



CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 WALLACE J. PUCHALSKI MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
 212 MAIN STREET, NORTHAMPTON  
 Northampton, MA

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Ryan R. O'Donnell. At 7:09 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

**Roll Call**

At-Large Councilor Ryan O'Donnell      Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash  
 Ward 1 Councilor Maureen T. Carney      Ward 4 Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra  
 Ward 2 Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell      Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge

At-Large City Councilor William H. Dwight, Ward 7 Councilor Alisa F. Klein and Ward 5 Councilor David A. Murphy were absent.

**Announcement of Audio/Video Recording**

Councilor O'Donnell announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded for broadcast by Northampton Community Television.

**Public Hearings**

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 None.

**Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs**

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 Councilor O'Donnell reminded those present that the City Council established a Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction at its last meeting. He encouraged anyone interested in appointment to visit the City Council webpage or send an e-mail to [citycouncil@northamptonma.gov](mailto:citycouncil@northamptonma.gov). Appointments will be made by April 18, 2019.

**Communications & Proclamations from the Mayor**

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 Mayor Narkewicz noted that he emailed City Councilors yesterday to deliver information on tax revenue from recreational marijuana sales received from the Department of Revenue (DOR). A summary sheet passed out this evening includes additional information on money received in the form of a host community fee. Those two numbers constitute the big headline today, he reported. As he said in his email, the city doesn't actually have access to the second payment yet; rather, he will be coming back to City Council to set up a special stabilization fund for the host community money. Meanwhile, administrators will be looking at projections of what FY2020 revenue might look like in an ever-changing industry. Today, the Cannabis Control Commission approved another adult use retailer in Chicopee. State

	<p>regulators have been averaging approval of about four or so a month.</p> <p>The Mayor said he will be bringing forward a package of some modifications to the city's ordinances related to cannabis, specifically dealing with independent testing labs and the odor issue Mr. Warner mentioned in public comment. They have done a little research and have tried to incorporate some language to speak to these issues. They will be introducing this at the next meeting.</p>
<p><u>Resolutions</u></p>	<p><u>Resolutions</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Presentations</u></p>	<p><u>Presentations</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u> Councilor O'Donnell reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request. The administrative assistant asked to table approval of the minutes because they were not yet ready. There being no other removals, <b>Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by voice vote (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy absent).</b></p> <p>The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:  <b>A. <u>19.026 Appointments to Various Committees – all positive recommendations, City Services – 4/1/2019</u></b>  <u>Disability Commission</u>  <b>Jeremy Dubs</b>, 20 Hampton Avenue, Apt. 301, Northampton          Term: March 2019 - June 2021  <i>To fill a vacancy on the Disability Commission</i></p> <p><b>Council on Aging</b>  <b>Benjamin Capistrant</b>, 48 High Street, Florence          Term: March 2019 - June 2019  <i>To fill the unexpired term of Robert Montague</i></p> <p><b>B. <u>19.033 Petitions for Second Hand Dealer Licenses</u></b>          Renewal Licenses for the following:</p> <p>The Family Jewels, 56 Green Street          Richard J. Stone, Petitioner</p> <p>Jack Speyer Antiques, 416 North Main Street, Leeds          Jack Speyer, Petitioner</p> <p>Norman E. Menard, 25 Garfield Avenue          Norman E. Menard, Petitioner</p> <p>Roz's Place, 6 Bridge Street</p>

Timothy Saldo, Petitioner  
**C. 19.034 Petitions for Pool Table Licenses**  
 Renewal License for Packards, 14 Masonic Street - Sunday License  
 Renewal License for Packards, 14 Masonic Street - Weekday License  
 Robert E. McGovern, Petitioner  
**D. 19.035 Petition for Junk Dealer License**  
 Renewal License for Norman E. Menard, 25 Garfield Avenue  
 Norman E. Menard, Petitioner  
19.040 Appointment to Council on Aging – for referral to City Services Committee  
Council on Aging  
**Robert Dionne**, 87 Vernon Street, Northampton  
 Term: April 2019 to June 2021  
*To fulfill the unexpired term of Jean Petty*  
Housing Partnership  
*(Correction to term length for recently appointed member)*  
**Carmen Junno**, 73 Straw Avenue, Florence  
 Corrected Term: **March 2019 to June 2022**

Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting

At 7:19 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 7:54 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

Financial Orders (on 1st reading)  
19.036 An Order to approve purchase of 85 acres +/- in the Mineral Hills, Rocky Hill and Beaver Brook Greenways, and to appropriate CPA funds for such purpose - 1st reading  
19.037 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 in CPA Funds to Florence National Register Historic District Project - 1st reading  
19.038 An Order

Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)  
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 Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).  
See minutes of April 18, 2019 for second reading.  
19.037 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 in CPA Funds to Florence National Register Historic District Project - 1st reading  
 Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).  
See minutes of April 18, 2019 for second reading.  
19.038 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Broad Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project - 1st reading  
 Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

<p><u>to Appropriate CPA Funds for Broad Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project - 1st reading</u>  <u>19.041 An Order to Declare Suplus and Authorize the Sale of Former South Street School - 1st reading</u>  <u>19.042 An Order to Accept Gift of Bench from Leeds Civic Association - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>See minutes of April 18, 2019 for second reading.</u></p> <p><u>19.041 An Order to Declare Suplus and Authorize the Sale of Former South Street School - 1st reading</u>          Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).</p> <p><u>See minutes of April 18, 2019 for second reading.</u></p> <p><u>19.042 An Order to Accept Gift of Bench from Leeds Civic Association - 1st reading</u>          Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).</p> <p><u>See minutes of April 18, 2019 for second reading.</u></p>
<p><u>Financial Orders (on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)</u>  <u>18.234 Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(a) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term Rentals - 2nd reading</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)</u>  <u>18.234 An Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(a) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term Rentals - 2nd reading</u>          Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded.</p> <p>Councilor Nash noted that a presentation from the Building Commissioner in the City Services Committee meeting Monday raised a number of questions for him and possibly other councilors around terminology related to Short-Term Rentals (STR's). In addition, there was a concern around sprinkler systems needing to be installed (in Airbnb's). This prompted him to call the Mayor for more information.</p> <p>His concern was that by accepting this section of state law they were also taking on the responsibility of building code enforcement of newly-registered Airbnb's, Councilor Nash explained.</p> <p>Building Commissioner Louis Hasbrouck has no concerns about acceptance of the local option fee, Mayor Narkewicz stressed. However, he has expressed concern that, in passing the new law, the legislature has created a new type of rental unit that will have to be integrated into a myriad of existing state codes created through the regulatory process - such as building and fire codes - and that these will have to be updated to incorporate the new use. Additional regulations will be coming forward to address this, although not necessarily from the city. Mr. Hasbrouck's belief is that the regulatory picture will become clearer once the process gets going and city officials come to understand what properties are involved.</p>

According to Mr. Hasbrouck, new Bed & Breakfasts do require sprinkler systems, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed. Mr. Hasbrouck doesn't know how the questions raised by STR's will be resolved. It is a new form of lodging and it remains to be seen what standards will be applied to it, he indicated. "There's still going to be a further shakeout as a result of this legislation at a regulatory level," he suggested.

He called Mr. Hasbrouck after his conversation with Councilor Nash to confirm his understanding, Mayor Narkewicz continued. Mr. Hasbrouck does not have any concerns about acceptance of the community impact fee since it doesn't have any impact on regulatory issues, he reiterated.

Councilor Nash said his question had been answered and he is comfortable moving forward with this now.

Councilor O'Donnell pointed out that the building code applies to STR's now whether or not the city taxes them. There is no safety issue because the building code is the building code whether or not the city recognizes STR's for the purposes of a local tax.

