



Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

*Councilor Deborah Klemer, Chair
Councilor Meg Robbins, Vice-Chair
Councilor Aline Davis
Councilor Rachel Maiore*

Meeting Date: March 25, 2026
Time: 4 p.m.
Council Chambers, 212 Main Street
Northampton, MA

The March 25, 2026 Finance Committee meeting will be conducted in hybrid format with the opportunity for both councilors and members of the public to attend in person or participate remotely. The public may follow the committee's deliberations by attending in person, watching the meeting live on Comcast Channel 15, live-streaming the meeting on YouTube [here](#) or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer.

Public comment begins at 4 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

[PUBLIC MEETING LINK](#)

MEETING ID: 856 6006 7321

PARTICIPANT #: #

PASSCODE: 923835

1. Meeting Called To Order And Roll Call
2. Announcement That Meeting Is Being Audio/Video Recorded
This meeting is being audio/video recorded.
3. Public Comment (15 Minutes)

Process note: Additional public comment and questions on specific financial orders will be allowed as part of the discussion of individual agenda items.

4. Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting
 - A. Minutes Of February 25, 2026
5. Items Referred To Committee

Financial orders associated with the FY2027 - FY2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) submitted by the Mayor on March 2, 2026.

A. 26.022 An Order To Appropriate \$2.166 Million Free Cash To Various Capital Projects

History:

- Referred to Finance - 3/19/2026

Documents:

[26.022 an order to appropriate 2.166 million free cash to various capital projects.pdf](#)

B. 26.025 An Order To Appropriate \$1.35 Million From Capital Stabilization To Various Capital Projects

History:

- Referred to Finance - 3/19/2026

Documents:

[26.025 an order to appropriate 1.35 million from capital stabilization to various capital projects.pdf](#)

C. 26.026 An Order To Authorize Borrowing \$1.8 Million For City Hall Roof Replacement And Exterior Repairs

History:

- Referred to Finance - 3/19/2026

Documents:

[26.026 an order to authorize borrowing 1.8 million for city hall roof replacement and exterior repairs.pdf](#)

D. 26.027 An Order To Authorize Borrowing \$1 Million For Sidewalks

History:

- Referred to Finance - 3/19/2026

Documents:

[26.027 an order to authorize borrowing 1 million for sidewalks.pdf](#)

E. 26.028 An Order To Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million For Road Reconstruction

History:

- Referred to Finance - 3/19/2026

Documents:

[26.028 an order to authorize borrowing 1.5 million for road reconstruction.pdf](#)

F. 26.029 An Order To Authorize Borrowing \$700,000 For DPW Vehicles

History:

- Referred to Finance - 3/19/2026

Documents:

[26.029 an order to authorize borrowing 700,000 for dpw vehicles.pdf](#)

G. 26.033 An Order To Appropriate From Stabilization And Reprogram \$450,000 To Replace AOM Boiler

History:

- Referred to Finance - 3/19/2026

Documents:

[26.033 an order to appropriate from stabilization and reprogram 450,000 to replace aom boiler.pdf](#)

6. Review Of Quote For Auditing Services

7. Discussion Of Independent Audit Procurement Process

See minutes of [january 25, 2023 finance committee](#) and [august 2, 2023 finance committee](#) meetings for discussion around 2023 procurement.

Note that, in 2023, the strong recommendation of the Finance Director was to renew the contract with Scanlon & Associates because of recent turnover in the city financial team, namely, the transition from former Finance Director Susan Wright to Charlene Nardi and the retirement of Auditor Joyce Karpinski and Human Resources Director Glenda Stoddard. A similar situation is emerging in FY2027 with the pending retirement June 30th of School Business Manager Bobbie Jones, Assistant School Business Administrator Wendy Blanchette and School Superintendent Portia Bonner.

8. New Business

-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

9. Adjourn

**Contact: Deborah Klemer at dpastrichklemer@northamptonma.gov
or 646-824-2102**