



CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WALLACE J. PUCHALSKI MUNICIPAL BUILDING
212 MAIN STREET, NORTHAMPTON
Northampton, MA
February 18, 2016

Roll Call

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by City Council President William H. Dwight. At 7:18 p.m. on a roll call nine (9) councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight At-Large Councilor Jesse M. Adams
Ward 1 Councilor Maureen T. Carney Ward 2 Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell
Ward 3 Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell Ward 4 Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra
Ward 5 Councilor David A. Murphy Ward 6 Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge
Ward 7 Councilor Alisa F. Klein

Public Hearings

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Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

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Announcements

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Councilor LaBarge announced that there will be a forum to discuss women's issues and concerns in Northampton on February 23, 2016 from 4:30 – 6:30. The event will be held in City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton.

Communications and Proclamations From the Mayor

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Mayor Narkewicz presented a proclamation to Susan Swift, Head of School @ the Montessori School in Northampton. The proclamation was in recognition of Montessori Education Week from February 28 – March 5, 2016.

Resolutions

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The resolution was read into the record by Councilor Dwight. He also shared a letter from Congressman James P. McGovern that supported the resolution.

Councilor Carney shared that she had an opportunity to speak with Congressman McGovern; he shared that resolutions such as this one are helpful because they confirm his position when voting on the issue in Congress. Councilor Carney has worked to find job opportunities for dislocated workers for the past twelve years as a worker for the AFL-CIO; she reports that it is heartbreaking to see jobs lost due to NAFTA and other trade agreements. Just recently it was announced that CARRIER (a unit of United Technologies Corp.) was moving to Mexico. And while there are not a lot of companies in Northampton who trade globally, there is still impact on our local economy. She is not in support of trade agreements that undermine a company's ability to compete in a global market. If there aren't revisions to the areas concerning labor laws and the environment, then she hopes that the TPP doesn't pass through Congress.

Councilor Klein shared that the TPP is the biggest trade pact ever. Countries want to ratify this because they perceive it creates a favorable climate for investment and they want to show deference to the economic power that the U.S. represents. Regarding presidential candidates, Councilor Klein states that there is opposition from both sides. Senator Elizabeth Warren argues that Investor State Dispute Settlement Courts clause needs to be taken out of the agreements before she will support the agreement. According to her research, Councilor Klein says the clause allows foreign corporations to sue governments and forces sovereign governments into a private arbitration system leaving them vulnerable to expensive legal battles which are not transparent and don't allow for civil society input. Workers, unions, consumers and communities who should be protected by government regulations will be shut out of the arbitration process created by the ISDS clause. The agreement also does not allow victims to hold investors accountable for corporate wrongdoings. She is concerned that

the agreement is an outsourcing deal where there are no environmental protections or regulations or labor protections. When we outsource, she feels we will allow degradation globally of human and civil rights. Morally, politically, and socially we need to take a stand.

Councilor Adams doesn't know much about the TPP and has not had an opportunity to research the topic. He would like to hear arguments from those who support the TPP before supporting the resolution. He will be voting "no" on the resolution; as a city councilor he does not have a conflict and will therefore not be abstaining from the vote.

Councilor Sciarra would feel more comfortable if the title of the resolution were changed and would look to the sponsors to propose an alternative title.

Councilor Bidwell stated that he came to tonight's meeting expecting to abstain from the vote given the complexity of the agreement. He is impressed with the divergence of sophisticated economic arguments regarding this agreement, including economists who argue both sides of the issue. He feels that his constituents would rather him focus on becoming an expert on water/sewer rates versus TPP.

Councilor LaBarge supports the resolution; as a union rep for 31 years, she doesn't have a problem with the language of the resolution and she is pleased to see the letter from (Congressman) McGovern.

Councilor O'Donnell noted that the agreement is a sprawling document that will affect nearly one billion people in twelve countries on four continents. The agreement will govern 40% of the world's economy. It is a complicated issues; in defining his opinion of the agreement, stated that what is disturbing is the trend toward "corporate nationhood". Built into the agreement, he suggests, should be a mechanism for accountability by way of a democratic process.

Councilor Dwight supports the resolution; the Constitution grants citizens the right to manifest their own destiny and not have that destiny be fabricated as a policy by corporations and not allow citizen participation.

Motion to Approve in 1st Reading

Councilor Carney moved to approve in 1st Reading; Councilor Klein seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 5 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Adams), 3 Abstentions (Councilors Murphy, Sciarra and Bidwell).

