CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

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

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: October 15, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The October 15, 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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

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PARTICIPANT #: #
PASSCODE: 126118

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. 7:05 pm Public Hearing on Administrative Order

In accordance with Section 6-1 of the Northampton City Charter, the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:05 p.m.** to consider proposed amendments to the **City of Northampton Administrative Code, Part II Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, Section 23.0 Public Shade Tree Commission.**

The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The City Council meeting begins **at 7 p.m.**

A legal notice of the hearing was published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on Thursday, October 8, 2020.

Documents:

20.131 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code.pdf

B. 7:15 pm Public Hearing - 20.003 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Beacon Street (Petition #29215572)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways. (Petition #29215572 - Beacon Street)

Documents:

20.003 Revised National Grid Pole Petition for Beacon Street.pdf
20.003 DPW Recommendation.pdf

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

9. Presentations

10. Recess for Committee on City Services (See Separate Agenda)

11. 20.129 Appointment of Marc Dautreuil as Principal Assessor, City Services Committee Recommendation Pending

Documents:

20.129 Appointment of Marc Dautreuil as Principal Assessor.pdf

12. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of September 3, 2020

Documents:

09-03-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf

B. 20.117 Appointment to the Arts Council, positive recommendation, City Services Committee - 10/5/2020

Documents:

20.117 Appointment to the Arts Council.pdf

C. 20.127 Appointments to Various Committees, all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 10/5/2020

Arts Council

Ashlynn Cradic, 386 Bridge St., Northampton, MA

Term: September 2020-June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Conservation Commission

Jennifer Smith, 24 Audubon Road, Leeds, MA

Term: September 2020-June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Disability Commission

Kathy Murri, 50 Laurel Park, Northampton, MA

Term: September 2020-June 2023

To fill a vacancy

Human Rights Commission

Susan MacDonald-Bolanos, 1 Chapin Way, Unit 7517, Smith College, Northampton, MA

Term: September 2020- June 2022

To fill a vacancy

Planning Board

Janna White

Full Member

Term: September 2020-June 2022

To fill the unexpired term of Euripedes de Oliveira

Chris Tait, 46 Upland Road, Leeds, MA

Term: September 2020- June 2021

To fill the unexpired term of Janna White

Documents:

20.127 Appointments to Various Committees.pdf

13. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

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

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

A. 20.133 An Order to Accept Gift of Value of Replacing Sidewalk Sections Adjacent to 109 Main Street - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested.

Documents:

20.133 109 Main Street Sidewalk Diagram.pdf

20.133 An Order to Accept Gift for the Value of Replacing Sidewalk Sections Adjacent to 109 Main Street.pdf

B. 20.134 An Order to Appropriate Funds to Complete the Stormwater Analysis Beaver Brook Estates Leeds - 1st reading

Documents:

20.134 An Order to Appropriate Funds to Complete the Stormwater Analysis Beaver Brook Estates Leeds.pdf

15. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

16. Orders

A. 20.131 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code - Single reading only required

Documents:

20.131 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code.pdf

17. 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.

18. Ordinances

A. 20.014 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Bridge Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Positively recommended by Transportation and Parking Commission - 1/21/2020
- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 2/6/2020
- Postponed to April meeting for consideration with companion ordinance for Pleasant Street - 3/9/2020
- Pleasant Street parking ordinance needed further refinement so Bridge Street ordinance was held for future consideration in tandem with Pleasant Street ordinance
- Positive recommendation, LM - 9/14/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 9/17/2020

Documents:

20.014 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Bridge Street.pdf
20.014 Bridge Street Parking Diagram.pdf

B. 20.015 An Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant Street - 2nd reading

History:

- At the request of the DPW, the city council referred the ordinance back to the Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC) - 2/6/2020
- Positive recommendation, TPC - 8/18/2020
- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/3/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM - 9/14/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 9/17/2020

Documents:

20.015 Pleasant Street Parking Diagram.pdf
20.015 An Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant Street.pdf

C. 20.115 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/3/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM - 9/14/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 9/17/2020

Documents:

20.115 Middle Street Parking Diagram.pdf
20.115 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street.pdf

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

20. New Business

21. Adjourn

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MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

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September 29, 2020

Northampton City Council
210 Main Street, Room 3
Northampton, MA 01060

To the Honorable Members of the City Council,

Pursuant to my authority under Article 6, Section 6-1 of the City Charter, I am respectfully submitting the attached Administrative Order making the following changes to the City's Administrative Code:

(1) Change the name of the Public Shade Tree Commission to the Urban Forestry Commission.
This change to the name of the Public Shade Tree Commission has come at the request of both the Commission itself and the Tree Warden to better reflect the broader mission of this important multiple-member body which extends beyond public shade trees to promoting and preserving the city's entire tree canopy.

(2) Change the membership composition of the newly-renamed Urban Forestry Commission and designate an ex-officio Chair.
This Administrative Order also modifies the membership composition of the newly renamed Urban Forestry Commission from seven city residents to six city residents and the city's Tree Warden. It also designates the city's Tree Warden as the ex-officio Chair of the Commission.

Since the creation of the Public Shade Tree Commission by Administrative Order in November of 2014, the city's Tree Warden has played an active and central role in the work of the body and attended all of its meetings. Making the city's Tree Warden a member of the Commission would formalize that role and making them the ex-officio Chair would align it with my 2019 Administrative Orders changing the Transportation and Parking Commission and the Energy and Sustainability Commission. There is currently a vacancy on the Commission following the resignation of founding member and former longtime Chair, Lilly Lombard, so this change will be fairly seamless and not require a resignation.

Thank you in advance for your review of these proposed changes to our Administrative Code. I stand ready to answer any questions or provide additional information and respectfully request the City Council's approval of the attached Administrative Order.

Sincerely,

David J. Narkewicz
Mayor

cc: City Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Amend City of Northampton Administrative Code,
Part II Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, Section 23.0 as follows:

23.0. ~~Public Shade Tree Commission~~ **Urban Forestry Commission**

Established

There shall be a**n** ~~Public Shade Tree~~ **Urban Forestry** Commission consisting of seven members **as follows: Tree Warden plus 6 members of the public. The Tree Warden shall serve as Chair and one of the members of the public shall be elected Vice Chair.**

Authorities and Responsibilities

The ~~Public Shade Tree~~ **Urban Forestry** Commission preserves, protects and promotes City shade trees. The Commission advises and assists the Tree Warden and Mayor in researching and developing plans, programs and policies for achieving a tree canopy that supports Northampton's goals of public health, beautification, economic and environmental sustainability, and resilience in the face of climate change. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations on ordinance and zoning regulations related to trees. It receives and reviews input from City residents, businesses, and neighborhoods on issues or concerns related to trees, makes planting and maintenance recommendations guided by industry best practices, and works to promote knowledge and awareness of the benefits of an actively managed urban forest.

The ~~Public Shade Tree~~ **Urban Forestry** Commission is an advisory multiple-member body of the City.

Questions contact – Lisa Jasinski 413-222-4838

PETITION FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council
Of Northampton, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Beacon St. - National Grid to install (1) SO pole on Beacon St. beginning at a point approximately 367 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Sunhill Dr. to correct service attached to tree.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Beacon St. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

29215572

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a
NATIONAL GRID Jim Kehrer/lla
BY _____
Engineering Department

September 15, 2020

Northampton

ORDER FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

In the City of Northampton, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
that Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and be and it is hereby granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Company dated the 15th day of September 2020.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – Beacon St. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

29215572 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Beacon St. - National Grid to install (1) SO pole on Beacon St. beginning at a point approximately 367 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Sunhill Dr. to correct service attached to tree.

I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City/Town of , Massachusetts held on the day of 20 .

City/Town Clerk.

Massachusetts 20 .

Received and entered in the records of location orders of the City/Town of
Book Page

Attest:
City/Town Clerk

I hereby certify that on 20 , at o'clock, M
at a public hearing was held on the petition of
Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID for permission to erect the poles, wires, and fixtures described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Company is permitted to erect Poles, wires, and fixtures under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

City/Town Clerk.

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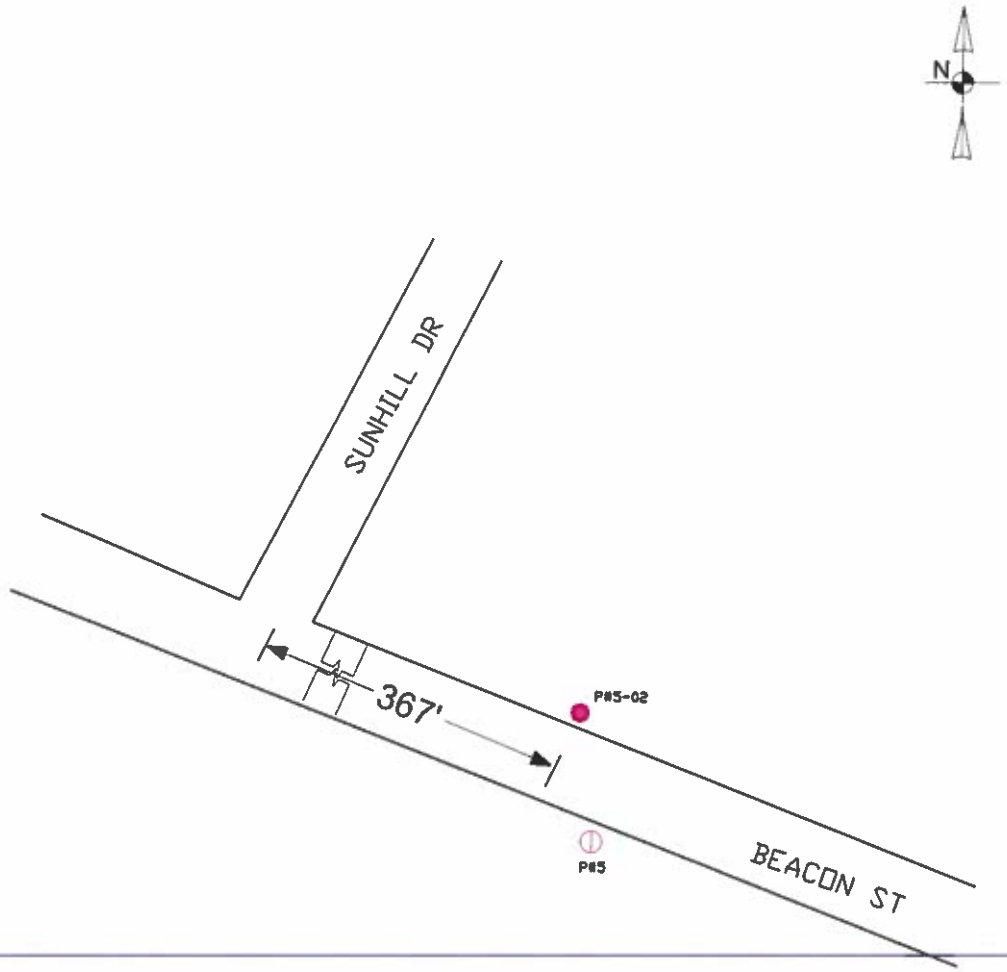
Board or Council of Town or City, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the of the City/Town of Massachusetts, on the day of 20 and recorded with the records of location orders of the said City, Book , and Page . This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

Attest:
City/Town Clerk



POLE PETITION

- Proposed NGRID Pole Locations
- Existing NGRID Pole Locations
- Proposed J.O. Pole Locations
- Existing J.O. Pole Locations
- Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations
- Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.
- Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE

nationalgrid

Date: DEC 19, 2019

Plan Number: WR# 29215572

To Accompany Petition Dated:

To The: CITY Of NORTHAMPTON

For Proposed: Pole: Location: BEACON ST

Date Of Original Grant:

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
125 Locust Street
Northampton, MA 01060

413-587-1570
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Donna LaScaleia
Director

Memorandum

To: Donna LaScaleia, DPW Director approves DL 9-29-20

From: Felix Harvey, Staff Civil Engineer

Date: September 29, 2020

Re: National Grid Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations No. 29215572

National Grid is proposing to install one (1) auxiliary pole on Beacon Street approximately 367 feet from the centerline of the intersection with Sun Hill Drive across from pole 5 to serve 47 Beacon Street. The new pole location was field-staked by National Grid.

