



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

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording
Public Comment

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 audio and video recorded. The City Council accepted public comment for 16 minutes. (See **Public Comment Record Sheet** for names and topics of people making public comments.)

Roll Call

At 7:16 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 | |

Public Hearings
Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.347 and 21.348 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid petition to install underground conduit and heavy-duty handholes on Old Ferry Road (Petition #30408955)

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Councilor Sciarra made the following announcement:
Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid's petition to install 330 feet of underground conduit leading to this pole along with two heavy-duty handholes on Old Ferry Road (Petition #30408955). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the December 16, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city's website (www.northamptonma.gov) no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Consent Agenda

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With the council's permission, Councilor Sciarra stated her intention to move the consent agenda up in the order of business.

There being no objection, Councilor Sciarra reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

The administrative assistant proceeded to call the roll, but when she came to Councilor LaBarge, the Ward 6 councilor requested removal of **21.364 An Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night.**

Councilor Dwight withdrew his motion to approve and instead moved approval of the consent agenda with the removal. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following item was approved as part of the consent agenda:

A. Minutes of November 18, 2021 regular meeting

Councilor Dwight moved approval of 21.364 An Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night. Councilor Foster seconded.

Councilor LaBarge noted that the expiration date of Robert Gutkowski's "Fireworks Certificate of Competency" attached to the application is December 15, 2021.

Ms. Krutzler said she had spoken to Mr. Gutkowski's wife and she said her husband plans to renew his license prior to its expiration. Arts Council Director Brian Foote said he will forward a copy of the renewed license to the City Council office as soon as it is received.

Brian Foote confirmed he would forward a copy of the permit to Ms. Krutzler for forwarding to the Fire Department and state fire marshal. He pointed out that the state fire marshal has already approved the permit as presented.

Councilor Dwight said it is worth noting that it is not yet December 15th so this is an approved practitioner with prior experience providing firework displays in the city. Since the permit has the approval of the state fire marshal, he feels comfortable approving it.

When asked if the Mr. Gutkowski has worked in Northampton before, Director Foote said this will be the third time the Northampton Arts Council has worked with Pyrotecnico. Previously, the Northampton Center for the Arts collaborated with Pyrotecnico for much of the 20-year or more history of First Night. The vendor is well-versed and has good collaboration with other city departments, including the Fire Department and Central Services.

Councilor Nash said he is assuming the fire chief wouldn't allow the fireworks display to go forward if the operator were not in compliance.

That is correct, Mr. Foote indicated.

In defense of Mr. Gutkowski's reputation, Councilor Dwight clarified that Mr. Gutkowski's license has not been revoked, it is merely expiring and in the process of renewal. Mr. Gutkowski has been the sole practitioner of fireworks in the City of Northampton for two decades, he noted. He said he couldn't think of anyone more suited to the job or with the same familiarity and cooperation of every affiliated department. He has no discomfort at all moving forward and approving this, he assured.

There being no further questions, **the motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

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| <p><u>Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs</u></p> | <p><u>Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs</u> None.</p> |
| <p><u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u></p> | <p><u>Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors</u> In an announcement from the Literacy Project, Councilor Nash informed those present that the school is conducting an enrollment campaign. He read aloud a letter from a recent graduate. It is not just a program that offers high school equivalency test preparation; it also offers classes in basic skills as well as college and career preparedness and has strong partnerships in many communities. Staff and volunteers are excited to offer these services in downtown Northampton and other sites in the Pioneer Valley, namely, Ware, Greenfield, Amherst and Orange. The program is enrolling people for January, he noted. He directed people to www.literacyproject.org and (413) 584-6755 for more information.</p> <p>Northampton's holiday Toy Exchange is now called "Kids Recycling Toys for Other Kids," Councilor Maire shared. The annual event is sponsored by the Northampton chapter of the Kiwanis Club but will be run this year by the Northampton High School (NHS) Key Club and NHS Environmental Club. Used toys, games, puzzles and musical instruments in good</p> |

condition will be collected this Friday from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the high school cafeteria and the toy giveaway will take place Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Residents are welcome to come pick out toys for their kids.

Councilor LaBarge echoed Councilor Maire's announcement of the annual Toy Exchange and Councilor Nash's promotion of the Literacy Project. She also thanked the Rotary Club. The club recently invited Mary Clare Higgins from Hampshire Community Action Commission (HCAC) as a guest speaker and decided to lend its support to help the children of HCAC's Healthy Families program enjoy a special holiday, she related.

Councilor Quinlan acknowledged the range of emotions he experienced this week, including sorrow for the family of Dr. Marty Nathan and grief for the community for the loss of Dr. Nathan's leadership. He has also been giddy with pride due to the accomplishments of two Northampton High School alums - Mount Holyoke College (MHC) senior Elena Frogameni for earning a Rhodes scholarship and Valdamar Brower for leading Springfield Central High School's football team to its 3rd state championship game.

The Council President agreed Northampton has lost a very bright light and a moral compass this week with the death of Marty Nathan.

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

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ARPA Survey and Transition Update

Mayor Narkewicz delivered a Powerpoint presentation with an update on the city's timeline and preparation for deployment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. He also gave an overview of initial ARPA survey results.

