



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- Marissa Elkins, At-Large
- Jamila Gore, At-Large
- Stanley W. Moulton, III, Ward 1
- Karen Foster, Vice President, Ward 2
- James Nash, President, Ward 3
- Garrick M. Perry, Ward 4
- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: February 17, 2022
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The February 17, 2022 City Council meeting will be held by remote participation. The public can follow the council's deliberations by watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on YouTube or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. For the active YouTube link, please see Northampton Open Media's website: <http://northamptonopenmedia.org/>

Live public comment will be available using telephone call-in or video conferencing technology beginning at 7p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

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PARTICIPANT #: #

1. Roll Call

2. Announcement that Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

3. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of a public hearing concerning the Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2023-FY2027 - Thursday, March 3, 2022

In accordance with Article 7, Section 7-5 of the Charter, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing by remote participation on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7 p.m. The City Council will consider the Capital Improvement Program for FY2023-FY2027, and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Instructions for accessing the hearing will be posted on the March 3, 2022 City Council agenda to be posted no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting on the city website at www.northamptonma.gov. The CIP is available for inspection [here](#).

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

7. Consent Agenda

Rule 4.4.4 There shall be no debate or discussion by any City Council member regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.

Rule 4.4.5 Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any City Council member prior to the taking of a vote on the motion to approve it. All such items will be considered individually, in the order in which they were removed, immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda.

A. Minutes of February 3, 2022

Documents:

B. 22.020 Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions, all positive recommendations, City Services Committee - 2/07/2022

Arts Council

Garrett Williams, 4 Sunhill Drive, Florence

Term: January 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kelsey Flynn, 15 Edwards Square, Northampton

Term: January 2022- June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Planning Board

Chris Tait, 46 Upland Road, Leeds

Term: January 2022– June 2025

To Full Member from Associate Member to fill a vacancy

Trust Fund Committee

Jacob Dissinger, 8 Stowell Street, Leeds

Term: June 2021 - June 2024

Reappointment

Documents:

[22.020 Appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions.pdf](#)

C. 22.021 Appointment of Attorney Alan Seewald as City Solicitor, positive recommendation, City Services Committee - 2/07/2022

Documents:

[22.021 Appointment of Attorney Alan Seewald as City Solicitor.pdf](#)

D. 22.026 An Order to Appropriate \$45,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Consent Agenda - 2/3/2022

Documents:

[22.026 An Order to Appropriate 45,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds.pdf](#)

**E. 22.029 Appointment to Arts Council and Human Rights Commission - for referral to City Services
Arts Council**

Pete Olsen, 380 South Street, Northampton

Term: February 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Human Rights Commission

Chelsea Sunday Kline, 42 Cherry Street, Northampton

Term: February 2002-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[22.029 Appointment to Arts Council and Human Rights Commission.pdf](#)

8. Financial Orders (on 1st reading)

Rule 2.6.1.1.1 Process. Financial orders will be introduced and discussed at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda of a future meeting or the Finance Committee for more public input, discussion and recommendation.

A. 22.025 An Order to Acquire Property Located at 196 Cooke Avenue - 1st reading

Documents:

[22.025 An Order to Acquire Property Located at 196 Cooke Avenue.pdf](#)
[22.025 Berkshire Design Group Memo.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 22.016 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Consent Agenda - 1/20/2022
- Removed from Consent Agenda and Referred to Finance Committee for further discussion and public input - 2/3/2022
- No recommendation - Finance Committee member motion for neutral recommendation failed 2:2
- See [Finance Committee report](#) for general recommendations

Documents:

[22.016 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software.pdf](#)

10. Orders

11. Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

12. Ordinances

A. 21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/18/2021
- Positive recommendation with correction of scrivener's errors, LM - 2/14/2021

Documents:

[21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances - POST LM.pdf](#)

B. 22.024 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs in the Village Hill Neighborhood - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 2/3/2022
- Positive recommendation, LM - 2/14/2022

Documents:

[22.024 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs in the Village Hill Neighborhood.pdf](#)
[22.024 Village Hill Road Diagram.pdf](#)

13. Zoning Ordinances

A. 21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) for public hearing - 10/7/2021
- Public hearing continued by PB - 11/18/2021
- Continuation of PB public hearing - 2/10/2022
- Positive recommendation w/amendments, PB - 2/10/2022
- Positive recommendation as amended by PB, LM - 2/14/2022

