



September 22, 2014  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Hearing Room, City Hall  
210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060  
Meeting Minutes

\*Activate NCTV Camera to Record Meeting

1. Members present/absent: Councilor David A. Murphy, Councilor Maureen Carney, Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell
2. Meeting Called to Order: Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
3. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording of Meeting: Councilor Murphy announced that the meeting would be video and audio taped.
4. Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2014 Meeting: Councilor O'Donnell moved to accept the minutes of July 14, 2014 as presented; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.
5. Appointments to Committees (*Referred from City Council Meetings of Sept. 4 & Sept. 18, 2014*):
  - Housing Partnership:
    - New Appointments:
      - **Intiya Isaza-Figueroa, 44 State St., #1R Term September, 2014 – August, 2015 membership begins immediately to fill vacancy left by the retirement of Lauren Voyer**  
*Councilor O'Donnell spoke to Ms. Isaza-Figueroa; he feels she has good experience and moved to return a positive recommendation to the City Council; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3 Yes/0 No.*
  - Arts Council:
    - New Appointments:
      - **Jonah Zuckerman, 82 Jackson St., Term October 2014-October 2017 to fill the vacancy left by David Kutcher**  
*Councilor Carney spoke to Mr. Zuckerman's appointment: Mr. Zuckerman has experience in architecture and furniture Design; she feels he offers a fresh perspective to the Arts Council. Councilor Carney moved to return a positive recommendation to the City Council; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3 Yes/0 No.*
      - **Herbert E. Ross, 39 Service Center, Term October 2014-October 2017 to fill the vacancy left by Joan Axelrod-Contrada**  
*Councilor Murphy spoke about the appointment of Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross has lived in this area for 37 Years and has had experience working with the Arts Council, although not as a Board member. Councilor Murphy moved to return a positive recommendation to the City Council; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*
      - **Jean-Paul Maitinsky, 44 Liberty St., Term October 2014-October 2017 to fill the vacancy left by Carl Russo**  
*Councilor Murphy interviewed Mr. Maitinsky. He is from New York and is currently working in Springfield in the Public School System. Councilor Murphy moved to*

*return a positive recommendation to the City Council; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion; The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

- Reappointment:
  - **Ellen Augarten, 253 Crescent St., Term August 2014-August 2017**  
*Both Councilor Murphy and Councilor Carney are familiar with Ms. Augarten's contributions as a current member of the Arts Council; Councilor Murphy moved to return a positive recommendation to City Council; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

*The following appointments will be taken up at the next meeting of the Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments, and Ordinances.*

- Recreation Commission
  - New Appointments
    - Julia Chevan of 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence – term October 2014 – October, 2017; membership begins immediately to fill vacancy left by the retirement of James Durfer. Councilor Carney will call to interview .
    - Yvonne Keefe of 40 Hickory Drive, Florence – term October 2014-June 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn. Councilor Murphy will call to interview.
- Council on Aging
  - New Appointment
    - Alexiz Peluyera, 145 Spring St., Florence – term October 2014-April 2015; membership begins immediately to complete the term of Joan Finn. Councilor O'Donnell will call to interview.
- Arts Council
  - New Appointment
    - Cassandra Kellam of 222 Prospect St., Northampton – term October 2014 – October 2017; Appointment to fill the vacancy left by Robin Glenn, Councilor Carney will call to interview.

6. Ordinance: Amend §312-80: Bike Lanes (North Main, Florence & Prospect St.) (*Referred from Aug. 14, 2014 City Council Meeting*)

*This Ordinance adds two new bike lanes. The Transportation and Parking Commission moved a positive recommendation back to City Council. Councilor O'Donnell moved to send this Ordinance back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to send items 7 & 8 below back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion.*

7. Ordinance: Amend §312-102 Schedule I: Parking Prohibited All Times-Main St., Florence. (*Referred from Aug. 14, 2014 City Council Meeting*)
8. Ordinance: Amend §312-104 Schedule III: Limited Time Parking-Main St. (Florence) (*Referred from Aug. 14, 2014 City Council Meeting*)

*Although spaces are currently marked, there is no Ordinance allowing this to happen. These Ordinances define the amendments to allow for parking. The motion to send back to City Council with a positive recommendation was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to send items 9 & 10 below back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion.*

