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MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton
Thursday, March 19, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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The March 19, 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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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 re: Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 - FY2031 - Thursday, March 19, 2026**

In accordance with Article 7, Section 7-5 of the Charter, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30 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 FY2027-FY2031](#), and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[CIP Public Hearing.031926_Abbreviated.pdf](#)

B. 6:45 P.M. Public Hearing to Consider FY2027 Water and Sewer Rates

The Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed FY2027 water and sewer rates on Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

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. 26.016 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2027 - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/5/2026

Documents:

[26.016 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2027.pdf](#)

8. Package of 14 Financial Orders to Implement FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (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. 26.022 An Order to Appropriate \$2.166 Million Free Cash to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.022 An Order to Appropriate 2.166 Million Free Cash to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

B. 26.023 An Order to Appropriate \$300,000 from Climate Mitigation Stabilization for Jackson Street School Air Source Heat Pumps - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.023 An Order to Appropriate 300,000 from Climate Mitigation Stabilization for Jackson Street School Air Source Heat Pumps.pdf](#)

C. 26.024 An Order to Appropriate \$515,756 from Stabilization to NPS Paratransit Vans - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.024 An Order to Appropriate 515,756 from Stabilization to NPS Paratransit Vans.pdf](#)

D. 26.025 An Order to Appropriate \$1.35 Million from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.025 An Order to Appropriate 1.35 Million from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

E. 26.026 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.8 Million for City Hall Roof Replacement and Exterior Repairs - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.026 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.8 Million for City Hall Roof Replacement and Exterior Repairs.pdf](#)

F. 26.027 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1 Million for Sidewalks - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.027 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1 Million for Sidewalks.pdf](#)

G. 26.028 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.028 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction.pdf](#)

H. 26.029 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$700,000 for DPW Vehicles - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.029 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 700,000 for DPW Vehicles.pdf](#)

I. 26.030 An Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.030 An Order to Appropriate 25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work.pdf](#)

J. 26.031 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Sale of Land - for Tax Title Properties - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.031 An Order to Appropriate 30,000 from RRA - Sale of Land - for Tax Title Properties.pdf](#)

K. 26.032 An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.032 An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects.pdf](#)

L. 26.033 An Order to Appropriate from Stabilization and Reprogram \$450,000 to Replace AOM Boiler - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.033 An Order to Appropriate from Stabilization and Reprogram 450,000 to Replace AOM Boiler.pdf](#)

M. 26.034 An Order to Appropriate from Capital Stabilization and Reprogram \$120,000 for Building Facility Condition Assessment - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.034 An Order to Appropriate from Capital Stabilization and Reprogram 120,000 for Building Facility Condition Assessment.pdf](#)

N. 26.035 An Order to Reprogram Tennis Court Project Money to Various NPS Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.035 An Order to Reprogram Tennis Court Project Money to Various NPS Projects.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 1st reading)

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A. 26.036 An Order to Reprogram \$6,310 for Visual Notification System in JFK Band Room - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.036 An Order to Reprogram 6,310 for Visual Notification System in JFK Band Room.pdf](#)

B. 26.037 An Order to Reprogram \$914,035 Unexpended Bond Proceeds for DPW Cold Storage Facility - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.037 An Order to Reprogram 914,035 Unexpended Bond Proceeds for DPW Cold Storage](#)

10. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

11. Orders

12. 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.

13. Ordinances

14. 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.

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.

15. Zoning Ordinances

16. Resolutions

A. 26.015 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 - FY2031 - 1st reading

Process note: Per the Northampton City Charter, **Section 7-5 Capital Improvement Program**, "Adoption - At any time after the public hearing but before the first day of the last month of the current fiscal year, the city council shall by resolution adopt the capital improvements program, which may be amended, provided that each amendment shall be voted on separately and that an increase in the capital improvements program as submitted shall clearly identify the method of financing to accomplish the proposed increase."

Documents:

[26.015 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 - FY2031.pdf](#)

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

A. 26.021 An Order to Require Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to Provide Information on the Downtown Complete Streets Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.021 An Order to Require Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to Provide Information on the Downtown Complete Streets Project.pdf](#)

18. 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.