In September, he outlined best practices for the distribution/use of ARPA funds, including designing a transparent, accessible and equitable project selection process and leveraging other state and federal resources, he reminded. Per the timeline presented, since the November election, he has been engaged in an administrative transition with Mayor-Elect/City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra, a big piece of which has been bringing her up to speed on ARPA. After her inauguration, Mayor-elect Sciarra will put together an ARPA advisory committee to gather community input and advise her on the project selection process. Tentatively, in the Winter/Spring of 2022, a request for project proposals will be issued and, in the Spring of 2022, projects will be selected, funded and initiated.

ARPA is principally a COVID recovery fund and, as such, stipulates four principal ways project funds can be spent: 1) responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative impacts, whether to households, individuals, small businesses or non-profits, 2) paying workers providing essential work during the pandemic (sometimes referred to as premium pay), 3) recovery of lost local revenues and 4) necessary investments in infrastructure (limited to water, sewer or broadband). This spending category fits well with capital program planning, he noted.

Premium pay is something the state is looking at, Mayor Narkewicz observed. Essential workers include municipal workers. With respect to Northampton municipal employees, this will be the subject of collective bargaining next year, he advised.

Mayor Narkewicz proceeded to share top line data of the online ARPA survey, which was completed November 28th. Part 1 was aimed at understanding the impacts of the COVID pandemic on city residents, while Part 2 surveyed city residents on their priorities for COVID response and recovery efforts. Information was collected from October 1st through November 28th from 1,460 participants, nine of which took the survey in Spanish.

Part 1 of the survey revealed that mental, social and emotional health were key issues during the pandemic, Mayor Narkewicz reported. Although strong majorities of Northampton stakeholders reported their status as 'excellent' or 'good' on every measure asked, one in five shared that their household was doing only 'fair' or 'poor' in terms of mental health (23%) and social/emotional health (21%). Mental health also topped the list of problems cited, with 28% 'feeling nervous, anxious or on edge,' 18% 'feeling down, depressed or hopeless,' 16% 'feeling lonely or isolated' and about 13% each citing access to mental health and medical

services as problems.

Interesting to note is that today's state announcement on ARPA funding also prioritized health care and mental health services as big areas for funding, Mayor Narkewicz advised. It seems that what Northampton heard is similar to what the House and Senate may have heard in their hearings to assess the impacts of COVID, he observed.

The pandemic created financial difficulties for some Northampton residents, Mayor Narkewicz continued. Economic concerns (14%) and providing remote support to extended family members (13%) are listed as major or moderate problems facing Northampton households. 46% shared that COVID has had a major or slight impact on household income. 19% reported that someone in their household accessed unemployment insurance while 7% took advantage of food assistance. Few reported accessing mortgage, rental or utility assistance or difficulty accessing these services, although 7% said it was difficult to access unemployment benefits.

Of 360 respondents reporting that they have school-aged children, 50% reported that the pandemic had a negative impact on their children's education and 33% said it had a *major* negative impact (83% of survey population with school-aged children.)

The mayor shared samples of some of the comments gathered.

In survey Part 2, when asked to check their top five priorities for ARPA funding, 52% selected services and shelter for people experiencing homelessness and 50% selected housing assistance. Sustainability/climate change adaptation and mitigation, digital equity and food security were other priorities named.

In terms of most critically-important, city-wide community needs, 75% identified not enough affordable housing as the most important city-wide problem, followed by not enough support for small businesses (53%), streets and sidewalks being in poor condition (51%) and lack of public transportation (48%).

In terms of ARPA next steps, he will be working to finish the administrative transition and compile the final results of the ARPA survey and then awaiting inauguration and the start of Mayor Sciarra's term. Mayor Sciarra will be forming an ARPA advisory committee, issuing a request for proposals (RFP) and, in the Spring of 2022, selecting and funding projects.

Northampton is slated to receive \$21,747,984 which must be committed by December 31, 2024, he reiterated. The first payment has already been disbursed, and the second is to be disbursed in June.

Financial officers have been setting up accounting systems and have consulted the city's outside auditor. The auditor has recommended City Council take a vote to accept ARPA funds to document their receipt for state and federal accounting purposes. Some other cities have taken this vote and it is on the council's agenda later tonight, he advised.

Councilor Sciarra said it has been a pleasure going through this transition with the mayor around this exciting money. With regard to the advisory committee, it will have a few jobs, including helping steward the public process around the use of the funds. She wants to get members appointed and lay out a plan for public forums so people can tell them directly their thoughts on how the money should be spent. It will be made up of community members with experience with these categories of use and include representation from the council. She would also like the committee to work on figuring out the application process and helping to review applications.

The survey indicates a lot of pain and suffering going on in their community, Councilor Nash commented. "It's pretty profound," he observed. They as councilors have known it but to see it represented so starkly in these numbers is impressive. It is a survey that really sought to mine into people's state of mind. They are seeing a lot of pain and suffering and he appreciates the priorities that were laid out, he concluded.

Councilor Maire pointed out that new programs and services won't mean a lot if they can't

get the word out to individuals in need. Public outreach is often where new services fail, she suggested. A lot of any program's success is just getting the word out to folks that services exists. She advocated for effective outreach across the board. "It's going to take a significant promotional campaign to alert our residents about what might be available," she stressed.

As far as the timeline, she asked if the city will have enough money to start initiating projects before the second installment is received in June.

