



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**On-line Video Conference**  
**Meeting Date: October 21, 2021**  
**Meeting Time: 7 p.m.**

The October 21, 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**

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MEETING ID: 814 9384 7818

PARTICIPANT #: #

PASSCODE: 905688

**1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded**

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

**2. Public Comment**

**3. Roll Call**

**4. Public Hearings**

**A. Announcement of Tax Classification Hearing**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 56, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. by remote participation to discuss the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property within the City of Northampton for FY2022. Information regarding this hearing will be available for public inspection on line at [www.northamptonma.gov](http://www.northamptonma.gov) on or before November 2, 2021 after 12 p.m. Instructions for accessing the hearing will be posted on the November 4, 2021 City Council agenda on [www.northamptonma.gov](http://www.northamptonma.gov) no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**B. 7:05 pm Public Hearing on application to amend License for Storage of Flammables and Combustibles for two (2) underground storage tanks (1-24,000 gallons gasoline and 1-12,000 gallons diesel) at 506 Pleasant Street, Northampton, MA**

The City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.328 Application to Amend License for Storage of Flammables and Combustibles at 506 Pleasant 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

### A. 21.340 A Resolution in Support of the Fairness to Farmworkers Act - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading with correction of scrivener's error - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.340 A Resolution in Support of the Fairness to Farmworkers Act.pdf](#)

## 9. Presentations

### 10. Approval of Official Map Block Report and Legal Boundary Description for Northampton - 1st reading

Process note: Ward and precinct boundaries must be finalized by City Council for submittal to the state by October 31, 2021.

## 11. Consent Agenda

### A. Minutes of October 7, 2021

### B. Approve 21.328 Application to Amend License for Storage of Flammables and Combustibles at 506 Pleasant Street

See documents under public hearing, above

## 12. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

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

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

### A. 21.342 An Order to Appropriate Senior Center Gift Fund Money to Financial Aid Fund - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.342 An Order to Appropriate Senior Center Gift Fund Money for Financial Aid Fund.pdf](#)

[21.342 Memo from Senior Services Director.pdf](#)

**B. 21.343 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable Housing and a Community Resilience Hub off Crafts Avenue - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.343 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable Housing and a Community Resilience Hub off Crafts Avenue.pdf](#)

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

**A. 21.329 An Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Expansion and Renovation - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 10/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.329 An Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Expansion and Renovation.pdf](#)

**B. 21.333 An Order to Appropriate \$15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire and Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 10/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.333 An Order to Appropriate 15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire and Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project.pdf](#)

**15. Orders**

**A. 21.331 Warrant for the November 2, 2021 Biennial Municipal Election - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021
- Revised language to add question about Municipal Light Plant added by City Clerk

Documents:

[21.331 Warrant for the November 2, 2021 Biennial Municipal Election - POST 1st rdg.pdf](#)

**16. 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.

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

**Process Note:** M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 requires the City Council to submit zoning ordinances to the Planning Board for review within 14 days of receipt and for the Planning Board and City Council or a committee designated for that purpose to hold public hearings thereon, together or separately, prior to adoption.

**18. Ordinances**

**A. 21.325 An Ordinance Relative to Compensation for Elected Officials - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/22/2021
- positive recommendation, LM - 10/4/2021
- passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.325 An Ordinance Relative to Compensation for Elected Officials.pdf](#)

**B. 21.344 An Ordinance to Amend Section 33-1 Division of Wards to Reflect New Ward Boundaries based on Official Map Block Report and Legal Boundary Description - 1st reading**

**History:**

- Referral to Legislative Matters (LM) waived - 10/7/2021

**19. Zoning Ordinances**

**A. 21.313 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, §350-3.4, at Chapel Street - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Referred to Community Resources (CR), Legislative Matters (LM) and Planning Board (PB)- 8/19/2021

- Positive recommendation, CR - 9/20/2021
- Joint LM/PB public hearing held - 10/4/2021
- Positive recommendation, PB - 10/4/2021
- Positive recommendation, LM - 10/4/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/7/2021

Documents:

[21.313 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, Section 350-3.4, at Chapel Street.pdf](#)

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

## **21. New Business**

## **22. Adjourn**

*Contact: G-L Sciarra, Council President*  
[glsciarra@northamptonma.gov](mailto:glsciarra@northamptonma.gov)

(413) 570-3133



September 20, 2021

Pamela Powers  
City Clerk, City of Northampton  
210 Main Street  
Room 4  
Northampton, MA 01060

**RE: FP2 Flammable Combustible License Amendment – Global Montello Group Corp.  
506 Pleasant Street**

Dear Ms. Powers:

Atlas is an environmental and compliance consulting firm retained by Global Montello Group Corp. to assist with their storage tank compliance program. In this role, I am writing to submit an amended FP2 Flammable/Combustible License for the above-listed facility to document that the facility now stores diesel.