There are no conflicts with utilities or public shade trees at this proposed location.

A valid "Excavation/Trench Permit" issued by the City's Department of Public Works is required prior to construction.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz
CC: City Clerk Pamela Powers
DATE: September 28, 2020
RE: Appointment of Principal Assessor

I am appointing Deputy Assessor Marc Dautreuil to the position of Principal Assessor for the City of Northampton, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Principal Assessor Sarafin, effective October 1, 2020.

Deputy Assessor Dautreuil has been with the department since 2016. Prior to that, he was a real estate appraiser in Barnstable and Plymouth counties. He received his bachelor's degree from Texas State University in History, earning a secondary teaching certificate in Social Studies. He gained his Appraiser's licence in 2015, and in 2016 was designated a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor by the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers. I have attached a copy of Mr. Dautreuil's professional resume for your review.

I consulted with retiring Principal Assessor Sarafin on this decision and we are both confident in Deputy Assessor Dautreuil's ability to lead the Assessor's Department moving forward. I am honored to elevate Marc Dautreuil to the rank of Principal Assessor and respectfully submit his appointment to the City Council for confirmation in accordance with the Northampton Charter, Article 2, § 2-10.

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

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra. At 8:11 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

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

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

Councilor Sciarra announced that the meeting was being held via remote participation and audio and video recorded.

Public Hearings Public Hearing on Package of Three National Grid/Verizon Pole Petitions for King Street, 1 NG/Verizon Pole Petition for Summer Street and 1 NG/ Verizon Pole Petition for Finn Street

Public Hearings
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
Councilor Sciarra read the following announcement:
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)

Councilor Sciarra read the DPW's recommendation.

Councilor Dwight moved to open the public hearing. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The hearing was opened at 8:18 p.m.

Obrayn Cortes presented the petitions, which are due to the MassDOT King Street reconstruction project. National Grid is relocating the poles to keep the line straight to limit anchors on lines and to fit with road reconstruction, he explained.

Councilor Dwight said he presumed National Grid is prepared to meet the conditions required by the DPW, and Mr. Cortes confirmed that the utility is prepared to comply with all requirements.

Councilor Sciarra asked if there were any proponents or opponents.

Hearing none, Councilor Dwight moved to close the hearing. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The hearing was closed at 8:21 p.m.

Updates from Council President/ Committee Chairs

Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs
NORTHAMPTON POLICING REVIEW COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS
Councilor Sciarra announced the appointments to the Northampton Policing Review Commission:

Lois Ahrens	Elizabeth Barajas-Roman	Booker Bush, MD (HRC)
Daniel Cannity	Nick Fleisher	David Hoose
Councilor Alex Jarrett	Carmen Lopez	Javier Luengo-Garrido
Nnamdi Pole, Ph.D	Councilor Michael Quinlan Jr.	Josey Rosales
Dana Olivo	Cynthia Suopis	Larissa Rivera-Gonzales

Mayor Narkewicz and Councilor Sciarra expressed deep appreciation for the many excellent

letters of interest received. It was a very challenging decision process because there were so many strong applicants who would undoubtedly contribute thoughtfully to the process.

Between the council and the mayor they had almost 65 people willing to serve. Both thanked the people willing to serve and expressed hope that they would stay engaged in the process. They are looking forward to the recommendations that they will bring forward.

PERIODIC REVIEW OF ORDINANCES COMMITTEE
Councilor Sciarra and Mayor Narkewicz jointly announced appointments to the periodic review of ordinances committee: Megan Paik and Jeff Napolitano (mayoral appointments), Councilor LaBarge, Councilor Nash and Councilor Thorpe. Administrative Assistant Laura Krutzler has agreed to provide administrative support. The charge of the committee is to review the code of ordinances to prepare a proposed revision or codification. They are asking the committee to give special attention to reviewing the ordinances for racial and ethnic bias and/or disparities.

The City Services Committee - Councilor Quinlan, Councilor Maiore, Councilor Foster and Councilor LaBarge – have interviewed many residents of the city who have volunteered to serve on city boards and committees, Councilor LaBarge related. She thanked all of the residents they have interviewed so far for their interest in serving the community and being actively engaged in city government.

Councilor LaBarge thanked DPW Director Donna LaScaleia for always being there to work with councilors, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. She thanked her in particular for her presence on site visits on Florence Road and Cross Street to work with residents to resolve quality of life and safety issues.

Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors
As they approach a new and very different-looking school year, Councilor Maiore said she wanted to take a minute to recognize and thank teachers, administrators, school employees and school committee members for all their thoughtful and hard work this summer. It is incredibly stressful to have only not-good choices to work with and no easy solutions. She also recognized students and parents/guardians, who often go unrecognized in the equation of remote and on-line learning. “We are all in the same storm, but we are in different boats,” she observed. Half a year in, many of them, herself included, struggle to keep 24-hour households running while holding down jobs and trying to provide for the basic needs of their children let alone themselves. “Nothing reasonable is being asked of any of us right now,” she affirmed. They can only try while managing expectations of themselves and others. Keeping their children and themselves as physically and emotionally well as possible under these circumstances is what success looks like right now, she pronounced.

Councilor Sciarra announced that Grow Food Northampton is looking for volunteers for its community food distribution project, a collaboration between Grow Food and the Northampton Survival Center. Organizers specifically asked her to see if councilors would be willing to help, but she offered to make a general announcement. On Tuesdays, teams of volunteers distribute fresh food from the survival center and area farms at Meadowbrook, Hampshire Heights, Florence Heights and the Lumberyard and, on Thursdays, the same is distributed to senior housing in Northampton. There has been a steady stream of volunteers over the summer but with the change in season there is a need for more. Help is needed Tuesday from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone interested can contact Francie at growfood.org or look for the community food distribution project on the Grow Food website.

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor
None.

Resolutions
20.107 Resolution in Support of

Resolutions
20.107 A Resolution in Support of Actions to Combat the Public Health Crisis of Systemic Racism – 2nd reading

Actions to Combat the Public Health Crisis of Systemic Racism – 2nd reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the resolution in second reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

Two amendments were discussed during first reading for which language was requested by the sponsors, Councilor Sciarra reminded.

Councilor Jarrett read the first proposed amendment, which adds a clause resolving that the council act to update ordinances shown to have a disproportionate impact on communities of color and to adversely affect vulnerable populations. He moved to approve the amendment as presented. Councilor Dwight seconded.

Councilor Jarrett voiced his understanding that resolutions express the council's commitment to do work within its power and thus hold them accountable. The five-year review will be happening within the next few months, so the resolution will serve as a recent reminder of their commitment to bringing an anti-racist perspective to legislation. He stressed the need to think about intent vs. impact as a lot of ordinances do not have an intent to be discriminatory and yet may still have disparate impacts on people of color.

The National League of Cities has compiled many examples of ordinances that are rooted in racial equity such as Minneapolis's decision to eliminate single-family zoning, Albany's police officer information ordinance and Seattle's fair chance hiring and fair chance housing ordinances. The National Low-income Housing Coalition has resources on ordinances that show disparate impacts, so he'd recommend that the Ordinance Review Committee look at this information.

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

Councilor Quinlan read his proposed amendment to urge the mayor to establish an Office of Equity and Human Rights to promote equity and reduce disparities within city government. He proposed that it be added as an 11th point to the 10-point plan referenced within the resolution.

Councilor Quinlan moved to approve the amendment as presented. Councilor Foster seconded.

Councilor Dwight said he is in favor of the intent and structure of the amendment but that listing it as an addendum to a 10-point plan that came from the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) might not be appropriate. He thinks the item should be a standalone clause and left unnumbered.

Councilor Quinlan accepted this as a friendly amendment to his motion.

Councilor Sciarra said she was going to make the same point – this is not their 10-point plan, so she does not want to alter it.

Councilor LaBarge noted that the mayor has a Human Rights Commission and questioned whether establishing an office with the same name might create confusion.

He is not opposed to a different name but wants the mission to be the same, Councilor Quinlan responded. The city does have both a Board of Health and a health department, he pointed out. He is open to changing the name, he confirmed.

Councilor Dwight said he doesn't see the two entities as being mutually exclusive. He doesn't think what Councilor Quinlan is recommending neutralizes what the Human Rights Commission does but actually enhances and expands it and gives it more teeth.

Councilor Jarrett said he would make similar arguments. The Human Rights Commission (HRC) is purely an advisory commission and doesn't have funding. An office would have funding and could carry out the work that the HRC would advise it on. The two go together.

Councilor Foster thanked Councilor Quinlan for bringing the amendment forward, noting that, in establishing the NPRC, they discussed that, in order to make progress, city resources need to be dedicated toward an effort. She appreciates the idea of formalizing the investment of city resources toward promoting equity and human rights. She offered the constructive comment that, to her, establishing an office means establishing a new department, which would be big and

budget heavy. She suggested instead considering establishing a position such as an Officer of Equity and Human Rights or advocating for establishment of a position that falls under another department's purview. She also recommended adding a reference to grant funding, since she would picture somebody in this role needing to seek funding to further their work. She sees grant development as a critical piece and something worth naming, she volunteered.

Councilor Quinlan said he is open to modifying this in a way the council as a whole supports. His intent is to urge the mayor to create what he sees as an office of accountability; how the mayor accomplishes it is his responsibility, he proposed. If it's through a position or a department, he is supportive of that. The goal for him is really to create this idea that everyone will be held accountable to treat everyone equally.

Councilor Dwight agreed the point is to urge the mayor to establish something. How it's realized and if it's realized is ultimately up to the mayor. What they're doing is endorsing and encouraging a department that obviously has costs associated with it. The fact is, the expense is a worthy investment. He thinks the language offered does just that and he's pretty sure the mayor hears it.

He sees this as an office giving the city a conscience, working to make sure that every action the city takes is handled equally for all, but specifically for seniors, residents with disabilities, people of color, LGBTQ/x, etc., Councilor Quinlan elaborated. What are we doing, how is it implemented, and does it unfairly impact anyone or any segment of our population? He asked fellow councilors to join him in supporting the amendment.

Councilor Thorpe thanked Councilor Quinlan and Councilor Jarrett for their amendments and said he supports them as presented.

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

Councilor Maiore offered another proposed amendment, which she read into the record as follows:

Whereas:

> On May 29, 2020 the American Public Health Association declared racism an ongoing public health crisis, deeming racism a barrier to health equity and a driving force of inequitable social determinants of health; the social, environmental, and economic factors that influence health, including employment, housing, education, access to health care and nutritious food; impacting life-long health outcomes even before birth; and on June 7, 2020 the American Medical Association stated racism is an urgent threat to public health~~.~~; and

Whereas:

> Numerous studies have linked racism to negative health outcomes, which are associated with increased risk for mental and physical chronic conditions such as heart disease, cancer, asthma, stroke, disproportionately high maternal and infant mortality, most recently, COVID-19, and the American College of Physicians has found that Black Americans in particular are at risk of being subjected to race-based discrimination and violence against them, and that hate crimes are a public health issue.

Councilor Maiore moved to approve the amendment as presented. Councilor Jarrett seconded.

The public health language backs up the need for declaring racism a public health emergency, Councilor Jarrett commented.