Documents:

[21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands Under Certain Circumstances.pdf](#)

[21.339 An Ordinance to Allow Beverage Service and Entertainment at Farm Stands PB Recommendation to Council.pdf](#)

B. 21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance - 1st reading

History:

- Referred by City Council to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 11/18/2021
 - PB hearing held, positive recommendation with comments - 1/13/2022
 - Positive recommendation with consideration of PB comment, LM - 2/14/2022
- [Note: Opinion received from city solicitor that using different term for wheelchair ramp in local ordinance shouldn't be a problem; Senior Services Director opinion sought on preferred term for referring to residents over age 65]

Documents:

[21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance PB Discussion.pdf](#)

14. Resolutions

A. 22.023 A Resolution in Support of Student Loan Debt Cancellation - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed in 1st reading - 2/3/2022

Documents:

[22.023 A Resolution in Support of Student Loan Debt Cancellation.pdf](#)

B. 22.027 A Resolution to Form a Select Committee to Study Barriers to Service on City Boards and Commissions - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 2/3/2022

Documents:

[22.027 A Resolution to Form a Select Committee to Study Barriers to Service on City Boards and Commissions.pdf](#)

15. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests

16. New Business

Rule 4.9 NEW BUSINESS. Any Councilor may introduce any written proposed order, ordinance, or resolution to be considered by the Council at the next meeting, but not to be debated during new business.

17. Adjourn

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONDUCTED AS AN ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING
Northampton, MA**

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Jim Nash at 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

Roll Call

At-Large Councilor Marissa Elkins	At-Large Councilor Jamila Gore
Ward 1 Councilor Stanley W. Moulton, III	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 Garrick Perry	

Public Hearings

Public Hearings
None.

Public Comment

Councilor Nash announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded. He explained the procedure he would use in conducting public comment and opened the floor to comments. Public comment commenced and continued for nearly 90 minutes. Multiple speakers expressed concern and opposition to the city’s proposed five-year contract with Motorola Solutions for in-cruiser cameras (the Watchguard surveillance system) for the police department, including **Cathy McNally of Ward 1, Jesse Hassinger of Ward 4, Jasper of Ward 3, Dan Cannity of Ward 4B, Amy Bookbinder of Ward 7, Kaylee Brown of Northampton, Shelby Lee of Easthampton and Jose Adastra of Holyoke.**

Kristina Carvalho of Brookline, MA, Policy and Community Organizing Director at Zero Debt Massachusetts, spoke in favor of the resolution in support of cancelling student loan debt in particular and in support of reinvestment in higher education in Massachusetts and an overall debt-free higher education system in general.

S. Clarke Bankert of Easthampton, Senior Manager of Community Inclusion Strategies at the Collaborative for Educational Services (CES) spoke in support of the resolution to form a select committee to study barriers to service on city boards and commissions. She shared information about a CES initiative entitled ‘Redesigning Power Structures,’ which is currently working locally to increase the role of under-represented groups in governance.

Northampton criminal defense attorney **Dana Goldblatt** said that despite how tempting it is to see this type of surveillance as helpful, most of the time, the videos do not affect the outcome of cases against the police for civil rights violations. “Surveillance of police is not an effective way of reining in police abuses,” she asserted.

Jeff Napolitano of Burts Pit Road said he is not necessarily asking the council to vote the Motorola contract down outright because he has not yet seen the contract. Instead, he urged the City Council to undertake further review and to look very, very closely at what they are signing up for and also what they are signing away.

Northampton Ward 1 resident Nico suggested that rather than spending money on policing, Northampton would do better by its residents by prioritizing and funding the following: housing the unhoused, creating an affordable housing base, expanding public transportation, expanding harm reduction services such as substance use recovery, domestic violence recovery and non-carceral mental health emergency response and recovery and innovating what transformative justice looks like at the scale of a small city. Please vote ‘No’ and stop spending money on policing, he urged.

Alisa Klein of Leeds asked councilors to pull the dash cam order out of the consent agenda and send it to a committee for further study. She also suggested putting every

available dollar toward building up a successful Department of Community Care and providing housing for unhoused folks rather than propping up the 'deeply flawed' police system.