Please find enclosed documentation and remittance needed to perform the renewal:

1. Application for Amended License
2. Copy of most recent license
3. Copy of current FP6 Flammable Storage Permit

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions or need any further information, please feel free to contact me at 614-932-2170 or via email at [wendy.morgan@oneatlas.com](mailto:wendy.morgan@oneatlas.com).

Sincerely,  
Atlas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Wendy Morgan  
Compliance Analyst

Enclosures



FP-002A  
(Rev. 1.2018)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

City/Town of Northampton

Application For License

Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 148 §13

New License     Amended License

GIS Coordinates
<u>42.311360</u>
LAT.
<u>-72.623870</u>
LONG.
License Number

Application is hereby made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws of Massachusetts for a license to store flammables, combustibles or explosives on land in buildings or structures herein described.

Location of Land: 506 Pleasant Street, Northampton MA 01060; 39A-032-001  
Number, Street and Assessor's Map and Parcel ID

Attach a plot plan of the property indicating the location of property lines and all buildings or structures.

Owner of Land: O'Connell Oil Associates, Inc.

Address of Land Owner: PO BOX 1387, 55 Merrill Road, Pittsfield MA 01201

Use and Occupancy of Buildings and Structures: Retail Gasoline Station

If this is an application for amendment of an existing license, indicate date of original license and any subsequent amendments  
1965, 1976, 1984, 1989

Attach a copy of the current license

**Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids**

Complete this section for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids, and gases; see 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50; Attach additional pages if needed. All tanks and containers are considered full for the purposes of licensing and permitting.

PRODUCT NAME	CLASS	MAXIMUM QUANTITY	UNITS gal., lbs, cubic feet	CONTAINER UST, AST, IBC, drums
Gasoline	I	24,000	Gal.	UST
Diesel	II	12,000	Gal.	UST

Total quantity of all flammable liquids to be stored: 24,000 Gal.

Total quantity of all combustible liquids to be stored: 12,000 Gal.

Total quantity of all flammable gases to be stored: N/A

Total quantity of all flammable solids to be stored: N/A

**LP-gas** (Complete this section for the storage of LP-gas or propane)

Indicate the maximum quantity of LP-gas to be stored and the sizes and capacities of all storage containers. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in aboveground containers: \_\_\_\_\_  
List sizes and capacities of all aboveground containers used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Maximum quantity (in gallons) of LP-gas to be stored in underground containers: \_\_\_\_\_  
List sizes and capacities of all underground containers used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

Total aggregate quantity of all LP-gas to be stored: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fireworks** (Complete this section for the storage of fireworks)

Indicate classes of fireworks to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3G: \_\_\_\_\_ Type/class of magazine used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4G: \_\_\_\_\_ Type/class of magazine used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: \_\_\_\_\_ Type/class of magazine used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

Total aggregate quantity of all classes of fireworks to be stored: \_\_\_\_\_

**Explosives** (Complete this section for the storage of explosives)

Indicate classes of explosive to be stored and maximum quantity of each class. (See 527 CMR 1.00 Table 1.12.8.50)

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.1: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of magazines used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.2: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of magazines used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

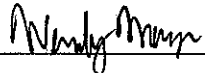
❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.3: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of magazines used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.4: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of magazines used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.5: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of magazines used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ Maximum amount (in pounds) of Class 1.6: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of magazines used for storage: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Wendy Morgan, hereby attest that I am authorized to make this application. I acknowledge that the information contained herein is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that all materials stored pursuant to any license granted hereunder must be stored or kept in accordance with all applicable laws, codes, rules and regulations, including but not limited to Massachusetts Chapter 148, and the Massachusetts Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00). I further acknowledge that the storage of any material specified in any license granted hereunder may not exceed the maximum quantity specified by the license.

