



*CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONDUCTED AS AN ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING
Northampton, MA*

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra at 7 p.m. Councilor Sciarra announced that the meeting was being held by remote participation and audio and video recorded.

Councilor Sciarra explained the procedure she would use in conducting public comment and opened the floor to public comment.

Public Comment

For the next three hours and 14 minutes, the council accepted public comment. (See Public Comment Record Sheet for names and topics of people making public comments.)

Roll Call

At 10:14 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

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| At-Large Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra | At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight |
| Ward 1 Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr. | Ward 5 Councilor Alex Jarrett |
| Ward 2 Councilor Karen Foster | Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge |
| Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash | Ward 7 Councilor Rachel Maiore |
| Ward 4 Councilor John Thorpe | |

Recess

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At 10:14 p.m., the City Council took a brief recess. The City Council reconvened at 10:22 p.m.

**Public Hearings
Public Hearing on 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road**

Public Hearings

Public Hearing on 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit Damon Road (Petition#23303524)

Councilor Sciarra read the following public notice:

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install underground conduit on Damon Road (Petition #23303524). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Councilor Dwight moved to open the public hearing. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Public Hearing on 21.200 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Warner Street (Petition#30293688)

Councilor Sciarra noted that the DPW said no conflicts were observed and that the trench permit had already been issued.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The public hearing was opened at 10:24 p.m.

National Grid representative Lisa Jasinski explained that the project is strictly for the purpose of removing the overhead wires that cross 91 on Damon Road and installing them underground with a couple of manholes for access. The underground conduit will go from the pole before the highway (P7-25) to the next pole (P7-50).

Councilor Sciarra asked if anyone wished to speak in favor or against.

There being no public comments, Councilor Dwight moved to close the public hearing. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The hearing was closed at 10:27 p.m.

Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.238 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1)

Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.238 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)

Councilor Sciarra read the following announcement:

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Damon Road (Petition #23303524). Instructions for

<p><u>Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Damon Road (Petition #23303524) Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.239 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Two Jointly-owned (JO) Poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition #30025210) Announcement of Public Hearing for 21.261 Application for License to Store Flammables and Combustibles at 140 Olander Drive</u></p>	<p>accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website (www.northamptonma.gov) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.</p> <p><u>Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.239 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Two (2) Jointly-owned (JO) Poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition#30025210)</u> Councilor Sciarra read the following announcement: Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install two jointly-owned (JO) poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition #30025210). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website (www.northamptonma.gov) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.</p> <p><u>Announcement of Public Hearing for 21.261 Application for License to Store Flammables and Combustibles at 140 Olander Drive</u> Councilor Sciarra made the following announcement: Per M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 13, North Commons at Village Hill, LLC has submitted an application for a License to Store Flammables and Combustibles for one (1) 4,000-gallon LP Gas underground storage tank at 140 Olander Drive, Northampton, MA.</p> <p>The City Council will hold a public hearing by video conference on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website (www.northamptonma.gov) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m.</p>
<p><u>I Updates from Council President/ Committee Chairs</u></p>	<p><u>Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs</u> Councilor Sciarra shared the following schedule for upcoming budget meetings/hearings: Budget Hearings Tuesday, May 25, 5:30pm Wednesday, May 26, 5:30pm</p> <p>June Meetings and Budget Votes Thursday, June 3, 5:30pm - public comment and first reading on the budget (only agenda item or pared-down agenda) Monday, June 7, 7pm - special meeting for additional agenda items Thursday, June 17, 5:30pm - public comment and second reading on the budget Monday, June 21, 7pm - special meeting reserved for any additional agenda items not taken up on 6/17</p> <p>Legislative Matters (LM) will convene at 7 p.m. on May 10, 2021 instead of its normal meeting time of 5 o'clock, Councilor Dwight. The committee will be holding a joint meeting with the Planning Board to discuss and hear from the public on items <u>21.217 An Ordinance to Move Zero Lot Line from Section 10.14 to Section 6.13, 21.218 An Ordinance to Amend Zero Lot Line Section of Code</u> and other items referred by City Council.</p>
<p><u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u></p>	<p><u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u> Councilor Jarrett said he wanted to give an update on art in Florence center. The city set aside 1% for art with the recent funding for Florence streetscape improvements. This weekend, a local artist, Kim Carlino, with the assistance of students from JFK, will be painting murals on the rail trail surface at the intersections of Straw Avenue, Chestnut Street, Keyes Street, North Maple Street and Bardwell Street.</p> <p>Councilor Nash publicly thanked a number of volunteers who worked on conservation areas in Ward 3 over the last few weekends picking garlic mustard and picking up litter. Among others, he thanked Dan and Kokoro Bensonoff, Oona Coy, Lola Reid, Tyler Schuenemann, Claudia Lefko, Mack Everett, Becky Shannon, Bob Reckman, Greg Kerstetter and Barry Nigrosh.</p> <p>Councilor Foster said she wanted to use a one-minute announcement to recognize that earlier in the term they passed a resolution calling on local officials to denounce Anti-Asian sentiment in any form in and around their city. She couldn't let the public comment insinuating that the Chinese are responsible for the corona virus pass without saying she's not comfortable hearing</p>

that here.

Councilor LaBarge thanked residents in her ward who did a fabulous job of cleaning up trash on Burts Pit Road and Park Hill Road in recent weeks.

Last week, the Massachusetts senate voted unanimously to pass a \$4 million bond bill to finance a new Holyoke Soldier's Home, Councilor Quinlan reported. He thanked Councilor LaBarge for her partnership on the resolution recently passed and thanked his colleagues for passing it.

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

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Municipal Broadband Update

Mayor Narkewicz gave an update on municipal broadband. As councilors know, they are in the middle of a two-phased study process funded through the Capital Improvement Program. The city contracted with Design 9, Inc., broadband consultants, to do a two-part study beginning with a market study. He presented preliminary results of that study which closed at the end of April. (Data is still being tabulated because paper surveys are still trickling in, he said.)

In top line information, they received 2,800 residential survey responses and 123 business responses. Northampton has 11,292 households so this represents a 25% response rate from households. Consultants reported that, in their more than 30 broadband surveys, the typical response rate is about 10 to 12%, so 25% is a really strong response.

Of residential respondents, 88% indicated they needed better internet service. 98% ranked internet access as very important to their household, and 71% indicated access to affordable, high-speed broadband influences where they choose to live. 49% have someone using internet for education once a week and 63% have educational internet use at least once a month or more often. 70% currently have someone working part-time or full-time from home.

39% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their current internet provider; only 22% reported being satisfied and only 4% very satisfied.

97% of those responding are interested in having access to fiber-delivered internet service, and 98% believe city government should facilitate better and more affordable internet service. 87% indicated having a competitive choice of providers is important or very important. So, it was a strong sample size of nearly 25% of households and there were some fairly strong opinions in favor of moving forward.

On the business side, similarly in terms of the need for better internet service, 86% responded that they needed better internet service. 92% ranked internet as important or very important to the success of their business over the next five years. 39% were dissatisfied with the speed and reliability of their current service, and 17% reported that internet service options affected their decision to relocate or to stay in the city. 94% of business respondents are interested in fiber-delivered internet service and 90% said they would likely or very likely switch to a faster and more affordable city government-developed network.

Councilors have an order before them later in the meeting which will be the second vote on establishment of a municipal light plant. The Mayor's office will be meeting with Design 9 to begin moving forward with the actual technical feasibility part of the study. He thanked the public and businesses for participating. They heard a fairly clear message that they need to continue working on a municipal broadband alternative.

Councilor Sciarra said she agreed that a clear message was received and joined him in thanking the community.

Councilor Dwight commented that there is nothing like a pandemic to really drive home the critical need for this utility. It's now how people access government and access health care and education. The economy and jobs are moving toward reliance on this critical utility. Also, the whole social justice/social equity issue actually hinges on it because the digital divide creates not only economic disparity but disparities in opportunities for access to government, education and health care. As they move forward, he wants them to keep this priority in mind for whatever

system they establish. He wants social justice and equity to be primary.

Resolutions
21.266 Resolution
in Support of
Workers of the
Hampshire
Gazette - 1st
reading

Resolutions
21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette - 1st reading

Councilor Sciarra read.

Councilor Dwight said that because of a family relationship with the owner it makes sense that he recuse himself from the conversation and vote.

Councilor Quinlan moved to approve the resolution in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

When the Gazette first started to have financial issues a while back, she realized how much she takes for granted having this independent quality newspaper, Councilor Maiore related. As a city councilor, she relies on the Gazette to keep herself, her constituents and the public informed. Her constituents and the public in turn rely on the Gazette to hold her and other elected officials accountable. It's an integral part of the democratic process. Local journalism is not just a nice thing; it's critical to a healthy, functioning democracy. Decisions made at the local level reverberate sideways and up and it's crucial that these decisions are made by an informed public. She ultimately believes local news should be considered just like high-speed internet, as a public utility. She thinks they need to support viable models that are equitable for workers and more sustainable. She would also like to see this resolution as a big thank you to Daily Hampshire Gazette workers for over 235 years of service and for going above and beyond, particularly in this last pandemic year. She is grateful for the community connection they have fostered in a year of isolation and disconnect and truly hopes they receive a deserving contract. Quality news coverage means providing a healthy work environment and a living wage and benefits to all who make it happen.

Councilor LaBarge said her family has had the Daily Hampshire Gazette delivered to their house for over 45 years and she is highly honored to be in support of the gazette. The union shouldn't have to be involved in what they've been going through for the past two years. Why should workers have to fight for something that should be their right? Gazette workers have done valuable work for the community. No question about it, they are fighting for something that should not be taking two years. They are asking for a raise; they have worked under bad conditions of layoffs. Their gazette depends on reporters and photographers. She referred to her personal experience belonging to a union, saying she is with all the employees 100% and is hoping that a compromise will be made soon. "There's no reasons to be hiring lawyers on the outside when you can make things happen very quickly," she asserted.

After thanking fellow sponsors, Councilor Foster said they know any business, organization or city is made up of the people running it and doing the work. With the Gazette, they've seen some really fantastic reporting which has shone a spotlight on local issues. She cited the series of articles on wage theft and undocumented immigrants mentioned in public comment as an example she remembers vividly. The Gazette holds local government accountable. Studies have shown that local governments with a strong local news presence actually have lower borrowing rates, and that's connected to accountability, she suggested. She called on the community to help support the Gazette and its workers as well by subscribing to it if possible to help keep local news in their community.

A key to a healthy democracy is an unbiased media, Councilor Sciarra agreed. They know what happens to communities that lose their local newspaper, the newspaper that reports and informs them about their government and the important issues in their community. A newspaper is people and it's absolutely critical that their work is respected and valued and that their work remains in the community. She thanked cosponsors and said she hopes the council agrees.

Councilor Quinlan said his first job as a young boy was to deliver the Gazette after school, including delivering the paper to Frances Crowe's home. As a teen he worked in the press room, putting together the bundles and stuffing the circulars for the trucks. For a number of years his wife worked in circulation and the 401k she earned there was the down payment for their first home. He reads it every day; it means a lot to them.

Recently, the Gazette closed nominations for the Frances Crowe humanitarian award. He wondered aloud what Frances Crowe would think about the use of her name by an organization that lays off her neighbors. Someone once said organized labor is the only way to have a fair distribution of wealth. He dares to say that, here in their little city, a great part of their wealth is access to superb locally-written information and news, which Gazette workers have brought them over the years. Now, he believes he and other councilors will stand in solidarity with the organized workers urging Newspapers of New England to engage in fair bargaining with the Pioneer Valley News Guild and bring their printing and reporting home.

Councilor Nash said he is in support but is a little uncomfortable that they as councilors are wading into collective bargaining that is still going on. His support is for the call for both workers and the company to come together in collective bargaining to resolve this. Collective bargaining can be messy and difficult but it's the best thing they have for resolving labor/management disputes. Despite his discomfort, he will be voting yes.

The motion passed 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Dwight recused.

See minutes of May 20, 2021 for second reading.

21.267 Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission - 1st reading

21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission - 1st reading

Councilor Sciarra read, spontaneously correcting minor scrivener's errors by changing the word 'reimaging' to 'reimagining' and inserting the word 'the' before public health in the introductory paragraph.

Councilor Dwight moved to prove the resolution in first reading. Councilor Maiore seconded.

Councilor Quinlan thanked Councilor Maiore for inviting him to partner with her on the resolution and thanked Northampton Policing Review Commission (NPRC) members for the recommendations they worked so hard to create. He joined the resolution primarily to create a space where the City Council could have further discussion of the recommendations as a body, he explained. There's a lot of language in the resolution but he expressed the opinion that it boils down to nine words, "Whereas we commend the commissioners and support their recommendations."

As Councilor Quinlan said, they thought it was important that the council as the body that helped charge the policing review commission with its mission express and affirm its formal and collective support for its final recommendations, Councilor Maiore confirmed. The community deserves their feedback, and they didn't really get a chance to provide it at the presentation. She thought those who served so tirelessly and thoughtfully on the commission deserved no less.