David Kris of Northampton expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of community input and absence of expert opinion brought to bear on decision-making around this complicated contract. He said it is very troubling that this conversation has taken place in a very opaque way - 'almost in the cover of the night.'

As a criminal defense attorney and Jewish American citizen, **Rachel Webber of Northampton** expressed her opposition to any advancement of a contract between the city and Motorola Solutions. Even if facial recognition and license plate scanning is not specifically enabled, this type of surveillance equipment will still make it easier for agencies to collaborate with each other to continue to over-police black and brown communities and perpetuate the white supremacy that touches every system of criminal justice, she asserted. Motorola is literally on a UN watch list for its human rights abuses in Israeli settlements and Palestine and the thought of the city making an additional contract with them is unconscionable.

Spencer Fox Peterson of Holyoke endorsed everything everyone else has said and voiced his opinion that this contract is a 'hard no.'

Will Meyer, co-editor of the Shoe String, said he did a public records request for the Motorola contract and still has not received it. He urged those listening to please send that contract to the Shoestring so they can read it. He agreed they need to better understand what's in it to understand what this technology does. He thanked Mayor Sciarra for talking to him on Monday and getting him some information, saying he thinks it was a great start.

Elliot Oberholtzer of Northampton commented on the negative message the City Council would send to the community by approving a contract for in-cruiser cameras with Motorola. When the city signs a contract which has any mention of data-sharing with ICE it puts some people in the community in intense fear, which is not acceptable for a city purporting to be a sanctuary city, he asserted.

Ashwin Ravikumar of Amherst strongly urged the council to reject the contract with Motorola because it violates Northampton's ordinance banning the use of facial recognition technology regardless of what the Northampton Police Department (NPD) says it will do with it. He also claimed it runs counter to the Northampton Policing Review Commission's recommendation to reduce the size and scope of the NPD and distracts the city from building alternatives that will really keep the community safe.

Gwenevra Lodi Nabad of Northampton said she was surprised to read in the paper about cameras going into police cars and is not interested in having her neighborhood in Ward 1 monitored in that way. She also spoke in support of forming a committee to look at barriers to participation in city government by under-represented groups.

Manny Pintauro of 20 Hampton Avenue and also of Sunderland spoke in support of the resolutions to form a select committee to study barriers to service on city boards and commissions and to cancel student debt. However, he agreed with those who spoke in opposition to the contract with Motorola for in-car police cameras.

Ben Brucato, Assistant Professor of Criminology at Framingham State University and teacher at UMass Amherst, said he has been researching and teaching about police surveillance for the past decade. Dash cams were first introduced in the 1980's when they were pushed by mothers against drunk driving to collect evidence and self-incriminating statements from citizens, he related. They didn't take off initially and only finally caught on when proponents were able to exploit the controversy surrounding the Rodney King beating to promote them as tools to increase the accountability of police officers. Similarly, body cameras were used for years by a few police departments to collect evidence and incriminating statements from citizens but only saw a boon when their use was exploited in the case of the killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri.

Again and again they have seen technologies used to criminalize poor people - especially poor people of color - adopted only after local, state and federal governments exploit a controversy where there is a lack of accountability to argue that they can be used to provide greater accountability to the police.

Research shows very conclusively that video shot from the police perspective - whether dash cameras or body cameras - serves the purpose of helping police *avoid* accountability. They were developed for that purpose and marketed and adopted for that purpose, he claimed.

Mac Godinez of Ward 3 commented that the 'record after the fact' feature of the Watch-guard system amounts to full-time surveillance producing data about the community that the community ultimately doesn't have full control over. To say this would somehow be a move to hold police accountable rings disingenuous and is an example of 'smoke and mirrors,' he stated. Contracting with Motorola Solutions would be a move to invest in a future of distrust and fear for Northampton.

Ty Smart said it's unclear to him why the city would have money to contract with Motorola but not to fully fund the Department of Community Care. The city's investment seems misplaced and shouldn't happen, he concluded.

Ryann McChesney of Ward 3B stated her opposition to the Motorola Contract, saying she is concerned about the data collected by the cameras and all the ways it could be used and concerned that it goes directly against the values of Northampton as a sanctuary city.

