



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**On-line Video Conference**  
**Meeting Date: September 3, 2020**  
**Meeting Time: 7 p.m.**

The September 3, 2020 City Council meeting will be held via remote participation. The public can follow the council's deliberations by watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on youtube or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. For the active youtube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

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

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**1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Remote Participation and Audio/Video Recorded**

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

## 2. Public Comment

## 3. Roll Call

## 4. Public Hearings

### A. Public Hearing on Package of Three National Grid/Verizon Pole Petitions for King Street, One NG/Verizon Pole Petition for Summer Street and One NG/Verizon Pole Petition for Finn Street

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 @ 7:05 p.m. on the following petitions of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways:

20.080 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for King Street (Petition #24881246-1)

20.081 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for King Street (Petition #24881246-2)

20.082 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for King Street (Petition #24881246-3)

20.108 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Summer Street (Petition #24881246-4)

20.079 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Finn Street (Petition #24891246-5)

#### Documents:

[20.079 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[20.079 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Finn Street.pdf](#)

[20.080 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for King Street.pdf](#)

[20.081 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for King Street.pdf](#)

[20.082 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for King Street.pdf](#)

[20.079A DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[20.108 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Summer Street - Petition 24881246-4.pdf](#)

## 5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

### A. Announcement of Northampton Policing Review Commission (NPRC) Appointments

### B. Appointments to Periodic Review of Ordinances Committee

[Section 10-5](#) of the Code of Ordinances provides for a periodic review of ordinances in each year ending in a 5 or in a zero, beginning in 2015.

## 6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

## 7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

## 8. Resolutions

### A. **20.107 A Resolution in Support of Actions to Combat the Public Health Crisis of Systemic Racism - 2nd reading**

#### History:

- Passed 1st reading - 8/20/2020

Documents:

[20.107 A Resolution in Support of Actions to Combat the Public Health Crisis of Systemic Racism.pdf](#)

[20.107 AJ Suggested Amendment.pdf](#)

[20.107 MQ Suggested Amendment.pdf](#)

### B. **20.112 A Resolution in Support of "An Act Improving Outdoor Lighting and Increasing Dark-Sky Visibility" - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.112 A Resolution in Support of An Act Improving Outdoor Lighting and Increasing Dark-Sky Visibility.pdf](#)

### C. **20.113 A Resolution in Support of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.113 Resoluton in Suport of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance.pdf](#)

### D. **20.116 A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.116 A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census.pdf](#)

## 9. Presentations

## 10. Consent Agenda

**A. Minutes of June 10, 2020 and June 23, 2020 Special Meetings**

Documents:

[06-23-2020\\_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

[06-10-2020\\_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

**B. Approve 20.079, 20.082 and 20.108 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petitions for King Street, Summer Street and Finn Street (Petition #'s 24881246-3, 24881246-4 and 24891246-5)**

National Grid must obtain an "Excavation/Trench Permit" issued by the City of Northampton prior to construction.

There are no conflicts with public utilities at the proposed locations for #1, #2, #26, #39 and #40.

See documents under public hearing above.

**C. Approve 20.080 and 20.081 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petitions for King Street with conditions recommended by the DPW (Petition #'s 24881246-1 and 24881246-2)**

The DPW has recommended the following conditions for Pole #25 as shown on plan attached to Petition #24881246-1 and Pole #31 as shown on plan attached to Petition #24881246-2 due to potential conflicts with the sewer and a water service, respectively:

- Caution should be exercised while excavating at these locations. The hole for the new pole location shall be inspected by the DPW prior to actual pole installation. 24-hour notice to the DPW is required by calling (413) 587-1570.
- If the sewer and/or water service is disturbed, it must be repaired/relocated by the Contractor at the direction of the City Engineer.

National Grid must obtain an "Excavation/Trench Permit" issued by the City of Northampton prior to construction.

There are no conflicts with public utilities at the proposed locations for #21, #28, #28-50 and #33.

See documents under public hearing above.

**D. 20.117 Appointment to the Arts Council - for referral to City Services Committee**

**Arts Council**

**Michael Abbatiello**, 161 Main St., Leeds, MA

Term: September 2020-June 2023

*To fill a vacancy*

Documents:

[20.117 Michael Abbatiello Application.pdf](#)

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

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

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

### A. 20.111 An Order to Accept Land and Surplus it for Affordable Housing at Laurel Street and Burts Pit Road - 1st reading

**Process note:** The legislation cited in the order is on the Governor's desk waiting for his signature. Once signed, the sponsor will want a minor amendment to provide the final citation (H 4123 will become Chapter \_\_\_\_ of the Acts of 2020)..

Documents:

[20.111 An Order to Accept Land and Surplus it for Affordable Housing at Laurel Street and Burts Pit Road.pdf](#)

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

### A. 20.103 An Order to Award Contract for FY2021-FY2023 Audit to Scanlon and Associates - 2nd reading

**History:**

- Amended in Finance Committee to make a three-year contract - 8/20/2020
- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 8/20/2020
- Passed 1st reading as amended in Finance - 8/20/2020

Documents:

[20.103 An Order To Award Contract for FY2021 Audit to Scanlon and Associates.pdf](#)

## 14. Orders

### A. 20.110 Order to Waive the City's Right of First Refusal under MGL 61 for Land on Turkey Hill Road - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.110 An Order to Waive the City's Right of First Refusal under MGL 61 for Land on Turkey Hill Road.pdf](#)

## 15. Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

**A. 20.015 An Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant Street**

**History:**

- At the request of the DPW, the city council referred the ordinance back to the Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) - 2/6/2020

Documents:

[20.015 Pleasant Street Parking Diagram.pdf](#)

[20.015 An Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant Street.pdf](#)

**B. 20.114 Plastic Reduction & Sustainability Ordinance**

Documents:

[20.114 Plastic Reducton and Sustainability Ordinance.pdf](#)

**C. 20.115 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street**

Documents:

[20.115 Middle Street Parking Diagram.pdf](#)

[20.115 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street.pdf](#)

**16. Ordinances**

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

**18. New Business**

**19. Adjourn**

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