19. Adjourn

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**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
CITY COUNCIL**

Per Northampton Charter Article 7 FINANCE AND FISCAL PROCEDURES, SECTION 7-5 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program for FY2027-FY2031 and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The public may attend in person or access the hearing remotely by following instructions to be posted on the March 19, 2026 City Council agenda on www.northamptonma.gov no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The Capital Improvement Program for FY2027- FY2031 will be available for inspection by the public beginning March 5, 2026 in the following locations at the specified times:

Online on the City of Northampton website at www.northamptonma.gov

Forbes Library, [20 West Street, Northampton, MA](#)

Hours: Monday – Thursday 10am – 8pm, Friday and Saturday 10am - 6pm, Sunday – Closed

Lilly Library, [19 Meadow Street, Florence, MA](#)

Hours: Monday 10am – 5pm, Tuesday 10am – 8pm, Wednesday-Closed, Thursday 10am – 8pm, Friday 10am – 5pm, Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 1pm – 5pm

Attest: Laura Hill Krutzler
Clerk to the City Council

Publish: March 5, 2026

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March 5, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.016 AN ORDER

TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR FY2027

Ordered, that:

Effective July 1, 2026, the per 100 cubic foot (CCF) rates for water and sewer and the quarterly base rate charges for Fiscal Year 2027 will remain unchanged from Fiscal Year 2026. Rates and charges will remain as follows:

WATER

Water Rates		
Meter Size	Consumption	FY2027
Meters \leq 1 "	Tier 1 (0-16 CCF)	\$4.51 per CCF
	Tier 2 (> 16 CCF)	\$6.09 per CCF
Meters > 1 "	All consumption	\$5.99 per CCF

Quarterly Base Rate Charge FY27	
Water	
Meter Size	FY27
5/8 Inch	\$47.45
3/4 Inch	\$71.25
1 Inch	\$118.65
1.25 Inch	\$177.95
1.5 Inch	\$237.25
2 Inch	\$379.55
2.5Inch	\$545.60
3 Inch	\$711.65
4 Inch	\$1,186.05
6 Inch	\$2,372.05
8 Inch	\$3,795.25

SEWER

Sewer Rates	
Meter Status	FY2027
Non-Metered	\$7.86 per CCF based on 80% of metered water consumption
Metered	\$7.86 per CCF

Quarterly Base Rate Charge FY27	
Sewer	
Meter Size	FY27
5/8 Inch	\$28.85
3/4 Inch	\$36.06
1 Inch	\$50.49
1.25 Inch	\$86.55
1.5 Inch	\$86.55
2 Inch	\$129.83
2.5 Inch	\$230.80
3 Inch	\$230.80
4 Inch	\$375.05
6 Inch	\$735.68
8 Inch	\$1,168.43

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In City Council

March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.022 An Order to Appropriate \$2.166 Million Free Cash to Various Capital Projects

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, the following Capital Projects be appropriated from the FY2026 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash):

Northampton Public Schools	JFK Music, Science & Technology Equipment	\$ 30,489
Northampton Public Schools	NHS GOALS Program Furniture	\$ 25,000
Northampton Public Schools	English Language Arts - Strategic Plan	\$ 60,000
Northampton Public Schools	Implementation of Cell Phone Policy	\$ 54,473
Northampton Public Schools	Refrigerator/Freezer Wall Unit at NHS	\$ 145,395
Northampton Public Schools	Responsive Classroom - Strategic Plan	\$ 40,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Boiler in Building D	\$ 60,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Camera Upgrade	\$ 25,000
ITS - City	City Computer Replacements	\$ 45,000
ITS - City	City Fiber Expansion	\$ 200,000
ITS - City	Software Platforms Upgrade (Permits/GIS/Public Records/ AI)	\$ 130,000
ITS - City	Core Infrastructure Upgrade	\$ 310,000
ITS - NPS	NPS Infrastructure Upgrade	\$ 90,000
ITS - NPS	NPS Computers Replacements	\$ 55,000
ITS - NPS	NPS Students 1:1 Chromebooks	\$ 200,000
ITS - NPS	NPS Cameras Replacement (including data lines)	\$ 185,000
Fire Rescue	Battery Powered Jaws	\$ 161,000
Fire Rescue	Replacement of Ballistic Vests and Helmets	\$ 75,000
Planning & Sustainability	Comprehensive Street Network Plan	\$ 175,000
DPW	Traffic Calming	\$ 100,000
Total		\$ 2,166,357

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Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

**26.023 An Order to Appropriate \$300,000 from Climate Mitigation Stabilization for Jackson Street School
Air Source Heat Pumps**

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, the following Capital Projects be appropriated from the Climate Mitigation Stabilization Fund:

Northampton Public Schools	Jackson St. School Air Source Heat Pumps for the 1970s Classrooms	\$ 300,000
	Total	\$ 300,000

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Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.024 An Order to Appropriate \$515,756 from Stabilization to NPS Paratransit Vans

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, the following Capital Projects be appropriated from the General Stabilization Fund:

Northampton Public Schools	26 Passenger w/ Three Wheel Chair hook ups	\$	159,710
Northampton Public Schools	7D Van	\$	112,584
Northampton Public Schools	7D Van	\$	112,584
Northampton Public Schools	7D Van with Wheel Chair Access	\$	130,878
	Total	\$	515,756

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation Mayor Sciarra

26.025 An Order to Appropriate \$1.35 Million from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, the following Capital Projects be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund:

Central Services	City Building Repairs & Equipment	\$ 120,000
Central Services	Forbes Library Front of Building Hardscape	\$ 40,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	12 Passenger Transit Vehicle Purchase	\$ 63,212
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Electrical & Fire Alarm Replacement	\$ 140,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Fiber Upgrade	\$ 91,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Network Infrastructure Upgrade	\$ 25,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Paint Autobody Shop & Metal Doors in Buildings B & D	\$ 50,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Parking Lot Repair & Paint	\$ 25,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural HS	Sidewalks in Front and Back of Building A	\$ 150,000
Climate Action & Project Administration	Fleet EV Charging Infrastructure	\$ 15,000
Climate Action & Project Administration	Vehicle Leasing	\$ 112,500
ITS - City	City Infrastructure Upgrade	\$ 90,000
ITS - City	Unified Communication Improvements (Devices,Add-On	\$ 45,000
ITS - City	City Access Control Replacement	\$ 35,000
ITS - NPS	NPS Projectors replacement	\$ 47,000
Fire Rescue	2005 Crew Cab Utility Vehicle Replacement	\$ 100,000
Police Dept.	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 150,972
Planing & Sustainability	Shared Use Path	\$ 50,000
	Total	\$ 1,349,684

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.026 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.8 Million for City Hall Roof Replacement and Exterior Repairs

Ordered, that

the sum of \$1,800,000 be appropriated to pay costs of design, construction and construction administration related to the roof replacement and exterior repairs and upgrades of Northampton City Hall, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

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In City Council

March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.027 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1 Million for Sidewalks

Ordered, that

the sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs of sidewalk engineering, design and reconstruction, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.028 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction

Ordered, that

the sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated to pay costs of roadway engineering, design and reconstruction, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

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In City Council

March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.029 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$700,000 for DPW Vehicles

Ordered, that

the sum of \$700,000 is appropriated to pay costs of acquiring various vehicles and other equipment for the Department of Public Works, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

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In City Council

March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.030 An Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, that \$25,000 be appropriated from the Cemetery Trust and Income fund, to be used to fund restorative improvements at the city's cemeteries.

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

**26.031 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Sale of Land - for
Tax Title Properties**

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, \$30,000 be appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Sale of Land Account (proceeds from the sale of various lots by the Planning Department) for Tax Title Properties.

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In City Council

March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.032 An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, the following projects be appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking to fund the following projects:

Central Services: Parking Garage Repairs	\$ 650,000
<u>Central Services: Vehicle Replacement of 2014 Flatbed Truck</u>	<u>\$ 110,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 760,000

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.033 An Order to Appropriate from Stabilization and Reprogram \$450,000 to Replace AOM Boiler

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), that \$210,000 be appropriated from the General Stabilization fund, \$210,000 be reprogrammed from the completed Academy of Music (AOM) roof project (19303-585605), that \$29,363.97 be reprogrammed from the Memorial Hall Roof project (19303-586845) and that \$636.03 be reprogrammed from Memorial Hall Emergency Repairs project (19303-586606) for a total of \$450,000 for the purposes of replacing the Academy of Music Boiler.

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.034 An Order to Appropriate from Capital Stabilization and Reprogram \$120,000 for Building Facility Condition Assessment

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), that \$40,000 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization fund and \$80,000 be reprogrammed from the completed Memorial Hall Emergency Repairs project (19303-586606) for a total of \$120,000 for the purposes of the Building Facility Condition Assessment.

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.035 An Order to Reprogram Tennis Court Project Money to Various NPS Projects

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program, that \$254,020 be appropriated from the remaining balance in the completed Tennis Court Project account (19303-585815) to the following projects as outlined below.

