



## **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**

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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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**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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**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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**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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**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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**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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**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.