Northampton resident Chris Kitzmiller expressed his disapproval of the police camera expenditure. He noted that the lack of transparency around this budget item comes fresh on the heels of Boston's police department purchasing a cell site simulator with funds from civil asset forfeiture and further highlights an alarming trend in the police community. He particularly echoed Dan Cannity's concern about the cloud aspect of the Motorola Watch-guard program. By outsourcing this functionality the city is entering into a 'policing for profit' model and Motorola has shown itself to be an unfit steward of this type of sensitive data, he added. "Please block this expenditure," he urged.

Aimee Francaes of Northampton noted that it is February 3, 2022 and they are going into the third year of public comment with consistently loud voices in the community telling leaders that they do not want money invested in police but want funds invested in unarmed, peer-led solutions. She also asked councilors to reconsider the new limits on public comment.

Joanna Mae Boody of Millers Falls, a former Northampton resident, joined earlier speakers in urging councilors to vote against the Motorola Solutions contract. She also urged the council to reconsider the 90-minute cap on public comment.

Donovan Lee of Easthampton urged councilors to vote against the update to the police surveillance system. It's not okay to normalize being surveilled by the government or police state and is financially irresponsible in the middle of a global pandemic and ecological emergency with overstretched school systems and crumbling infrastructure to put money into anything besides infrastructure and uplifting people.

Ya-ping Douglass of Turners Falls voiced concern at Northampton's consideration of entering into this contract. She referred to a statement from Councilor Elkins and an email from Councilor Nash saying that dashboard camera systems can be an important tool for documenting police interactions with the public. "To be honest, that's just not true," she said. Just a little bit of googling shows that every city in the country that has pushed back against the use of surveillance technology has the support of a broad coalition of racial justice organizations. "This tech is horrible and it's going to criminalize us more," she observed. She mentioned a list of organizations which oppose the technology which she said she would provide to the council.

Sue Stone, who identified herself as a **Northampton citizen** and actual taxpayer, spoke in support of the police dash cam contract. She asked the council to keep the time limit on

public comment and to consider not allowing people who don't live in Northampton to speak at council meetings.

Northampton resident Joe Mygan said facial recognition is unreliable, unjust and a threat to basic rights and safety. Facial recognition surveillance programs identify the wrong people up to 98% of the time. These errors have real-world impacts including harassment, wrongful imprisonment and deportation. Facial recognition software programs misidentify people of color, women and children, supercharging discrimination and putting vulnerable people at greater risk of systemic abuse.

The City Council recessed briefly to allow the Council President to reach out to Councilor LaBarge, who had been kicked off the Zoom meeting and was having difficulty re-joining. The council reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

When the council reconvened, Council President Nash reassured those listening that although the council's Zoom recording did not begin until 48 minutes into the meeting, Northampton Open Media (NOM) keeps an official recording of the meeting and the full version of it will be available to the public online.

<p><u>Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor</u></p>	<p><u>Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor</u></p> <p>Councilor Maiore reminded residents that the health department is providing COVID booster shots with no appointments necessary at the Elks Lodge. People can go to the city website to find the hours. She thinks it's fabulous that they're making it that easy.</p> <p>Council President Nash thanked the Mayor's office and City Clerk Pamela Powers for the administrative assistance being provided while the council administrative assistant tends to a family medical emergency.</p>
<p><u>Presentations</u></p>	<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Councilor Nash reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request.</p> <p>Councilor Moulton requested that Item D, <u>22.016 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software</u>, be removed. [See separate discussion under Financial Orders on 2nd reading, below.]</p> <p>Councilor Perry noted a small scrivener's error on pg. 16, where a comment is mistakenly attributed to former Councilor Quinlan. Councilor Nash said he had already brought this to Laura Krutzler's attention and she will correct it.</p> <p>Councilor Perry moved approval of the consent agenda with the removal. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Minutes of January 20, 2022 B. 22.012 An Order to Grant Utility Easement to National Grid for 54 Clark Street Well C. 22.014 An Order to Accept a Gift for Replacing Sidewalk Sections Adjacent to 109 Main Street D. 22.028 Appointment to the Board of Health - for referral to City Services <u>Board of Health</u> <p>Dallas Ducar, 4 Sunhill Drive, Florence</p> <p>Term: January 2022-June 2025</p>

To fill a vacancy

See Financial Orders (on 2nd reading) below for the text of the financial orders approved as part of the consent agenda.

