



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

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra. At 7:11 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

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

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

At 7:11 p.m., Councilor Sciarra convened the regular meeting. She announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing
None.

Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs

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None.

Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

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 Councilor Sciarra recognized Northampton Fire Rescue Chief Duane Nichols, who announced his retirement this week after 32 years of serving with the Northampton Fire Rescue Department. Chief Nichols comes from a family that has served public safety in Northampton. They wish him a very happy, well-deserved retirement and thank him for his service and leadership, particularly in helping shape the department into what is now Fire Rescue. She offered sincere congratulations and said he will be missed.

Councilor Maiore mentioned that Florence Night Out is happening again this year for the second year. Organizers close down all roads in Florence Center for this wonderful community event and it is not too early to get involved. Individuals and businesses can volunteer as an underwriter, sponsor an art space or contribute food. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to email Florecenightout@aol.com. The event will take place June 6, 2020.

And, Councilor Quinlan invited everyone to join him Tuesday, February 25th at 6 p.m. at Edwards Church for an event about the past, present and future of public education. It is a conversation on public education when the world's on fire and a commemoration of the work of Jackson Street retiring principal Gwen Agna hosted by Vijay Prashad, both Ward One residents.

Communications & Proclamations from the Mayor

Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor
 The Mayor updated folks on the status of the Town Hall meetings he's been holding around the city, thanking community members who have come out for the six Town Halls he has held so far. Two more are scheduled, one on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the Ryan Road Elementary School and the next on Monday, February 24th in Ward 7 at the Leeds Elementary School. Information to be presented is on the city's website along with other information such as a tax calculator, news stories, etc.

The Mayor also announced that next Wednesday (February 12, 2020) at 10:30 a.m. city officials will hold a special workshop at the senior center. Principal Assessor Joan Sarafin will talk about

	<p>some of the many property tax relief programs offered for Northampton seniors and veterans. Councilors may recall that, back in December, when administrators brought forward the order to place the Proposition 2 and ½ override on the March 3, 2020 ballot, they also brought forward expansions of the existing tax abatement programs for seniors. The workshop is an opportunity for both seniors and veterans to learn about various programs and their eligibility requirements.</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>Warrants for March 3, 2020 Election</u> <u>20.016 Warrant for March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election</u></p>	<p><u>Warrants for March 3, 2020 Election</u> <u>20.016 Warrant for March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election</u> Councilor Sciarra read the warrant for the Presidential Primary Election (20.016). She noted that, since the polling locations are the same for both the presidential primary and municipal election, she would just read the list of polling places during the reading of the first warrant.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to approve the warrant in first reading. Councilor Nash seconded.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight directed a question to City Clerk Pam Powers, who was present in the audience. A person who commented on social media was concerned that it was necessary to provide a stamp for the return of the city census since the person thought the requirement might present an impediment to someone from remaining on the voter list. Is it possible to return the census without a stamp? He asked.</p> <p>Clerk Powers said the document notifies residents that it may be returned postage-free by being hand-delivered to the Clerk’s office. The census may also be returned electronically by scanning and emailing the signed document, she confirmed. It does need a signature, she stressed.</p> <p>Councilor Sciarra called the motion to a vote, and it passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Councilor Dwight moved to approve the warrant in second reading. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.</p> <p><u>The following order passed two readings:</u></p>

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

20.016
A Warrant

To establish the date, time, and location of an upcoming election for
the Presidential Primary

In the City Council February 6, 2020

Upon the Recommendation of City Clerk Pamela L. Powers,

Ordered,

that meetings of the members of the Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and
Libertarian Party, in the City of Northampton, qualified to vote, will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in
the several polling places designated for the purpose by the City Council, as follows:

- WARD 1, Precinct A - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 1, Precinct B - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 2, Precinct A - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 2, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 3, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
- WARD 3, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
- WARD 4, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
- WARD 4, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 67 Conz Street
- WARD 5, Precinct A - In Florence Civic and Business Building, 90 Park Street
- WARD 5, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 6, Precinct A - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School
- WARD 6, Precinct B - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School
- WARD 7, Precinct A - In John F. Kennedy Middle School, Community Room
- WARD 7, Precinct B - In Leeds School Gymnasium, Lower Level

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening of
the said day, and all such members will in the wards in which they are entitled to vote between said
hours give in their votes for to the primary officers for the election of candidates of political parties for
the following offices:

Presidential Preference

One State Committee Man for each Political Party for the Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District

One State Committee Woman for each Political Party for the Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District

- 35 Members of the Democratic Ward Committee.
- 35 Members of the Republican Ward Committee.
- 10 Members of the Green-Rainbow Ward Committee
- 10 Members of the Libertarian Party Ward Committee

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

20.017 Warrant for March 3, 2020 Special Municipal Election

Councilor Sciarra read the warrant.

