

Documents:

[18.179 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 350-11.5 B2 Site Plan Submittal Requirements.pdf](#)

### B. 18.183 An Ordinance Relative to No Parking on Grass Plots/Tree Belts

**Process Note:** The Office of Planning & Sustainability requests referral to the Transportation & Parking Commission as well as Legislative Matters.

Documents:

[18.183 An Ordinance Relative to No Parking on Grass Plots-Tree Belts.pdf](#)

### C. 18.184 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances by Adding Section 5-7 (Designating Certain Positions as Municipal Employees)

Documents:

[18.184 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances by Adding Section 5-7.pdf](#)

## 17. Ordinances

### A. 18.123 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312-110 of the Code Book - 1st reading

**Process note:** Two readings are requested to expedite so work to install new parking kiosks for Strong Avenue parking lot can commence.

**History:**

- referred by City Council to Legislative Matters and Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) - 6/21/2018
- Positive recommendation contingent on positive recommendation from TPC, Legislative Matters - 10/09/2018
- Positive recommendation, TPC - 10/16/2018

Documents:

[18.123 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312-110 of the Code Book.pdf](#)

### B. 18.125 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312-104 of the Code

## **Book - 1st reading**

### **History:**

- referred by City Council to Legislative Matters and Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) - 6/21/2018
- Positive recommendation contingent on positive recommendation from TPC, Legislative Matters - 10/09/2018
- Positive recommendation, TPC - 10/16/2018

Documents:

[18.125 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312-104 of the Code Book.pdf](#)

## **C. 18.172 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Union Street - 1st reading**

### **History:**

- Positive recommendation, Transportation & Parking Commission - 9/18/2018
- City Council referred to Legislative Matters - 10/4/2018
- amended to change 'Monday through Saturday' to 'Monday through Friday,' Legislative Matters - 10/09/2018
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 10/09/2018

Documents:

[18.172 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Union Street - amended by LM.pdf](#)  
[18.172 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Union Street.pdf](#)  
[18.172 Union Street Parking Diagram.pdf](#)

## **D. 18.137 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on King Street - 2nd reading**

### **History:**

- Positive recommendation, Transportation & Parking Commission - 6/19/2018
- Referred to Legislative Matters - 7/12/2018
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 9/24/2018
- Passed first reading - 10/4/2018

Documents:

[18.137 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on King Street.pdf](#)  
[18.137 King Street Diagram.pdf](#)

## **E. 18.138 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Adare Place - 2nd reading**

### **History:**

- Positive recommendation, Transportation & Parking Commission - 6/19/2018
- Referred to Legislative Matters - 7/12/2018
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 9/24/2018
- Amended to change from "a point 60 feet northeasterly from Adare Place" to "a point 60 feet northeasterly from Prospect Street"
- Passed 1st reading - 10/4/2018

Documents:

[18.138 Abrashkin Adare Place Parking Letter.pdf](#)  
[18.138 Adare Place Diagram.pdf](#)  
[18.138 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Adare Place - as amended 10-4-](#)

**F. 18.146 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 153 Cemeteries - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Referred to Legislative Matters - 8/16/2018
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 9/24/2018
- Passed 1st reading - 10/4/2018

Documents:

[18.146 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 153 Cemeteries.pdf](#)

**G. 18.152 An Ordinance to Establish a Charter Review Committee - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Referred to Legislative Matters - 8/16/2018
- Positive recommendation, Legislative Matters - 9/24/2018
- Amended to change name of ordinance, change "under the supervision of the City Solicitor" to "overseen by the City Solicitor" and to insert the phrase "in consultation with the ward councilor" after the word 'Mayor' in Section 9-2(a) - 10/4/2018.
- Passed 1st reading 10/4/2018

Documents:

[18.152 An Ordinance to Establish a Charter Review Committee.pdf](#)

**18. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests**

**19. New Business**

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