She is in full support of this resolution but just wanted to expand it a little to encompass the whole spectrum of racism barriers to health equity such as both chronic and acute disease and access to health care, Councilor Maiore explained. Because really it is racism, not race which is killing black people and people of color. Even when controlled for social factors such as education and income level, health disparities still endure both in chronic long-term indicators and in acute crises like the disproportionate rates of COVID-19 in black, Latin/x and indigenous communities.

This is reinforcing language to bolster or essentially footnote the declaration or resolution, which he has no problem with, Councilor Dwight observed. It is worth noting though, that, while it is a big list, it is actually incomplete. They could probably create a document that's 400 pages citing health impacts, including food deserts and lack of access to nutritious foods, also discrimination not just from police but from fellow citizens. Part of the problem is that once you pull the thread

on that sweater, it starts to unravel.

He doesn't have a problem with it, he reiterated. The resolution does make broad statements and declarations and resolutions frequently are held up to hold them to account when they are crafting laws. It seems as if they are all on the same page. He just wanted to caution all of them as they add to this. What she is proposing reflects that they are prompted by an understanding of the conditions that exist and are complicit even, he stated.

Councilor Sciarra concurred with what Councilor Dwight said. While perhaps the language was seen as too succinct, she would be concerned with the impression that they were leaving out the countless ways racism does affect people's health.

Councilor Thorpe agreed with Councilor Dwight. He said he appreciated Councilor Maiore providing this and wanting to add this to the resolution.

Councilor Maiore said she actually was thinking the addition kind of went with the 'Be it Further Resolved' clauses because it talks about health equity in the general sense. The 'Be it further resolved' section talks a lot about health equity and health inequities. Since the 'Whereas' clauses only talk about police violence, she felt like it needed to be mentioned to round it all out.

Councilor Dwight noted that the title is not specific to police actions but said he takes her point. His caution is not to deny this amendment but just to say that maybe this is the point at which they put a period; i.e. – not expand it further.

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

Councilor Jarrett read another proposed amendment aloud:

Be it further resolved that:

> The Northampton City Council will consider systemic changes that are within our power and advocate for those which are not, including but not limited to a shifting of municipal resources from punitive approaches to public safety to supportive and restorative ones, changes to the tax structure to help build wealth among those who have been discriminated against, and updating zoning codes, housing laws and transportation systems to create more affordable housing and accessible jobs, and to ensure equal access to health care.

Councilor Jarrett moved to approve the amendment. Councilor Dwight seconded.

He wants the council to hold a view of the structural changes that are necessary to actually solve the problems of racism, although he does not know them all, Councilor Jarrett explained. It is the start of a list from the reading and listening that he's done. Some the council has the power to enact and some the executive branch. One of the tasks of the NPRC is to figure out how, specifically in Northampton, they can move from punitive approaches to public safety to positive and restorative ones. Racism has created wealth inequality. Things like a progressive tax structure will help to change that, although he thinks reparations will be necessary as well.

Local codes contribute to the situation where people are priced out of Northampton. He thinks this amendment adds important examples of systemic change that they can hold in their minds as they're doing their jobs.

He has no problem supporting this amendment, Councilor Dwight confirmed. It actually charts actions and appropriate actions he has no problem supporting and in fact has supported through-out his tenure. "I'm actually grateful for this because it distills down to a more essential description the issues that are at hand."

He is grateful that it makes a point of pointing out that there are clearly things within their realm and those that are not. By being elected officials within their municipality, their voices are amplified above those of the average citizen. This embodies that; "I'm grateful for it," he said.

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

Councilor Sciarra called the motion to approve the resolution in second reading as amended to a vote, and it passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following resolution passed two readings:

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty
Upon the recommendation of Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Councilor William H. Dwight and Councilor John T. Thorpe

R-20.107 A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF AND COMMITTING TO ACTIONS AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL TO COMBAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM

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

Whereas:
George Floyd, an unarmed African-American man, was asphyxiated by a Minneapolis police officer or officers on May 25th 2020; and

Whereas:
Breonna Taylor, an African-American Emergency Room Technician, was shot eight times and killed in her own home by Louisville police on March 13th, 2020; and

Whereas:
Ahmaud Arbery, an African-American man was shot and killed by two white civilian men while jogging through a South Georgia neighborhood on February 23rd, 2020; and

Whereas:
Mr. Floyd's, Ms.Taylor's, and Mr. Arbery's deaths and the manner of their deaths are yet more examples, in a list of countless examples, of an endemic culture of oppression and racism that exists in our country; and

Whereas:
The widespread revulsion demonstrated by our fellow citizens to this, and to all of the accumulated historical racist actions, requires a reckoning and a commitment from all of us to confront this greatest threat to our society; and

Whereas:
In the absence of presidential leadership, it is incumbent upon local authorities to respond to the suffering that racism inflicts; and

Whereas:
We continue to acknowledge the deaths chronicled in this resolution and all of the racially perpetrated deaths that preceded them, as well as the racial violence and state and federal violence throughout the country that has followed them; and

Whereas:
The City Council of Northampton has for decades decried and condemned by resolution and laws the myriad racist acts committed by individuals and persons in authority; and

Whereas:
The City Council of Northampton will continue to stand unified in our commitment to confront institutional racism, implicit bias, and bigotry in all forms and violence; and

Whereas:
On May 29, 2020 the American Public Health Association declared racism an ongoing public health crisis, deeming racism a barrier to health equity and a driving force of inequitable social

determinants of health; the social, environmental and economic factors that influence health, including employment, housing, education, access to health care and nutritious food; impacting life-long health outcomes even before birth; and on June 7, 2020 the American Medical Association stated that racism is an urgent threat to public health; and

Whereas:

Numerous studies have linked racism to negative health outcomes, which are associated with increased risk for mental and physical chronic conditions such as heart disease, cancer, asthma, stroke, disproportionately high maternal and infant mortality, most recently, COVID-19, and the American College of Physicians has found that Black Americans in particular are at risk of being subjected to race-based discrimination and violence against them, and that hate crimes are a public health issue.

Now therefore be it resolved that the City Council of Northampton:

Reasserts its unequivocal opposition to expressions and acts of hate; and

Be it further resolved that:

We will devote our efforts to expanding the challenging but necessary community conversation on racism and on all of our respective culpabilities; and

Be it further resolved that:

We have an obligation to advance racial equity by undoing the inequities found in the law, and to proactively pass ordinances and make budget decisions that address inequity. During the Periodic Review of Ordinances which occurs every 5 years as per the City Charter Section 10-5, and at other times when it comes to the attention of the Council, we will act to update ordinances that have been shown to have a disproportionate impact on communities of color and adversely affect vulnerable populations. We will also consider these impacts during our annual budget process and as financial orders are brought to the council; and

Be it further resolved that:

We call for increased resources from the Commonwealth for comprehensive anti-racism trainings for state and municipal employees and students; and

Be it further resolved that:

The Northampton City Council supports the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus' proposed 10-Point Plan to Combat Systemic Racism in Policing and Police Brutality stating:

At the Federal level:

1. Pass Congresswoman Pressley's Resolution to condemn police brutality, racial profiling and the excessive use of force.

2. Improve oversight and independent investigations to hold individual law enforcement officers and police departments accountable.

3. Department of Justice must reassert its statutory authority to investigate individual instances of racial profiling, police brutality and violence and investigate and litigate individual law enforcement officers and police departments routinely violating civil rights.

4. Adopt sound and unbiased law enforcement policies at all levels of government that reduce the disparate impact of police brutality, racial profiling and use of force on Black and Brown people and other historically marginalized communities.

At the State level:
5. Resolve to provide for a "Special Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training" to study and make recommendations concerning the implementation of a state-wide Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) system, H2146, to certify police officers and enable de-certification for misconduct and abuse.

6. Pass An Act to Reform Civil Service Exams, H2292, establishing an Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity to establish guidelines and review for diversity plans for all state agencies, establish a peace officer exam advisory board to review examinations for appointment and promotion of peace officers.

7. Pass an Act establishing a special commission on structural racism, H1440, establishing a commission to study how the systemic presence of institutional racism has created a culture of structural racial inequality which has exacerbated disproportionate minority contact with the criminal justice system in Massachusetts.

8. Adopt clear statutory limits on police use of force, including choke-holds and other tactics known to have deadly consequences. Require independent investigation of officer-related deaths. Require data collection and reporting on race, regarding all arrests and police use of force by every department.

At the Municipal level:
9. Declare Racism is a Public Health Crisis and worthy of treatment, assessment and financial investment in order to eradicate negative health impacts.

10. Create a Civil Review Board/Commission with subpoena power to investigate allegations of law enforcement wrongdoing.

The Northampton City Council acknowledges the steps that the Northampton Police Department has previously taken that align with the Plan, including use of force policies and prohibiting chokeholds, and we assert there is more we can do as a city to combat systemic racism in our municipality and policing. We support the work of the Northampton Policing Review Commission created on July 9, 2020 to study and make informed recommendations for change to the city's approach to policing.

Be it further resolved that:

The Northampton City Council will urge the Mayor to establish an Office of Equity and Human Rights, to promote equity and reduce disparities within City government; provide guidance, education and technical assistance to all municipal offices in achieving equitable outcomes and services; support human rights and opportunities for everyone to achieve their full potential; work to resolve issues rooted in bias and discrimination, through research, education and interventions.

Be it further resolved that:

The Northampton City Council strongly agrees that racism is a public health crisis and in addition to asking to declare it so at the municipal level, asks the Commonwealth to devote the resources needed to combat this crisis at both the state and local levels.

Be it further resolved that:

The Northampton City Council will consider systemic changes that are within our power and advocate for those which are not, including but not limited to a shifting of municipal resources from punitive approaches to public safety to supportive and restorative ones, changes to the tax structure to help build wealth among those who have been discriminated against, and updating zoning codes, housing laws and transportation systems to create more affordable housing and accessible jobs, and to ensure equal access to health care.

Be it further resolved that:
The Administrative Assistant shall cause a copy of this resolution to be delivered to Governor Charles Baker, Attorney General Maura Healy, Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, Congressman James McGovern, Massachusetts Senator Jo Comerford and Massachusetts Representative Lindsay Sabadosa and the Chair of the MBLLC, Representative Carlos González; Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Dr. Monica Bharel; Northampton Director of Public Health, Merridith O'Leary.

Passed two readings and enrolled.

20.112 A Resolution in

20.112 A Resolution in Support of "An Act Improving Outdoor Lighting and Increasing Dark-Sky Visibility" - 1st reading
Councilor Sciarra invited one of the sponsors to read the resolution aloud. Councilor Foster

Support of "An Act Improving Outdoor Lighting and Increasing Dark-Sky Visibility" - 1st reading

obliged.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the resolution in first reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

The resolution is in support of statewide legislation but she wanted to take a moment to commend councilors in Northampton who introduced light pollution legislation from 2006 on and thank James Lowenthal and Northampton City Lights for its continued important 'resident expert' work, Councilor Maiore commented. Residents are very lucky to have them advocating in their community. She emphasized that this is also about energy over consumption and about physical and mental health and the wellbeing of their natural world.

Councilor Jarrett pointed out a scrivener's error, an extraneous 't' before Massachusetts Sierra Club. For him, light pollution has been a creeping change; it has been gradual enough that he doesn't notice it until he travels to a place where he can actually see the night sky, then he remembers as a child in the '80's how much of the sky he could actually see.

Councilor Foster echoed the comments from Councilor Maiore and Councilor Jarrett and also extended thanks to James Lowenthal and Northampton City Lights. She thinks these bills moving forward will really help to consider the natural world and human impacts of light pollution. She urged fellow councilors to support it.