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the warrant in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded.
The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

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

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

The following order passed two readings:

20.017 Warrant for
March 3, 2020
Special Municipal
Election

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

20.017

A Warrant

To establish the date, time, and location of a Special Municipal Election

In the City Council February 6, 2020

Upon the Recommendation of City Clerk Pamela L. Powers,

Ordered that,

a special municipal election will be held in the City of Northampton, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in the several polling places designated for the purpose by the City Council, as follows:

- WARD 1, Precinct A - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 1, Precinct B - In Jackson Street School Auditorium
- WARD 2, Precinct A - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 2, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 3, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 87 Conz Street
- WARD 3, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 87 Conz Street
- WARD 4, Precinct A - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 87 Conz Street
- WARD 4, Precinct B - In the Senior Center, Great Room, 87 Conz Street
- WARD 5, Precinct A - In Florence Civic and Business Building, 90 Park Street
- WARD 5, Precinct B - In Smith Vocational-Agricultural High School
- WARD 6, Precinct A - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School
- WARD 6, Precinct B - In Robert K. Finn Ryan Road School
- WARD 7, Precinct A - In John F. Kennedy Middle School, Community Room
- WARD 7, Precinct B - In Leeds School Gymnasium, Lower Level

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening of the said day, and all such voters in the several wards and precincts in which they are individually entitled to vote between said hours give in their votes Yes or No on the following question:

Shall the City of Northampton be allowed to assess an additional \$2,500,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budgets of the City and Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020?

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Charter Review
Committee
Recommendations
- for referral

Charter Review Committee Recommendations - for referral

Councilor Sciarra prefaced the item by stating that the discussion will be on the referral and not on the recommendations themselves.

She is requesting a public hearing to give the public another opportunity to weigh in on the charter change proposals, Councilor Sciarra explained. The former chair and vice chair of the Charter Review Committee (CRC) have said they would be happy to come and give another presentation. Her hope is that the presentation will be part of the public hearing in Legislative Matters (LM). Once LM closes the hearing, it will give its recommendation and the charter change proposals will come back to the full council for deliberation. The council will be voting to authorize the Mayor to request the state legislature for a special act to amend the charter.

In LM, the committee will discuss an appropriate time to have a special meeting to discuss the recommendations since the next agenda is fairly crowded, Councilor Dwight advised. All of the new councilors showed up to many of the CRC meetings and so are already somewhat familiar with the proposals, he noted.

Councilor LaBarge moved to refer the Charter Review Committee recommendations to LM. Councilor Dwight seconded.

Councilor Jarrett asked if the City Council would have the opportunity to refer the recommendations to other committees.

They could do that now, Councilor Dwight confirmed.

Councilor Jarrett threw out the question of whether input from other boards should be solicited. For example, he wondered how 16-year old voting, non-citizen voting, etc. would affect the civic engagement of the community and so wondered if Community Resources or the Human Rights Commission might be engaged. And, some of the changes are election-related, so he suggested the possibility of referring proposals to the Board of Registrars. Also, City Services is involved in the filling of vacancies on boards and changes are proposed to the way vacancies are filled on the School Committee, Community Preservation Committee, Forbes Library Trustees and Oliver Smith Will, so he cited these committees as other potentially interested parties.

Invitations were extended to all standing committees with thoughts and notions about the recommendations and Clerk Powers presented several times, Councilor Dwight related. City Services, all councilors and other committees were invited to CRC meetings, and some came. Personally, he has no problem with doing another invite, but a lot of that heavy lifting/work has already been done over the course of the last year as the CRC did its due diligence. It's worth considering, he agreed.