Mayor Narkewicz agreed. Administrators are going to be bringing forward some zoning ordinances with regard to STR's, he advised.

After brief additional discussion, Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to a vote, and it passed 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, February 7, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz*

**18.234 An Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(a) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term Rentals**

*Ordered, that*

WHEREAS, by virtue of Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018, the Legislature amended c. 64G of the Massachusetts General Laws by adding § 3D (a), which allows communities that have adopted a local room occupancy excise to adopt a community impact fee not to exceed three (3%) percent of the total amount of rent for each transfer of occupancy of a professionally managed short-term rental unit that is located within the City; and

WHEREAS, The City adopted a local room occupancy excise by City Council vote on April 21, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City to impose community impact fees upon the transfer of short-term rental units in professionally managed units located in the City, and to dedicate the fees to affordable housing projects within the City; and,

WHEREAS, the authorization contained in § 3D (a) is a local option, requiring the city council to accept the provisions thereof by majority.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That the City of Northampton accepts the provisions of Section 3D (a) of M.G.L. Chapter 64G, and hereby imposes a 3 per cent community impact fee on the total amount of rent for each transfer of occupancy of a professionally managed short-term rental unit that is located within the City. All community impact fees received pursuant to this Order shall be paid to the City monthly by the operator. All community impact fees received pursuant to this Order shall be dedicated to affordable housing projects within the City.

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**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

**19.013 Order to Appropriate Approximately \$1.699 Million from Free Cash for Various Capital Projects - 2nd reading**

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

**The following order passed two readings:**

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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*In City Council* March 21, 2019

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

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**19.013 Order to Appropriate Approximately \$1.699 Million from Free Cash for Various Capital Projects**

*Ordered, that*

Pursuant to the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program, the following Capital Projects be appropriated from the FY2019 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash):

Central Services – Municipal Building – Security Upgrades to Collector/Parking Offices	\$ 60,000
Central Services – Fire Station – Energy Management System Upgrades	\$ 75,000
Central Services – Academy of Music – Side Stage Lighting conversion to LED’s	\$ 100,000
Dispatch – Keltron Alarm Monitoring Equipment Replacement	\$ 90,000
Dispatch – City-Wide Communication System Upgrades	\$ 250,000
Information Technology Services – Annual Equipment Replacement	\$ 50,000
Information Technology Services – NPS 1:1 ChromeBooks Project	\$ 92,405
Information Technology Services – NPS Server System Replacement	\$ 85,000
Planning and Sustainability – Multi-Use Trails Design	\$ 60,000
Planning and Sustainability – Florence Center Streetscape Design	\$ 100,000
Northampton Public Schools – School Bus Replacement	\$ 55,000
Northampton Public Schools – Multi-Purpose Activity Bus	\$ 10,000
Northampton Public Schools – JFK Energy Management System Upgrades	\$ 140,000
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Northampton Public Schools –District Wide Electrical Upgrades for Air Conditioning	\$ 60,000
Northampton Public Schools – NHS Domestic Hot Water Boiler Replacement	\$ 55,000
Northampton Public Schools – R.K. Finn Ryan Road AC in Library	\$ 85,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural School - ADA Compliant Doors Buildings A,B,C	\$ 46,500
Smith Vocational & Agricultural School – Student Activity Vans	\$ 85,000
DPW – Traffic Signal Repair/Replacement	\$ 50,000
<u>DPW – Forbes Library Drainage Repair Engineering</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,698,905</b>

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**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

19.014 Order to Appropriate \$44,000 from Parking Receipts Reserved for Four Parking Kiosks - 2nd reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* \_\_\_\_\_  
March 21, 2019

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Upon recommendation of the Mayor

19.014 Order to Appropriate \$44,000 from Parking Receipts Reserved for Four Parking Kiosks

*Ordered, that*

Pursuant to the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program, that \$44,000 be appropriated from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation – Parking to fund four additional multi-space parking kiosks for the upper end of Main Street, and the Armory Lot, which will replace individual single space meters.