He thinks they could begin the process knowing that the allocation is coming, Mayor Narkewicz said. Cities and towns have been waiting to see how states will be using the funds, but other communities are planning to begin this process in 2022. The money is supposed to be used for COVID recovery, he emphasized. Infrastructure is limited to very discrete items. There will be an educational component as the program is rolled out.

Councilor LaBarge asked how his department is going to reach out to the many people without computers, and Mayor Narkewicz stressed that the on-line survey was just an initial information-gathering tool. The mayor-elect envisions there being an expanded public process with other ways of outreach including public forums, he assured.

Councilor Sciarra said Councilor LaBarge brings up a good point. If public forums need to be remote, it means they will have to work extra hard to connect with people who aren't able to participate remotely, she noted.

The slide show will be posted to the city website on a page devoted to information about the ARPA program, Mayor Narkewicz said.

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| <p><u>Public Hearings</u></p> | <p><u>Public Hearings</u> None.</p> |
| <p><u>Resolutions</u></p> | <p><u>Resolutions</u> None.</p> |
| <p><u>Presentations</u></p> | <p><u>Presentations</u> <u>City Council Rules Select Committee Final Report</u> Councilor Sciarra asked if there was any objection to moving this presentation to in front of the general order to amend the council rules since it pertains only to the council's business and they have a lot of financial orders to get through. Hearing none, she proceeded to the next item on the agenda.</p> |
| <p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></p> | <p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u> The City Council recessed for Finance Committee at 8:07 p.m. The Finance Committee adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The council reconvened at 9:53 p.m.</p> |
| <p><u>Financial Orders (On 1st reading)</u> <u>21.358 Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Community for Continued Invasive Species Removal - 1st rdg.</u> <u>21.359 Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA</u></p> | <p><u>Financial Orders (On 1st reading pending Finance Committee review)</u> <u>21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal - 1st reading</u> <u>21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project - 1st reading</u> <u>21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden - 1st reading</u> <u>21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project - 1st reading</u> <u>21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program - 1st reading</u> <u>21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing</u></p> |

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21.362 Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for Mortgage Subsidy Program - 1st reading
21.365 Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project-1st rdg.
21.366 Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment - 1st reading
21.367 Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project - 1st rdg.
21.368 Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project - 1st reading
21.369 Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and

Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project - 1st reading
21.366 An Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment - 1st reading
21.368 An Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project - 1st reading
21.369 An Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions - 1st reading
21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road - 1st reading
21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines - 1st reading
21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road - 1st reading
21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading
21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds - 1st reading

Councilor Jarrett moved to approve agenda items A through O with the exception of Item H (21.357, 21.358, 21.359, 21.360, 21.361, 21.362, 21.363, 21.365, 21.366, 21.368, 21.369, 21.372, 21.373 and 21.374) as a group in first reading. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion carried 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of December 16, 2021 for second readings.

Councilor Dwight moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading on 21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion carried 9:0 by roll call vote.

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

The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton
 MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 2, 2021
Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines

Whereas, The City Council has accepted the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 8J, creating the Disability Commission, and the City allocates all funds received from fines assessed for violations of accessible parking to the Disability Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22G;

Whereas, The Disabilities Commission recommends expending those funds for sign language and lip reading interpretative services and other communication services to make public meetings and public records accessible for people with disabilities and to implement the *ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan*;

Ordered that
 The City Council authorizes those requested expenditures, to be managed by the Office of Planning & Sustainability under direction of the Disabilities Commission.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

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| <p><u>Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions - 1st reading</u> <u>21.357 Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road - 1st reading</u> <u>21.363 Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines - 1st reading</u> <u>21.372 Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road - 1st reading</u> <u>21.373 Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading</u> <u>21.374 Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds - 1st reading</u></p> | <p><u>21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project - 1st reading</u> As the executive director of All Out Adventures, Councilor Foster said she needs to recuse herself since the non-profit has a financial interest in the Connecticut River Greenway Park.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Foster recused.</p> <p><u>See minutes of December 16, 2021 for second reading.</u></p> |
| <p><u>Financial Orders (On 2nd reading)</u></p> | <p><u>Financial Orders (On 2nd reading)</u> None.</p> |
| <p><u>Orders City Council Rules Select Committee Final Report</u></p> | <p><u>Orders City Council Rules Select Committee Final Report</u> Rules Committee Chair/Ward 7 Councilor Maiore gave an overview of the committee's work. In reviewing the rules, the group's focus was discussing how to make council meetings more concise while still remaining accessible. Members were very proud of Northampton's tradition of allowing public comment although it's not required but wanted to balance that with the idea that council meetings are essentially business meetings. Not conducting their business efficiently hurts equity in another way. Recommendations were thus in service to efficient and accessible meetings, she stated.</p> <p>Because of the ease and inclusivity of remote meetings, the council had unprecedented participation this council term, Councilor Maiore reminded. Rules committee members wanted to retain that accessibility but set some reasonable limits. As an overriding</p> |

principle, the group resisted any rule change that would result in the council regularly acting to suspend its own rules. This is why they didn't recommend an end time for meetings and why they recommended allowing public comment for 90 minutes rather than an hour.

They also wanted to make sure that councilors themselves could participate remotely and so recommended changing limitations on that and adding family care and child care as acceptable reasons for remote participation.

The group talked in depth about the current practice of the Finance Committee being housed within the full council meeting and fact that, beyond lengthening meetings, it does not provide the public with the optimum level of participation enjoyed in subcommittee meetings. They also recommended the elimination of requiring two *votes* on every matter (although not two readings) and ceasing the custom of automatically reading documents into the record.

