Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Chair
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, Vice Chair
Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.
Councilor John Thorpe

Online Meeting via Teleconference

Meeting Date: July 9, 2020

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting will take place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

1. **Meeting Called To Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting**

   A. **Minutes Of June 18, 2020**

      Documents:

      06-18-2020_finance committee minutes.pdf

4. **Financial Orders**

   A. **20.083 An Order To Approve Issuance Of Refunding Bonds**

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   B. **20.087 An Order To Approve Spending To Complete The Northview Subdivision**

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   C. **20.088 An Order To Authorize Payment Of Prior Year Bills**

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H. **20.093 An Order To Accept $3,000 Gift From Ruggles Center For Park Street Cemetery Gravestone Repairs**

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I. **20.094 An Order To Accept Gift Up To $100,000 To Replace Fencing At Bridge Street Cemetery**

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5. **New Business**
   -Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

6. **Adjourn**

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Councilor Marianne LaBarge, Vice Chair
Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.
Councilor John Thorpe

On line Zoom Meeting

Meeting Date: June 18, 2020

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting took place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting began at 5 p.m.

1. Meeting Called To Order: At 1:22 a.m., Councilor Sciarra called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call: Present were committee members Gina-Louise Sciarra (Chair), Marianne LaBarge (Vice-Chair), Michael J. Quinlan, Jr. and John Thorpe. Also present from the City Council were William H. Dwight, Alex Jarrett, Karen Foster, Rachel Maiore and Jim Nash.

3. Financial Orders

A. 20.067 An Order to Appropriate Approximately $1 Million from Free Cash to Capital Stabilization

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

The order's purpose was previewed during his presentation on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Mayor Narkewicz reminded. To avoid having to request two readings on a financial order, administrators are asking to have monies transferred into capital stabilization so the funds will still be available when the second reading occurs at the council's July meeting.

The motion passed 4:0 by roll call vote.

B. 20.068 An Order to Appropriate Balance of Bond Premium for Replacement Doors for SVAHS Building A

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

Orders are separated by funding source, Mayor Narkewicz explained. This is an example of using residual funds from one of their bonding actions to pay for upgrades to the doors at Smith Vocational and

Agricultural High School (SVAHS). Since it is considered a distinct funding source it is listed on a separate order.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

C. 20.069 An Order to Authorize Borrowing $640,000 for New Fire Truck

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

This is the replacement of a 2006 engine, Mayor Narkewicz presented. City officials are proposing to make the purchase through bonding. They won't actually do the borrowing until next year. There is a long lead time to construct these vehicles. They have slowly over the last several years on a rotating basis been trying to replace some of this front-line equipment for the fire rescue department and this is the one that is next in the queue.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

D. 20.070 An Order to Appropriate $1.22 Million from Capital Stabilization for Various Capital Projects

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

These projects are all part of the FY2021 CIP, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed. They are actually the ones they had intended to fund mostly from Free Cash but for which they instead had councilors transfer money from Free Cash to capital stabilization. It is a cross section of projects, some of which he described. GHG is greenhouse gas, so the first project consists of net zero greenhouse gas analyses of city buildings. AOM is the Academy of Music. Since they have been trying to complete some upgrades there, it is a good time to bring the fire suppression system up to code. AOM administrators are seeking state grants for the work as well. The remaining projects are various infrastructure improvements. He has already described several central services projects and school projects. Forbes library drainage repairs are to address a drainage issue that threatens the stability of the parking lot and embankment behind the Forbes library.

Mayor Narkewicz fielded questions about specific projects.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

A. 20.071 An Order to Appropriate $25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

This is part of an ongoing multi-year commitment on the part of the city to making investments in its cemeteries, Mayor Narkewicz reported. The funds are coming specifically from the cemetery trust and income account. The city did an assessment of all its cemeteries several years ago. They have been able to secure funds for the work from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Community Preservation Act (CPA) as well as leveraging these funds.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

B. 20.072 An Order to Appropriate $46,000 from PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to IT for Various Projects

