

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

Upon recommendation of the Mayor David J. Narkewicz

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF PULASKI PARK IN ACCORDANCE
WITH MASS. GEN. LAWS, c. 45, § 3 AND THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN LAND TO
THE PROVISIONS OF AMENDMENT ARTICLE 97 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
CONSTITUTION AND THE PROVISIONS

- WHEREAS: Pulaski Park is a community-wide asset and the preservation and improvements to this Park are a City priority as evidenced in the **Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan: 2011-2018**; and
- WHEREAS: Pulaski Park is dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Section 45, Section 3: and
- WHEREAS: The Phase 2 Overlook Expansion of Pulaski Park, guided in principal by the Open Space Plan, will greatly enhance this facility with improved infrastructure, outdoor public meeting space, path systems, site lighting, universal access, etc.; and
- WHEREAS: The main focus of the plan is to renovate Pulaski Park to enrich the enjoyment by all residents and visitors to the City. The project cost and fiscal constraints prevented the City from proceeding with renovations to the Park; and
- WHEREAS: The Park renovations were viewed as a project that might be implemented in a series of phases over time or as one project when fiscal resources became available, with the intention of securing grant funding, when and if available, to assist in this effort; and
- WHEREAS: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) has awarded the City a grant of \$400,000 through the Parklands Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant (PARC) program (301 CMR 5.00) for phase 2 of the renovation and expansion of Pulaski Park; and
- WHEREAS: The expansion of Pulaski Park includes land not subject to the provisions of Amendment Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution; and
- WHEREAS: The Grant requires that the additional land be subjected to the provisions of Article 97,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a deed or other such instrument as may be reasonable and necessary to expand Pulaski Park in accordance with M.G.L. c. 45, § 3 to include the parcel of land shown as “Proposed Parcel C Area = 14,192 +/- s.f.” on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Northampton, Massachusetts Surveyed for the City of Northampton,” dated January 18, 2016, and to subject said Proposed Parcel C to the provisions of Amendment Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

And that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this Order, including specifically reserving the right of the city to repair, maintain, and replace underground utilities.