Councilor Nash said he appreciates Councilor Jarrett's question. He confirmed that CRC did extensive outreach, holding at least 12 meetings and changing the locations of meetings to accommodate people. He thinks at this point all of the homework has been done and that it would be proper to send it to LM. This step will be 'another bite of the apple' for people to weigh in before it goes to council. In his mind, usually when they send things to committee it has to do with proper outreach. In this case, "I think we're safe" that outreach has been accomplished, but it's a good question.

Councilor LaBarge echoed Councilor Nash's comments. "I think this charter committee really stretched out and did a tremendous amount of outreach," she confirmed. She agreed it should be referred to LM and then come to council.

It is appropriate for all those representative bodies to participate in the conversation if they feel so inclined, Councilor Dwight agreed. The CRC had 19 meetings and they will have two public meetings here as well. Part of the frustration in the process was that sometimes it was not very well participated in, he acknowledged. The meeting at Jackson Street school was the best attended with the most amount of energy. There is no clock ticking. To be honest, he thinks this had more public vetting and participation than the original exhaustive charter change. He is not adverse to any interest they can garner, anyone who wants to participate and any mechanism used, he stressed.

After hearing from fellow councilors, Councilor Jarrett said he felt comfortable with just referring it to LM. He likes the idea of inviting committees to the public hearing, he shared.

Councilor Foster said she respected the spirit of Councilor Jarrett's proposal to include as many voices as possible. What really excites her about the recommendations is that they will really expand opportunities for participation. She feels comfortable that the process was broad and inclusive and, because many of the recommendations are aimed at making municipal government even more broad and inclusive, she also feels comfortable with it going to LM.

Creating another opportunity to bring the public in and have a public discussion among the council was precisely the reason she wanted to hold a public hearing, Councilor Sciarra volunteered. There is no legal requirement for a hearing, she noted. She called the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.

Consent Agenda

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Councilor Sciarra reminded members there is no discussion on the consent agenda unless an item is removed for separate consideration. She reviewed the items on the consent agenda, noting that she would like to remove the minutes of January 16, 2020. **Councilor Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the minutes of January 16, 2020. Councilor Nash seconded.**

The motion carried 9:0 by voice vote.

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

A. Minutes of January 7, 2020 Organizational Meeting

B. 19.191 Appointment to the Board of Registrars - positive recommendation, City Services - 2/3/2020

Board of Registrars

Catherine Kay, 136 S. Main St, Florence

Term: April 2019 to March 2022

To fill a vacancy

C. 20.013 Appointments to Various Committees - all positive recommendations, City Services - 2/3/2020

Board of Assessors

David Murphy, 78 North Elm Street, Northampton
 Term: January 2020 - June 2023
To fill a newly created seat

Planning Board

Melissa Fowler, 87 Chesterfield Road, Leeds
 Term: January 2020 – June 2021
To fill the unexpired term of Mark Sullivan

D. 20.022 Appointment to the Council on Aging - for referral to City Services

Council on Aging

Aurea "Agie" E. Domenech, 81 Conz St., Apt. 603, Northampton
 Term: February 2020- June 2023
To fill a vacancy

E. 20.023 Appointment of Assistant Chief Jon Davine as Fire Chief - for referral to City Services

A. Minutes of January 16, 2020 City Council Meeting

Councilor Sciarra corrected a mistake in the January 16, 2020 City Council Meeting minutes. In the listing of councilor appointments to council subcommittees and multi-member bodies, she clarified that the Disability Commission position is not a liaison position but rather a full member. Councilor Dwight moved to amend the minutes to remove the word 'liaison.' Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2020. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.

Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting

At 7:41 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 8 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 8 p.m.

Financial Orders (on 1st reading)
20.018 Order to Appropriate \$25,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds - 1st reading
20.019 Order to Reprogram \$7,500 from CS Energy Management System to Senior Center Energy Control Upgrades - 1st reading
20.020 Order to Authorize NPS to Enter MOU for Every Student Succeeds Act - 1st reading
20.021 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for ERATE - 1st reading

Financial Orders (on 1st reading)

20.018 Order to Appropriate \$25,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds - 1st reading
 Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of February 20, 2020 for second reading.

20.019 Order to Reprogram \$7,500 from CS Energy Management System to Senior Center Energy Control Upgrades - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of February 20, 2020 for second reading.