<p><u>Financial Orders (On 1st reading)</u> <u>22.016 Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software – 2nd reading</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (On 2nd reading)</u> <u>22.016 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software - 1st reading</u> Councilor Nash opened the floor to discussion.</p> <p>Mayor Sciarra clarified that the order is not a financial order but an order for a five-year contract. In-car camera systems have been in use in the city for years and have been seen as helpful for transparency and accurate video records. The footage can be requested and used for court cases. The current equipment has not been functioning well or consistently and attempts to fix it with the current vendor have been unsuccessful and even frustratingly so, she reported.</p> <p>It is an IT order because all technology procurement has been consolidated under the IT Services Department for the past few years, Mayor Sciarra explained. As background, before 2016, IT was spread out throughout the city. There were some centralized IT staff but many departments had their own in-house IT personnel and did their own procurement. This wasn't necessarily efficient and led to all sorts of compatibility issues between departments. A study recommended centralizing IT services and the city hired Antonio Pagan in 2015. The consolidated IT team started working the following fiscal year and, over the course of a few years, the IT functions of various departments, including the schools, were moved into this department. ITS now oversees all technology purchases for the city.</p> <p>As indicated at the last meeting by Director Pagan and Councilor Elkins, who herself is a member of the Capital Improvement Committee, this capital purchase was going to appear in the capital improvement program (CIP) for IT to be presented to the City Council in a few weeks. However, in doing the procurement, the IT director found that a five-year contract would be more cost-effective and provide better support if the system was having problems. Since it was no longer a one-time capital expense for equipment, it was moved off the capital plan and is now before them as a five-year contract.</p> <p>With regard to concerns expressed about the wording of the order, Mayor Sciarra agreed it should have been clearer and said she certainly hears and understands that concern. She made sure the director was present at the last meeting and he is here again tonight along with Police Chief Kasper to answer any questions. She will make sure orders are more descriptive going forward, she confirmed.</p> <p>Neither the cameras nor the software will have facial recognition capabilities, which is not something allowed as part of this contract, she stressed. In 2019, she was the sponsor of an ordinance prohibiting the use of facial recognition systems, which states that it shall be unlawful for any city official to expend any city resources to obtain, retain, access or use any face surveillance system. This is an issue she is very familiar with and feels strongly about. There will also be no license plate scanning software.</p> <p>She was also a sponsor of the Safe City Ordinance which affirmed and strengthened the 2014 executive policy order to not honor or enforce any detainer or information request from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that is non-criminal or not subject to a judicially-issued warrant. That is something she feels very strongly about and is unwavering on, she assured.</p> <p>Councilor Gore asked if it is possible to contract with someone other than Motorola and how the decision to award the contract to Motorola was made.</p> <p>Staff worked for over two years with the current vendor to overcome the city's problems with the system before deciding in collaboration with NPD leadership and administration that they needed to look at other options, ITS Director Pagan related. A rubric on which to base product evaluations was developed and they looked at three different vendors, giving</p>
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each the opportunity to do a demo for both IT staff and NPD administrators.

After evaluating the features and capabilities of the selected systems in comparison to the city's needs, it was determined that Motorola Solutions had both an on premise and cloud-based option that exceeded the capacity of the other vendors. [Motorola was the only vendor that had both on cloud and on premise options, he noted.]

Of the three vendors, Motorola's product was the most advantageous in terms of technological features and reliability, Director Pagan presented. In addition to talking to vendors, IT looked at systems in place in other communities. He shared his opinion that this procurement process was the most professional one conducted in the past seven years. Participants spent a lot of time evaluating the options and making sure data privacy, security and availability was where they wanted it to be.

Councilor Jarrett expressed appreciation for the metrics used to evaluate the systems but suggested two additional important metrics, data privacy and safety (i.e. - who owns and has access to the data and whether it is shared without the city's permission) and social responsibility. He wondered if an off-line approach might be better since easy access to data makes it easier to share.

He also questioned whether the company selected acts in a manner that benefits society by Northampton's community standards. Motorola Solutions has documented collaboration with ICE and border patrol and involvement in Israel and prison security which has led numerous city councils, universities and churches to divest or not do business with them, he pointed out. He wondered if adding those metrics to the rubric would have yielded different results.

Data privacy was one of the metrics but social responsibility was not, Director Pagan acknowledged. As chief information officer of the city, his job is to focus on the technological capabilities of solutions presented, he stressed. If they as a city council ask him to expand the rubric to include social responsibility, he would be happy to do so, he advised.