Councilor LaBarge said she will support this, also commending James Lowenthal for all his hard work. She drew parallels between odors at the landfill making people sick and similar symptoms associated with light pollution. "Blue lights are awful," she observed. "This is absolutely necessary."

Councilor Quinlan thanked sponsors and Dr. Lowenthal. Similar to Councilor Jarrett, when contacted and presented with a questionnaire regarding these concerns during the recent campaign, he was prompted to realize it is brighter in Northampton today than when he was growing up. Even looking out from his front door, between Northampton Nursing Home and the top of the hill are a number of street lights and it's a straight away. "If we can do something to make the situation better, we should," he agreed.

Councilor Sciarra added her appreciation to sponsors and residents who have worked tirelessly on this issue.

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

See minutes of September 17, 2020 for second reading.

20.113 Resolution in Support of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance - 1st reading
20.116 A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census - 1st reading

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Councilor Sciarra announced that the resolution has been withdrawn by the sponsors.

20.116 A Resolution Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 Census - 1st reading
Councilor Sciarra read the resolution aloud.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the resolution in first reading. Councilor Nash seconded.

Councilor Sciarra thanked co-sponsor Jarrett who has been working on this issue as the council liaison to the Complete Count Committee and Javier Luengo-Garrido, who brought the resolution to their attention. With the constant firehose that is this administration it is easy to forget that this census has had roadblocks and efforts to thwart it basically since the president took office, she reminded.

It is an act of resistance at this point to fight for the census, work to make sure everyone is counted and acknowledge the mistrust and counteract it with facts about the safety of the census, Councilor Sciarra continued. It is crucial for Northampton and all communities to have a complete count; there is so much crucial funding that is dependent on each and every person being accounted for. She urged the council to not only support this resolution but to commit to doing what they can in the next 27 days to inform and encourage people to complete it, either on their own or by responding if they are contacted.

Councilor Jarrett thanked Councilor Sciarra and Javier Luengo-Garrido. He emphasized Councilor Sciarra's last point to talk to people they know about the census and take the time to listen to their concerns and share accurate information. Personal contact may move people who haven't felt comfortable responding to the census to respond, he suggested.

Councilors Maiore, Foster and Nash each expressed support for the resolution in turn. Councilor Foster mentioned the reflexive mistrust in government associated with the census and the importance of helping people understand why they're filling it out and that it's safe to do so.

Councilor Nash asked what he could do to help census workers. Councilor Jarrett suggested helping them make connections with any historically hard to count communities that may be present in individual wards. He hasn't heard that enumerators are having any particular issues in Northampton.

Councilor Sciarra moved to recognize Mr. Luengo-Garrido. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The core of the problem right now is that they have been working very hard with the college and Pioneer Valley Complete Count Committee to count all of those hard to count communities, Mr. Luengo-Garrido confirmed. With the constant fight of the federal government, in this last month, they are absolutely reaching out to the hardest of the hardest. One of the things the city council and city can do is be proactive by putting information in different languages. "That would be incredibly useful," he affirmed. Also, making clear that Title 13 protects information acquired by the census. Having the city council pass this tonight could mean a lot because nowadays the community needs reassurance that this is something that is safe and will have a positive impact. He has a ton of material if anyone wants to get in touch with him.

Councilor Dwight echoed the importance of citing Title 13 protections. It is really important in approaching people to open with that; how critically important it is and how they are protected. "You are not putting yourself in jeopardy of deportation or harassment or arrest or anything else," he stressed. That would be the primary concern of people who would have the most trepidation about responding, he suggested.

The motion to approve the resolution in first reading passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

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

<u>The following resolution passed two readings:</u>

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty
Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra and Councilor Alex Jarrett

R-20.116

A RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON TO PROMOTE AND COMPLETE THE CENSUS TO ENSURE A FAIR AND COMPLETE COUNT

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

WHEREAS the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to conduct a count of the population every ten years, and this count provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

WHEREAS the City of Northampton is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

WHEREAS the City of Northampton includes hard to count communities, which are those that face barriers to full and equitable representation in the data collection process, and that historically have been undercounted;

WHEREAS the federal government recently decreased the time for non-response follow up to the census by a crucial month and instituted a new deadline of September 30, 2020, endangering a complete count;

WHEREAS this reduction of time is another attempt to impede the complete count by the executive branch, as the former director of the Census Bureau, Kenneth Prewitt, testified in an emergency congressional hearing on July 25, 2020 that "With approximately a third of the population still to be counted, the President is sending a powerful signal that the 2020 census is a partisan tool, greatly complicating the task of a census still in the field."

WHEREAS this reduction of time is also coming in a census year with extraordinary challenges for the door-to-door census operation due to the Covid-19 pandemic and because of fear of divulging personal information and distrust of the federal government in the current political climate;

WHEREAS despite the fear engendered and stoked by the political climate, it is completely safe to respond to the census. The information collected by the census is confidential. Title 13 of the U.S. Code prohibits the Census Bureau from releasing any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses. The information can only be used for statistics and by law cannot be used against someone;

WHEREAS census data plays an important role in the allocation of federal and state funding to state and local communities, including funds for school lunch programs, education grants and other child welfare programs, housing funds such as Section 8 vouchers, SNAP benefits, transportation funding for highways; health benefits like Medicare Part B, and others;

WHEREAS census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts;

WHEREAS information from the 2020 Census and American Community Survey are vital tools for economic development and increased employment;

WHEREAS a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will enable the 2020 Census message to reach more of our residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Northampton is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Northampton supports the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and has and will disseminate 2020 Census information and encourages all residents to fill out the 2020 census before September 30, 2020;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Northampton supports Partnership Specialists, Census Takers and other U.S. Census Bureau staff as they help our community complete an accurate count;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northampton City Council encourages all residents to safely participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Northampton City Council encourages all Northampton residents to engage in conversations about the 2020 Census with people they are close to, listen to any of their concerns and share information about its importance and safety.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Councilor Dwight said he wanted to explain the withdrawal of 20.113 A Resolution in Support of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance.

Councilor Sciarra recognized Councilor Jarrett. Councilor Jarrett said he has spoken with the city solicitor and he has advised him to recuse himself on this ordinance due to a possible financial impact negative or positive to his business, Pedal People. He stated his intention to recuse himself.

The reason sponsors requested withdrawal is that the resolution presumes an outcome on the vote on the ordinance, Councilor Dwight explained. The ordinance is not being withdrawn and will be taken up later on the agenda. The resolution will be resubmitted at such a time when and if the ordinance passes, he stated.

Consent Agenda

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Councilor Sciarra reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove an item for separate discussion upon request. There being none, Councilor Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

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

	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. 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*
Recess	Recess Councilor Quinlan requested a recess. The City Council took a seven-minute recess. The council reconvened at 10:01 p.m.
Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting	At 10:01 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 10:17 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 10:17 p.m.
Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review) 20.111 Order to Accept Land and Surplus it for Affordable Housing at Laurel Street and Burts Pit Road - 1st reading	Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review) 20.111 An Order to Accept Land and Surplus it for Affordable Housing at Laurel Street and Burts Pit Road - 1st reading Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. See minutes of September 17, 2020 for second reading.

Financial Orders (in 2nd reading) 20.103 Order to Award Contract for FY2021-FY2023 Audit to Scanlon and Associates – 2nd reading	Financial Orders (in 2nd reading) 20.103 An Order to Award Contract for FY2021-FY2023 Audit to Scanlon and Associates – 2nd reading Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The following order passed two readings: **City of Northampton** MASSACHUSETTS *In City Council* August 20, 2020 Upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee **20.103 An Order** **To Award Contract for FY2021 – FY2023 Audit to Scanlon and Associates** *Ordered, that* Whereas, Section 7-6 of the Northampton City Charter requires that the City Council annually award a contract for an outside audit of the books and accounts of the city to be conducted by a certified public accountant or by a firm of certified public accountants, which has no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the fiscal affairs of the city or any of its officers. *Now therefore be it ordered,* That the City Council hereby awards a three-year contract for auditing services for FY2021 to FY2023 to Scanlon and Associates, LLC at the prices and rates quoted in the proposal dated August 11, 2020 attached hereto. Passed two readings and enrolled.
Orders 20.110 Order to Waive the City's Right of First Refusal under MGL 61 for Land on Turkey Hill Road - 1st reading	Orders 20.110 Order to Waive the City's Right of First Refusal under MGL 61 for Land on Turkey Hill Road - 1st reading Councilor Sciarra read the order. Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. When the city made a major land preservation acquisition at Turkey Hill several years ago it was a multi-element plan, Mayor Narkewicz explained. The procurement was intended to preserve 150 acres in the Mineral Hills and create four condominiums and one high-end housing lot. The four condominiums have already been created. Since the land was acquired under Massachusetts General Law for open space acquisition, the city has a built-in right of first refusal. The city does not want to exercise its right of first refusal and basically wants to sell this as a market-rate lot as originally proposed. The order is asking the city council to affirm that the city will not buy the lot and will waive its right of first refusal to allow it to be sold. Councilor LaBarge expressed her understanding that the city is trying to get some of its money back. It's too expensive a parcel to acquire as open space, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed. It's a developable parcel. The city preserved 150 acres but is trying to balance that with creating housing. This will complete the development plan that was put in place, particularly to preserve

the open space for people to enjoy and recreate.

Councilor Jarrett asked who owns the land now.

The owners do not live in Northampton, Councilor LaBarge said. The property is owned by Chen and Bangas.

Councilor Jarrett asked about the possibility of using it for affordable housing.

The cost of the lot and the value of the lot is prohibitive for the goal of affordable housing, Mayor Narkewicz said. The original plan was for a mix of affordable and market-rate homes. Planning Director Wayne Feiden could address that in greater detail. It would be $200,000 to buy the land itself so it represents a fairly capital- intensive investment. He reiterated that the city did develop four affordable units.

It is worth noting that there is a need to balance competing priorities in property acquisition, Councilor Dwight asserted. The city took a substantial amount of property off the tax rolls. The market-rate lot helps offset the loss of revenue for creation of the affordable housing. "There's a method to the madness, as it were," he suggested. As Northampton acquires and preserves land for conservation they want to make sure that they don't cut off their nose to spite their face and lose potential revenue.

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

See minutes of September 17, 2020 for second reading.

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)
20.015 Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant St.
20.114 Plastic Reduction & Sustainability Ordinance
20.115 Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)

20.015 An Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant Street

Councilor Foster moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

20.114 Plastic Reduction & Sustainability Ordinance

The city solicitor has advised him to recuse himself on this ordinance due to a potential financial impact – negative or positive – to his business, Pedal People, Councilor Jarrett advised. He said he would stop his video.

Councilor Nash moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters and Community Resources. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

They know this is a very big issue, Councilor LaBarge said. She believes in this ordinance and knows a lot of work has been put into it by the Youth Commission and councilors. Knowing what has happened with COVID-19, there is a lot of anger out there right now because more doors are going to be closing. She is glad to see this is going to be going to Community Resources and Legislative Matters.

Talking to former Council President Jesse Adams, she knows how much research and outreach was done in connection with the single-use plastic bag ban. She is asking that there be a massive outreach to the business community including the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Northampton Association and the many, many businesses ranging from large retail businesses to small food markets, so that businesses will be able to voice their concerns. Many will have to close their doors if they are required to spend more money to make this happen. She just feels this is such a bad time for businesses in the city. Many are angered right now about losing parking on Main Street, as they know. She has been asked today what businesses have been reached out to already. There was some confusion when she got calls yesterday about the resolution and the ordinance.

She is 100% for it, she confirmed. She agrees with Amy Cahillane, what she talked about today. She does agree with a lot of the language on this ordinance. She is just hearing from business people that their voices need to be heard. "I'm asking that we really do intensive research in connecting with all of the businesses in our city."