Councilor Dwight added his thanks to commissioners and raised some questions relative to the wording of the resolution. Regarding the commission's recommendation that the Department of Community Care be situated under the Board of Health (BOH), he pointed out that although the BOH has special state-granted authority, it is not a city department and does not conform to representative accountability. He understands the impulse because of the declaration of racism as a public health emergency, but it's not an agency. He asked if anyone consulted the BOH or health director about the possibility of assuming this new department with a budget that would have to be managed.

Councilor Quinlan said he thinks it is actually a mistake in the report and that it should say health department and not BOH. One BOH member was a commissioner and he expressed his understanding that she had discussions with the health department. He and Councilor Maiore did **not** have a discussion with the health director around this resolution, he confirmed.

In that case, he is a little uncomfortable embedding that in the resolution, Councilor Dwight said.

They have heard the figure \$882,602 asserted multiple times this evening as the amount of money cut from the police budget, Councilor Dwight continued. He asked the mayor to clarify this amount.

The \$882,000 was not what was cut by this council; this council cut \$690,000, Councilor Quinlan confirmed. \$200,000 was cut by the mayor before the council even voted, so the \$882,000 figure

is the combined total of the two cuts.

Mayor Narkewicz said he has gotten this question many times and has found the best way to answer it to be by reviewing the chronology. He submitted a proposal in May of 2020 for a level service police budget of \$6,913,403 as part of the larger budget, he recounted. It's important to note this budget relied on \$935,020 in fiscal stability funds to balance it. The council had its first meetings in June and came to a vote in 1st reading June 10th. Prior to that vote, he revised the budget to lower the amount proposed for the police by \$212,645, thereby lowering the amount needing to be drawn from the fiscal stability fund to \$722,375. The council passed this budget unanimously.

In 2nd reading on June 18th, the council voted to reduce the police budget by 10% or \$669,957, resulting in a final budget of \$100,192,079. The final budget relied on only \$52,418 in nonrecurring fiscal stability funds.

In November, because of declining revenues, he came back to ask for a mid-year appropriation from the fiscal stability fund (FSF) of \$358,949, meaning the same bottom-line budget was now relying on \$411,367 in non-recurring FSF revenue. He began the process with a projection that they would need to use about \$935,000 in FSF but ended up needing \$411,367.

He keeps emphasizing the stability fund because the challenge is that folks are saying they somehow freed up operating revenue that could be moved to another department. The budget was built with fiscal stability funds created to allow the city to maintain services over the next nine years. They have been very clear to taxpayers that, because it is one-time money and non-recurring, if they use it, it doesn't come back the next year. When it runs out, they have to go back to the taxpayers for another override.

The figure that keeps getting used is the difference between a budget that was proposed but never approved and the final budget. The idea that there is \$860,000 freed up in operating revenue is not true. Using it would require them to go back into the FSF for that \$882,602 which, together with \$411,367, would put them up over \$1.5 million [in withdrawals].

The context is important, he stressed. It's not recurring revenue and it doesn't represent the true cut to the police department, even from 2020 to 2021.

He has always been clear with people that these are non-recurring revenues. If they try to spend them on operating expenses, they are going to have to not only replicate them in the next year but to increase the amount. They are in a budget year where they have just come off the COVID-19 pandemic. They are hoping to be able to balance the budget without significant use of the FSF. Someone asked how he could let money that was freed up in the operating budget go unutilized, but that is not accurate.

Councilor Dwight said the explanation more or less conforms to what he knows but trying to follow it is difficult even though he has a relatively fluent understanding. He agrees with the mayor's conclusion, and therein lies his difficulty with having that number embedded in this resolution. He supports every dimension of this except for determining the specificity of the funding and specific oversight of the department, he indicated. He for one would prefer that the sponsors consider removing those two items.

Councilor LaBarge thanked the mayor for presenting an explanation of the money and how it's being used. She said she has great concerns about two issues. She has received calls as a councilor about this money being placed in this resolution. Right away, people are upset that they are going to be defunding the police. As Dr. Bush mentioned tonight, the NPRC never mentioned defunding the police in its report. She also has great concerns about not talking to anybody in the health department. Health department employees received that resolution and apparently there was great concerns that there was no communication and no transparency. She also is requesting removal of the reference to the BOH and amount of money.

She still thanked the two sponsors, saying she agrees with having the Department of Community Care (DCC) and fully supports it 100%.

Councilor Quinlan said he is not sure that the health director and BOH chair did not know about

this since they were sent the report at the end of March, and the language was taken directly from the report. He is comfortable changing the resolution but is not sure it was a huge secret.

Mayor Narkewicz said he has spoken with Health Director Merridith O'Leary. In fairness, she's been a little busy. She does have concerns. Given all that her department is currently handling, she is very concerned about it from a capacity standpoint. She's not opposed to the concept of it being an independent department but is concerned about it being placed under the health department. He acknowledged it is a resolution of the council and therefore their prerogative to express their position.

Councilor Maiore clarified that the resolution and recommendations had nothing to do with defunding the police budget.

It is also not clear about the non-recurring revenue because the mayor was planning to put the \$882,602 into the police department budget, she said. In any case, what they said in the final report was that a minimum of that amount should be used. From what she heard, she thought it would be better to give a million dollars to an independent department. That said, she is willing to amend this as is Councilor Quinlan. She thinks the most important thing is that the DCC be housed independently and outside of the police department. She wants to be careful here not to make her own recommendations because she wants to defer to the commissioners who did the deep dive.

Of course there would be concerns when there is no outline for staffing. She respects concerns but thinks it is the job of the executive branch to take those concerns into consideration. With the budget season as it is, she said she thought two readings tonight would be appropriate. She is open to those amendments but wants to stay as true to what the commission is trying to convey to them as she can.

Councilor Nash said he too would ask that the two items mentioned be removed. He would also like to see all 14 report recommendations included.

Councilor Thorpe thanked Councilors Maiore and Quinlan. He read a short prepared statement explaining that while he fully supports acknowledging the difficult and very admirable work of the policing review commission and the thrust of its recommendations, he thinks it's premature to make decisions such as where the newly-proposed department is to be housed. He said he doesn't know the practical or legal ramifications of vesting the new responsibilities within the health department's jurisdiction. If they are going to do this and get it right, they need to hear more from voices such as the BOH, dispatch, police, fire rescue and community partners such as social service organizations and the Cooley Dickinson Hospital. He supports the work of the policing review commission and the idea of police reform but is going to abstain from this resolution because he does not think they know enough to call upon the mayor to adopt some of these specific proposals. Before proceeding with things like unarmed responses to traffic calls, they need to know what things at the state or federal level might hinder them going forward.