Signature  Date 9/20/2021 Name Wendy Morgan

**Fire Department Use Only**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head of the \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Department endorse this application with my

Approval  Disapproval

Signature of Head of the Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

In City Council, April 6, 1989

Referred. Public hearing date of May 4, 1989 was set. Attest

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

*Edith Murray*  
City Clerk



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY—DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION**  
1010 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BOSTON

Northampton Feb. 17 1989  
(City or Town) (Date)

## APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

For the lawful use of the herein described building... or other structure..., application is hereby made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the General Laws, for a license to use the land on which such building... or other structure... is/are or is/are to be situated, and only to such extent as shown on plot plan which is filed with and made a part of this application.

Attest *Edith Murray*  
City Clerk

Granted

Location of land..... 506 Pleasant Street..... Nearest cross street..... Fulton Avenue  
 Owner of land Shell Oil Company..... Address P. O. Box 1590, 22 Waterville Road  
(Street & Number) Avon, CT 06001  
 Number of buildings or other structures to which this application applies..... 1  
 Occupancy or use of such buildings..... service station..... 450 gals.  
 Total capacity of tanks in gallons:—Aboveground..... no change..... Underground increase w.o/ to 1,000 gal.  
 Kind of fluid to be stored in tanks..... waste oil and fuel oil..... increase f.o/ to 1,000 gal.  
450 gals.

Approved—Disapproved—..... February 22, 1989..... *P.A. Ayoub*..... P.Ayoub Engineering, Inc.  
(Signature of Applicant) P.A. Ayoub, Agent for

*Jeremiah P. Russell*..... 414 Benefit Street..... Shell Oil Co.  
(Head of Fire Dept.) Pawtucket, RI (Address) 02861



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

City/Town of Northampton

Application for Standard Permit



FP-008 (Rev. 1.2018)

Return completed application to: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: Northampton

Date: 9/2/2021

DIG SAFE NUMBER

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 148, as provided in Section 10A application is hereby made

by Global Montello Group Corp. (814) 433-0170

of c/o Atlas, 705-A Lakeview Plaza Blvd., Worthington OH 43085

for permission to (state clearly purpose for which permit is requested)

To store flammable liquids underground (2 tanks- 24,000 gallons Gasoline, 1 tank - 12,000 gallons Diesel)

Name of Competent Operator (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Cert. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date issued-rejected \_\_\_\_\_ By Wendy Morgan (Signature of Applicant)

Date of expiration \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$50.00 Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Handwritten mark



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

City/Town of Northampton

PERMIT



FP-008 (Rev. 1.2018)

City or Town: Northampton

Date: 9/2/2021

Permit Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

DIG SAFE NUMBER

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 148, as provided in 10-A this permit is granted

to Drake Petroleum Company, Inc. (Full Name of Person, Firm or Corporation)

for storing flammable liquids underground (2 tanks- 24,000 gallons Gasoline, 1 tank - 12,000 gallons Diesel)

Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

at 508 Pleasant Street, Northampton MA 01080 (Street and # or Describe Location for Adequate Identification)

Fee Paid \$ 50 This permit will expire on 9-2022

Signature of Official Granting Permit: [Signature] Title FPO

This permit must be conspicuously posted upon the premises



## City of Northampton

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### *In the City Council, October 7, 2021*

Upon the Recommendation of: Councilor Rachel Maiore, Councilor Marianne LaBarge, and Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.

### **R-21.340 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FAIRNESS TO FARMWORKERS ACT**

WHEREAS, Farming in the Commonwealth is a vibrant part of our state economy, providing consumers with healthy local food options, preserving open land, supporting our local economy and reducing our carbon footprint, and;

WHEREAS, Hampshire County has 692 farms on 50,644 acres<sup>1</sup>; 213 of these farms hire farmworkers, with a total of 1,267 farmworkers employed in the County<sup>2</sup>, and;

WHEREAS, Farmworkers in Massachusetts are at present denied the wage and hour protections provided to other workers, miring farmworkers and their families in unjust work and living conditions. Twice as many farmworker families now live in severe poverty as compared to other families<sup>3</sup>, and;

WHEREAS, Farmworkers additionally face unique workplace hazards and health concerns resulting from long work hours, exposure to pesticides and a physically demanding, fast-paced work environment. Agricultural workers, alongside those in the fishing industry, experience the highest rate of occupational fatalities in Massachusetts<sup>4</sup>, and;