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

This is a set of funds the city has as a result of its 10-year contract with Comcast, Mayor Narkewicz related. One account is used to fund the operation of Northampton Open Media (NOM). Capital funding that comes to the city was used initially to construct the city's INET which connects various schools and municipal buildings. Going forward, administrators use funds paid to the city through this agreement for maintenance and in this case replacement of network switches and other parts to keep the fiber network going. It is a pot of money intended for capital improvements related to the Wide Area Network (WAN), he clarified.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

C. 20.073 An Order to Reprogram $75,908 from MSBA School Projects to SVAHS Gym Lockers

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

These are some old lockers installed in 1976, Mayor Narkewicz continued. They've seen a lot of use and have more than reached the end of their useful life. The city has some residual funds leftover from school-related roof repairs, so they are asking to reprogram them to replace these bicentennial era lockers.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

D. 20.074 An Order to Reprogram Ryan Road School Cafeteria Funds to NPS Projects

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor Quinlan moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

This is another reprogramming of funds left over from the renovation of the Ryan Road school cafeteria to pay for some needed projects in the food service departments, Mayor Narkewicz advised. The Point of Sale (POS) system is the one used by students to pay for lunches throughout the Northampton public school system. The walk-in freezer controls being installed are at the middle school and high school and the steam table being replaced is at the high school. Again, money originally appropriated for food service needs is being reprogrammed to pay for other food service-related projects.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

E. 20.075 An Order to Purchase Land on Boggy Meadow Road to Add to the Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

Office of Planning and Sustainability Director Wayne Feiden informed councilors this is a beautiful piece of property consisting of about 53 acres. The city owns conservation land on two sides and holds a conservation restriction on the third side. The tract includes a gorgeous beaver meadow and wonderful upland habitat and has been one of the planning department's top priorities for acquisition. As councilors will remember, almost every year the city applies for a land grant. Planners need the order in order to be eligible for the grant but will come back to the council to rescind the borrowing authorization.

Councilor LaBarge asked if it was Dr. Wilbur's home. Feiden said it is not his home, but he owned the property. His four children own the property now. The city generally surveys its holdings as a routine matter but since the city owns land on three sides, it already shows up on their surveys. The assessors say it is 54 acres and the survey says 53, so that's why it's listed as 53 plus acres. It's accurate within an acre.

Councilor Jarrett said he has walked this property many times. It's got some beautiful parts to it, he confirmed. He asked if the right of way indicated will be available to the public.

Mr. Feiden said they think so. There are two parts to the right-of-way. There's a row along the northerly part of the cemetery which is clear, so they definitely get that. The attorneys need to do a little more research on the other part. Assuming it is clear, then, yes, they would have that right.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

F. 20.078 An Order to Authorize King Street Corridor Improvements Right of Way Acquisition

Councilor Sciarra read the order.

Councilor LaBarge moved to forward the order with a positive recommendation. Councilor Quinlan seconded.

These row acquisitions are related to the King Street corridor improvement project between Bright Street and the Mass Central Rail Trail, Mayor Narkewicz explained. The project is being funded by federal highway and MassDOT funds but requires the city to do these row acquisitions in the form of either fee taking, permanent easements or temporary easements. The city hired a contractor to satisfy the federal requirements for row acquisition. The contractor met with each property owner to discuss the project and its impacts. A certified appraisal was done and offer letters were sent out based on the appraised value.

Of the 26 owners, seven agreed to actually forgo the appraisal and donate their easements to the city. A second reading is slated for July 9, 2020. Once the right-of-ways have been secured, the plan is for the project to go out to bid August 15, 2020 with bid openings on September 22nd.

Construction is being paid for by MassDOT but the city has to do row acquisition, he reiterated. He publicly thanked the property owners (Servicenet, VHS Realty, Trident Realty, Alan Verson, Gayle Cannon, RKE Realty and Mr. Geneco, LLC) who donated easements to the city. The city is using Chapter 90 money to actually pay for the takings since it's an allowable expense under Chapter 90.

Councilor Jarrett asked the total of damages listed. That's the $215,000 in the order, Mayor Narkewicz said.

The motion passed unanimously 4:0 by roll call vote.

4. New Business
   None.

5. Adjourn: There being no further business, Councilor Thorpe moved to adjourn. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 Yes, 0 No. The meeting adjourned at 2 a.m.