Councilor Foster thanked sponsors for bringing this forward and their spirit of enabling a fuller discussion. If sponsors are amenable, she said she would like to propose two friendly amendments.

Councilor Foster made a motion that 1) the paragraph that says that the department be funded by at least \$882,602 instead say that the department be "funded with a meaningful investment" and 2) in the second paragraph from the bottom, instead of saying that the Department of Community Care be situated under the board of health, saying that the department be housed outside of the police department

Councilor Dwight seconded with a friendly amendment to add the words '*that would assure viability*' to 'meaningful investment.'

Councilor Jarrett expressed his understanding that if the council had not cut the police budget last year, a level-services budget would have continued this fiscal year and likely been proposed for next year (FY2022). In considering funding public safety, they are asking for an amount equal to what the mayor proposed last year with an increase to provide for level services. He understands the math and the fiscal stability fund, but, ultimately, the mayor proposed to fund

public safety in a certain way and they are asking for a similar amount this year for all the public safety departments, including the new one. He thinks that number is there because it's about the equality of funding public safety.

The motion to amend passed 8:0 by roll call vote with one abstention (Councilor Thorpe).

Councilor Nash proposed a motion to include the other 13 recommendations as enumerated in the report's Table of Contents in the 3rd 'Whereas' clause. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

Councilor Maire said she would like to recognize NPRC member Javier Luengo-Garrido. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Mr. Luengo encouraged them to also hear from Dan Cannity, as he was one of main drafters of the report. The list Councilor Nash mentioned is a description of how the department should run and the different characteristics it should have, he clarified. The main point of the recommendation is creation of the department as described.

He referred to a letter sent to councilors and the mayor after the presentation to address what they felt was confusion and unintended misrepresentation of the recommendation. The most important recommendation of the commission is creation of a department that is accountable to the population served, he stressed. 90% of what Councilor Nash read are characteristics of the department, how it is formed.

Councilor Maire moved to recognize Dan Cannity. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

As a commission, they tried to make sure that the report wasn't super formulaic in saying exactly how all of these things should be done; they wanted to leave that to the legislative and executive branches where those powers reside, Chair Cannity added. In making their recommendations, the idea was that the primary recommendations were the immediate things to do. The very first recommendation is creation of a Department of Community Care because without that they can't necessarily address all the other things in meaningful and substantial ways that are separate from the models of policing that exist now. They are really public health intervention models which made it seem appropriate that they be under the BOH. The idea is that once they have a department, it can start to adopt some of those initial recommendations, start to train or hire peer responders, etc. That was the key part. The other things come as the department is established and starts taking on those prescribed roles. It's not necessarily a prescribed formula but there is somewhat of an order of operation.

Councilor Dwight asked if Cannity could itemize the structurally important features of the department so they could fold them into the broader endorsement of the department's creation.

The department would house trained peer responders outside of the police department who have lived experience dealing with homelessness, mental health issues and substance use and the ability to meet someone where they are in their path to recovery, Cannity related. In looking at other models for detail work, the ultimate goal of the report is to reduce the footprint of the police, that is, to reduce their public contact because that's what reduces the likelihood of extrajudicial killings and racist attacks of policing on marginalized communities. No one has a good solution other than reducing the footprint of police in certain areas. But in reducing the police force, it's important to create support systems to continue responding to those issues, and that's what the DCC is supposed to house. If you just cut without that support, it is going to cause problems.

Other things such as creating a strategic plan and establishing safe staffing levels are sort of secondary.

Councilor Dwight suggested enfolding the recommendations specific to the DCC. The emphasis and most critical intent was to establish the department, and, if he's reading the temperature of the room, no one has any difficulty supporting and endorsing that.

After some discussion, Councilor Nash agreed that, rather than trying to draft something on the fly, he would withdraw his motion and submit language for an amendment at the next council

meeting. With regard to the request for a second reading, Councilor Dwight voiced his opinion that, as the resolution is principally directed to the Mayor, this is not necessary since the Mayor has grasped their intent by the tone of their discussion. The idea is to entreat the mayor to proceed with all due urgency and deliberation toward presenting in his budget something that shows commitment to these recommendations. "I think he got that message," he avowed.

Councilor Foster said she wanted to take a vote tonight on 1st reading. She wouldn't want to leave tonight's meeting without having taken at least one vote on it. Councilor Quinlan agreed.

Councilor Sciarra said she is deeply grateful to the commission for its tremendous work and for this resolution that recognizes it. She has had the real privilege of having had the opportunity quite a few times in the last few weeks to express her full support for the creation of a department of care in a number of venues. She is glad everyone can have this opportunity to express their full support for it. It's extremely important to build this new response system and department well and in a way that endures and allows for evolution. It will need a strong and stable foundation which she commits to, so she appreciates the amendments made tonight that express that. She knows the budgetary aspects of it are complicated but it is important for them to understand because that's their job, she added. It's important going into budget deliberations to understand the cuts they made last year and to recognize that it was a budget in crisis and that it's been a year of deficit and crisis.

Councilor Dwight called the question.

The motion passed 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Thorpe abstaining.

See minutes of May 20, 2021 for second reading.

<p><u>Presentations</u></p>	<p><u>Presentations</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Recess</u></p>	<p><u>Recess</u> The City Council took a brief recess at 12:16 a.m. The City Council reconvened at 12:21 a.m.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u> Ms. Krutzler asked if the minutes of April 1st could be removed from the consent agenda since they were not yet ready for acceptance.</p> <p>Councilor Sciarra reviewed the remaining items on the consent agenda, offering to remove other items for separate discussion upon request. Councilor Quinlan requested removal of the appointment of Earle "Chip" Parsons of Hadley to the Agricultural Commission, and Councilor Foster requested removal of the appointment of Dylan Gaffney to the Historical Commission.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda minus the removals. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:</p> <p>A. <u>Approve 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)</u></p> <p>B. <u>21.260 Petition for Second Hand Dealer License - Cancer Connection</u> Renewal License for: Cancer Connection, 375 South Street Applicant: Christine Quinn</p> <p>C. <u>21.262 Application for Business Owner's Permit - Jeffrey D. Miller, Cosmic Cab Co.</u> Renewal License for: Jeffrey D. Miller, Cosmic Cab Co. Business Address: 160 Main Street, #8</p> <p>D. <u>21.263 Applications for Seven (7) Taxicab Licenses, Jeffrey Miller - Cosmic Cab Company</u> Renewal Licenses for Taxi Cabs for the following vehicles:</p>

- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Gray
- 2005 Dodge Magnum - Gray
- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Brown
- 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan - Gray
- 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan - Blue
- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Black
- 2007 Chevrolet Suburban – Brown

E. 21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee

Agricultural Commission

John J. Bobala, 25 Old Ferry Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Richard E. Jaescke, 774 Bridge Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Robert Vollinger, 460 North Farms Road, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Central Business Architecture Committee

Joseph Blumenthal, 39 Chapel St., Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Urban Forestry Commission

Susan Lofthouse, 15 Stoddard Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Council on Aging

Robert Dionne, 87 Vernon Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Jeanne Hoose, 36 South Park Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Historical Commission

Barbara Blumenthal, 39 Chapel Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Housing Partnership

Julio Alves, 35 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021- June 2024

Reappointment

James Reis, 108 Coles Meadow Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Parks and Recreation Commission

Julia Chevan, 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence

Term: July 2020-June 2023

Reappointment

Planning Board

George Kohout, Full Member, 234 State Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

Zoning Board of Appeals

Maureen Scanlon, 197 Nonotuck Street, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2024

Reappointment

F. **21.269 Applications for Annual Sunday and Weekday Bowling Licenses - Northampton Bowl**

Renewal Licenses for Weekday and Sunday Bowling:

Northampton Bowl, 525 Pleasant Street

Applicant: J. Michael Corley

REMOVALS:
Agricultural Commission

Earle “Chip” Parsons, 137 Mill Valley Road, Hadley

Term: July 2021-June 2023

Reappointment

Councilor Dwight moved to refer the appointment of Earle “Chip” Parsons to the Agricultural Commission. Councilor Nash seconded.

Councilor Quinlan said he wondered about this appointment because Mr. Parson’s address is in Hadley.

Mayor Narkewicz explained that the city is allowed to have nonresidents on the Agricultural Commission provided that they own or manage farmland in the city. Chip has significant farmland in the city, so he is serving on that basis.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Historical Commission

	<p>Dylan Gaffney, 23 Marshall Street, Northampton</p> <p>Term: July 2019-June 2022</p> <p><i>Reappointment</i></p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to refer the appointment of Dylan Gaffney to the Historical Commission. Councilor LaBarge seconded.</p> <p>Councilor Foster asked about the term of the appointment, since the other appointments began July 1, 2021.</p> <p>It's not uncommon for someone's reappointment to get delayed in being submitted, Mayor Narkewicz noted. The rule is that if the reappointment is pending, members continue to serve. He'd have to check with Court but it wouldn't be the first time someone was appointed retroactively. He will come back with a correction if needed.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p>
<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></p>	<p>At 12:34 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 12:47 p.m.</p> <p>The City Council reconvened at 12:47 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance)</u> <u>21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers - 1st reading</u> <u>21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)</u> <u>21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers - 1st reading</u> Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p><u>The following order passed two readings:</u></p>

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council May 6, 2021

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers

Ordered, that

The following budgetary transfers be made:

Department		Description	Org	Object	Transfer From:	Transfer To:
DPW Forestry, Parks and Cemeteries	PS	Permanent Salaries	14921	511000	\$ (40,000)	
DPW Forestry, Parks and Cemeteries	OOM	Grounds Equipment	14923	571001		\$ 40,000
Fire Rescue	PS	Permanent Salaries	12201	511000	\$ (46,000)	
Fire Rescue	OM	Equipment Replacement	12202	587000		\$ 46,000
Employee Benefits	PS	Medical Insurance	19141	519400	\$(132,456)	
Other Employee Benefits	PS	Medicare	19191	517001	\$ (26,588)	
Unemployment	PS	Unemployment Compensation	19131	519300	\$ (23,668)	
Health	PS	Salaries Permanent	15111	511000	\$ (29,744)	
Assessors	PS	Permanent Salaries	11411	511000	\$ (8,004)	
Mayor	PS	Overtime	11211	513000		\$ 1,475
Mayor	PS	Permanent Salaries	11211	511000		\$ 14,000
Planning and Sustainability	PS	Overtime	11751	513000		\$ 7,995
Building Inspections	PS	Overtime	12411	513000		\$ 13,750
Building Inspections	PS	Salaries Tech/Prof	12411	512000		\$ 16,997
DPW Administration	PS	Permanent Salaries	14211	511000		\$ 3,608
DPW Snow and Ice	PS	Overtime	14231	513000		\$ 45,651
DPW Snow and Ice	OM	Vehicular Supplies	14232	548000		\$ 37,553
DPW Snow and Ice	OM	Snow Removal Supplies	14232	553020		\$ 79,431
Assessors	PS	Permanent Salaries	11411	511000	\$ (26,500)	
Assessors	OM	Property Revaluation Services	11412	530014		\$ 26,500
Total Budgetary Transfers:					\$(332,960)	\$ 332,960

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of May 20, 2021 for second reading.

Financial Orders (in 2nd reading)

Financial Orders (in 2nd reading)

21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College - 2nd reading

21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage - 2nd reading

21.249 An Order to Appropriate \$120,000 in CPA Funds Toward Habitat Housing on Burts Pit Road - 2nd reading

21.250 An Order to Appropriate \$14,500 in CPA Funds to Lilly Library Stair Repair Project - 2nd reading

21.251 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds for Historic Preservation Plan - 2nd reading

21.252 An Order to Appropriate \$21,250 in CPA Funds for Damon House/Shepherd Barn Project - 2nd reading

21.253 An Order to Appropriate \$60,000 in CPA Funds for Mill River Greenway Beach Project - 2nd reading

21.254 An Order to Appropriate \$50,000 in CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund - 2nd reading

21.255 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Southeasterly Side of Brierwood Drive - 2nd reading

21.256 An Order Authorizing Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 2.93 Acres off Kennedy Road - 2nd reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the orders in second reading (21.244, 21.248, 21.249, 21.250, 21.251, 21.252, 21.253, 21.254, 21.255 and 21.256) as a group. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following orders passed two readings:

21.244 Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College - 2nd reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

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

21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The **Open Space and Recreation Plan: 2018-2025** recommends expanding public access along the Mill River as part of the **Mill River Greenway** and the **Climate Resilience and Regeneration Plan (2021)** recommends moving to renewable energy and electrification of thermal loads;

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Smith College granted the City an **Open Space Restriction and Public Right of Way Easement** recorded at Hampshire Registry of Deeds at Book 5900, Page 26 (3/14/2000) and Book 5898, Page 39 (3/9/2000);