There was outreach done, Councilor Dwight assured. This process has been going on for two years. He is not opposed to additional outreach. Whatever we can do to expand the community conversation on this, all the better. The process for granting exemptions embedded in the language is based on the reaction from businesses. He asked if she was making a particular proposal or requesting an additional referral.

Her concern is that they do intensive research out there with the Chamber of Commerce and small business association just like Jesse and Paul Spector did, Councilor LaBarge urged. They did intensive hearings on this.

The hearings were no more or less than what we're proposing here, Councilor Dwight responded. It's worth noting that all those agencies and those businesses have the opportunity to attend Community Resources and Legislative Matters and the City Council debate. Everyone can also submit written testimony.

She is suggesting having total transparency, Councilor LaBarge stressed. She wants to let businesses know they are holding hearings and that they have the opportunity to come and speak.

Councilor Dwight encouraged her to encourage people to participate in meetings at Community Resources and Legislative Matters. The Youth Commission has worked really hard. They have drafted a report based on their interviews. They went in person when they could and since COVID have been doing phone calls and emails. "We're doing our due diligence," he assured Having Amy Cahillane speak is excellent. He hopes business owners will come and give their testimony and express their concerns and also be willing to listen and hear the advocacy.

Councilor Nash said that, as chair of Community Resources, he welcomes this discussion when they get it on the table. Based on Ms. Cahillane's testimony, there's a little more listening they need to do and a little more outreach with the business community about precisely what's in the ordinance. Community Resources and Legislative Matters are the places they can do that.

The motion to refer passed 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor Jarrett recused.

20.115 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street
Councilor Dwight moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters. Councilor Jarrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

As a point of information, the plastic reduction and sustainability ordinance may not appear on the next Legislative Matters Committee agenda depending on the outcome of its review in Community Resources, Councilor Dwight noted.

New Business	New Business None
Information (Charter Provision 2-7) & Study Requests	Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests None
Motion to Adjourn	Upon motion made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Nash, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. Attest:_____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council

MAYOR DAVID J. NARKEWICZ

City of Northampton
Office of the Mayor
210 Main Street Room 12
Northampton, MA 01060-3199
(413) 587-1249 Fax: (413) 587-1275
mayor@northamptonma.gov

DATE: September 3, 2020

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

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

<u>Arts Council</u>

Michael Abbatiello, 161 Main St., Leeds, MA
Term: September 2020-June 2023
To fill a vacancy

City of Northampton

Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

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Thu, Aug 13, 2020 at 8:11 PM

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First Name	Michael
Last Name	Abbatiello
Title, if applicable	*Field not completed.*
Address1	161 Main Street
Address2	*Field not completed.*
City	Leeds
State	MA
Zip	01053
Home Phone	*Field not completed.*
Work Phone	4132684322
Cell Phone	2035217387
Occupation & Place of Employment	Technical Director - Academy of Music Theatre
Email	abbatiellomichael@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	3
Age	Under 29

Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	White
Boards and Committees	Arts Council
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	*Field not completed.*
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	Over a decade of experience in the arts in multiple capacities and a BFA in dance.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	*Field not completed.*

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Signature	Michael Abbatiello
Date	8/13/2020

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mayor@northamptonma.gov

DATE: September 17, 2020

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

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

Arts Council

Ashlynn Cradic, 386 Bridge St., Northampton, MA
Term: September 2020-June 2023
To fill a vacancy

Conservation Commission

Jennifer Smith, 24 Audubon Road, Leeds, MA
Term: September 2020-June 2023
To fill a vacancy

Disability Commission

Kathy Murri, 50 Laurel Park, Northampton, MA
Term: September 2020-June 2023
To fill a vacancy

Human Rights Commission

Susan MacDonald-Bolanos, 1 Chapin Way, Unit 7517, Smith College, Northampton, MA
Term: September 2020- June 2022
To fill a vacancy

Planning Board

Janna White,
Full Member
Term: September 2020-June 2022
To fill the unexpired term of Euripedes de Oliveira

Chris Tait, 46 Upland Road, Leeds, MA
Associate Member
Term: September 2020- June 2021
To fill the unexpired term of Janna White

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First Name	Ashlynn
Last Name	Cradic
Title, if applicable	*Field not completed.*
Address1	386 Bridge St.
Address2	*Field not completed.*
City	Northampton
State	Massachusetts
Zip	01060
Home Phone	6627726489
Work Phone	*Field not completed.*
Cell Phone	6627726489
Occupation & Place of Employment	Freelance Animator & Comedian
Email	ashlynncradic@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	2-1/2
Age	Under 29

Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	White Creole
Boards and Committees	Arts Council
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	*Field not completed.*
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	Before moving to Northampton I drew a lot of my experience in my community and local arts by participating in various film festivals, gallery installation shows, being president of my university's LGBTQ+ social/activism organization StandOUT, being a founding member of my university's animation collaborative project organization Flipbook, and doing theater acting and stage/sound design all in southeast Louisiana. Once I moved to Northampton I started to participate in my local community by starting a comedy career and working my way up to being a local booker, host, and known performer in western Massachusetts until COVID-19 hit the US haulting any profitable and safe way to currently book/host any comedy events. Before COVID-19 I started working as a freelance animator, and since quarantine I've been making bigger strides as a remote animator this year. Along with my arts experience, I also have close ties to the local LGBTQ+ community being a trans woman myself. Before quarantine I also built a lot of experience working in human services with neuro-divergent disabled adults until I could no longer continue due to being immuno-compromised and unable to carry out my work tasks at the time without being at a possibly fatal health risk. I bring a lot energy and passion for the arts and my community to the Northampton Arts Council's table.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	Northampton

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First Name	Jennifer (Jen)
Last Name	Smith
Title, if applicable	*Field not completed.*
Address1	24 Audubon Road
Address2	*Field not completed.*
City	Leeds
State	MA
Zip	01053
Home Phone	413-835-5347
Work Phone	413-542-2315
Cell Phone	413-835-5347
Occupation & Place of Employment	Biology Greenhouse Manager, Amherst College
Email	nifaclifa@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	8
Age	30 - 39

Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	caucasian
Boards and Committees	Conservation Commission
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	*Field not completed.*
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	I worked for four and a half years as the conservation intake associate and then Farm Program Manager for Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust. I made many GIS maps and learned about natural resource assessments as well as all of the various conservation options for land. I worked cooperatively with towns, DCR, DFW, and federal programs to secure funding for conservation projects. I also co-founded Crimson & Clover Farm in Florence, which I co-ran with my former partner Nate through 2015. I remain a co-owner of Crimson & Clover. I am an avid hiker and am actively working on my naturalist knowledge. I am also currently working towards a certificate in Field Botany through the Native Plant Trust.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	*Field not completed.*

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Signature	Jennifer Smith
Date	10/7/2019

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First Name	Kathy
Last Name	Murri
Title, if applicable	*Field not completed.*
Address1	50 Laurel Park
Address2	*Field not completed.*
City	Northampton
State	Massachusetts
Zip	01060
Home Phone	413-584-8342
Work Phone	413-586-4538 x102
Cell Phone	413-231-4507
Occupation & Place of Employment	Director of Finance and Operations/Development Coordinator, Montessori School of Northampton
Email	kathymurri@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	14
Age	60 - 69

Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	*Field not completed.*
Boards and Committees	Disability Commission
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	*Field not completed.*
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	Many years ago (40?), I trained and worked in special education. More recently, helping a friend with ALS, I became recommitted to this work. I am close to completing ADA Coordinator certification, manage a Facebook page featuring accessibility aids for adults who acquire disabilities from aging and/or illness, and am certified to provide support to caregivers as well. My interest in the Disability Commission would be to learn more about the challenges the city and its residents face in this area as well as to contribute my knowledge and experience.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	Yes
Please list other city committees you have served on	Northampton Arts Council. term expires June 2020

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Signature	Kathy Murri
Date	6/30/2020

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Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov> Tue, Jun 30, 2020 at 4:50 PM
To: Wayne Feiden <wfeiden@northamptonma.gov>

Hey Wayne-

City of Northampton
Application for Appointment to
Boards, Committees and Commissions

Name: Susan MacDonald-Bolanos

Address: 1 Chapin Way Unit 7517 Northampton MA 01063 (Smith College)

Email: macdonaldsusan10@gmail.com

Home Phone: _____ **Work:** _____ **Cell:** 508-244-0816

Occupation: Student **Years lived in Northampton:** 2

Northampton Resident: (Yes) No

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

Agricultural Commission	**License Commission**
Almoners, Board of	**Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees**
Arts Council	**Parks and Recreation Commission**
Assessors, Board of	**Planning Board**
Central Business Architecture Committee	**Public Shade Tree Commission**
Community Preservation Committee	**Public Works Commission**
Conservation Commission	**Redevelopment Authority**
Council on Aging	**Registrars, Board of**
Disability Commission	**Transportation & Parking Commission**
Energy & Sustainability Commission	**Trust Fund Committee**
Health, Board of	**Youth Commission**
Historical Commission	**Zoning Board of Appeals**
Housing Partnership	
Human Rights Commission ✓	

What skills and experience will you bring to this Committee assignment:
(attach additional sheet or resume if necessary)

I am a Smith college second-year Government and Economics major. I live on campus year round and consider myself part of the community. I am interested in local politics and feel like I could contribute a different perspective to committees as a young student. I am reliable and in touch with the community given that I also work at Cooley Dickinson. I am passionate about helping the community and see this as one way to do so.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City committee: ___✓___ **No** _____ **Yes***
*(*If yes please state what committee)* _____

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SIGNATURE Susan MacDonald-Bolanos **DATE** 09/08/2020

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OPTIONAL INFORMATION

This information will be used for diversity purposes only.
Complete it only if you wish to do so.

Age:

Under 29 ✓ **30-39**___ **40-49**___ **50-59**___ **60-69**___ **70 plus**___

Sex: M___ **F** ✓ **Non-Binary**___ **Racial/Ethnic Background** Hispanic

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David J. Narkewicz, Mayor, 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

Susan MacDonald-Bolanos

macdonaldsusan10@gmail.com

September 13, 2020

Dear City Council:

My name is Susan MacDonald-Bolanos and I am applying to be on the Human Rights Commission. I am interested in participating more in my local politics and community and was excited to find a vacancy for the Human Rights Commission on the Northampton website. The Human Rights Commission stood out among all other positions because of its particular pertinence to my academic focus at Smith and current events.

I am currently a government and economics major at Smith College. As part of my college education, I have practiced skills I consider useful to this position. Within my classes, I have learned about what shapes a community and how local organizations and government can help promote positive attitudes and actions towards others. This is especially important in the discussion of human rights issues, a topic important in my classes. I would like to have a more active role in responding to them and encouraging activism within my own community. In addition, as a student, I have the ability to reach, coordinate, and mobilize with other students on campus to promote human rights within the city of Northampton more than others would be able to.

In regards to personal experience, as a teenager, I studied abroad in China with my family. This means that the prevalence of xenophobic attitudes towards Asians and Asian-Americans this year were especially disturbing to me, given that many of my friends and peers were discriminated against. This means the Commission's "Resolution Denouncing Anti-Asian, Anti-Asian American and Xenophobic Discrimination" in May was especially meaningful and powerful to me. I believe now is a significant time that draws for more attention and activism from all citizens regarding human rights.