In many cases, members discovered that certain practices considered rules are not rules but rather norms and customs. Because of the way these norms impacted their work, they spent some time unpacking them. Councilor Foster could speak more to norms and non-rule recommendations and other members could speak more about the reasons for other recommendations. She concluded by offering to respond to questions.

DISCUSSION

Councilors asked questions and offered comments. Councilor Nash said he thinks the committee has come up with some worthy recommendations. He asked if this would be in effect for the next council meeting if the council votes tonight. If so, he mentioned being in a quandary about how this would affect financial orders introduced that evening and how they would proceed.

In response, Councilor Sciarra proposed that councilors consider postponing a vote on the order until December 16th. She *does* think it is important for this council to vote on the recommendations because the resolution passed said they would deliberate and vote on the rules. Also, it would be difficult for a new council to be presented with two sets of rules at its organizational meeting, which is not usually heavy on deliberation.

Councilor Dwight moved to recognize the councilor-elects. Councilor Thorpe seconded The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

[Councilor-elects Marissa Elkins, Garrick Perry, Stanley Moulton, III and Jamila Gore were present on the Zoom call.]

Councilor Dwight referred to what he's taken to calling Councilor Foster's 'epiphany' with regard to the process for considering financial orders. He invited her to share this concept.

The intent of the change is that financial orders be introduced to the full council as they are now but that the council would then either refer an order to the consent agenda at the next meeting or to the Finance Committee for further deliberation, Councilor Foster explained. At the time of introduction of the order, the full council will have the same access to department heads, the mayor and the Finance Director for clarifying information as they do now. Relatively routine financial orders will go to the next meeting's consent agenda while those needing a 'deeper dive' will go to the Finance Committee. It is not the expectation that the Finance Committee will always need to meet, she noted.

A lengthy discussion followed centered on the mechanics of the process for introducing financial orders and referring them to either the Finance Committee or consent agenda. Councilor Sciarra began by expressing concern that, without deliberation, it would not be possible to make a decision on an order's future disposition.

"How do you make that decision without 'deliberating' on an item that's not on the floor for deliberation?" she asked, referring to the council's custom of requiring a motion and a second prior to extended discussion in keeping with parliamentary procedure.

She is perfectly clear on the concept, but it is still the mechanics she is working on, she

elaborated. She expressed her understanding that the relevant motion would be a motion to refer. She asked if the staff presentation would follow this motion.

Councilor Dwight said he doesn't think a motion is necessary in order for staff to make a presentation. After the presentation, they would not be deliberating the order itself but would be deliberating whether the order needs further discussion, he suggested. The council as a whole would make that decision. The order could be put on the floor for discussion and referral in the form of a motion, he confirmed.

"You're not going to debate the item; you're going to debate the referral, and that's important," he stated.

Councilor Sciarra asked if there would be two standing Finance Committee meetings.

Councilor Dwight said his understanding is that there will be one but with the potential for more. Subcommittees will only convene when items are referred to them, or on an 'as needed' basis, he pointed out.

Councilor Jarrett noted that the sticking point seems to him to be the legal question of process raised by Councilor Sciarra. In order to talk about the item and ask questions for clarification, do they need to put it on the floor for discussion? He asked. He suggested they clarify that question with Attorney Seewald. Noting how easy it would be to stray into deliberation, he suggested also seeking clarification about the limits on discussion, if any.

Councilors who served on the committee shared additional insights into the group's recommendations. The group's collective perception of the Finance Committee's importance was one reason for arriving at the compromise of having all councilors participate in the decision of whether to refer financial orders, Councilor Foster said. She and Councilor Maiore both appreciated the Finance Committee being within the City Council meeting because of the resulting ability for other councilors to be heavily involved. However, in the service of trying to streamline meetings, it didn't help to have a separate committee meeting within the regular meeting, she noted.

The reason for increasing public comment from one hour to 90 minutes was the solicitor's concern that suspending council rules to extend public comment could look biased and be perceived as dependent on the nature of the testimony, Councilor Maiore explained. They were concerned that with only 60 minutes they would be called upon to suspend the rules more often.

Councilor Dwight noted that another change being recommended is to incorporate public comment within the body of the meeting so the council's rules would be in effect during this segment.

Additional logistics such as how many of the associated meetings professional staff would be expected to attend were discussed. Councilor Sciarra asked why the Finance Committee itself couldn't report out on what was discussed at its separate meeting rather than requiring staff to attend for this purpose.

If any change presents a problem that's insurmountable, it's always possible for the next council to change the rules, Councilor Dwight reminded. "If it doesn't work, the council will be empowered to change it and make those adaptations."

His council would be, "Don't fear that change," he added. This body has the opportunity to make it work and work better.

Rules Committee Vice Chair Al Simon referred to his background of 18 years serving as an elected member of a town council in another community including 12 years as Finance Committee chair. Based on this experience, the perspective he brought was as someone who was used to doing things differently, so his question was often, "Why are you doing it this way?"

The Rules Committee had a lot of discussion and talked things through. People presented

the argument that this is the way they've always done it, which is a natural fallback. He thinks a lot of their recommendations really focused around two pieces: 1) to really use the subcommittees as subcommittees; in other words, letting them do the deep work of asking questions. In line with that, his idea would be to let the committee itself do the presentation to the full council and, 2) to really focus on how to make these meetings more efficient to be respectful of everybody's time – councilors as essential volunteers, city staff and residents.