WHEREAS, The City of Northampton would like to revise this restriction to be a formal conservation restriction in accordance with MGL Chapter 184, Section 31;

WHEREAS, Smith College would reserve the right to use area within 200 feet of the gravel road shown on a plan entitled "*Boundary Survey of Land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, formerly the Northampton State Hospital, Northampton, Massachusetts*" dated December 17, 1996 and recorded at Hampshire Registry of Deeds (Plan Book 183, Page 3, Sheet 3) for any parking uses. This area is currently allowed for parking for recreation uses and expanding to non-recreation uses will have no adverse impact on the conservation values;

WHEREAS, Smith College would reserve the right for underground piping and heat exchange for ground sourced heat pumps on the premises so that, other than during construction, reconstruction, and repair activities, the facilities will not be visible above grade. This use is consistent with the City's **Climate Resilience and Regeneration Plan** and will have no adverse impact on conservation values;

WHEREAS, Smith College is prepared to simultaneously expand the existing easement "to allow the public to pass and repass on foot trails for the purpose of fishing, hiking, winter sports..." to include all trails within 100 feet of the Mill River, on the northeasterly side of the Mill River, northerly and westerly of the Smith College crew house, and westerly of College Lane on the Smith College campus;

WHEREAS, The amendments of the open space restriction requires approval of the Massachusetts General Court under Article 97 of the Amendments to the State Constitution.

Ordered, that

The Mayor and the Conservation Commission is authorized to amend the existing ***Open Space Restriction and Public Right of Way Easement*** to expand the uses of existing parking areas, allow underground piping for ground source heat pumps, and accept the new expanded easement;

Further, the City requests and petitions that our legislative delegation file legislation substantially as follows:

An Act authorizing the City of Northampton to amend a certain conservation easement.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the city of Northampton, acting by and through its mayor and conservation commission, may amend the Open Space Restriction and Public Right of Way Easement recorded at Hampshire Registry of Deeds at Book 5900, Page 26 and Book 5898, Page 39 to allow any parking within 200 feet of the gravel road shown on a plan entitled "Boundary Survey of Land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, formerly the Northampton State Hospital, Northampton, Massachusetts" dated December 17, 1996 and recorded at Hampshire Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 183, Page 3, Sheet 3 and allow underground piping and heat exchange for ground source heat pumps and to record the new restriction as a conservation restriction under the authority of MGL Chapter 184, Section 31.

SECTION 2. As a condition and in consideration for the amendment to the easement as provided in section 1 of this act, and at the same time as such release, the city of Northampton, acting by and through its conservation commission, shall accept an expanded public right-of-way easement to allow the public to pass and repass on foot trails for the purpose of fishing, hiking, winter sports on all trails within 100 feet of the Mill River on the northerly side of the river, northerly and westerly of the Smith College crew house, and westerly of College Lane on the Smith College campus, Northampton.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.248 Order to
Appropriate CPA
Funds for Historic
Northampton
Collections
Storage – 2nd
reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee
21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Historic Northampton, Inc. submitted a Small Grants application for Community Preservation Act funding to purchase appropriate collections storage for its ephemera, photograph and research collections;

WHEREAS, the collections yield important information about Northampton’s history, and are frequently accessed for research by community members, businesses, and nonprofits;

WHEREAS, improved collections storage was a critical recommendation of the Massachusetts State Historic Records Board, and will protect these resources for the future;

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2021 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Historic Northampton, Inc. for purchase and installation of new collections storage. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.
Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.249 Order to
Appropriate
\$120,000 in CPA
Funds Toward
Habitat Housing
on Burts Pit Road
– 2nd reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.249 An Order to Appropriate \$120,000 in CPA Funds Toward Habitat Housing on Burts Pit Road

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of three energy efficient affordable homes on Burts Pit Road;

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has an excellent record of creating housing throughout the Pioneer Valley and beyond;

WHEREAS, the project has wide community support, leverages funding from many other sources, and utilizes volunteer labor;

WHEREAS, the homes will be permanently restricted to individuals and families earning 60% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$120,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$120,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity for the Broughton’s Meadow Small Home Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$39,525 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930, and is \$80,475 allocated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933)

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.250 Order to
Appropriate
\$14,500 in CPA
Funds to Lilly
Library Stair
Repair Project –
2nd reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.250 An Order to Appropriate \$14,500 in CPA Funds to Lilly Library Stair Repair Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Lilly Library, submitted a CPA application for Community Preservation Act funding to conduct critical structural repairs to the historic entrance to the Library;

WHEREAS, all work will be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties;

WHEREAS, Lilly Library is an institution that has been an essential component of the Florence community for over 130 years, and this project will maintain the historic nature while ensuring continued functionality of the building;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$14,500 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$14,500 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Lilly Library for the Stair Repair project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council. Specifically, \$14,500 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.251 Order to
Appropriate
\$70,000 in CPA
Funds for Historic
Preservation Plan

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee
21.251 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds for Historic Preservation Plan

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of a Historic Preservation Plan to identify historic and cultural resources, assess current status, recognize issues and opportunities to help ensure that those resources are protected;

WHEREAS, through a collaborative community process and analysis of resource data and community values, the Plan will develop a vision, goal, priorities, and toolbox for preservation of priority historic and cultural resources and will become a component of the City's Sustainable Northampton Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$70,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$70,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Historic Preservation Plan. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$5,891 is allocated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932), and \$64,109 is allocated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.252 Order to
Appropriate
\$21,250 in CPA
Funds for Damon
House/Shepherd
Barn Project

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee
21.252 An Order to Appropriate \$21,250 for Damon House/Shepherd Barn Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Historic Northampton, Inc. submitted a CPA application for Community Preservation Act funding for restoration of the Damon House roofline balustrade, and for a structural analysis of the Shepherd Barn;

WHEREAS, all work will be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used to help secure an important historic resource that is valued by the community and the region, on which the City holds a permanent preservation restriction, and will expand Historic Northampton's public programming opportunities;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$21,250 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$21,250 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Historic Northampton, Inc. for the Shepherd/Damon project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$21,250 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.253 Order to
Appropriate
\$60,000 in CPA
Funds for Mill
River Greenway
Beach Project

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

21.253 An Order to Appropriate \$60,000 in CPA Funds for Mill River Greenway Beach Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application to acquire a 3.3 acre parcel along the Mill River in Leeds abutting the existing Mill River Greenway which includes recreational opportunities for all seasons;