Thank you for taking the time to review my application for the Human Rights Commission. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Susan MacDonald-Bolanos

City of Northampton

Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

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First Name	Janna
Last Name	White
Title, if applicable	*Field not completed.*
Address1	18 Hancock St
Address2	*Field not completed.*
City	Northampton
State	MA
Zip	01060
Home Phone	*Field not completed.*
Work Phone	*Field not completed.*
Cell Phone	8029221922
Occupation & Place of Employment	Self-employed communications consultant operating out of Florence, MA, through Janna R. White Content & Editing; Academic Programs Coordinator at Five Colleges, Inc., in Amherst, MA
Email	janna.rose@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes

Years Lived in Northampton	10
Age	30 - 39
Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	Caucasian
Boards and Committees	Planning Board
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	*Field not completed.*
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	My interest in the Planning Board stems from my love of Northampton and my deep belief in the city's development potential. To this appointment I would bring clear-headed and logical thinking combined with creativity and vision, as well as strong communications, organizational, and leadership skills and some familiarity with real estate and development. Since 2011 I have run a communications consultancy. My specialty is in editing interdisciplinary works that appeal to specialists and non-specialists alike by using well-structured arguments and jargon-free language. I also focus on the public health world, where I practice the principles of "plain language" to ensure that everyone can access and understand the information they need to make crucial health decisions. In all of my consulting work, I apply my pinpoint attention to detail and deep knowledge of technical rules without losing sight of the big picture. My goal is always to achieve accuracy and rigor without sacrificing substance or style. In 2016 I took on the additional role of Academic Programs Coordinator at Five Colleges, Inc. I serve as the consortium's liaison to numerous cross-campus programs, facilitating their leadership, programmatic, and curricular initiatives. Because participating faculty come from different campuses with different priorities, we must develop and implement policies with transparency, flexibility, and fairness. I also manage a $45K faculty development budget and evaluate proposals, make allocations, and track project outcomes. Currently I am working to streamline our application process and drafting parameters for a new fund to be launched next fiscal year. From a young age I have been exposed to the vital role of planning and development in the health and vibrancy of communities. My father is a commercial real estate development consultant who has worked across the state of Vermont and New England. I worked on and off for a landscape architecture firm as a special project assistant for 4 years. I have also served on the steering committee of the Writers' Mill, a co-working space for writers in Florence, since 2011. In 2012 I chaired the Real Estate Committee and helped negotiate our move from the Cutlery Building on Riverside Drive to North Maple Street in downtown Florence, resulting in a stable long-term lease, space for more members, and accessibility via public transportation. I am

	honored to be part of the 2017-18 cohort of the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts Leadership Institute for Political and Public Impact. The program trains women to become community leaders through hands-on coursework in public finance, policy advocacy, conflict resolution, and nonprofit board service. I am committed to using these skills in service of my community to preserve what we love about this place and keep our city moving forward. With my professional and personal experiences and my understanding of the basic functions of zoning laws, I am certain I could quickly get up to speed and become a valuable contributor to the Planning Board. My recent conversation with current Board member Tess Poe only increased my excitement at this opportunity. I look forward to the chance to discuss it further with the Mayor and the City Council. Administrative note: I will be out of the country on a family trip from February 19 through March 5 with limited access to voicemail. I will be regularly checking my email (janna.rose@gmail.com).
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	Northampton

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Signature	Janna R. White
Date	2/14/2018

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Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov> Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 9:04 AM
To: Carolyn Misch <cmisch@northamptonma.gov>

Hey Carolyn,

City of Northampton

Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov>

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Mayor of Northampton Mass. <mayor@northamptonma.gov> Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 3:27 PM
To: Sarah LaValley <slavalley@northamptonma.gov>

Another possible candidate, Chris Tait.

~Court

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First Name	Chris
Last Name	Tait
Title, if applicable	*Field not completed.*
Address1	46 Upland Rd
Address2	*Field not completed.*
City	Leeds
State	MA
Zip	01053
Home Phone	*Field not completed.*
Work Phone	4137946780
Cell Phone	4135597722
Occupation & Place of Employment	Project Manager, Baystate Health

Email	41tait@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	6
Age	40 - 49
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	*Field not completed.*
Boards and Committees	Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	*Field not completed.*
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	I'm a licensed Civil Engineer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with 15 years of experience as a consulting engineer. In that capacity, I've designed projects and presented in front of public boards throughout New England. I transitioned to a Project Manager role at Baystate Health, where I've managed construction and renovation projects on the Owner's side for the last two years. I believe my knowledge of site design, zoning, stormwater mitigation, and wetlands permitting would be a valuable resource for the City.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	*Field not completed.*

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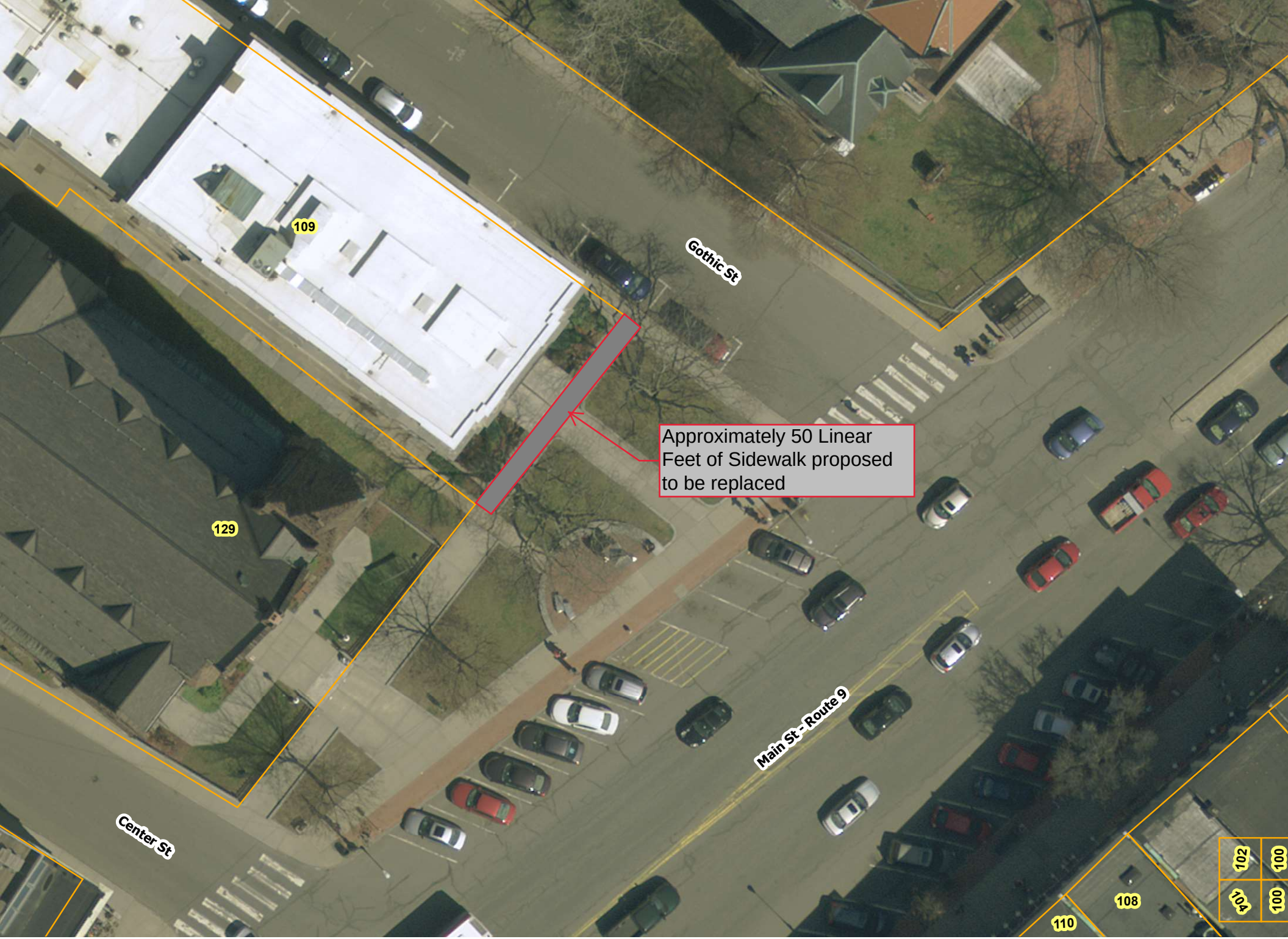
Signature	Chris Tait


Approximately 50 Linear Feet of Sidewalk proposed to be replaced
Gothic St
Main St - Route 9
Center St
109
129
108
110
102
100
104
100

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, October 15, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, City Solicitor and Department of Public Works

20.133 An Order to Accept Gift for the Value of Replacing Sidewalk Sections Adjacent to 109 Main Street

Whereas, the City is the owner of the Main Street and Gothic Street layouts, Northampton, Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Trident Realty Corporation is the owner of property at 109 Main Street, Northampton, Massachusetts (Assessors' Map 32A, Parcel 140), with Grantors rights to said parcel contained in a deed recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 6062, Page 34; and

Whereas, the parties are uncertain as to the location of their common boundary line between their respective parcels, which date back to the early development of Northampton; and

Whereas, Trident Realty wishes to replace approximately fifty (50) linear feet of concrete sidewalk at its own cost within the uncertain area in front of the building due to its current disrepair and potential safety hazard; and

Whereas, to the extent that the City has an interest in the location of the proposed sidewalk replacement, Trident Realty needs the consent of the City to make such repairs and to accept such repairs as a gift to the City; and

Whereas, the DPW has no objection to the proposed repairs that meet the DPW standards for concrete sidewalk construction and appreciates the offer of Trident Realty to make such repairs.

Ordered that, Northampton City Council, authorizes Trident Realty undertake the replacement of approximately fifty (50) linear feet of concrete sidewalk in front of their building at 109 Main Street and accepts such sidewalk replacement as a gift to the City.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, October 15, 2020

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

20.134 An Order to Appropriate Funds to Complete the Stormwater Analysis Beaver Brook Estates, Leeds

Whereas, The Planning Board has retained a $40,000 escrow as a financial performance guarantee at Beaver Brook Estates, as a special permit condition of approval to ensure the completion of this project; and

Whereas, the DPW staff have repeatedly requested the final calculations of a professional engineer to ascertain substantial compliance with stormwater standards and with the Stormwater Permit approved by the DPW and incorporated by Planning Board as a condition of approval of the project; and

Whereas, the developer of Beaver Brook has failed and refused to provide the requested documentation.

Whereas, As a result of the failure to provide evidence of compliance, the Planning Board has voted to refuse the return of the escrow funds; and

Whereas, The City will utilize these funds to hire a professional engineer to evaluate the stormwater system infiltration structures, estimate storage volumes, complete recharge calculations to determine if the systems are in compliance with the stormwater recharge standards and, to the extent that the system is non-compliant, to prepare bid contracts to compete this system to the extent necessary to bring the system into compliance; and

Whereas, improvements will be completed only to the extent that they can be paid for with the escrow funds, and any additional work required will be the responsibility of the condominium association and/or property owners at Beaver Brook to come into and maintain compliance with the Stormwater Permit.

Ordered that, Northampton City Council, authorizes the expenditure of Forty Thousand Dollars from the Escrow Account designated as Beaver Brook Estate/Patrick Melnick to be used to meet the costs and expenses of the City to complete the stormwater assessment and compliance as specified in the approved plan and to refund remaining funds, if any.

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To the Honorable Members of the City Council,

Pursuant to my authority under Article 6, Section 6-1 of the City Charter, I am respectfully submitting the attached Administrative Order making the following changes to the City's Administrative Code:

(1) Change the name of the Public Shade Tree Commission to the Urban Forestry Commission.
This change to the name of the Public Shade Tree Commission has come at the request of both the Commission itself and the Tree Warden to better reflect the broader mission of this important multiple-member body which extends beyond public shade trees to promoting and preserving the city's entire tree canopy.

(2) Change the membership composition of the newly-renamed Urban Forestry Commission and designate an ex-officio Chair.
This Administrative Order also modifies the membership composition of the newly renamed Urban Forestry Commission from seven city residents to six city residents and the city's Tree Warden. It also designates the city's Tree Warden as the ex-officio Chair of the Commission.

