



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

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- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: July 15, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The July 15, 2021 City Council meeting will be held by remote participation. The public can follow the council's deliberations by watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on YouTube or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. For the active YouTube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

Live public comment will be available using telephone call-in or video conferencing technology beginning at 7p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

Join the meeting: <https://bit.ly/36peKB5>

For telephone call-in, call:

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MEETING ID:

PARTICIPANT #: #

PASSCODE:

1. Announcement that meeting is being held by remote participation and Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being held by remote participation and audio/video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. 7:05 pm Public Hearing on 21.287 National Grid/Verizon New England petition to relocate one (1) jointly-owned (JO) pole on Leonard Street (Petition#28691142)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to relocate one (1) jointly-owned (JO) pole on Leonard Street to the opposite side of the road to make way for road re-configuration. (Petition #28691142). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.287 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[21.287 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Leonard Street.pdf](#)

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

9. Presentations

10. Interim Procedure for Conducting City Council Meetings

Process note: Council discussion on format of City Council meetings for remainder of 2020-2021 Council session. Consideration of options:

- Remain remote

- Return in-person (would retain option of remote participation by individual councilors upon request per existing rules)
- Hybrid model

11. **Deliberate and vote on Individual Ordinance Review Committee Recommendations**

Process note: This discussion is expected to take more than one meeting. Not all items listed may be reached for final action.

- Recommendation to amend code of ordinances to incorporate 'housekeeping changes' (Exhibit B)
- Recommendation to pursue special legislation to allow Northampton to adopt an ordinance to prohibit charging tenants a rental fee and instead require any such fee to be paid by the landlord (Exhibit C, Item #2)
- Recommendation that charter review be conducted more frequently than every 10 years (Exhibit C, Item #1)
- Recommendation that city adopt a Housing Stability Notification Ordinance (Exhibit A, Item #1)
- Recommendation to adopt ordinance to allow first-floor residential use in Downtown and Florence Center (Exhibit A, Item #4)
- Recommendation on remaining items recommended for further study, (Exhibit C, Items #3 - #7)

Documents:

[FINAL Final Report.pdf](#)
[Exhibit A FINAL.pdf](#)
[Exhibit B - FINAL.pdf](#)
[Exhibit C FINAL.pdf](#)

12. **Consent Agenda**

- A. May 25, 2021 Special City Council Minutes (FY2022 Budget Hearing), May 26, 2021 Special City Council Minutes (Continuation of FY2022 Budget Hearing), May 27, 2021 Special City Council Minutes, June 3, 2021 City Council Minutes, June 7, 2021 Special City Council Minutes**

Documents:

[05-25-2021_Special City Council Minutes.pdf](#)
[05-26-2021_Special City Council Minutes.pdf](#)
[05-27-2021_Special City Council Minutes.pdf](#)
[06-03-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)
[06-07-2021_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

- B. 21.291 Appointments to Various Committees, all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 7/6/2021**

Energy & Sustainability

Ashley Muspratt, 15 Franklin Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Board of Health

Cynthia Suopis, 19 Ford Crossing, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Laurent Levy, 4 School Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Transportation & Parking Commission

Diana Day, 44 Berkshire Terrace, Apt. 2, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

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

C. 21.295 Appointments to Various Committees, all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 7/6/2021
Agricultural Commission

Stan Zawalick, 538 Sylvester Road, Florence, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Disability Commission

Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, 20 Hampton Avenue, Apt. 301, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Linda Kakos, 220 Rocky Hill Road, Florence, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Northampton Housing Authority-Board of Commissioners

Maureen Carney, 13 Church Street, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021- June 2026

To fill a vacancy

Council on Aging

Gerriann Butler, 46 Autumn Drive, Florence, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Anne Romano, 351 Pleasant Street, Unit 6, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021- June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Planning Board

Corinne Coryat, 26 Bedford Terrace, Apt. 2, Northampton

Associate Member

Term: July 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

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

D. 21.299 Applications for Second Hand Dealer Licenses - Le BonNton, LLC, Birdhouse Music, The Vintage Cellar

Renewal applications for the following:

Le BonNton, LLC, 150 Main Street, Suite 292

Applicant: Cigdem Turkomer

Sun Music, LLC, d/b/a Birdhouse Music, 164 Main Street

Applicant: Glen Alper

The Vintage Cellar, 11 Bridge Street

Applicant: Daniel Egan

Documents:

[21.299 Applications for Second Hand Dealer Licenses - Le BonNton, LLC, Birdhouse Music, The Vintage Cellar.pdf](#)

E. 21.304 Appointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee
Council on Aging

Michael Ford, 6 Massasoit Street, Northampton, MA

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Historical Commission

Steven Moga, 89 Marian Street, Northampton

WMAIA Nominee

Term: August 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy as the WMAIA representative

Trust Fund Committee

Joseph Wilhelm III, 54 Prospect Street, Northampton

Term: August 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Urban Forestry Commission

Robert Postel, 44 Washington Avenue, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Whiting Street Fund Committee

MariJon “MJ” Adams, 60 Norwood Avenue, Florence

Term: August 2021-June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

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

13. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

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

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

A. 21.301 An Order to Appropriate FY2022 Cash Capital Funds to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested.

Documents:

[21.301 An Order to Appropriate FY2022 Cash Capital Funds to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

B. 21.302 An Order to Approve FY2021 Budget Transfers - 1st

reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to allow financial officers to close out the books on FY2021.

Documents:

[21.302 An Order to Approve FY2021 Budget Transfers.pdf](#)

C. 21.303 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable and Attainable Housing at Chapel Street, Oak Street and Evergreen Road - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.303 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable and Attainable Housing at Chapel Street, Oak Street and Evergreen Road.pdf](#)

[21.303 Inventory of Affordable Housing on Surplus City Land.pdf](#)

15. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

16. Orders

17. 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.

18. Ordinances

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

20. New Business

21. Adjourn

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