



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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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: November 4, 2021**  
**Meeting Time: 7 p.m.**

The November 4, 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/3GBbljG>

For telephone call-in, call:

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MEETING ID: 839 7510 6056

PARTICIPANT #: #

PASSCODE: 773656

**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. 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. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

**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. Consent Agenda**

**A. Minutes of October 21, 2021**

**B. 21.341 Appointment to the Arts Council, positive recommendation, City Services Committee - 11/1/2021  
Arts Council**

Mi Belitsky, 20 Lasell Avenue, Northampton

Term: October 2021 - June 2024

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[21.341 Appointment to the Arts Council.pdf](#)

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

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

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

### **A. 21.350 An Order to Establish a Tax Classification for FY2022 - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.350 An Order to Establish a Tax Classification for FY2022.pdf](#)

## **13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)**

### **A. 21.342 An Order to Appropriate Senior Center Gift Fund Money to Financial Aid Fund - 2nd reading**

#### **History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 10/21/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/21/2021

Documents:

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

### **B. 21.343 An Order to Surplus City Land for Affordable Housing and a Community Resilience Hub off Crafts Avenue - 2nd reading**

#### **History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 10/21/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/21/2021

Documents:

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

## 14. Orders

### A. 21.351 An Order for District Heating and Microgrids - 1st reading

Documents:

[21.351 An Order for District Heating and Microgrids.pdf](#)

## 15. 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.

### A. 21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street

Documents:

[21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street.pdf](#)

## 16. 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.

## 17. Ordinances

### A. 21.345 An Ordinance to Delete Ward and Precinct Boundaries from Code Book and Maintain by Council Order - 2nd reading

**History:**

- referral to Legislative Matters (LM) waived - 10/7/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 10/21/2021

Documents:

[21.345 An Ordinance to Delete Ward and Precinct Boundaries from Code Book and Maintain by Council Order.pdf](#)

## 18. Zoning Ordinances

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

## **20. New Business**

## **21. Adjourn**

*Contact: G-L Sciarra, Council President*

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# MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

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DATE: October 7, 2021

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

**SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions**

Please find the attached appointment to City Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

**Arts Council**

**Mi Belitsky**, 20 Lasell Avenue, Northampton

Term: October 2021- June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*



# City of Northampton

## Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

Name: Mi Belitsky  
 Address: 20 Lasell Avenue Northampton, MA 01060 Email: mi.belitsky1@gmail.com  
 Home Phone: 610-613-7237  
 Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell:  Occupation: Graduate Student  
 Years lived in Northampton: 1  
 Northampton Resident:  Yes  No

Please indicate the Committee(s) you have interest serving on: *(Appointment subject to vacancies)*

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Agricultural Commission                 | License Commission  |
| Almoners, Board of                      | Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees |
| <u>Arts Council</u>                     | Northampton Housing Authority- Board of Commissioners     |
| Assessors, Board of                     | Planning Board  |
| Central Business Architecture Committee | Public Shade Tree Commission                              |
| Community Preservation Committee        | Public Works Commission                                   |
| Conservation Commission                 | Redevelopment Authority                                   |
| Council on Aging                        | Registrars, Board of                                      |
| Disability Commission                   | Transportation & Parking Commission                       |
| Energy & Sustainability Commission      | Trust Fund Committee                                      |
| Health, Board of                        | Youth Commission  |
| Historical Commission                   | Zoning Board of Appeals                                   |
| Housing Partnership                     |   |
| Human Rights Commission                 |   |

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee or board assignment?

*(attach additional sheet or resume if necessary)*

Currently studying art therapy/counseling with a focus on community-based art and placemaking. I have led community art projects in the past, most of which were intersection and neighborhood murals. I have great communication skills and am pushing for more POC and TGNC

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee:  No  Yes\* *artists to receive funding.*  
*(\*If yes, please state the committee or board)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Required:** Please read the following, by signing below you state that you understand and agree:  
 The filing of this form does not guarantee my appointment. An application is kept on file for two (2) years; after that I must file a new application. Being appointed to a committee, board, or commission means that I am considered a Municipal Employee under MGL Chapter 268A and thereby subject to Conflict of Interest Law MGL Chapter 268A, Financial Disclosure Law MGL Chapter 268B, as well as Open Meeting Law MGL Chapter 39: Section 23B. I understand that I will take the conflict of interest test AFTER being appointed and that I also must be sworn in by the City Clerk. I will contact the appointing authority with any questions about my service. **IMPORTANT: Once this form is submitted, it becomes a public document, if there is information you do not want open to the public please do not include it on this form!**

SIGNATURE *Mi Belitsky* DATE 9/21/21

Please Return Form To: [mayor@northamptonma.gov](mailto:mayor@northamptonma.gov) or  
 David J. Narkewicz, Mayor, 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

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**In City Council**

November 4, 2021

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Upon recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

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**21.350**

**An Order**

**To Establish a Tax Classification for FY2022**

**Ordered, that**

The Northampton City Council approves a Residential Factor of One (1) for Fiscal Year 2022.

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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.