9. 14.219 Ordinance: Amend §312-104 Schedule III: Limited-Time Parking *(Referred from Sept. 4, 2014 City Council Meeting)*

10. 14.220 Ordinance: Amend §312-109 Schedule VIII: On Street Parking Meter Zones *(Referred from Sept. 4, 2014 City Council Meeting)*

*Councilor O'Donnell explained that no current ordinance allows for use of the 15 minutes parking spaces that are throughout the City. These Ordinances were drafted to reflect the current use of those spots. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

11. 14.226 Ordinance: Amend §312-99 Violations and penalties *(Referred from Sept. 4, 2014 City Council Meeting)*

*A recommendation to increase the fines for parking in a Handicap Parking Space was made by Nancy Forrestall, City Parking Manager. This ordinance increases the fine from \$100 to \$150. Currently there is cap of the fine set by the state. Councilor O'Donnell moved to send this item back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

12. Ordinance: 14.229 Solid Waste Reduction and Environmental Protection Ordinance *(Referred from Sept. 18, 2014 City Council Meeting)*

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to continue this item the next Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances meeting; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion to continue was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

13. Public Comment: **None**

**5:15-Public Hearing on the Following Items:**

**Motion to open o'donnell/carney 3 Yes, 0 No**

14. 14.218 Ordinance: Amend §350.12.2-6 Lighting Standard Review/Assessment *(Referred from Sept. 4, 2014 City Council Meeting)*

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to open the Public Hearing. Councilor Carney seconded the motion.*

*Carolyn Misch clarified that this Ordinance is being put into place for two reasons: Part of the standard is already adopted in practice by the Building Commissioner. The Building Commissioner requested that the specifics be written into an ordinance so that he has a reference for the public.*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of the Ordinance is a standard to require that site lighting be turned off one-hour after business close. This is not for lighting attached to buildings or entrance lights. It applies to all businesses with parking lots. Currently spilling over of lighting is not allowed. Zoning may request motion detectors. The standard would apply to new and existing businesses. Councilor Murphy recommended that the Ordinance be reviewed by the Police Dept., especially since there were recent events of vandalism at car dealerships.*

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to close the Public Hearing; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

*Councilor Carney moved to send back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

15. 14.217 Ordinance: Amend §350-10.10B Detached Accessory Apartments (Referred from Sept. 4, 2014 City Council Meeting)

*Councilor Carney moved to open the Public Hearing; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion.*

*The Detached Accessory Apartments is done by Special Permit issued by the Planning Board. This Ordinance clarifies the rule regarding set-backs of principal residence & detached apartments. A property owner can not convert non-residential to residential if the setback requirements are not met. This rule has always been in place, but was not put into writing.*

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to close the public hearing; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

*Councilor O'Donnell moved to return this Ordinance back to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.*

*Councilor Carney moved to re-open public hearing of June 9 & July 16; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion.*  
**5:30 - Continuation of Public Hearing of June 9 & July 16 on the Following Items:**

16. Ordinance: Amend §350G Replacement of Moratorium on Construction of 7+ Units in the URB District with Language Specified *(Referred by City Council April 3, 2014)*

Ordinance: Amend §350H Replacement of Moratorium on Construction of 7+ Units in the URC District with Language Specified *(Referred by City Council April 3, 2014)*

*Councilor Murphy indicated that there is interest in continuing the Public Hearing on both of these Ordinances so that Housing Partnership and the Energy Commission can comment on the proposed amendments.*

*Councilor O'Donnell introduced a revised version of the Ordinances that re-organized the document into sections to make it more readable. The sections are: Buildings and Parking, Park Space, Environmental Energy, Streets and Roadways and Affordable Housing, Three major changes are:*

- a) There is a clarification regarding the effective date of the Ordinance. The changes would take place on January 1, 2015.*
- b) There is a change to the specifications of Park Space—minimum is increased.*
- c) Regarding streets and roadways – revised language to ensure safe and effective traffic flow.*

*Please see a drawing sketched by Jim Nash, Ward 3 resident, on the next page. Mr. Nash prepared this to show how the zoning allowances might be interpreted on existing City lots. There is concern that the revised standards could allow for up to seven units on existing lots that have narrow fronts and more depth. His concern is that this configuration has potential for lack of privacy, increased traffic flow, among other issues.*

17. NEW BUSINESS –Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

18. ADJOURN Councilor Carney moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