Since the creation of the Public Shade Tree Commission by Administrative Order in November of 2014, the city's Tree Warden has played an active and central role in the work of the body and attended all of its meetings. Making the city's Tree Warden a member of the Commission would formalize that role and making them the ex-officio Chair would align it with my 2019 Administrative Orders changing the Transportation and Parking Commission and the Energy and Sustainability Commission. There is currently a vacancy on the Commission following the resignation of founding member and former longtime Chair, Lilly Lombard, so this change will be fairly seamless and not require a resignation.

Thank you in advance for your review of these proposed changes to our Administrative Code. I stand ready to answer any questions or provide additional information and respectfully request the City Council's approval of the attached Administrative Order.

Sincerely,

David J. Narkewicz
Mayor

cc: City Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Amend City of Northampton Administrative Code,
Part II Multiple-Member Appointive Organization, Section 23.0 as follows:

23.0. ~~Public Shade Tree Commission~~ **Urban Forestry Commission**

Established

There shall be a**n** ~~Public Shade Tree~~ **Urban Forestry** Commission consisting of seven members **as follows: Tree Warden plus 6 members of the public. The Tree Warden shall serve as Chair and one of the members of the public shall be elected Vice Chair.**

Authorities and Responsibilities

The ~~Public Shade Tree~~ **Urban Forestry** Commission preserves, protects and promotes City shade trees. The Commission advises and assists the Tree Warden and Mayor in researching and developing plans, programs and policies for achieving a tree canopy that supports Northampton's goals of public health, beautification, economic and environmental sustainability, and resilience in the face of climate change. The Commission reviews and makes recommendations on ordinance and zoning regulations related to trees. It receives and reviews input from City residents, businesses, and neighborhoods on issues or concerns related to trees, makes planting and maintenance recommendations guided by industry best practices, and works to promote knowledge and awareness of the benefits of an actively managed urban forest.

The ~~Public Shade Tree~~ **Urban Forestry** Commission is an advisory multiple-member body of the City.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty
Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Transportation and Parking Commission

20.014
AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO PARKING ON BRIDGE STREET

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

SECTION 1

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

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

Bridge Street [Added 11-17-1988]	~~Both Sides~~ **Southeasterly**	Point 200 feet southwesterly of Pomeroy Terrace center line	Point 300 feet northerly of Pomeroy Terrace center line
Bridge Street	**Northwesterly**	**A point 834 feet northeasterly of Market Street**	**Point 300 feet northerly of Pomeroy Terrace center line**

SECTION 2

That the § 312-109 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-109 Schedule VIII: On-street Parking Meter Zones.

Bridge Street	**Northwesterly**	**A point 436 feet northeasterly from Market Street**	**A point 834 feet northeasterly from Market Street**	**10 hours/Class 3D and Class 4A**

SECTION 3

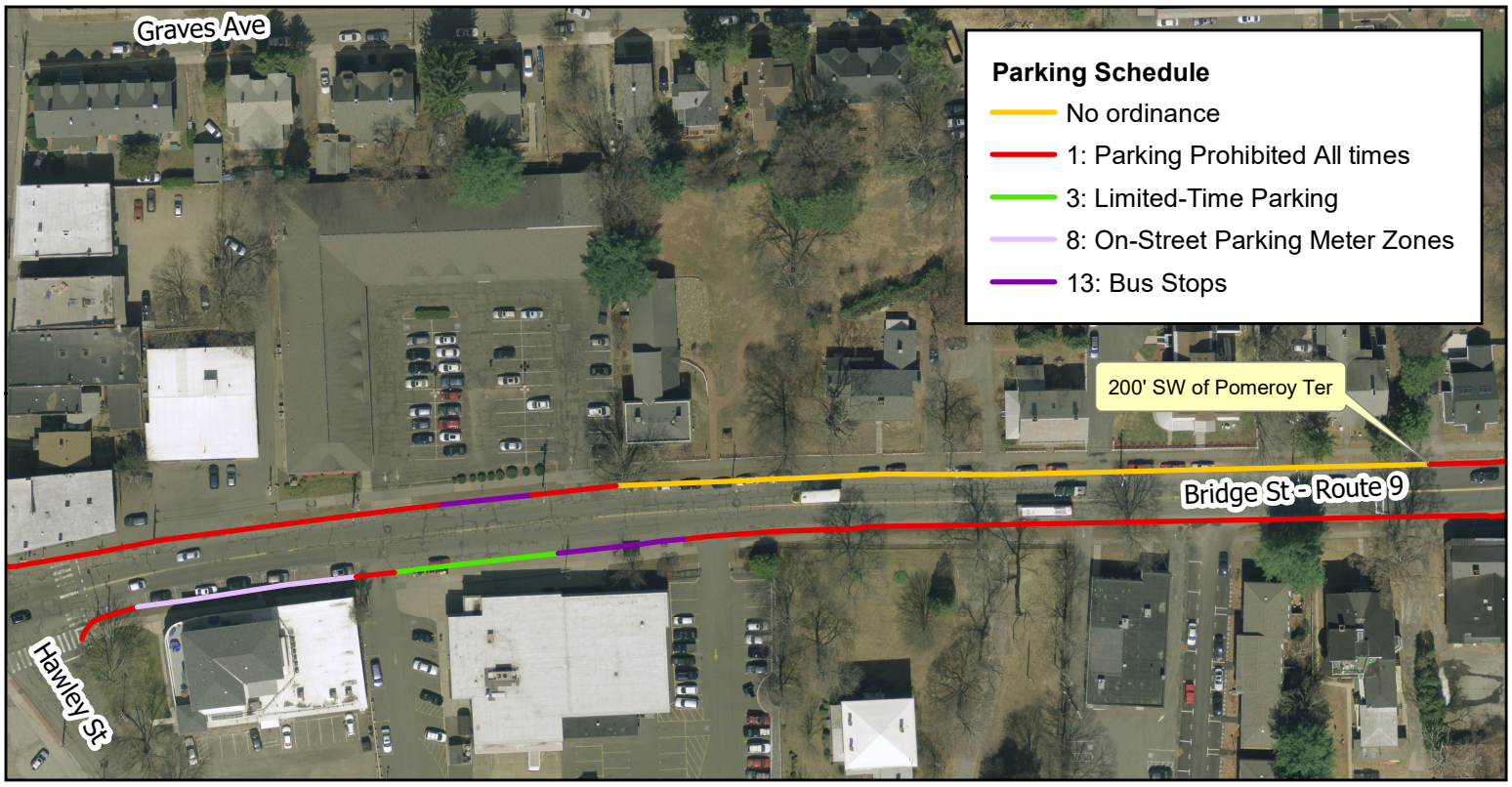
That the § 312-117 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

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

Bridge Street	**Northwesterly**	**Parking space at a point 418 feet northeasterly from Market Street**

Parking Schedule on Bridge Street

Existing Parking Ordinance(s)



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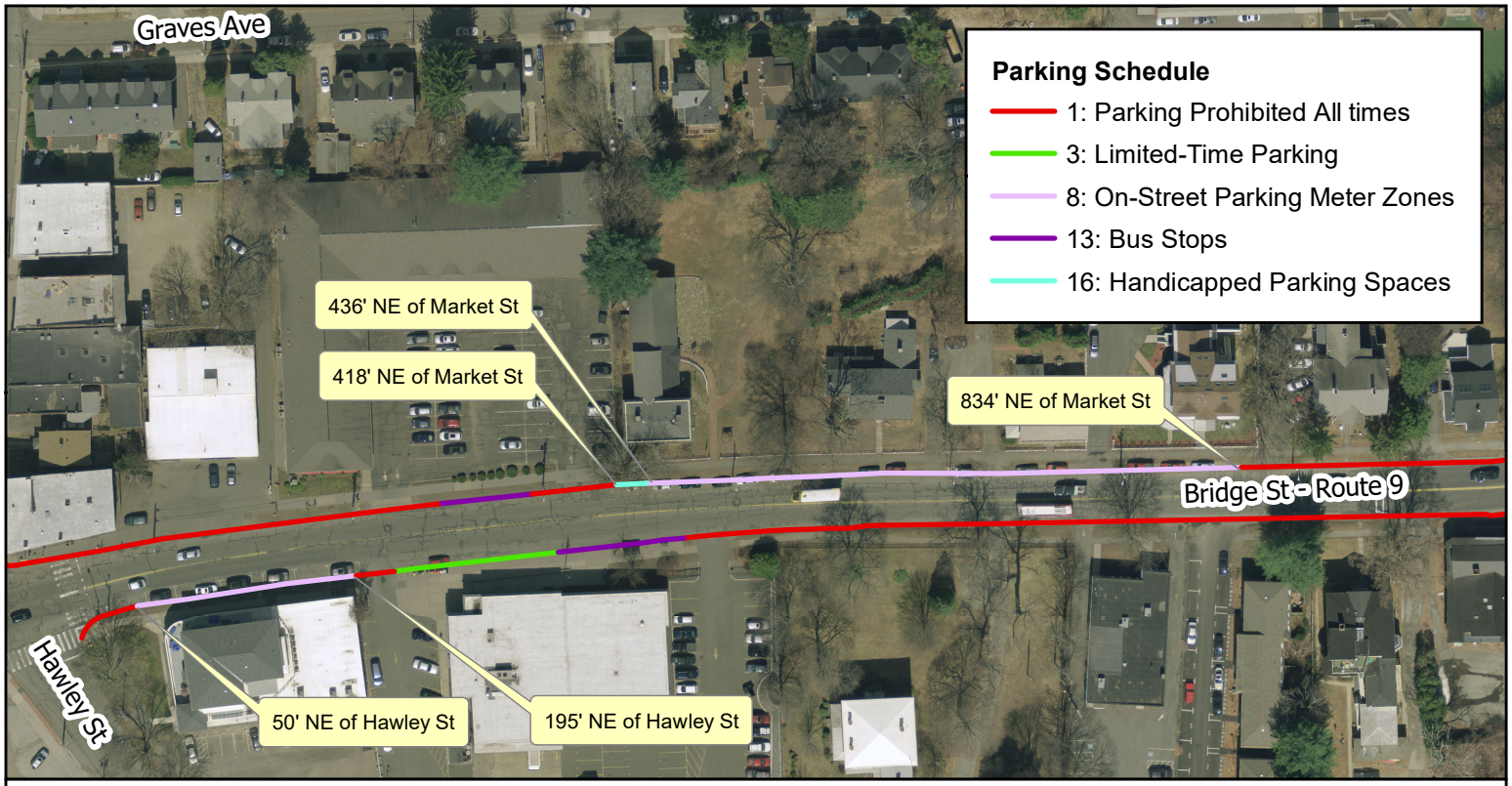