WHEREAS, subject to the City successfully negotiating a conservation restriction which contains an adequate private party maintenance agreement;

WHEREAS, the project meets the goals of the Sustainable Northampton Plan, Northampton Community Preservation Plan, and Open Space, Recreation and Multi-use Trail Plan to protect open space, and provide recreational opportunities;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$60,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$60,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning and Sustainability for the Mill River Greenway Beach acquisition Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$60,000 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.254 Order to
Appropriate
\$50,000 in CPA
Funds to the
Affordable
Housing Fund

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee
21.254 An Order to Appropriate \$50,000 in CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for the Affordable Housing Fund;

WHEREAS, the fund will be used for due diligence and soft costs for predevelopment work necessary for new affordable housing opportunities that the City creates, and for which no other funds are readily available, and will help to leverage future funding opportunities from other sources;

WHEREAS, this fund will result in new affordable housing opportunities in Northampton, meets the goals of the Housing Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan, and will help to address impediments to fair housing identified in the Fair Housing Assessment;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$50,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$50,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Affordable Housing Fund. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$50,000 is allocated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933)

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.255 Order
Authorizing
Acquisition of a
Parcel of Land on
the Southeasterly
Side of Brierwood
Drive - 2nd
reading

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

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

**21.255 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF A PARCEL OF LAND
ON THE SOUTHEASTERLY SIDE OF BRIERWOOD DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the parcel subject to this Order is located on the southeasterly side of Brierwood Drive and is shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Lots in Northampton, Mass. Owned by Edbert Homes, Inc.," dated July 12, 1965, and recorded in Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 67, Pages 94-95, ("the Plan") being the southernly one-third of lot 31-A on the Plan ("the Parcel"); and

WHEREAS, the Parcel excludes that portion of lot 31-A that is shown on the plan entitled "Plan of Lots in Northampton, Mass. Owned by Edbert Homes, Inc.," dated April 1964, and recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 65, Page 56A, also shown thereon as lot 31-A; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel abuts the property of the R.K. Finn Ryan Road Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the Parcel, Edbert Homes, Inc., was involuntarily dissolved by order of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel is subject to an existing tax lien for unpaid taxes that exceed the value of the Parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel contains the layout of a City sewer line; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel would enhance access to the abutting school property from the neighborhood shown on the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

The City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise of the Parcel described above for access to and egress from the land of the R.K. Finn Ryan Road Elementary School.

As damages for the taking, the City Council hereby awards Three Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$3,100.00) which shall be applied to the outstanding balance on taxes due and owing on the Parcel.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

21.256 An Order Authorizing Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 2.93 Acres off Kennedy Road - 2nd reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 15, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Department of Public Works

21.256 An Order Waiving Right of First Refusal Regarding 2.93 Acres Off of Kennedy Road and Releasing Tax Lien

WHEREAS, a certain parcel of land off of Kennedy Road, Leeds, Massachusetts consisting of 2.93 acres, more or less, has been tax classified as agricultural land pursuant to M.G.L. c. 61A (“the Parcel”) and is subject to a lien recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2413, Page 775; and

WHEREAS, title to the Parcel is held by Robert A. Borowski and Anne M. Borowski pursuant to a deed recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 7156, page 275; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of a property held and taxed pursuant to c. 61A gives rise to a first option to purchase that may be exercised by the City to purchase such property; and

WHEREAS, the Parcel is under a purchase and sale agreement for conveyance to abutting property owners Sheryl Fappiano and Michael Henderson of 141 Kennedy Road, Leeds, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Sustainability has advised that the City not exercise its right of first refusal.

Ordered, that

The City Council hereby waives the first option to purchase the Parcel, consisting of 2.93 acres, more or less, off Kennedy Road, Leeds, Massachusetts, and releases the lien thereon as set forth in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2413, Page 775. The City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute all instruments reasonably necessary to effectuate this Order.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

ORDINANCES (NOT YET REFERRED)

ORDINANCES (NOT YET REFERRED)
None.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCES
21.198 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Scanlon Avenue - 2nd reading
21.199 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Cross Street - 2nd reading
21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street - 2nd reading
21.214 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Maple Street, Mann Terrace and Pine Street - 2nd reading
21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading
21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading
 Councilor Dwight moved to approve 21.198, 21.199, 21.213, 21.214, 21.215 and 21.216 as a group in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following ordinances passed two readings:

21.198 Ordinance
Relative to a Stop
Sign on Scanlon
Avenue - 2nd
reading

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One
Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**21.198
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO A STOP SIGN ON
SCANLON AVENUE**

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:

1 SECTION 1
2
3 *That the § 312-113 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*
4
5 § 312-113 Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections.
6

Location	Direction of Travel	At the Intersection of
<u>Scanlon Avenue</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Florence Road</u>

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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.199 Ordinance
Relative to Stop
Signs on Cross
Street - 2nd
reading

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One
Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**21.199
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO STOP SIGNS ON
CROSS 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:

1 SECTION 1
2
3 *That the § 312-113 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*
4
5 § 312-113 Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections.
6

Location	Direction of Travel	At the Intersection of
<u>Cross Street</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Florence Road</u>
<u>Cross Street</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Bliss Street</u>

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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.213 Ordinance
Relative to Parking
on Pine Street -
2nd reading

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One
Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Department of Public Works

**21.213
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO PARKING ON
PINE 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
Pine Street [Added 8-15-1985]	North-wes- terly	Chestnut Street	Point 210 feet north- westerly from Chestnut Street South Main Street

Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.214 Ordinance
Relative to Stop
Signs on Maple
Street, Mann
Terrace and Pine
Street - 2nd
reading

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
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**21.214
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO STOP SIGNS ON
MAPLE STREET, MANN TERRACE, AND PINE 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 § 312-113 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-113 Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections.

A. Isolated stop signs. Stop intersections are established at the following locations:

Location	Direction of Travel	At the Intersection of
<u>Pine Street</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Maple Street</u>
<u>Pine Street</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Maple Street</u>
<u>Mann Terrace</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>Pine Street</u>

D. Multiway stop signs. Multiway stop intersections are established at the following locations:

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Intersection
<u>Pine Street</u>	<u>East/West</u>	<u>Maple Street</u>
<u>Maple Street</u>	<u>North/South</u>	<u>Pine Street</u>

Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.215 Ordinance
Relative to
Turning
Restriction on
Mann Terrace -
2nd reading

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MASSACHUSETTS

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21.215
AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO TURNING RESTRICTION ON
MANN TERRACE

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 § 312-115 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-115 Schedule XIV: Left Turns Prohibited.