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<sup>1</sup> MA Department Of Agric. Res., Agric. Res. And Statistics: Statistics On Agric. In Ma (2021)

<sup>2</sup> U.S.Dep't Of Agric., 2017 Census Of Agriculture Massachusetts State And County Data 7, 9, 88 (2019)

<sup>3</sup> Connecticut River Valley Farmworker Health Program Demographics Report, Conn. River Valley Farmworker Health Program (Mar. 1, 2021)

<sup>4</sup> Mass.Dep't Of Pub.Health, Fatal Injuries At Work Massachusetts Fatality Update 2016-2017 2 (2019)

WHEREAS, Despite the elevated health and safety risks farmworkers face, many farmworkers in the Commonwealth lack benefits and resources to help address health issues. For example, 88% of Massachusetts farmworkers surveyed by the Pioneer Valley Workers Center reported that their employers did not offer paid sick days<sup>5</sup> and approximately 80% of the Connecticut River Valley Farmworker Health Program’s Massachusetts farmworker patients did not have health insurance in 2019,<sup>6</sup> and;

WHEREAS, Farmworkers in Massachusetts are overwhelmingly immigrants originating from Latin America, and;

WHEREAS, The longstanding exclusion of farmworkers from our state’s minimum wage and overtime protections – afforded to virtually all other employees, including other essential workers– is part of a national legacy of structural racism and inequality, based in the exclusion of farm work from the national landmark workplace legislation of the 1930s to allow for the continued economic exploitation of African American farmworkers, and;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts law should not permit a disproportionately immigrant and Black and Latino workforce to earn a poverty-inducing wage that is 40% lower than the current state minimum wage, essentially relegating farmworkers to a second-class employee status under the wage and hour law of Massachusetts, and;

WHEREAS, The Fairness for Farmworkers Act, ([S1205](#), [H1979](#)):

- 1) sets the wage for farmworkers at the state minimum wage,
- 2) provides overtime pay for all farmworkers. Seasonal farmworkers will receive one and a half times their normal rate of pay for work performed in excess of fifty-five (55) hours in a week,
- 3) establishes the right to a day of rest each week for seasonal farmworkers, providing overtime pay at time and a half for workers who elect to work on that day of rest, and;

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<sup>5</sup> 169 Letter from Pioneer Valley Workers Center, Initial Survey Results (Feb. 2020)

<sup>6</sup> Connecticut River Valley Farmworker Health Program Demographics Report, Conn. River Valley Farmworker Health Program (Mar. 1, 2021)

WHEREAS, The Fairness for Farmworkers Act has been endorsed by the Fairness for Farmworkers Coalition comprised of leading organizations such as ACLU of Massachusetts, Central West Justice Center, Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy (MIRA) Coalition, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Massachusetts AFL-CIO, Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH), Pioneer Valley Workers Center Western Massachusetts, Western Massachusetts Area Labor Federation, Massachusetts United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 1459, and;

WHEREAS, The elimination of the substandard farmworker wage is sound economic policy that will benefit the entire state.<sup>7</sup> A recent report published by the University of Massachusetts Political Economy Research Institute, (PERI), indicates that changes proposed by the Fairness for Farmworkers Act would result in a nominal increase for most farms' annual production costs,<sup>8</sup>and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Northampton hereby endorses The Fairness for Farmworkers Act, and asks the State Legislature to move to its passage with all deliberate speed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to bill sponsors Senators Adam Gomez and Adam Hinds and Representatives Carlos Gonzalez and Paul Mark, The Fairness for Farmworkers Coalition, Governor Charles Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, and State Senator Jo Comerford.

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<sup>7</sup> Trish Hernandez & Susan Gabbard, Findings From The National Agricultural Workers Survey (Naws) 2015-2016: A Demographic And Employment Profile Of United States Farmworkers 36 (2018)

<sup>8</sup> Jeannette Wicks-Lim, Estimates Of The Potential Benefits And Costs Of Extending Overtime Eligibility To All Farmworkers In Massachusetts 6 (2020)

**City of Northampton**  
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*In City Council*

October 21, 2021

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**21.342 An Order to Appropriate Senior Center Gift Fund Money for Financial Aid Fund**

*Ordered, that*

Up to \$3,600 in Fiscal Year 2022 from the Northampton Senior Center Gift Fund be used to provide financial assistance to seniors to attend fee based programs offered at the Senior Center, provided that each participating senior meet financial aid guidelines established by the Senior Services Director and that such assistance be limited to no more than \$180 per person per year.