City of Northampton

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City of Northampton

November 14, 2019

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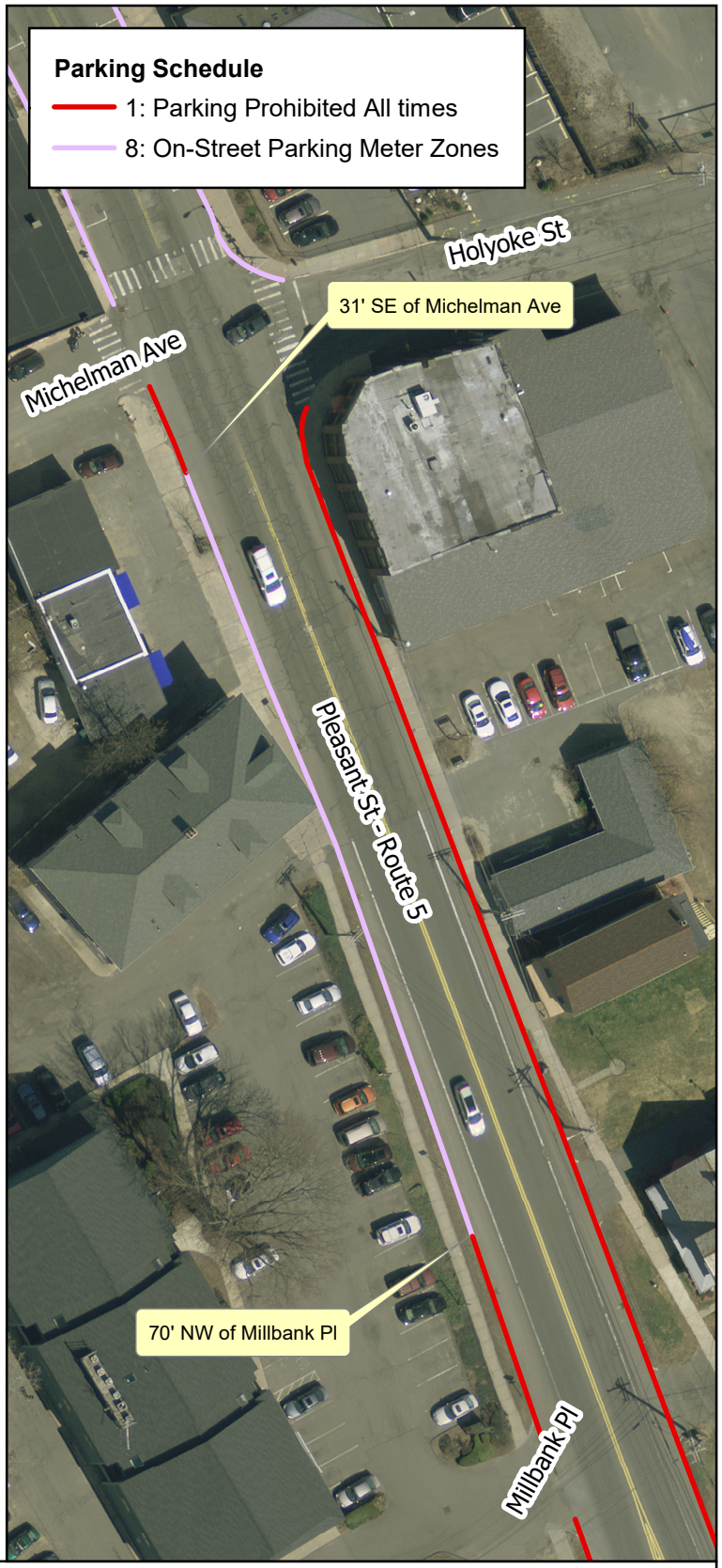
Parking Schedule on Pleasant Street

Existing Parking Ordinance(s)

Proposed Parking Ordinance(s)



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In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty
Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

20.015
AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO METERED PARKING ON PLEASANT STREET

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

SECTION 1

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

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

Location *Tow-Away Zone	Side	From	To
Pleasant Street	**Westerly**	**Michelman Avenue**	**A point 31 feet southeasterly of Michelman Avenue**
Pleasant Street	**Westerly**	**Millbank Place**	**A point 70 feet northwesterly of Millbank Place**

SECTION 2

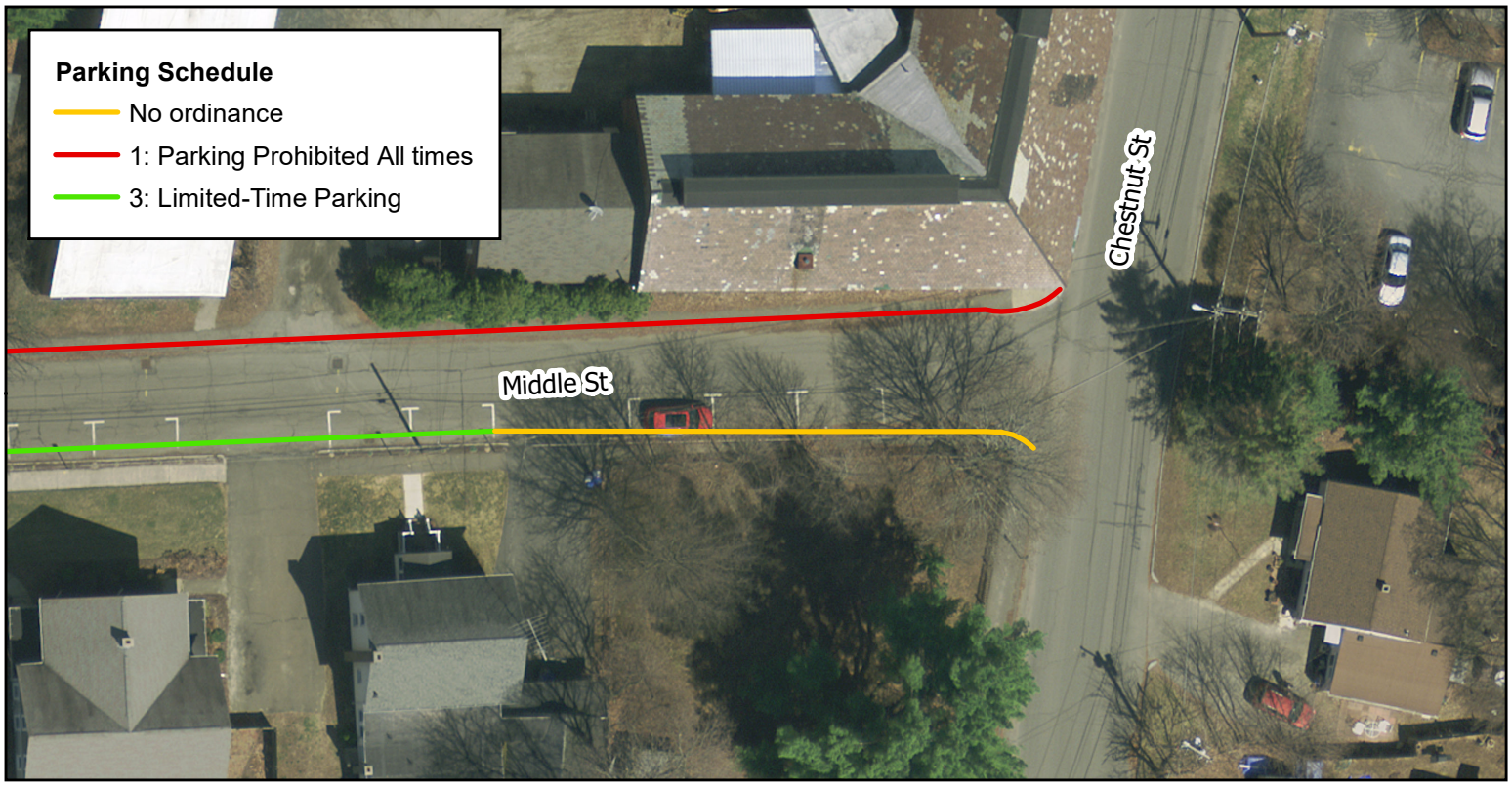
That the § 312-109 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-109 Schedule VIII: On-Street Parking Meter Zones.

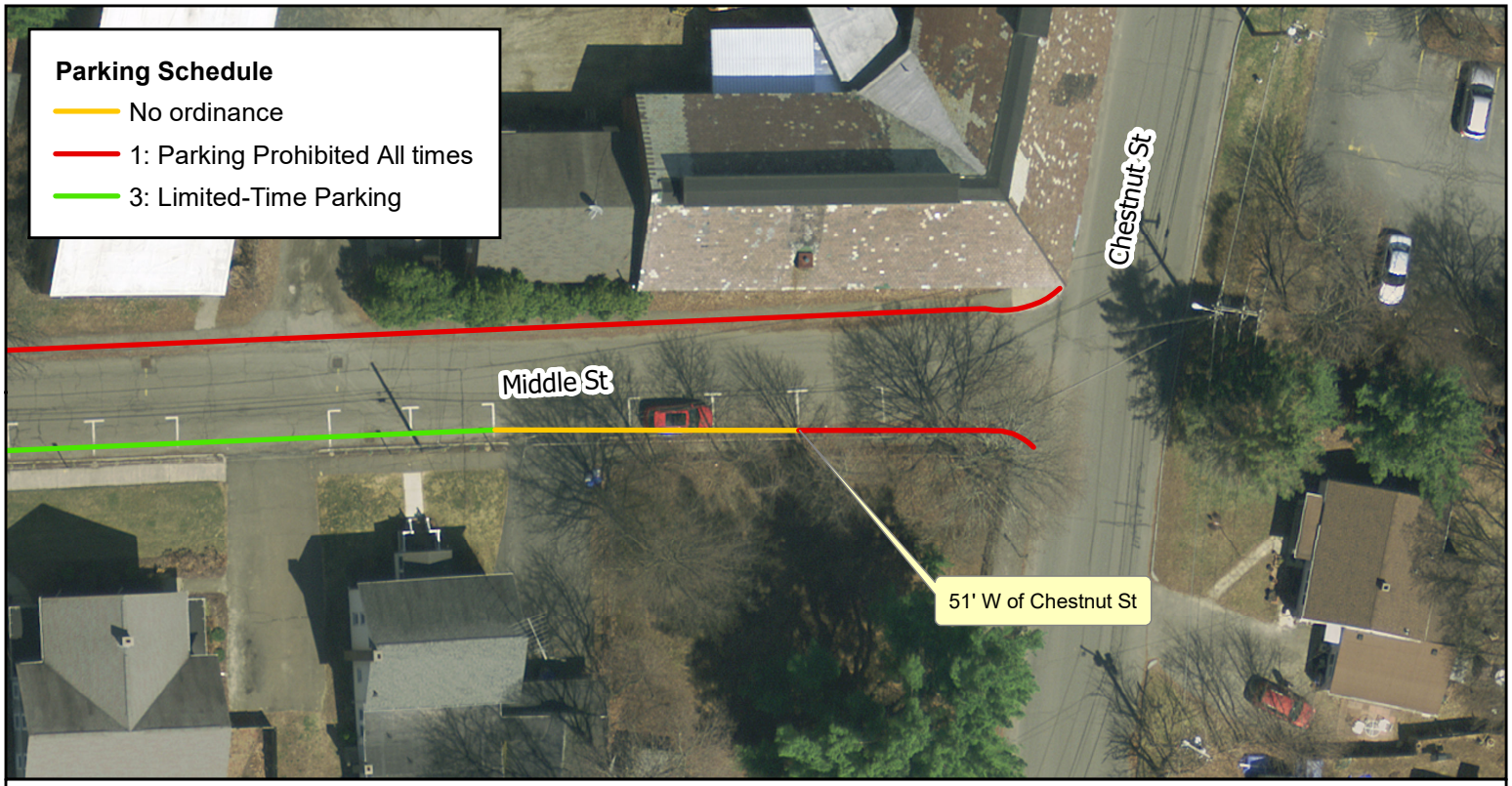
Location	Side	From	To	Time Limit/Class
Pleasant Street	**Westerly**	**A point 31 feet southeasterly from Michelman Avenue**	**A point 70 feet northwesterly from Millbank Place**	**10 hours/Class 3D and Class 4A**

Parking Schedule on Middle Street

Existing Parking Ordinance(s)



Proposed Parking Ordinance(s)



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July 28, 2020

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Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

20.115
AN ORDINANCE

RELATIVE TO PARKING ON MIDDLE STREET

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

SECTION 1

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

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

Location	Side	From	To
Middle Street	**Southerly**	**Chestnut Street**	**A point 51 feet westerly of Chestnut Street**