As to whether Motorola would share data without the city's permission, Motorola's policy is not to answer questions from any agency unless specifically authorized by the city, he asserted. "They would always come back to us before they can provide information to any agency," he confirmed. As councilors may know, judicial requests might override that policy and not allow the company to share the request with the city. But otherwise, not only would Motorola reach out before responding to a request but it would challenge the request based on the city's direction not to share its information.

Director Pagan stressed that city officials have not yet entered into a contract with Motorola but are awaiting the council's approval of a five-year contract before starting negotiations. At this point, they only have a quote from Motorola.

In response to a question from Councilor Moulton, Director Pagan reiterated that there is no contract with Motorola with specific terms and conditions at this time. The current contract is with Provision, a Michigan-based company.

Councilors asked clarifying questions. In response, Director Pagan presented the following:

- ❖ If the five-year contract term is approved, the city is hoping to have a new contract in place by March 1st
- ❖ The city would not actually buy equipment from Motorola but would receive a license to use its equipment
- ❖ Any data collected during the contract term would be owned by the city, so at the end of the contract term, the city would be able to download the data onto its own server. At that point, it could negotiate a new contract with Motorola or with a different vendor
- ❖ About 80% of all the city's software solutions are already cloud-based. "We have very little of our data hosted by the city," he said.

In response to a follow-up from Councilor Maiore, Director Pagan confirmed that the cloud-based information stored by the city now is primarily data rather than video. The current video system is on premise, hosted locally by the police department on hardware it owns

and manages.

Director Pagan gave a detailed technical explanation of the mechanics of how data is actually stored and managed. In general terms, the data is not going to be shared unless Chief Kasper authorizes it, he said. He deferred to Chief Kasper for additional information about this process.

Chief Kasper said she is not aware of any law that allows federal agencies to swoop in and take information without a subpoena as alluded to in some public comments. In order to get a subpoena, a requester would need a court order. She discussed the types of information requests the department might usually receive and respond to, such as requests from members of the public or other law enforcement agencies. Since 2008 when the city first obtained this technology, they have never received the sorts of requests for any of their recordings that have been the source of the concerns heard, she attested.

Members offered comments and asked questions to clarify information presented.

Councilor Elkins asked if Chief Kasper had an estimate of how many cases have been affected by lost data. Chief Kasper said she did not but that it is a common occurrence. "It is an ongoing issue that we were talking about weekly," she said. They eventually stopped talking about it and begged the IT department for help because it was such a persistent problem and they were not able to solve it.

At Councilor Perry's invitation, Chief Kasper talked about the police department's use of this footage and its importance to the policing function. Police have had this recording technology for a long time, she related. The most common way for the public to have contact with the police is through a traffic stop and this is a way for them to capture those contacts. It is very commonly used footage and "protects everyone involved so that there's an accurate record of the event," she stated.

The police have had a much higher rate of success in Operating Under the Influence (OUI) cases since the recordings were first introduced, so they've been 'incredibly useful' for that, she reported. The lack of trust that has been mentioned plays out in court as well. People just don't believe unless they actually see evidence, so this technology "has really been a game changer for us," she added. They want to make sure people see that officers are pulling evidence out of a car instead of planting it there. The cameras also record detainees riding in the back seat and so have been invaluable in defending against claims that something happened to a detainee between a stop and the arrival at the station. "It is an accurate representation of what happened," she stressed.

Police use the recordings so frequently she can't tell them; besides court proceedings, they are used for training new officers and to review pursuits and stops, Chief Kasper continued. When Officer Nolan was struck by an impaired operator, it was dash cam video that showed the other vehicle careening across the street to hit him. In any accident, there is always going to be an issue of fault, and the videos are used to look at those scenes. "They are truly invaluable to our department, and, right now, they are completely unreliable," she maintained.

Councilor Perry followed up by asking who has access to this data.

Permission to modify the videos in any way would not be granted to the majority of the department and possibly would only belong to her or perhaps a captain, Chief Kasper said. There would be no way for people to go in and tamper with the recordings, she stressed. Specific details of who would receive permission would be worked out with the IT director and within their own department policies.

Finally, Councilor Perry asked how long the data is stored on the cloud or the server.