Northampton Public Schools	Jackson St. School Air Pressure Balancing and Retro Commissioning	\$ 15,000
Northampton Public Schools	JFK Library Replacement AC Compressor	\$ 12,000
Northampton Public Schools	Northampton High School Track Repairs	\$ 25,000
Northampton Public Schools	Northampton Public School Building Repairs & Equipment	\$ 50,000
Northampton Public Schools	Northampton Public School Field Renovation	\$ 25,000
Northampton Public Schools	Northampton Public School Playground Repairs	\$ 10,000
Northampton Public Schools	Northampton Public School Shade Replacement	\$ 10,000
Northampton Public Schools	RK Finn Ryan Rd School Sidewalk Repair and Replacement	\$ 75,000
Northampton Public Schools	Robotic Mower - Husqvarna	\$ 32,020
	Total	254,020

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March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.036 An Order to Reprogram \$6,310 for Visual Notification System in JFK Band Room

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of NPS School Maintenance would like to install a visual notification system in the JFK band room at a cost of \$6,490; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a lockdown and a call can't be heard over the intercom due to the use of band instruments, the flashing light will give a visual notification to those in the room; and

WHEREAS, with a combination of operating budget funds and leftover funds in the completed Leeds cafeteria painting project this project can be funded and the work can be done during school break in April.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED,

That the City Council reprogram and authorize the transfer of \$6,310 from the completed Leeds Cafeteria painting project (19303 585540) to a new account which will be used in combination with \$180 of operating funds to install a visual notification system in the JFK band room.

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Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

26.037 An Order to Reprogram \$914,035 Unexpended Bond Proceeds for DPW Cold Storage Facility

Ordered that,

\$914,035 is appropriated to pay costs of constructing a Department of Public Works cold storage facility for vehicles, equipment and/or materials, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation \$914,035 of unexpended proceeds shall be transferred from the City's outstanding General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2019 Bonds dated May 29, 2019 pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, which amount constitutes the total amount of unexpended proceeds related to the portion of such Bonds issued for the construction of a Department of Public Works cold storage facility for vehicles and equipment for the Forestry, Parks and Cemetery Division to be located at Spring Grove Cemetery pursuant to the vote of the City passed on April 4, 2019 (Order No. 19.016) and approved by the Mayor on April 10, 2019, for which no liability remains outstanding and unpaid on account thereof.

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In City Council

March 19, 2026

Upon recommendation of Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra

26.015 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 - FY2031

Ordered, that

The City Council hereby adopts the Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 – FY2031 submitted by the Mayor on March 2, 2026, in accordance with the Charter of Northampton, Massachusetts, Article 7 Finance and Fiscal Procedures, Section 7-5: Capital Improvement Program.

In City Council March 19th, 2026

Upon recommendation of Councilors Meg Robbins and Christopher Stratton

O-26.021

An Order

To Require Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to Provide Information on the Downtown Complete Streets Project

Whereas, Section 2-7 [c] of the Northampton Charter provides that "The city council may request specific information from the mayor on any municipal matter and may request that the mayor be present to answer written questions relating to that information at a meeting to be held not earlier than 7 days from the date the mayor receives the questions. The mayor shall personally, or through a designated city employee, attend such meeting and respond to the questions. The mayor, or the person designated to attend, shall not be required to answer questions relating to any other matter."

Ordered, that, the Northampton City Council requires Northampton Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to appear at the April 2, 2026 regular meeting of the Northampton City Council to answer the following questions about the "NORTHAMPTON- DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS CORRIDOR AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON MAIN STREET (ROUTE 9)" project, otherwise known as "Picture Main Street"

1. Currently expected design changes between the published 75% design and the upcoming 100% design submission to Massachusetts DOT
2. What Federal and State Funding is currently expected, by amount and date of availability, and if this funding has been fully appropriated, or is merely projected?
3. Projected expenditures of City funds by year on this project, indicating funding source
4. What current activities on the project or design are taking place?
5. All past city expenditures by year on this project including design services, marketing and public relations since its inception and planning "over two decades" including grants and ARPA monies, by funding source.
6. All currently identified and unresolved project challenges – including those relative to Vaults, EverSource distribution network locations, Right Of Way acquisition needs and costs
7. Projected increase in recurring expenses and staffing requirements for routine Downtown maintenance and snow removal, including snow removal from planned bike lanes
8. Specific plans to preserve downtown pedestrian and wheelchair mobility during construction