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City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.083 An Order to Approve Issuance of Refunding Bonds

Ordered, that

in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of refunding bonds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, at one time or from time to time, to refund all or any portion of the City's general obligation bonds outstanding as of the date of adoption of this order, and that the proceeds of the refunding bonds issued pursuant to this order shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the bonds of the City to be refunded and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds; and that any premium received by the City upon the sale of any refunding bonds approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, July 9, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Planning & Sustainability, and Planning Board

20.087 An Order to Approve Spending to Complete the Northview Subdivision

Whereas, The Planning Board has ordered the calling of the financial performance guarantee (Lenders Agreement) on the Northview Subdivision at Village Hill because of the failure of the developer/owner to complete the subdivision in accordance with the subdivision plans; and

Whereas, The Planning Board also holds the covenants on two lots as an additional performance guarantee; and

Whereas, Northview Subdivision needs additional grading, site stabilization, drainage, sidewalk, asphalt, and related work to complete the project; and

Whereas, The City will only fund improvements to the extent those improvements are funded from the financial performance guarantees and the release of covenants.

Ordered that, Northampton City Council in accordance with the subdivision control law (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41U, Section 81U) and the Northampton subdivision regulations, authorizes the expenditure of performance guarantee funds to meet the costs and expenses of the city in completing the work as specified in the approved plan and to refund remaining funds, if any.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.088 An Order to Authorize Payment of Prior Year Bills

Ordered, that

That the Council authorize payment of the following prior year bills totaling $872.18:

Central Services	Hodge City Plumbing (FY19)	$220.86
Central Services	Hodge City Plumbing (FY18)	$206.00
Central Services	Hodge City Plumbing (FY18)	$411.86
Central Services	WB Mason (FY19)	$23.65
Central Services	WB Mason (FY16)	$ 9.81

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.089 An Order to Authorize FY2021 Intermunicipal Agreements

Ordered, that

Whereas MGL C.40 s. 4A allows for joint operation of public activities among governmental units, and

Whereas, MGL c. 40, s. 4A requires that such inter-governmental agreements be approved, in a city, by the City Council and the Mayor, and;

Whereas the City of Northampton provides services to and shares services with other municipalities;

Therefore pursuant to MGL C. 40 s. 4A the City Council hereby authorizes the City of Northampton to enter into the following inter-municipal agreements for FY2020 (all agreements for one year unless specifically noted):

Contract with Town of **Williamsburg for Building Inspection and Zoning Enforcement Services** – agreement to provide the Town of Williamsburg with services for a lump sum annual fee.

Contract with Town of **Williamsburg for Electrical Inspection Services** – agreement to provide the Town of Williamsburg with services, with permit fees turned over to the City of Northampton.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst, Hadley and Easthampton for **Municipal Hearing Officer** Services – agreement to provide Municipal Hearing Officer Services pursuant to MGL C.148A s.2c to hear complaints related to alleged violations of state building codes or the state fire codes for a lump sum per the agreement.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Hadley, Middlefield, Pelham, Williamsburg, Goshen and Worthington to provide **Veterans Services Officer Services** –

agreement to provide these services to the various communities and assessments to individual towns per the agreement.

Contract with the Towns of Granby, Hadley, Amherst, South Hadley and Easthampton, to provide **Sealer of Weights and Measures Services** – agreement to provide these services to the various communities and assessments to individual towns per the agreement.

Contract with the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments to monitor and support the **Greater Franklin County Economic Target Area.**

Contract with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to partner with the City of Northampton, through its Health Department, relative to the following contracts: 1) to provide services relative to the **Hampshire Medical Reserves Corps** and 2) to provide emergency management services for the **Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition**.

Contract with Amherst, South Hadley, Pelham, Ware, Belchertown and Easthampton – agreement to jointly create a coalition called the **Hampshire Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative** charged with mobilizing local boards of health, medical providers, educational facilities, social service agencies, community organizers and others in Hampshire County to create sustainable policies, programs and practices to change community ideas and expectations regarding opioid us and abuse, as well as to reduce the morbidity and mortality rates that result from opioid use and abuse.