"You really have to see a lot of the reforms as a package all of which add fundamentally to those two things," he stressed. They really did spend the time to query why it is done this way and whether they could do it a better way to achieve those goals.

Members noted the following inconsistencies/omissions requiring further amendment:

- ❖ Councilor Sciarra noted the need to add "Financial Orders (Not yet Referred) to the Order of Business. (Councilor Dwight agreed.)
- ❖ Also 'Resolutions (Not yet Considered) since there is a requirement in the new rules to introduce something once before it is voted on, Councilor Jarrett added. (Councilor Dwight said that is also correct; he agrees with that.)
- ❖ Councilor Sciarra noted that Section 5.2.2 needs to be modified for consistency with the new option of referring financial orders to the consent agenda.

Councilor Dwight explained the distinction between a 'reading' and a 'vote.' In the past, the council has interpreted a 'reading' as implying a vote but it does not necessarily, he pointed out. First 'reading' is when the order is presented and introduced to the council.

Councilors discussed how to proceed. Councilor Dwight said his expectation was simply that the council would accept the final report. He agreed they shouldn't vote on the order tonight because it creates the constraint of functioning under the new rules at the next meeting but he does think they should discuss the recommendations. His recommendation would be not to vote on the order but to merely vote on and discuss accepting the recommendations.

Councilor Jarrett suggested that councilors layout all their concerns and questions and that the rules committee meet in between the council meetings to consider those concerns and possibly come up with amended language.

However, Councilor Dwight said the idea was to solicit the thoughts, concerns and even pushback from the council as a whole. He expressed the opinion that it is therefore up to the body to work out the changes. Amendments can be made on the floor so whatever amendments need to be made can be made at the last meeting, he proposed.

After additional discussion, **Councilor Dwight moved to table 21.370 to the next council meeting. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.**

See minutes of December 16, 2021 for final discussion and vote.

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| <p><u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u></p> | <p><u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> None.</p> |
| <p><u>Ordinances 21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022 - 1st reading</u></p> | <p><u>Ordinances 21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022 - 1st reading</u> Councilor Jarrett said that as a worker/owner of the Pedal People cooperative, he is going to recuse himself. Councilor Dwight moved to suspend the rules to waive referral to Legislative Matters per the sponsor's request. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Jarrett recused.</p> |

Councilor Sciarra read the ordinance.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Downtown Northampton Association (DNA) Executive Director Amy Cahillane is with them, Councilor Maiore noted. The plastics reduction ordinance was the pride of her first term, she shared. She’s glad they passed it and that Northampton is moving forward with it. She started working on that ordinance before she was even on the council, she related.

When sponsors proposed the January implementation date, they knew there was a possibility it would be suboptimal as a start date due to the pandemic and its after-effects, Councilor Maiore said. The request for an extension was precipitated by a call from the DNA director, who wrote a letter describing an across-the-board supply chain issue. As co-sponsor of the ordinance, she wants to give businesses ample time. As an additional consideration, the solid waste coordinator is newly-hired, and DPW Administrator Cynthia Quinn seemed relieved to give her more time to gain her footing. There is also the issue of composting services to match the needs of businesses for increased composting. For those reasons, she is proposing to extend the implementation date to July 1, 2022. What Director Cahillane is describing is an across-the-board issue for most businesses, especially the food service industry.

Councilor Dwight moved to recognize Amy Cahillane. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Jarrett recused.

This is a nationwide trend they are seeing reflected downtown, Director Cahillane attested. It is not just pizza places or Chinese take-out; it is system-wide and includes coffee shops and formal sit down restaurants. Businesses are experiencing high prices and difficulty in accessing supplies. Business owners have done the work to properly source the materials - they know what they need to do; they’re just not able to get the supplies and at the same time are facing incredibly high prices, labor shortages, the winter season and COVID. This would just be a very difficult time for them to go through this. In the interest of full disclosure it is entirely possible she will be back to tell them the same story in June of 2022 since there is presently so much uncertainty, she acknowledged.

“It’s not because businesses don’t want to comply; it’s that it’s physically just not possible for them to comply right now,” she presented.

Councilor LaBarge spoke in favor of the postponement.

As the cosponsor, Councilor Dwight pointed out that this was not intended to be punitive; it was designed with aspirations. At the same time, sponsors recognize and acknowledge the frustration because they are proposing this at a time when there is great uncertainty, which is why they built in a lot of exemptions and immersion time. There’s no upside to being rigid about this and inflexible. He thinks it’s appropriate at this time to allow for this delay and for the future council to be prepared for the possibility that there may be adjustments needed to make this work. “This is a wholly appropriate request,” he asserted.

Ms. Cahillane has worked very closely with the Youth Commission, he added. He spoke to them last night and they understood the reason for the delay although at the same time they are anxious to see the ordinance realized. He thinks it is appropriate for them to respond with understanding and compassion and to grant this delay, he concluded.

Councilor Nash commended the spirit of collaboration. The goal is to come up with a cleaner waste stream and not to punish folks, he agreed. Councilor Foster and Councilor Quinlan also spoke in favor of the extension.

The motion carried 8:0 with Councilor Jarrett recused.