Motion Carried

See minutes of March 3, 2016 for second reading.

<u>Presentations</u>	<u>Presentations</u> None
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<u>Consent Agenda</u>	<u>Consent Agenda</u>
<u>Motion to Approve Consent Agenda</u>	Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the consent agenda; Councilor Klein seconded the motion; the motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.
<u>Motion Carried</u>	The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda.
	<u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u> Minutes of the February 4, 2016 City Council Meeting Minutes of the January 28, 2016 Joint City Council and School Committee Meeting
	<u>16.029 Petition from Electric Eye Records of 52 Main Street, Florence As a Dealer of Second Hand Articles</u>

<u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u>	At 8:02 p.m. the City Council recessed for a Finance Committee meeting. The Council reconvened at 8:30 p.m.
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<u>Financial Orders</u>	<u>Financial Orders</u>
<u>16.031 Financial Order for Free Cash to Recreation Dept. for Modular Structure - Request 2</u>	<u>16.031 Financial Order for Free Cash to Recreation Dept. for Modular Structure - Request 2 Readings</u>

Readings

Motion to approve in 1st Reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in 1st reading; Councilor Sclarra seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion to suspend council rules to allow for second reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to suspend council rules to allow for a second reading; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion to approve in 2nd Reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the financial order in 2nd Reading; Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion Carried

The following order passed in second reading:

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

Ordered, that

an additional \$70,000 be appropriated from the FY16 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) for the purpose of funding design services, site preparation and utilities, procurement, and construction of a 2,160 square foot modular office building to serve as the administrative headquarters of the Northampton Parks and Recreation Department.

Enrolled

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

16.030 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2017 - Refer to Committee on Public Works and Utilities

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Councilor Dwight announced that a Public Hearing will be held at the Committee on Public Works and Utilities. Councilor Dwight suggested that a Public Hearing could also be done by the Committee on Finance. Councilor Carney noted that given the scope of the committee it makes sense for the Committee on Public Works and Utilities to hold the Public Hearing. Councilor Adams suggested given the importance of the topic, it might make sense to hold two public hearings.

Mayor Narkewicz noted that the City Council will be setting the fees for water and sewer rates; the fees associated with fixed costs of delivering the service will be set by the Department with approval by the Mayor. The low-income credit program will be established and maintained by the DPW.

Motion to refer to committees

Councilor Murphy moved to refer to the Committees on Public Works and Utilities and Finance; Councilor LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion carried

Orders

16.024 Warrant for Upcoming Election on March 1, 2016 – 2nd Reading

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Motion to approve in second reading

Councilor O'Donnell moved to approve the order in second reading; Councilor Bidwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Motion Carried

The following order passed in second reading:

Upon the Recommendation of City Clerk Wendy Mazza,

that meetings of the members of the Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and United Independent Party, in the City of Northampton, qualified to vote, will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 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 such members will in the wards in which they are entitled to vote between said hours give in their votes for to the proper 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

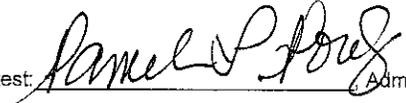
One State Committee Woman for each Political Party for the Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester District

- 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 United Independent Party Ward Committee

Enrolled Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

<u>Ordinances</u>	<u>Ordinances: None</u>
<u>Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs</u>	<u>Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs</u> None
<u>Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u>	<u>Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u> None
<u>New Business</u>	<u>New Business</u> None

At 8:46 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Murphy. The vote to adjourn passed on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Attest:  Administrative Assistant to the City Council

2/14-2015 City Council Roll Call Record

Record of City Council Votes for February 18, 2016

	Adams	Bitwell	Carney	Dwight	Klein	Labarge	Murphy	O'Donnell	Satara	Total
Roll Call by Pamela L. Powers, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 7:18 p.m.	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	9 Present, 0 Absent
16.023 Resolution to oppose the TPP and any similar trade deals if they fail to restructure the misguided and failed policies of the past	No	Abstain	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Abstain	Motion Carried 5 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstentions
16.031 Financial Order for Free Cash to Recreation Dept. for Modular Structure - Request 2 Readings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Second Yes	Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No
	Suspend rules to allow second reading									
	Motion to suspend council rules to allow for second reading made by: Labarge and seconded by Councilor Murphy. This motion was approved on a voice vote.									
	Yes	Second Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion to Approve Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Motion Carried 9 Yes, 0 No
	2nd Reading									

At 8:46 p.m. Councilor Labarge motioned to adjourn; Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 9 Yes, 0 No.

Recorded By:

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