



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**212 Main Street, Northampton**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2026, 6:30 p.m.**

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**The February 5, 2026 City Council meeting will be conducted in hybrid format with the option for both councilors and the public to attend in person or participate remotely. The public may follow the council's deliberations by attending in person, watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on YouTube [here](#) or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. Live public comment begins at 6:30 p.m.**

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PARTICIPANT#: #

PASSCODE: 783792

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded**

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

**3. Public Hearings**

- A. 6:30 P.M. Public Hearing on 25.355 National Grid Petition for Park Hill Road  
(Petition#: 31193070)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid's petition to relocate one SO pole and install new midspan pole on Park Hill Road to accommodate a service upgrade request. (Petition #31193070). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[25.355 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[25.355 National Grid Pole Petition for Park Hill Road, Petition No. 31193070.pdf](#)

**B. 6:35 P.M. Public Hearing on 25.357 National Grid/Verizon Petition to install JO and Midspan Poles and Relocate Existing Pole #15 on Hawley Street (Petition# 31165186)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:35 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA on National Grid/Verizon Petition to install JO and Midspan Poles and Relocate Existing Pole #15 on Hawley Street (Petition# 31165186). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[25.357 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[25.357 National Grid-Verizon Petition to install JO and Midspan Poles and Relocate Existing Pole on Hawley Street, Petition No. 31165186.pdf](#)

**4. Public Comment**

**5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor**

**6. Presentations**

**A. It All Starts at the Library/Forbes and Lilly Library Overview and Updates - Forbes and Lilly Library Directors Lisa Downing and Adam Novitt**

**7. Consent Agenda**

Rule 4.4.4 There shall be no debate or discussion by any City Council member regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.

Rule 4.4.5 Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any City Council member prior to the taking of a vote on the motion to approve it. All such items will be considered individually, in the order in which they were removed, immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda.

**A. Minutes of December 18, 2025 and January 15, 2026 regular meetings and January 5, 2026 Organizational Meeting**

Documents:

[12-18-2025\\_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

[01-15-2026\\_City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

[01-05-2026\\_City Council Organizational Minutes.pdf](#)

**B. Approve 25.355 National Grid Petition for Park Hill Road (Petition#: 31193070)**

See documents above

**C. Approve 25.357 National Grid/Verizon Petition to install JO and Midspan Poles and Relocate Existing Pole #15 on Hawley Street (Petition# 31165186)**

See documents above

**D. 26.005 An Order to Appropriate \$251,025 Free Cash to NPS Special Education Stabilization Fund - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Referred to consent agenda - 1/15/2026

Documents:

[26.005 An Order to Appropriate 251,025 Free Cash to NPS Special Education Stabilization Fund.pdf](#)

**E. 26.006 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for McKinney Vento Transportation Reimbursement -2ndreading**

**History:**

- Referred as group with 26.007 to consent agenda - 1/15/2026

Documents:

[26.006 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for McKinney Vento Transportation Reimbursement.pdf](#)

**F. 26.007 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Referred with 26.006 as group to consent agenda - 1/15/2026

Documents:

[26.007 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for Foster Care Transportation Reimbursement.pdf](#)

**8. Financial Orders (on 1st reading)**

Rule 2.6.1.1.1 Process. Financial orders will be introduced and discussed at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda of a future meeting or the Finance Committee for more public input, discussion and recommendation.

**A. 26.011 An Order to Make a \$290,317 Midyear Appropriation to NPS - 1st reading**

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested.

For comparison, please see the [request for Midyear Appropriation](#)

approved 9:0 with one abstention by the School Committee at a special meeting January 22, 2026.

Documents:

[26.011 An Order to Make a 290,317 Midyear Appropriation to NPS.pdf](#)

**B. 26.012 An Order to Reprogram \$75,161 from Various IT Accounts for NPS Chromebooks - 1st reading**

Process note: Two reading are respectfully requested.

Documents:

[26.012 An Order to Reprogram 75,161 from Various IT Accounts for NPS Chromebooks.pdf](#)

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

**A. 26.004 An Order to Appropriate Enterprise Retained Earnings to Various Project - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Referred to Finance Committee with 26.003 - 1/15/2026
- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 1/21/2026

Documents:

[26.004 An Order to Appropriate Enterprise Retained Earnings to Various Projects.pdf](#)

**10. Orders**

**11. 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. 26.010 An Ordinance Relative to All-Way Stop Control for Finn Street at Prospect Street - 1st reading**

Documents:

[26.010 An Ordinance Relative to All-Way Stop Control for Finn Street at Prospect Street.pdf](#)

**12. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)**

**Process note:** Per M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the city council shall submit proposed zoning ordinances to the planning board for review within fourteen days of receipt. No zoning ordinance or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a city or town, and the city council or a committee designated or appointed for the purpose by said council has each held a public hearing thereon, together or separately.

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**13. Ordinances**

**14. Zoning Ordinances**

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

**16. New Business**

Rule 4.9 NEW BUSINESS. Any Councilor may introduce any written proposed order, ordinance, or resolution to be considered by the Council at the next meeting, but not to be debated during new business.

**17. Resolutions**

**18. Adjourn**

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