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Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.015 Order to Appropriate \$1.175 Million from Capital Stabilization for Various Capital Projects - 2nd reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:



**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* March 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.015 Order to Appropriate \$1.175 Million from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects**

*Ordered, that*

Pursuant to the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program, the following Capital Projects be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund:

Fire Rescue – Main HQ – Parking and Solar Resiliency	\$	300,000
Smith Vocational & Agricultural School – Student Activity Vans	\$	25,000
DPW – Sidewalks	\$	150,000
DPW Locust Street Storage Facility	\$	350,000
<u>DPW Fuel Depot</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>350,000</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,175,000</b>

**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

**19.016 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$950,000 to Construct Cold Storage Facility, Spring Grove Cemetery - 2nd**

**19.016 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$950,000 to Construct Cold Storage Facility at Spring Grove Cemetery - 2nd reading**

Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded.

Councilor O'Donnell commented that he thinks this is a good project. One idea that's been brought up is the idea of creating an access road from the back of the cemetery to Mountain Street. He thinks this would be a positive addition, he said.

Tree Warden Rich Parsiliti has actually been exploring that, Mayor Narkewicz confirmed. There will be a site plan approval process so he expects there to be further discussion there. Mr. Parisiliti thinks DPW workers may actually be able to do it themselves. Obviously, they need to get proper permissions so he's been checking into possible conservation issues. It's definitely something they're exploring, he assured.

The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

**The following order passed two readings:**

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council,*

March 21, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

19.016 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$950,000 to Construct Cold Storage Facility at Spring Grove Cemetery

*Ordered, that*

the sum of \$950,000 is appropriated to pay costs of constructing a Department of Public Works cold storage facility for vehicles and equipment for the Forestry, Parks and Cemetery Division to be located at Spring Grove Cemetery including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow such amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

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Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.017 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$220,000 to Purchase DPW Vehicles and Equipment - 2nd reading

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Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

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**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council,* March 21, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

19.017 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$220,000 to Purchase DPW Vehicles and Equipment

*Ordered, that*

the sum of \$220,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing various vehicles and equipment for the Department of Public Works, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow such amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

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Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.018 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$180,000 for Jackson Street School Boiler - 2nd reading

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Councilor Sciarra moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council,* March 21, 2019

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

19.018 Order to Authorize Borrowing \$180,000 for Jackson Street School Boiler

*Ordered, that*

the sum of \$180,000 is appropriated for the cost of a boiler system installation and improvements at the Jackson Street Elementary School including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow such amount under M.G.L. c. 44, §7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

19.019 Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income Fund for Cemetery Restoration - 2nd reading

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.019 Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income Fund for Cemetery Restoration - 2nd reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council*

March 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

19.019 Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income Fund for Cemetery Restoration

*Ordered, that*

Pursuant to the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program, that \$25,000 be appropriated from the Cemetery Trust and Income account, to be used to fund restorative at the city's cemeteries.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.020 Order to Appropriate Mayor's PILOT and Gift Fund Money to Purchase Chromebooks - 2nd reading

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Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* March 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.020 Order to Appropriate Mayor's PILOT and Gift Fund Money to Purchase Chromebooks**

*Ordered, that*

Pursuant to the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program, that \$111,345 be appropriated from the Mayor's Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program (Fund 2526) and \$1,250 be appropriated from the Municipal Gift Fund (Fund 2525) for a total of \$112,595 to purchase Chromebooks for Northampton Public Schools.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.021 Order to Reprogram NFR Exhaust System Money to Replace NFR Utility Brush Unit - 2nd reading

**19.021 Order to Reprogram NFR Exhaust System Money to Replace NFR Utility Brush Unit - 2nd reading**

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* March 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.021 Order to Reprogram NFR Exhaust System Money to Replace NFR Utility Brush Unit**

*Ordered, that*

surplus funds in the Fire Department Exhaust System project in the amount of \$70,250 (19303 586913) be reprogrammed for the purpose of replacing the Fire Rescue Department's Utility Brush Unit.