Police will work out retention schedules for the data with the IT department, Chief Kasper said. For recordings with evidentiary value, they are required to retain them through the court process and 60 days after that.

Since redaction was mentioned by Director Pagan at a previous meeting, Councilor Elkins asked under what circumstances police might redact a portion of video.

The police department and dispatch administrator presently redact reports released to remove sensitive information such as medical information or information about juveniles, Chief Kasper said. The software also has the ability to blur faces if appropriate, such as when children are involved. Whenever information is redacted, police note the redaction and cite the public records exemption, she added.

Editing video to remove sensitive information is a very time-consuming process for the police department with the current system, Director Pagan added. The Motorola system is capable of removing sensitive information in a much more effective and efficient way. It is more hands on and actually more secure because data is not being moved from one application to another.

In response to a question from Councilor Maiore, Director Pagan clarified that the quote from Motorola Solutions does not include facial recognition or license plate scanning features. Motorola Solutions' Watchguard product does not include facial recognition to begin with and license plate scanning is only offered as an add-on, which the city did not request. If Motorola were to offer facial recognition technology in the future, it would be the city's decision whether to include it, he advised.

However, Councilor Maiore expressed her understanding that if the city is collecting video, the possibility for facial recognition is there.

Director Pagan clarified that the only data uploaded into the system is data triggered by an alarm. (Chief Kasper explained earlier that 'alarm footage' is footage captured when blue lights are activated on a cruiser). In other words, something has to trigger the recording. Similarly, the 'after the fact' recording mentioned in public comment is a configurable feature, meaning that PD leadership can decide whether or not to enable it. "We are not uploading everything that the camera captures; it is only when the alarm goes on," he explained.

Councilor Maiore said it concerns her that the company does not allow clients to opt out of the artificial intelligence (AI) smart system, since it says on the company's website that this is in use.

Councilor Moulton said he was struck by Councilor Jarrett's observation that social responsibility was *not* one of the metrics used to come up with the recommendation to contract with Motorola. As mentioned, Northampton has established itself as a sanctuary city, passed ordinances that limit surveillance technology and most recently passed an ordinance that prohibits the use of facial recognition systems. If they add social responsibility as a metric, he wondered if the recommendation would change.

Councilor Maiore echoed the opinion that looking at which companies the city wants to do business with is valid.

The other two vendors were Exxon and GetTech, Director Pagan said.

Of all the comments, the ones she finds most persuasive are the concerns about Motorola's social policies, Councilor Elkins agreed. At the same time, Northampton has been a leader in having dash cam technology. As a defense attorney, while 100% of police reports she has ever read are inculpatory, that is not true of camera footage, she pointed out. "We find differences; we find inconsistencies . . . the dash cam has been vital," she emphasized. Not so much in this community, but in other communities, "It has been the thing that has allowed me to vindicate my clients' rights. It has been the thing that has let me expose police misconduct. It has been the thing that has meant acquittals."

However, they can't have it and have it not work, she noted. For her, they either need to replace and fix it or get rid of it.

She literally has clients whose lives were changed by the availability of this evidence so

she knows how she'll be voting when they finally get to the question, Councilor Elkins concluded.

Councilor Maiore said she hears this position but they also have to talk about the cost. Some people's lives are being destroyed by ICE and this information is not always being used in an above-board fashion. There is a systemic problem where historically people have been profiled and it's been used against communities of color. It's a duality; both things are true, she suggested. Individual's lives have been changed but there is also a potential cost.

General discussion continued for another half hour. Among other things, the IT director talked about the increasing trend on the part of the city's IT vendors to favor longer-term, five-year contracts. For the city, the benefit of the longer contract is that if one of the systems fails, it would automatically be replaced at the company's expense rather than the police having to purchase new equipment out of its departmental budget. The police chief also clarified that 'alarm videos' are triggered in three specific ways and are the only recordings saved by the system, while routine recordings are continuously overwritten. 'Alarm videos' may be triggered by 1) the activation of cruiser lights, 2) a cruiser reaching a certain speed (according to police policy, she believes it is 5 mph), or 3) manual activation by an officer.

Councilor Nash expressed his understanding therefore, that cruisers wouldn't be riding around Northampton creating videos but that a triggering event would have to occur.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Councilor Perry said he really liked the idea of adding 'social responsibility' to the criteria used to evaluate vendors.