N O R T H A M P T O N  
*Senior Services*



67 Conz Street  
Northampton, MA 01060  
Director: Marie Westburg  
Assistant Director: Janet Yurko

October 7th, 2021

Hello City Council Members,

I respectfully request that \$3600 from the Gift Fund be allocated for a Financial Aid Fund at the Senior Center. This fund will help us to ensure that participants who currently are unable to attend fee based programs have the option to do so. Qualifying criteria will mirror income guidelines for SNAP (165% of the poverty income guidelines) for Tier A discounts and the 250% poverty guidelines for Tier B discounts. Having two tiers for qualifying will allow older adults who are struggling financially, but just miss the line for many programs they still need, to access programs and services that will have a significant and positive impact on their quality of life.

Applicants who qualify will be able to use this funding for health and wellness programs such as a fitness center membership, fitness classes, foot clinics, reiki, discounted lunch in Mary's Bistro, a Senior Farm Share, and other similar programs.

Financial aid awards will be distributed through credit towards program fees and will not be carried over month to month or year to year. Applicants will be required to reapply annually. Applicants will be asked on the application if they would like to be screened, and assisted in applying for other community, state and federal income based programs, but this will not be required. Our hope is that we will connect low income patrons with more services while also making our current programs and services more accessible.

With the \$3600 we will begin by offering 20 people with up to \$15 a month to use towards designated programs. A total maximum of \$180 per year, per applicant.

Thank you for your consideration and support in our efforts to serve the seniors of Northampton!

Sincerely,

Marie Westburg

# City of Northampton

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## *In City Council, October 21, 2021*

*Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability*

### 21.343 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable Housing and Community Resilience Hub off Crafts Avenue

WHEREAS, Consistent with the *Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan, Open Space, Recreation, and Multi-Use Trail Plan, Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Housing Plan*, and *Unlocking Opportunity: An Assessment of Barriers to Fair Housing*, the city has a comprehensive affordable housing program, including limited development, funding, regulatory incentives, and surplusing of city land;

WHEREAS, Consistent with the *Climate Resilience and Regeneration Plan, Community Resilience Building Findings, and Mayor's Task Force on Panhandling*, the city has a program to create a Community Resilience Hub as a downtown facility with a coordinated program for frontline communities and any residents who face chronic and acute stress due to disasters, pandemics, climate change, and other social and economic challenges. It will serve the 1% (homeless and those with severe chronic stress), the 15% (below the poverty line), the 40% (housing-burdened and under chronic stress) and the 100% (those at risk of acute adverse events), by providing access to resource, a social network, and building social resilience;

WHEREAS, Downtown studio apartments are especially important to help transition people who are experiencing houselessness or who face extreme housing burdens;

WHEREAS, The city has made offers for the Roundhouse and for St. John Cantius Church and explored other options for a community resilience hub, while exploring a back-up option of developing a hub in a new building, potentially co-located with affordable housing;

WHEREAS, The city's property extending from the Puchalski Municipal Office Building to the Roundhouse bus station driveway to Crafts Avenue, to the southerly most parking spaces in the city hall parking lot potentially is viable for affordable housing studios and/or a community resilience hub;

***Ordered, that***

City Council declares this land surplus to city needs;

Further that the Mayor is authorized to transfer deeds, easements, and/or leases for the land for affordable housing and/or a community resilience hub, subject to restrictions and conditions that the Mayor imposes to accomplish these needs.



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*In City Council*

October 7, 2021

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.329 An Order Authorizing Gift Acceptance and Expenditure on AOM Restroom Expansion and  
Renovation

*Ordered that*

The Northampton City Council accepts the donation of \$39,150.31 from the Northampton Academy of Music, Inc., and in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53A approves using the gifted funds for the expansion and renovation of the Academy of Music restroom facilities project (19303 586405).