19.022 Order to Appropriate Cable Funds to ITS for Various Projects - 2nd reading

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.022 Order to Appropriate Cable Funds to ITS for Various Projects - 2nd reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council*

April 4, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.022 Order to Appropriate Cable Funds to ITS for Various Projects**

*Ordered, that*

Pursuant to the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program, that \$70,700 be appropriated from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (Fund 2337) to Information Technology Services for the following projects:

Upgrades to Wide Area Network - City	\$ 25,500
Upgrades to Wide Area Network – NPS	\$ 20,500
Upgrades to Wide Area Network – Public Safety	\$ 13,800
<u>Senior Center Technology Improvements</u>	<u>\$ 10,900</u>
Total:	\$ 70,700

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.023 Order to Reprogram NFR Surplus Funds to SCBA Replacement - 2nd reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* March 21, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.023 Order to Reprogram NFR Surplus Funds to SCBA Replacement**

*Ordered, that*

surplus funds in the Fire Rescue Department Exhaust System project in the amount of \$15,602 (19303 586913) and surplus funds in the Fire Rescue Department Turnout Gear project \$29,898 (19303 586109) be reprogrammed for the purpose of replacing the Fire Rescue Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for a total of \$45,500.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

**19.027 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal - 2nd reading**

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Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, March 21, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

19.027 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal

*Ordered, that*

WHEREAS, the Lathrop Communities submitted a Small Grants application for Community Preservation Act funding for continued priority invasive species removal at its Parsons Brook Site, on which the City holds permanent Conservation Restrictions.

WHEREAS, the project will continue to help improve and preserve the health of sensitive habitats in the Parsons Brook watershed, has strong community support, and will leverage private funds and volunteer efforts.

WHEREAS, the project's control and removal of non-native invasive Japanese Barberry, Oriental Bittersweet, Multiflora Rose, Winged Euonymus, Garlic Mustard, will complement City efforts to reduce invasives in critical areas.

WHEREAS, the applicant has welcomed public use of its popular trails, and will increase public knowledge of the trails on the property as part of this project.

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Lathrop Communities for the Invasives Removal and Education project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.028 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds for Signage Upgrades Project - 2nd reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded.

At Councilor O'Donnell's request, Office of Planning and Sustainability Director Wayne Feiden provided background information. The signs for the city's conservation areas are all different ages. Some are pressure-treated signs that aren't in great shape, some are ipe and black locust signs in better shape and some areas do not yet have signs. When the city receives grant money it is often required to give the grant program credit by way of logos, he added.



Planners want to get rid of the pressure-treated signs in bad shape, freshen up the signs in good shape and put new signs where there is a new name or where there are no signs at all, he explained.

They sometimes find that people live right next to a conservation area and don't even know it's there. The city has simplified its signs in recent years and in some cases replaced larger signs with smaller ones. Basically, it is an upgrade process.

Councilor O'Donnell asked if there were any safety concerns.

There are no safety issues but signs serve a public purpose and are sometimes necessary to fulfill the city's obligations to grant sources, Feiden confirmed.

Councilor O'Donnell said he opposed the order last time because he generally thinks there are too many signs in the world and questioned whether more are needed for conservation areas. But if it jeopardizes grant money it's a valid use, he agreed.

Councilor Bidwell said he actually thinks it's important to identify the funding source and to be able to point to federal tax dollars at work. Councilor Sciarra added that it's good to let people know that land is available for public use. This shouldn't be privileged information that only some people have access to.