Name of Street	Direction of Travel	Left Turn Prohibited Onto
Mann Terrace	North	Pine Street

Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.216 Ordinance
Relative to One-
Way Street on
Mann Terrace -
2nd reading

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MASSACHUSETTS

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21.216
AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO ONE-WAY STREET ON
MANN TERRACE

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 § 312-112 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-112 Schedule XI: One-Way Streets.

Location	Direction	From	To
Mann Terrace	Northwesterly	A point 60 feet southeasterly of Pine Street	Pine Street

Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

New Business

New Business
 None.

<u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) & Study Requests</u>	<u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u>
<u>Motion to Adjourn</u>	Upon motion made by Councilor Dwight and seconded by Councilor Foster, the meeting was adjourned at 12:54 a.m. The motion carried unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council

EXHIBIT A

List of Documents Reviewed at May 6, 2021 Northampton City Council Meeting:

1. May 6, 2021 Agenda
2. Minutes of April 1, 2021
3. Email from Shawn Palmer dated May 6, 2021 Re: 5/6/2021 City Council Agenda Item with attachment entitled, "A letter from the Daily Hampshire Gazette to the community."
4. Email from Board of Health Chair Joanne Levin dated May 6, 2021 re: resolution tonight
5. Email from Susan Wozniak dated May 6, 2021 re: The Daily Hampshire Gazette
6. Memo from David Veleta, City Engineer to Donna LaScaleia, DPW Director dated March 31, 2021 re: Council Order 21.197 – Petition for Installation and Maintenance of Underground Conduit and Manholes No. 23303524 – Damon Road Reconstruction Project MassDOT No. 608236 – Damon Road
7. 21.197 Distribution Civil Drawings - REVISED
8. Memo from David Veleta, City Engineer to Donna LaScaleia, DPW Director dated April 27, 2021 re: Council Order 21.238 – Petition for Joint Ownership Pole Install No. 23303524 – Damon Road Reconstruction Project MassDOT No. 608236 – Damon Road
9. 21.238 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Damon Road
10. Plan entitled "Pole Petition" by National Grid dated February 5, 2021
11. Memo from Kris Baker, P.E., Civil Engineer to Donna LaScaleia, DPW Director dated April 26, 2021 re: Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations No. 30025210
12. 21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette
13. 21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission
14. 21.260 Petition for Second Hand Dealer License - Cancer Connection
15. 21.262 Application for Business Owner's Permit - Jeffrey D. Miller, Cosmic Cab Co.
16. 21.263 Applications for Seven (7) Taxicab Licenses, Jeffrey Miller - Cosmic Cab Company
17. 21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees – Memo from Mayor David J. Narkewicz to City Council dated May 6, 2021 re: Reappointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions proposing the appointment of John J. Bobala, Richard E. Jaescke, Robert Vollinger, and Earle "Chip" Parsons to the Agricultural Commission, Joseph Blumenthal to the Central Business Architecture Committee, Susan Lofthouse to the Urban Forestry Commission, Robert Dionne and Jeanne Hoose to the Council on Aging, Dylan Gafney and Barbara Blumenthal to the Historical Commission, Julio Alves and James Reis to the Housing Partnership, Julia Chevan to the Parks and Recreation Commission, George Kohout to the Planning Board, and Maureen Scanlon to the Zoning Board of Appeals
18. 21.269 Applications for Annual Sunday and Weekday Bowling Licenses - Northampton Bowl
19. 21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers
20. 21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant
21. 21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College
22. 21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage
23. 21.249 An Order to Appropriate \$120,000 in CPA Funds Toward Habitat Housing on Burts Pit Road
24. 21.250 An Order to Appropriate \$14,500 in CPA Funds to Lilly Library Stair Repair Project
25. 21.251 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds for Historic Preservation Plan
26. 21.252 An Order to Appropriate \$21,250 in CPA Funds for Damon House/Shepherd Barn Project
27. 21.253 An Order to Appropriate \$60,000 in CPA Funds for Mill River Greenway Beach Project
28. 21.254 An Order to Appropriate \$50,000 in CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund

29. 21.255 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Southeasterly Side of Brierwood Drive
30. 21.256 An Order Authorizing Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 2.93 Acres off Kennedy Road
31. 21.198 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Scanlon Avenue
32. 21.199 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Cross Street
33. 21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street
34. 21.214 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Maple Street, Mann Terrace and Pine Street
35. 21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann Terrace
36. 21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann Terrace

Record of City Council Votes for May 6, 2021		Dwight	Foster	Jarrett	LaBarge	Maiore	Nash	Quinlan	Sciarra	Thorpe	Total
Roll Call by Laura Krutzler, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 10:14 p.m.		Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	9 present
Open Public Hearing on 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)		Motion to open Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
Close Public Hearing on 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)		Motion to close Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette - 1st reading	1st reading	Recused	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 8:0
21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission - 1st reading	1st reading	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstained	Motion carried 8:0 with Thorpe abstained; roll call
Amendment that Changes Wordings of the Resolution		Second Yes	Motion to amend Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstained	Motion carried 8:0 with Thorpe abstained; roll call
Amendment that Adds 13 Recommendations to the Resolution		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to amend Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
Recognizing NPCR Member Javier Luengo-Garrido		Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to recognize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
Recognizing Dan Cannity		Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Motion to recognize	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
Approval of Consent Agenda	Consent Agenda	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
RECESS FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE											
Approval of Minutes of April 1, 2021											Skipped due to not being in the agenda
21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers					Second Yes			Motion to positively	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 4:0;

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21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant					Motion to positively recommend Yes			Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 4:0; roll call
ADJOURN FINANCE					Second Yes			Motion to adjourn Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 4:0; roll call
RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING											
21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers - 1st reading	1st reading	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
	Suspend rules	Motion to suspend Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
	2nd reading	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant - 1st reading	1st reading	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College - 2nd reading	21.244, 21.248- 21.256 2nd reading as a group	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call
21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage - 2nd reading											
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21.255 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Southeasterly Side of Brierwood Drive - 2nd reading												
21.256 An Order Authorizing Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 2.93 Acres off Kennedy Road - 2nd reading												
21.198 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Scanlon Avenue - 2nd reading	21.198, 21.199, 21.213- 21.216 2nd reading as a group	Motion to approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call	
21.199 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Cross Street - 2nd reading												
21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street - 2nd reading												
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21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading												
21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading												
Motion to Adjourn	to Adjourn	Motion to adjourn Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion carried 9:0; roll call	

At 12:54 a.m., Councilor Dwight moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor Foster seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No