Pioneer Valley Opioid Data Collaborative - Contract with Bay State Health Inc., City of Springfield Department of Health and Human Services, Hampden County DA, Northwestern DA, Hampden County Sheriff's Department, Opioid Task Force, Berkshire opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative, North Quabbin Community Coalition, Partners for a Healthier Community Inc – agreement to work cooperatively to create methods to collect, store and aggregate **data regarding opioid use** and abuse in the region with the goal of analyzing trends and identifying short and long term intervention strategies.

Contract with **Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District**, working under the oversight of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, focused on mosquito surveillance and control. The City, through its Health Department participates in this regional effort to assist western Massachusetts communities with mosquito related health concerns.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst and Pelham to seek and accept grants where possible and to otherwise explore the mutual advantages of **electricity community aggregation**.

DART Case Management Database – A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between police departments, healthcare, behavioral health, and recovery centers allows the first responders who respond to an overdose to communicate to the outreach teams in the municipality in which

the person resides, thereby triggering a DART outreach. Partners: Hampshire County Police Departments - Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfied, Northampton, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Williamburg, Amherst College, MA State Police; Hampden County Police Departments - Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer, Longmeadow, West Springfield, Westfield, Wilbraham; Behavioral health Network, CSO, Gandara, Northampton Recovery Center, Western MA Training Consortium/Ware Recovery Center, The Nest Recovery Center; Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Baystate Health Systems, Holyoke Medical Center, Mercy/Trinity Health Systems; Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections.

Health Information Exchange – For the enhancement of the regional capacity for timely and comprehensive data collection to improve data efficiencies, cost savings, and improved service delivery by expanding our regional public health data capabilities. Partners: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Opioid Task Force, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Hampshire County Police Departments - Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfied, Northampton, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Williamburg, Amherst College, MA State Police. Hampden County Police Departments - Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer, Longmeadow, West Springfield, Westfield, Wilbraham; Behavioral health Network, CSO, Gandara, Northampton Recovery Center, Western MA Training Consortium/Ware Recovery Center, The Nest Recovery Center; Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Baystate Health Systems, Holyoke Medical Center, Mercy/Trinity Health Systems; Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections; Northwest District Attorney, Massachusetts Ambulance TRIP data MATRIS, Department of Public Health, Mass Registry of Vital Records Death Certificate data, PDMP/Mass PAT, MAVEN & other Mass CHIP data and other relevant behavioral health and substance use related data.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Agreement to provide to the Planning and Sustainability Department the following: Planning technical assistance, traffic and transportation analysis, historic preservation planning, and housing rehabilitation services – through FY2023.

<u>The following are agreements currently authorized by the city and have not expired:</u>

Contract with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for **EPA Stormwater MS4 Permit Assistance** – through March of 2022

Paramedic Intercept Agreements with multiple towns and ambulance districts – through November of 2041

Contract with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for **Senior Transportation Services** – through November of 2041

Contract with **Greenfield Community College to use one strand of our Five College Fiber Network** for an annual fee, per the agreement – through FY2022.

Contract with the Towns of Williamsburg, Goshen, Southampton, Chesterfield, Huntington, Hadley and Westhampton - agreement to provide **Laserfiche Hosting Services** for an annual fee thru FY2022.

Contract with **Pioneer Valley Bike Share** and to enter into agreements with the cities of West Springfield and Chicopee and the Town of Hadley to participate in the Pioneer Valley Bike Share program along with the following entities which are already part of the existing inter-municipal agreement for the program: Holyoke, Springfield, Amherst, South Hadley, UMASS, PVPC and Easthampton already approved through FY2021.

Contract to participate in the **Connecticut River Task Force** with the police departments of Easthampton, Hadley, South Hadley, Chicopee and the Northwestern District Attorney in partnership with the Massachusetts Environmental Police to enhance law enforcement efforts on the Connecticut River due to the heavy volume of boating activity within the regional boundaries of the adjacent agencies – three year agreement to May of 2022

Agreement **for Fiber Optic Cable with Five College Net, LLC** – Agreement to allow the city use of four strands of the Cable Network, including the right to transport and distribute digital signals for data – renewal of agreement for five years from 2019 – 2024 and allowing for automatic renewal for another five years from 2024-2028.

Agreement to participate in **the Domestic Violence Intervention Project**, a regional partnership formed between the Northwestern District Attorney's office, Safe Passage, The New England Learning Center for Women in Transition and area police departments – four year agreement to December of 2022.