21.335 Ordinance
Relative to Stop
Signs on Ever-

21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut
Avenue - 2nd reading
21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces - 2nd reading

green Road and Chestnut Avenue - 2nd reading

21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street - 2nd reading
Councilor Dwight moved to approve the ordinance in first reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded.

21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path Road - 2nd reading

21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street - 2nd reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the parking and stop sign ordinances (21.335, 21.336, 21.337, 21.338 and 21.349) as a group in second reading. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following ordinances passed two readings.

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**21.335
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO STOP SIGNS ON
EVERGREEN ROAD AND CHESTNUT 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
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3 *That the § 312-113 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*
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5 § 312-113 Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections.

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7 D. Multiway stop signs. Multiway stop intersections are established at the following
8 locations:
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| Location | Direction of Travel | At the Intersection of |
|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <u>Evergreen Road</u> | <u>East/West</u> | <u>Chestnut Avenue and Chestnut Avenue Extension</u> |
| <u>Chestnut Avenue</u> | <u>North</u> | <u>Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue Extension</u> |

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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.336 Ordinance
Relative to Off-
Street Accessible
Parking Spaces -
2nd reading

**CITY OF
NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One
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**21.336
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO OFF-STREET
ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES**

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

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3 *That the § 312-117 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*

4 § 312-117 Schedule XVI: On-Street and Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces.

5 B. Off-street handicapped parking spaces are established as follows:

| Parking Lot | Location |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Florence Recreation Fields – West Lot | Three spaces on the northern edge, closest to the bathrooms, abutting the pedestrian crosswalk, one being van-accessible. |
| Florence Recreation Fields – East Lot | Six spaces dispersed along the western edge of the parking lot, one being van-accessible. |
| Sheldon Field – West Lot | Three spaces in the northwest corner, one being van-accessible. |
| Sheldon Field – East Lot | One van-accessible space abutting south of the entrance to the basketball court. |
| Maines Field | Two spaces on the southwest corner of the paved parking area, one being van-accessible. |
| Arcanum Field – North Lot | One van-accessible space on the southeast corner. |
| Arcanum Field – South Lot | Three spaces on the southeast corner, one being van-accessible. |
| Veteran’s Field | Two spaces on the southwest corner abutting the sidewalk to the skate park, one being van-accessible. |

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| Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway | One van-accessible space on the northeast corner abutting the information kiosk. |
| Musante Beach – North Lot | Two spaces on the northwest corner, one being van-accessible. |
| Musante Beach – South Lot | One van-accessible space on the northwest corner, abutting the parking lot entrance. |
| Ray Ellerbrook Fields | Two spaces on the southeast corner abutting the western edge of the baseball diamond, one being van-accessible. One space on the northern edge closest to the soccer field. |
| Smith Vocational Agricultural Fields | Two spaces on the northwest corner, abutting the trail entrance, one being van-accessible. |

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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.337 Ordinance
Relative to Parking
on Main Street -
2nd reading

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One
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**21.337
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO PARKING
ON MAIN 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
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3 *That the § 312-102 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*
4
5 § 312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times.
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| Location | Side | From | To |
|--|------------------|--|--|
| <u>Main Street</u> | <u>Northwest</u> | <u>Point 190 feet northeast of Crackerbarrel Alley</u> | <u>Point 238 feet northeast of Crackerbarrel Alley</u> |
| Main Street [Added 12-7-2017 by Ord. No. 17.376] | North-westerly | Center Street | Point 34 58 feet southwesterly from Center Street |
| <u>Main Street</u> | <u>Southeast</u> | <u>Point 188 feet northeast of Old South Street</u> | <u>Point 235 feet northeast of Old South Street</u> |

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9 SECTION 2
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11 *That the § 312-109 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*
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13 § 312-109 Schedule VIII: On-Street Parking Meter Zones.

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| Location | Side | From | To | Time Limit/Class |
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| Main Street [Added 12-7-2017 by Ord. No. 17.376] | North-west | Point 40 feet northeasterly from Crackerbarrel Alley | Point 34 feet southwesterly from Center Street <u>Point 172 feet northeasterly from Crackerbarrel Alley</u> | 2 hours/Class 1A |
| <u>Main Street</u> | <u>North-west</u> | <u>A point 238 feet northeasterly from Crackerbarrel Alley</u> | <u>Point 58 feet southwesterly from Center Street</u> | <u>2 hours/Class 1A</u> |
| Main Street [Added 12-7-2017 by Ord. No. 17.376] | South-east | Point 202 246 feet northeasterly from Old South Street | Point 428 feet northeasterly from Old South Street | 2 hours/Class 1A |

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17 SECTION 3
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19 *That the § 312-117 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*
20
21 § 312-117 Schedule XVI: On-Street and Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces.
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| Street | Side | Location |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| <u>Main Street</u> | <u>Northwesterly</u> | <u>14th space northeast of Crackerbarrel Alley, van accessible</u> |

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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.338 Ordinance
Relative to a Stop
Sign on Cross
Path Road - 2nd
reading

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

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

**21.338
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO A STOP SIGN ON
CROSS PATH ROAD**

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.
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| Location | Direction of Travel | At the Intersection of |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Cross Path Road</u> | <u>North</u> | <u>Riverbank Road</u> |

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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

21.349 Ordinance
Relative to Parking
on Meadow Street
- 2nd reading

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

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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:

1 SECTION 1
2
3 *That the § 312-102 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:*
4
5 § 312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times.
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| 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> |

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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

Zoning
Ordinances (Not
yet Referred)

Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)
None.