20.020 An Order to Authorize NPS to Enter MOU for Every Student Succeeds Act - 1st reading

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

Councilor Foster said she is still forming her thoughts and didn't expect it to be a financial order to hit her so hard, but she just thinks this is amazing. Several years ago her family served as a temporary foster placement for a 4th grader, and one of the reasons was that they had the ability to transport her to her home school every day. She saw firsthand for about six weeks how difficult it was for her to be in a temporary placement but being able to go to her home school was one piece of the puzzle that helped her through that very difficult time. To see this brings home that this touches real people's lives. She's glad to see it on the agenda and glad to see it moving forward.

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

See minutes of February 20, 2020 for second reading.

20.021 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash to NPS for ERATE - 1st reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of February 20, 2020 for second reading.

Financial Orders
(on 2nd reading)

Financial Orders (on 2nd reading):

20.007 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Preservation of Parsons House and Shepherd Barn - 2nd reading

20.009 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Affordable Home on Glendale Road - 2nd reading

20.010 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to Community Builders for North Commons Project - 2nd reading

20.011 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to NHA for Hampshire Heights Playground - 2nd reading

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the orders as a group. Councilor Thorpe seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the orders as a group in second reading. Councilor Quinlan seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

20.007 Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Preservation of Parsons House and Shepherd Barn - 2nd reading

The following orders passed two readings:

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 16, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

20.007 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Preservation of Parsons House and Shepherd Barn

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Historic Northampton, Inc. submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for continued work to restore and reopen the Shepherd barn and Parsons House, rebuild the Shepherd porch, and purchase an art rack for safe storage and display of artifacts;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be used to secure an important historic resource that is valued by the community and the region, on which the City holds a permanent preservation restriction;

WHEREAS, the project has a great deal of community support and will further work done at Historic Northampton over the past ten years, will help preserve the City's sense of place, and includes contribution of extensive volunteer labor and materials;

WHEREAS, all work will be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019 the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$198,834 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$198,834 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Historic Northampton, Inc. for the Assessment and Preservation Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$198,834 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Preservation Reserve (account #2344930-359932).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

20.009 Order to
Appropriate CPA
Funds for
Affordable Home
on Glendale Road -
2nd reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 16, 2020
Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

20.009 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Affordable Home on Glendale Road

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of an affordable single-family home on Glendale Road;

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity has an excellent record of creating housing throughout the Pioneer Valley and beyond, and has already created three affordable units on Glendale Road;

WHEREAS, the project has wide community support, leverages funding from many other sources, and utilizes volunteer labor;

WHEREAS, the home will be restricted to individuals and families earning 60% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$30,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$30,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity for the Glendale Road Small Home Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$30,000 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

20.010 Order to
Appropriate CPA
Funds to
Community
Builders for North
Commons Project -
2nd reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 16, 2020
Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

20.010 An Order
to Appropriate CPA Funds to Community Builders for North Commons Project

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, The Community Builders submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for creation of affordable housing units at the North Commons project;

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Village Hill Apartments, the project will create approximately 65 units of mixed income rental housing at Village Hill on two parcels, and 35 of these will be restricted to households and individuals earning 60% of area median income or below;

WHEREAS, playgrounds and approximately 30 acres of open space are part of the project and will be open and available for use by the public;

WHEREAS, The Community Builders has an excellent record of providing affordable housing in Northampton and beyond;

WHEREAS, the project will leverage funds from a variety of other sources and has wide community support;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$250,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That \$250,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to The Community Builders for the North Commons project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$142,000 is appropriated from the CPA Affordable Housing Reserve (account #2344930-359933), and \$108,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Passed two readings and enrolled.

20.011 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to NHA for Hampshire Heights Playground - 2nd reading

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, January 16, 2020
Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee

20.011 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to NHA for Hampshire Heights Playground

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, the Northampton Housing Authority submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for playground creation at Hampshire Heights;

WHEREAS, the Hampshire Heights development has never had a dedicated playground space, and the majority of its residents are youth and children for whom access to other playgrounds is limited;

WHEREAS, the project has wide support, including Hampshire Heights residents, the Housing Partnership, and Healthy Hampshire, and will contribute to positive health status of residents and enhance quality of life;

WHEREAS, CPA funds will be leveraged by additional grant funding and donated labor and services;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee, voted unanimously to recommend that \$200,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED.

That \$200,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Northampton Housing Authority for the Hampshire Heights Playground Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$200,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930)

Passed two readings and enrolled.