Agreement to participate in the **Northwestern District Anti-Crime Task Force** with all communities and their respective law enforcement entities within the jurisdiction of the Northwestern District, which are within the jurisdiction of the Northwestern District courts and that of the Northwestern District Attorney's Office – multi-year agreement with no end date.

Contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and multiple towns for the **Mass in Motion Program**, renew for three more years - through FY2022.

Public Health Nursing Program - Contract to partner with the following communities to provide assistance with infectious disease surveillance reporting thru the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN) for the COVID-19 crisis: Middlefield, Chesterfield, Huntington, Plainfield, Worthington, Easthampton, East Longmeadow, and the Foothills Health District, which serves the towns of Whately, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Goshen for FY2020 and FY2021.

Young Adult Empowerment collaborative of Western Massachusetts - Contract to partner with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and the North

Quabbin Region – agreement to work cooperatively to develop and strengthen regional data systems serving your adults, preventing and addressing young adult misuse by creating and promoting evidence-based programming to support young people as they transition into the five stages of adulthood; and engaging families and communities in their roles to support young adults for FY2020 and FY2021.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.090 An Order to Appropriate $90,000 from Stabilization for Health and Safety Improvements to Treasurer-Collector Office

Ordered, that

The sum of $90,000 be appropriated from the Stabilization Fund to provide for health and safety improvements in the Treasurer-Collector's office which experiences a high volume of customer service interactions; such improvements will address staff layout issues to incorporate COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the installation of security windows at which customers will make payments for taxes, utility bills and parking tickets and energy efficient improvements including new windows, which will provide a safer environment for the public and city employees doing business with the city.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.091 An Order to Accept Gift of Labor and Materials to Repair Grave of George Hodestia

Whereas, Historic Gravestone Services of 113 Michael Lane, New Salem, MA, wishes to provide labor and materials to repair the deteriorated gravestone of George Hodestia, formerly enslaved citizen and Florence resident, in Park Street Cemetery,

Ordered that,

The Northampton City Council gratefully accepts the donation of labor and materials, valued at $500, as a gift to the City of Northampton to be used for the restoration of the gravestone of George Hodestia in the Park Street Cemetery, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.092 An Order to Accept Gift of Plaque for Grave of Basil Dorsey

Whereas,

Basil C. Dorsey was born enslaved in 1811, took his freedom on the Underground Railroad in 1833 and lived in Florence, MA from 1844 until his death in 1872 when he was buried in the Park Street Cemetery in Northampton;

Ordered, that

The Northampton City Council gratefully accepts the donation of a plaque to be placed at his grave, valued at $1,000, and donated by Bambi Miller, as a gift to the City of Northampton, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.093 An to Accept $3,000 Gift from Ruggles Center for Park Street Cemetery Gravestone Repairs

Whereas,

The David Ruggles Center, a project of the Committee for Northampton, Inc., would like to provide funding for repair work, materials and professional oversight of repairs for the deteriorated gravestones of Basil Dorsey, Laura Washington, Louisa Dorsey, Nancy Jones and Charles & Gertrude Burleigh in the Park Street Cemetery,

Ordered that,

The Northampton City Council gratefully appropriates the donation of the $3,000 gift to the City of Northampton to be used toward the repair work, materials and professional oversight of repairs for these five gravestones in the Park Street Cemetery, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.094 An Order to Accept Gift up to $100,000 to Replace Fencing at Bridge Street Cemetery

Whereas, in 2016, a Preservation Master Plan was created for the Bridge Street Cemetery, and a recommendation within this plan was the phased replacement of the Cemetery border fence as described on pages 25-27, and an anonymous donor wishes to provide necessary funding for Phase 1 of this fence replacement above and beyond the city's appropriation of $25,000 for cemetery improvements in FY2021;

Ordered that,

The Northampton City Council gratefully appropriates the donation of a gift to the City of Northampton of funds up to $100,000 to be used toward the replacement of approximately 880 linear feet of fence at the Bridge Street Cemetery, to include two gates, in accordance with the recommendations within the Preservation Master Plan for the Bridge Street Cemetery and with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).