Zoning Ordinances
21.318 Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - 2nd reading
21.319 Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - 2nd reading

Zoning Ordinances
21.318 An Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - 2nd reading
21.319 An Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - 2nd reading
 Councilor Dwight moved to approve 21.318 and 21.319 as a group in second reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following ordinances passed two readings:

City of Northampton
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In the Year Two Thousand Twenty One

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

21.318 An Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by changing Section 350-17 & 350 3-4 Zoning Map in order to accurately reflect the status of lands in Northampton permanently protected from development.

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

Amend as shown

§ 350-17 Farms, Forests and Recreation District (FFR)

§ 350-17.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to protect sensitive open space and ecologically important features, to preserve the farms, forests, river corridors, ecological habitat, and recreational lands of Northampton, and to allow landowners the ability to develop their property in a manner that is sensitive to these unique resources.

FFR is comprised of three different types of protected open space.

- 1) Rural publicly owned open space and greenways.
- 2) Lands permanently protected with conservation or agricultural restrictions
- 3) Urban Parks including those for organized recreational uses.

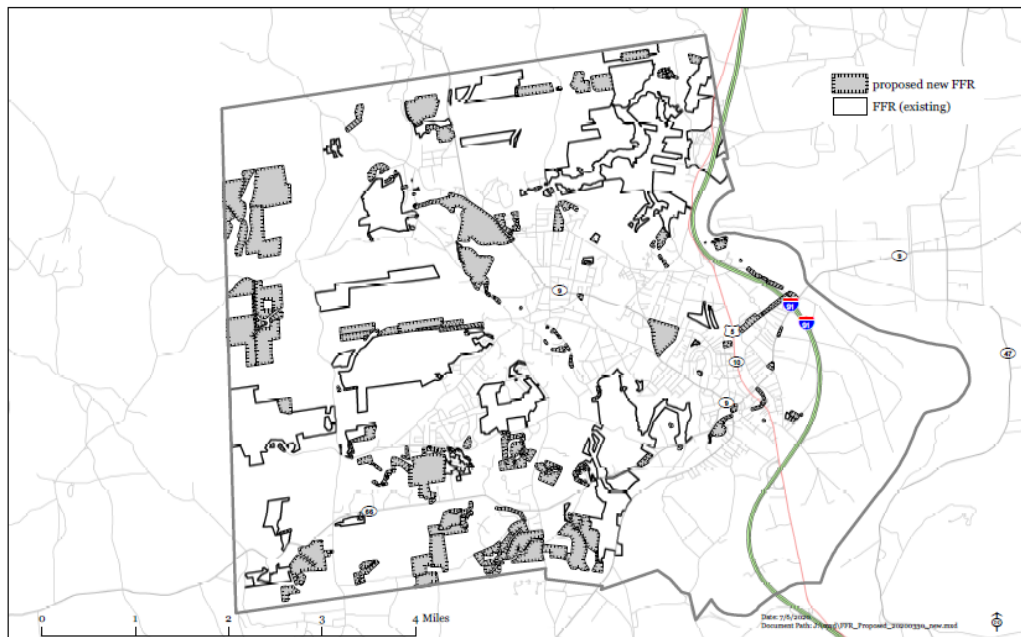
§ 350-17.2 Uses.

Uses in the FFR are limited to any of the following so long as

1. No more than 25% of a parcel may be developed as , roads, sewage disposal or drainage facilities, or other development and, where possible, all improvements shall be spatially concentrated to preserve the protected resource. The Planning Board, through Site Plan Review may approve more than 25% developed areas only when created to enhance or expand the function urban parks or recreational facilities.

- 2. All site improvements shall be laid out and constructed to minimize environmental and other impacts on protected resources.
 - 3. Open space shall be laid out to maintain views of agricultural lands and open space, and to maintain distant vistas across open space from both on and off the site.
 - 4. Development shall be integrated into the existing landscape through the use of building placement, landform treatment, and visually compatible existing or new screening. When possible, development should be placed within existing woodlands and not in open fields, to preserve views and minimize visual impact.
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- A. Passive recreation, including site improvements to allow for such use that could include trail building, stream crossing components, wildlife viewing stations and the like. Supporting structures including temporary or permanent buildings.
 - B. Active recreation, including temporary or permanent buildings and structures necessary to support such uses. These may include but are not limited to permanent or temporary bathrooms, storage buildings, water fountains, snack bars, safety netting, seating, play or exercise structures and foundations, and parking areas. Site improvements to support such activities including trail building, stream crossings.
 - C. Agriculture and accessory structures, farm stands etc.
 - D. Land Conservation and restoration.
 - E. Events and/or other operations that support underlying agricultural uses. Such uses shall be accessory and in accord with requirements herein.
 - F. Social functions, such as special events, concerts, weddings, with service of food and beverage to support the primary function of protecting open space/resource area.
 - G. With Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board the construction or use of a building as a caretaker's residence.

Chapter 350-3.4 Amend by including the parcels show in the attached map into the FFR layer.



Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

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

21.319 AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS IN PARKING LOTS OVER 25 SPACES

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to require installation of Electric Vehicle Charging stations and supporting conduit in parking lots larger than 25 spaces.