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*In City Council, October 7, 2021*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

21.333 An Order to Appropriate \$15,000 in CPA Funds to Hampshire and Hampden Canal  
Historical Documentation Project

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for documentation and preservation of the Hampshire and Hampden portions of the New Haven and Northampton Canal;

WHEREAS, the Canal is a significant historical and cultural resource, of which most portions have been lost. The project will increase knowledge of the Canal and related resources, and help to inform future preservation and placemaking efforts;

WHEREAS, the project is a regional collaboration, supported by all communities in which the Canal was located, and is the first to attempt to document the canal in its entirety in Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$15,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$15,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Hampshire and Hampden Canal Historical Documentation Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$15,000 is allocated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

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*In City Council October 7, 2021*

*Upon the recommendation of City Clerk Pamela L. Powers*

**O-21.331**

**Warrant for the 2021 Biennial Election to be held on November 2, 2021**

Ordered, that a meeting of the inhabitants of the City of Northampton qualified to vote will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, in the several polling places designated by the City Council, as follows:

WARD 1, Precinct A-In Jackson Street School Auditorium  
WARD 1, Precinct B-In Jackson Street School Auditorium  
WARD 2, Precinct A-In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School – Building B  
WARD 2, Precinct B-In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School – Building B  
WARD 3, Precinct A-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Great Room  
WARD 3, Precinct B-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Great Room  
WARD 4, Precinct A-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Patte’s Front Room  
WARD 4, Precinct B-In the Senior Center, 67 Conz Street – Activity Rm #1  
WARD 5, Precinct A-In Florence Civic and Business Building, 90 Park Street  
WARD 5, Precinct B- In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School – Building B  
WARD 6, Precinct A-In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School Gymnasium  
WARD 6, Precinct B-In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School Gymnasium  
WARD 7, Precinct A-In John F. Kennedy Middle School Community Room  
WARD 7, Precinct B-In Leeds School Gymnasium, Lower Level

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening of the said day, and all such voters will within the said hours in the wards in which they are individually entitled to vote give in their votes for Mayor for four ensuing municipal years, for two Councilors-at-Large for two ensuing municipal years, for one Councilor from each of the seven wards of the City for two ensuing municipal years, for two members of the School Committee at Large for two ensuing municipal years, for one School Member from each of the seven wards of the City for two ensuing municipal years from the first Monday of January, 2022; for three Trustees of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School to serve for two years from the first Monday of January, 2022, and for one Elector under the Oliver Smith will for two years from the first Wednesday of May, 2022, and for two Trustees under the will of Charles E. Forbes for four years from the first Monday of January, 2022.

And all such voters in the several wards and precincts in which they are individually entitled to vote between said hours give their votes Yes or No on the following question:

#### QUESTION 1

A YES vote on this question is non-binding; a NO vote is binding

Do you vote to ratify the two prior affirmative votes of the city council authorizing the city to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and Department of Telecommunications and Cable, a municipal light plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services?

Summary: Question 1 would authorize but not require the city to establish a municipal light plant, which is a city-owned company that can provide utilities services including telecommunications systems. The municipal light plant, if approved, would be able to provide internet to businesses and households in the city.

A YES vote does not obligate the city to establish a municipal light plant, but the city cannot form a municipal light plant without voter ratification of the two prior city council votes in favor.

A NO vote would prohibit the city from forming a municipal light plant.

A "YES" vote would indicate your support for authorizing a municipal light plant.

A "NO" vote would indicate your opposition to authorizing a municipal light plant.

YES

NO

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
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UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF *Mayor David J. Narkewicz*

21.325 An ORDINANCE  
Relative to Compensation for Elected Officials

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows

*Section 1.* That section § 5-5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended so that such section shall read as follows:

“**Section** § 5-5. Compensation of elected officials.

A. Compensation. Elected officials' annual compensation shall be as follows:

~~*City Clerk*~~ ~~—————~~ ~~*Until January 4, 2016: \$74,000*~~

~~*As of January 4, 2016: \$74,000*~~

B. Benefits and expenses. The Mayor, ~~*City Clerk*~~, City Council, School Committee and Trustees of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School (~~*also known as Superintendents of Smith's Agricultural School*~~) shall be eligible to enroll in the City's municipal health insurance program and retirement plans.

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Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

**21.313 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map, §350-3.4, at Chapel Street**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by amending Section 350-3.4, the Zoning Map, to add a new Smart Growth-c overlay district.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

**Amend {§ 350-3.4 Zoning Map to add additional Smart Growth-c overlay district (SG-c), in addition to the existing SG overlays, overlain on the existing Planned Village District (PV), on Map ID 38A-149-001, as shown below. SG-c matches the zoning for affordable housing on Laurel Street and other areas of the former Northampton State Hospital, now known as Village Hill.}**