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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;

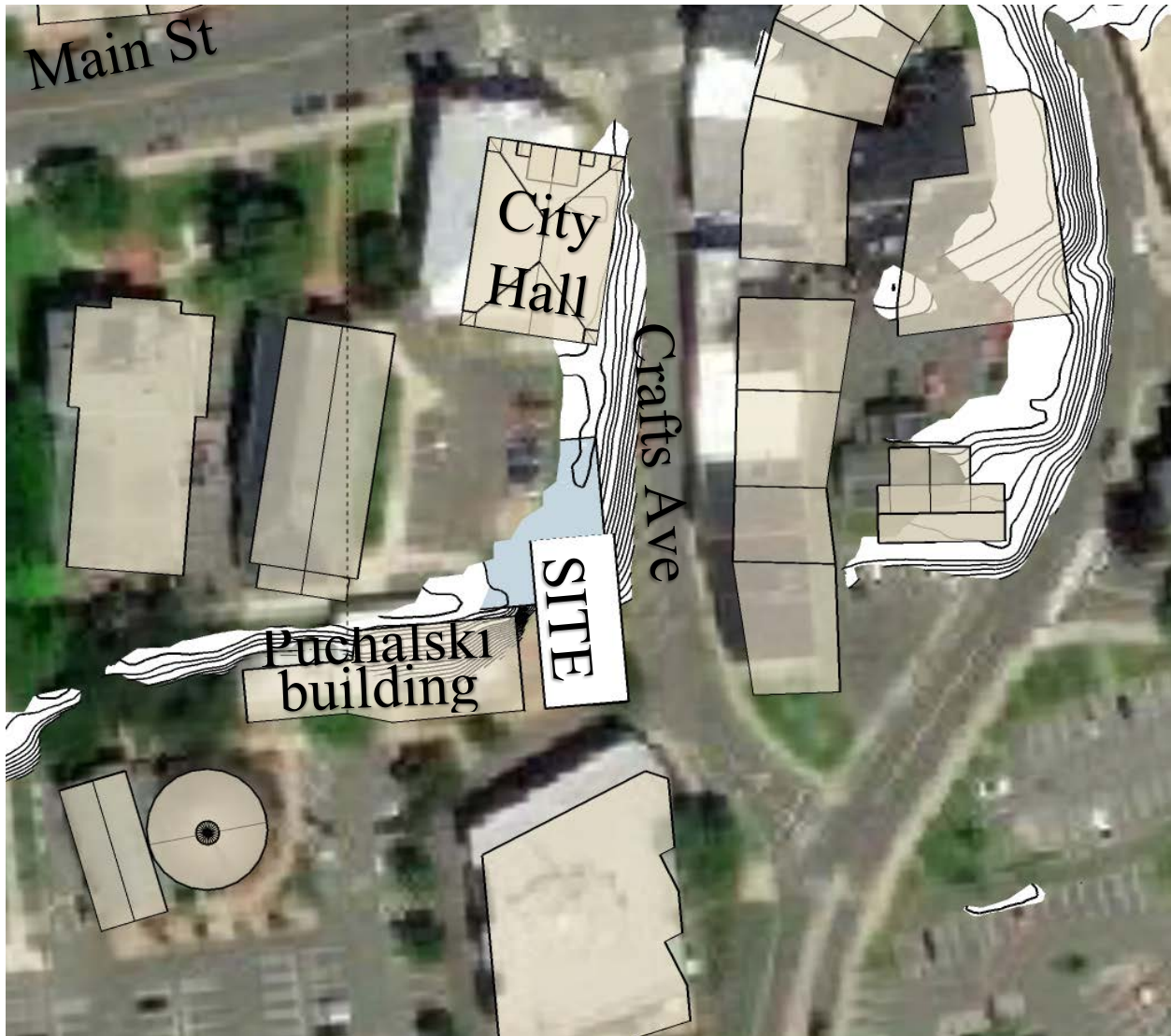
WHEREAS, The city has made offers for the Roundhouse and for St. John Cantius Church and explored other options for a community resilience hub, while exploring a back-up option of developing a hub in a new building, potentially co-located with affordable housing;

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, November 4, 2021*

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

### 21.351 An Order for District Heating and Microgrids

WHEREAS, The *Climate Resilience and Regeneration Plan*, an element of the *Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan*, acknowledges that natural gas leaks and generation results in higher greenhouse gas emissions than is often disclosed and creates a goal of replacing natural gas for building and water heating with renewable and potentially renewable energy sources;

WHEREAS, In endorsing that plan, and other City Council orders and resolutions, City Council has gone on record numerous times to support efforts and innovations to reduce the city's carbon footprint, while helping the city thrive even with climate change; and

WHEREAS, Eversource, which provides natural gas to a majority of buildings in the city, is undertaking a pilot study of networked geothermal systems for heating and cooling potential, potentially combined with other sources of waste heat, which could reduce or eliminate the need for natural gas;

WHEREAS: Replacing fossil fuel sources with geothermal for building water and space heating and cooling can reduce building carbon emissions by about 60 percent;

WHEREAS: Northampton's participation in the geothermal pilot can significantly advance progress toward the City's climate goals and advance Eversource's offerings;

WHEREAS: The city is exploring options for extraction and distribution of ground source (geothermal) energy, which could potentially include Main Street which will be open during the Picture Main Street construction project and which already supports diverse energy use demands;

### ***Ordered, that***

City Council enthusiastically supports participating in the Eversource Geothermal Pilot, including for Main Street; and

The City Clerk is requested to forward a certified copy of this order to the Eversource Geothermal Pilot and the state legislative delegation.

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*In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One*

Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**21.349  
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO PARKING ON  
MEADOW STREET**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

*That the § 312-102 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*

§ 312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times.

| Location             | Side         | From                 | To  |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|---|
| <u>Meadow Street</u> | <u>South</u> | <u>Spring Street</u> | <u>A point 315 feet east of Spring Street</u> |

# **CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

*In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One*

Upon the Recommendation of City Clerk Pamela L. Powers

### **21.345 An Ordinance To Delete Ward and Precinct Boundaries from Code Book and Maintain by Council Order**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, City Council assembled as follows:

#### SECTION 1

*Delete Chapter 33 Election Districts, Section 1 Division of Wards in its entirety.*