Orders
20.002 Order to Set Date and Time of 2020 - 2021 City Council Meetings - 2nd reading

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

Councilor Maiore brought up the question of looking into changing the meeting time. She asked if this would appropriately come up under New Business or Committee Study Requests.

Councilor Sciarra clarified that Committee Study Requests come from the council president. They could certainly talk about her putting it on the agenda, she said.

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

The following order passed two readings:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council January 7, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Northampton City Council

O-20.002
An Order

To Set the Date and Time of 2020-2021 City Council Meetings

Ordered, that, the attached City Council meeting schedule for 2020-2021 be and hereby is adopted.



City Council Meeting Schedule 2020-2021

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. except the January 7, 2020 organizational meeting, which starts at 4 p.m.

January 7, 2020	January 7, 2021
January 16, 2020	
January 30, 2020	January 21, 2021
February 6, 2020	February 4, 2021
February 20, 2020	February 18, 2021
March 5, 2020	March 4, 2021
March 19, 2020	March 18, 2021
April 2, 2020	April 1, 2021
April 16, 2020	April 15, 2021
May 7, 2020	May 6, 2021
May 21, 2020	May 20, 2021
June 4, 2020	June 3, 2021
June 18, 2020	June 17, 2021
July 9, 2020	July 15, 2021
August 20, 2020	August 19, 2021
September 3, 2020	September 2, 2021
September 17, 2020	September 16, 2021
October 1, 2020	October 7, 2021
October 15, 2020	October 21, 2021
November 5, 2020	November 4, 2021
November 19, 2020	November 18, 2021
December 3, 2020	December 2, 2021
December 17, 2020	December 16, 2021

Passed two readings and enrolled.

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)
20.014 Ordinance Relative to Parking on Bridge Street
20.015 Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant Street

Ordinances (Not Yet Referred)

20.014 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Bridge Street

Councilor Dwight moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

Councilor Dwight said it is on the Legislative Matters Committee meeting agenda Monday although they might not have time to get to it. Councilor Nash said it would be fine to save it for the March meeting. For both ordinances, there has been a ton of outreach, including contacting the businesses along Bridge Street, flyering cars, etc.

The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.

20.015 An Ordinance Relative to Metered Parking on Pleasant Street

The DPW has requested that this be referred back to the Transportation and Parking Commission (TPC), Councilor Sciarra advised.

Councilor Dwight moved to refer the ordinance back to TPC. Councilor Thorpe seconded.

There was concern about the exit from a parking lot at the southern end of the parking zone and engineers are going to propose some slight changes, Councilor Nash explained. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by voice vote.

Ordinances
19.137 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312 Vehicles and Traffic [to delete handicapped parking space on Pleasant Street - in

Ordinances

19.137 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 312 Vehicles and Traffic [to delete handicapped parking space on Pleasant Street - in parking lot off Gleason Plaza] - 2nd reading

This ordinance passed in first reading on December 19, 2019. The council has automatic carryover of pending ordinances, so it is before the new council for the first time. Since they have new members, Councilor Sciarra read the ordinance aloud.

The management of the Depot lot has changed, and the city now has an arrangement with the lot

parking lot off Gleason Plaza - 2nd reading

owner to lease a portion of it, Councilor Nash explained. Under the new arrangement, the private property owner manages the parking lot 24/7 so there is no longer a need for ordinances regulating a portion of the lot. What they are striking here is actually the language related to the Depot lot; they are not eliminating a handicapped parking space, he stressed. The parking lot under private management has seven or eight handicapped spaces. They are removing the last vestiges of language related to the city's management of the lot from the Code of Ordinances, he clarified.

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

The following ordinance passed two readings:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council September 19, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.137 An Ordinance
to Amend Chapter 312 Vehicles and Traffic**

An ordinance regarding vehicles and traffic:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended by amending Section 312-117; providing for On-Street and Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:
Amend: 312-117 Schedule XVI: On-Street and Off-Street Handicapped Parking Spaces.

DELETE AS FOLLOWS:

Pleasant Street (off Gleason Plaza) [Added 9-19-2002]	First parking space on the westerly most side of the most northerly end of the parking lot east of the first entrance off of Gleason Plaza
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Passed two readings, ordained and enrolled.

<u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) & 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 Dwight and seconded by Councilor LaBarge, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.
	Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council