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

Add New Subsections to Chapter 350-8.9 as follows

- I. For new or expanded parking lots that result in the provision of 25 or more spaces, one electric vehicle charging space per 15 parking spaces shall be installed.

Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

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| <u>New Business</u> | <u>New Business</u> None. |
| <u>Motion to Adjourn</u> | Upon motion made by Councilor Dwight and seconded by Councilor LaBarge, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m. The motion passed 9:0 by roll call vote. |
| | Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council |

EXHIBIT A

List of Documents Reviewed at December 2, 2021 Northampton City Council Meeting:

1. December 2, 2021 Agenda
2. Minutes of November 18, 2021 City Council Meeting
3. Powerpoint Presentation prepared and delivered by Mayor Narkewicz entitled, "ARPA American Rescue Plan Act Process Update and Initial Survey Results, Presentation to City Council December 2, 2021."
4. 21.347 National Grid-Verizon Joint Pole Petition for Cross Path Road (Petition No. 30408955)
5. 21.348 National Grid Petition to Install Underground Conduit on Old Ferry Road (Petition No. 30408955)
6. CouncilRulesAsProposed to be Amended.112321
7. City Council Rules Select Committee Final Report
8. 21.364 Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night
9. Letter from Chair of the Community Preservation Committee to the City Council Dated November 23, 2021 re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding, Autumn 2021
10. 21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal
11. 21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project
12. 21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden
13. 21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project
14. 21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program
15. 21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing
16. the Disabled Homeless Project
17. 21.366 An Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment
18. 21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project
19. 21.368 An Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project
20. 21.369 An Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions
21. 21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road
22. 21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines
23. 21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road
24. Survey of Land Now or Formerly of Luman E. Bartlett
25. Order of Taking
26. 21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects
27. 21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds
28. 21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules
29. 21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022

30. Letter from Amy Cahillane, Executive Director of Downtown Northampton Association to City Council
Dated November 30, 2021 re: Support for An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18
to July 1, 2022
31. 21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue
32. 21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces
33. 21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street
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Land
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| Record of City Council Votes for December 2, 2021 | | Dwight | Foster | Jarrett | LaBarge | Maiore | Nash | Quinlan | Sciarra | Thorpe | Total |
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| Roll Call by Laura Krutzler, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:00 p.m. | | Present | Present | Present | Present | Present | Present | Present | Present | Present | 9 Present |
| City Council Rules Select Committee Final Report - Recognize councilor-elects | | Motion to approve | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| Approval of Consent Agenda | | Motion to approve | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| 21.364 An Application for Supervised Display of Fireworks - First Night | | Motion to approve | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| RECESS FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2021 | | | | | Yes | | | Second Yes | Yes | Motion to approve | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal | | | | | Yes | | | Positively Recommend | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project | | | | | Yes | | | Positively Recommend | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program | | | | | Yes | | | Positively Recommend | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.366 An Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.368 An Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.369 An Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines - 1st reading | | | | | Second Yes | | | Positively Recommend | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road | | | | | Second Yes | | | Positively Recommend | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects | | | | | Second Yes | | | Positively Recommend | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| 21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds | | | | | Positively Recommend | | | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |

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|--|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|------------|------------|------|-------------------|---------|------------|---|
| ADJOURN FINANCE | | | | | Yes | | | Motion to adjourn | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 4:0; roll call |
| RESUME CITY COUNCIL MEETING | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal - 1st reading | 21.357 - 21.374 with the exception of 21.367, 21.370 and 21.371 moved as a group in 1st reading | Yes | Yes | Motion to approve | Yes | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| 21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds - 1st reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.363 An Order Authorizing Expenditures from Accessible Parking Fines | Suspend rules | Motion to suspend | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| | 2nd reading | Motion to approve | Yes | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| 21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project - 1st reading | 1st reading | Motion to approve | Recused | Yes | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 8:0 with Foster recused; roll call |
| 21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules - single reading only required | Move to Next Meeting | Motion to approve | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |

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|--|---|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------|---------|---------|------------|--|
| 21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022 - 1st reading | 1st reading | Motion to approve | Yes | Recused | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 8:0 with Jarrett recused; roll call |
| | Suspend rules | Motion to suspend | Second Yes | Recused | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 8:0 with Jarrett recused; roll call |
| | Recognize Amy Cahillane | Motion to approve | Yes | Recused | Yes | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 8:0 with Jarrett recused; roll call |
| 21.335 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Evergreen Road and Chestnut Avenue - 2nd reading | 21.335 - 21.349 moved as a group in 2nd reading | Motion to approve | Yes | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| 21.336 An Ordinance Relative to Off-Street Accessible Parking Spaces - 2nd reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.337 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street - 2nd reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.338 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Cross Path Road - 2nd reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.349 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Meadow Street - 2nd reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21.318 An Ordinance to Amend §350-17 FFR District and §350 3-4 Zoning Map to Include Recreation Land - 2nd reading | 21.318 and 21.319 moved as a group in 2nd | Motion to approve | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |
| 21.319 An Ordinance to Require Installation of EV Charging Stations in Parking Lots over 25 Spaces - 2nd reading | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motion to Adjourn | to Adjourn | Motion to adjourn | Yes | Yes | Second Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Motion carried 9:0; roll call |

At 11:49 p.m., Councilor Dwight moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No