The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, March 21, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*  
19.028 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds for Signage Upgrades Project

**Ordered, that**

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a Small Grants application for upgrades to Conservation area signage at conservation and recreational parcels around the City;

WHEREAS, consistent identification signage for open space areas that are open to the public is necessary to increase awareness of the City's natural and recreational resources;

WHEREAS, many older conservation properties and greenways do not have signage, or have signage that is damaged or deteriorated;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Conservation Area Signage upgrades project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.029 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Historic Textile Preservation Project - 2nd reading

19.029 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Historic Textile Preservation Project - 2nd reading

Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, March 21, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*  
19.029 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Historic Textile Preservation Project

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, Historic Northampton, Inc. submitted a Small Grants application for Community Preservation Act funding to restore historic dresses and clothing and properly, securely and safely display them at the Museum without risk of damage;

WHEREAS, the Museum's dress and clothing collections include significant items from Northampton's history, many of which were produced or sold in Northampton and are connected to past residents, and are generally not available for public view;

WHEREAS, the project is part of ongoing work by Historic Northampton to make the history of the city more accessible to residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Historic Northampton, for the historic textile preservation project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Reserve (account #2344930-359932)

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Rules suspended, passed two orders and enrolled.

19.030 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to the ONE Northampton Logo and Signage Project - 2nd reading

19.030 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to the ONE Northampton Logo and Signage Project - 2nd reading

Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Sciarra seconded.

One of the goals of the new Open Space Plan passed last summer is to set up a 26.2-mile trail that circles the city, Mr. Feiden explained. The goal is important to city planners because they believe Northampton actually has more trail miles than anywhere in Western Mass, but it doesn't have that reputation because other towns have better known trails. They basically want to link all the existing trails together. Also, four or five times a year they get calls from people who get lost in their conservation areas. The idea is that this 26.2-mile trail would loop around,

and it would be the Cadillac or Interstate of trails. It would be well maintained and well-signed. He mentioned the model of trails in Europe. This is just the logo portion of the project, he presented.

Councilor O'Donnell said he hears an actual safety concern if people are getting lost out there.

However, "they don't get lost in terms of dying; they get frustrated," Mr. Feiden clarified. He said he didn't want to overstate the safety concern.

A logo is more space efficient than a traditional sign, Mr. Feiden added. The goal is to have a 3 ½" disc or 4 ½" diamond identifiable enough so that it's not necessary to use larger signs.

Councilor Nash said he attended a planning meeting that was well-attended by conservation folks all over the city. The idea of unifying the trails is actually pretty cool, he observed. "It's a really cool concept."

They have been working to do this for a long time - to connect all the wards and do that loop, Councilor LaBarge said.

The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by roll call vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, March 21, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*  
19.030 An Order to Award \$3,000 in CPA Funds to the ONE Northampton Logo and Signage Project

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning and Sustainability submitted a Small Grants application for creation of a logo and signage for the planned 'ONE Northampton' trail;

WHEREAS, the ONE trail is planned to be an easily identifiable trail connection that encircles the entire City, that will utilize existing trails and connections and some of the City's most scenic areas and population centers;

WHEREAS, a necessary first step of logo creation will help brand the trail and generate interest for a unique community resource;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$3,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$3,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the ONE Northampton Logo and Signage project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$3,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

<u>Orders</u>	<u>Orders</u> None.
<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>19.039 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street</u>	<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>19.039 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Main Street</u> Councilor O'Donnell said he would like a motion to approve the ordinance. He so moved and Councilor Sciarra seconded.  With the order on the floor for discussion, Councilor O'Donnell said he would like to amend the title to specify 'Main Street, Florence.' He moved to amend the title as stated. Councilor Nash seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6:0 by voice vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).

	Councilor Bidwell moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters. Councilor Sciarra seconded. The motion passed 6:0 by voice vote with three absent (Councilors Dwight, Klein and Murphy).
<u>Ordinances</u>	<u>Ordinances</u> None.
<u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) &amp; Study Requests</u>	<u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u> None
<u>Motion to Adjourn</u>	Upon motion made by Councilor Bidwell and seconded by Councilor Carney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.  Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council