The IT director confirmed that he could add this criteria if the council so requests and reevaluate the scoring of the three vendors in three or four weeks.

Councilor Maiore proposed referring the order to the Finance Committee to allow time for more discussion and to process the information presented.

Councilor Nash said another possible path forward is having the IT director reevaluate the proposals with the added criteria of social responsibility, since he heard that offer from Director Pagan.

Councilor Jarrett said his main concern is still moving forward with this particular company, given its history. It's not a company that acts in line with Northampton's values and, given its track record, he is not sure they should trust its assurances.

The city of Berkeley, California has adopted a sanctuary contract ordinance that prohibits contracting with companies that collaborate with ICE unless an exception is granted, he shared. He thinks Northampton should consider holding itself to a similar standard.

In the meantime, the city has done everything possible to make the current system more reliable, Director Pagan attested.

Members discussed how to proceed. Chief Kasper said she wasn't sure how the concept of 'social responsibility' would be defined for this purpose. Director Pagan agreed they would need guidance from the council as to what specific points they should consider in evaluating potential vendors by this standard. The definition of social responsibility should come from either the mayor's office or the city council, not from him personally, he stressed.

Councilor Nash said he would be interested in the IT department adding that component to the rubric.

Councilor Foster said what she's heard the most is concern about data breaches and Motorola's interactions with ICE. There are concerns that Motorola may not protect the data in the way it says it will. She is quite persuaded by the evidence that dash cams can provide evidence that would be persuasive in courts, so she doesn't want to unnecessarily

hold up the procurement. Between the mayor’s office and the council, she thinks they might be able to come up with a handful of top concerns.

Councilor Gore said she would be interested in having the discussion of whether the city should be using dash cams to begin with. “Maybe we shouldn’t be pursuing it at all,” she said.

As she said earlier, this is a community conversation that she would like to have as well, Councilor Maire agreed. She wondered if referring it out might give them an opportunity for this dialogue.

Mayor Sciarra reiterated what she was hearing from the police chief and Director Pagan – that if the council would like more information, these department heads need clear direction on what it is and how they would like them to evaluate it.

Councilor Maire said she thought this is what might be able to be hashed out in a subcommittee.

Councilor Moulton agreed the order should be referred out and suggested the Finance Committee would also be an appropriate place for this discussion.

Councilor Foster moved to refer the order to the Finance Committee. Councilor Moulton seconded.

Councilor Nash suggested the task for the Finance Committee is to seek input from the public on how the social responsibility rubric/component should be defined.

Councilor Maire expressed her understanding that the Finance Committee’s would thus be recommending a rubric to the full council.

Mayor Sciarra asked what the council’s expectations are for who should be present at the Finance Committee meeting and what sort of preparation might be needed.

Councilor Nash proposed that he and Councilor Maire meet tomorrow to make a plan for the Finance Committee meeting and then let the mayor know who they would like to attend.

The Finance Committee meeting is at 5 p.m.

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

See minutes of February 17, 2022 for second reading.

22.026 Order to Appropriate \$45,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds - 1st reading

Financial Order (on 1st reading)
22.026 An Order to Appropriate \$45,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds - 1st reading
 Councilor Nash read the order and Councilor LaBarge expressed her strong support.

The Whiting Street Fund Committee makes annual recommendations to the mayor for the use of funds from the Whiting Street fund using interest from that fund, Mayor Sciarra explained. They distribute funds to non-profit agencies for the purpose of providing direct assistance to low-income Northampton residents. The focus of awards this year is to address houselessness and housing insecurity, so committee members have chosen to support two wonderful applications: Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals, Inc. for its housing project for disabled homeless individuals on Franklin Street and Manna’s operation of what it is calling the Community Center.

Councilor Jarrett moved to refer the order to the consent agenda. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

See minutes of February 17, 2022 for second reading.

Financial Orders
(on 2nd reading)
22.012 Order to
Grant Utility Ease-
ment to National
Grid for 54 Clark
Street Well

Financial Orders (On 2nd reading)

The following orders received final approval as part of the consent agenda:

22.012 An Order to Grant Utility Easement to National Grid for 54 Clark Street Well

The following order passed final reading:

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

In City Council, January 20, 2022

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor and Department of Public Works

22.012 An Order to Grant Utility Easement to National Grid for 54 Clark Street Well

Ordered, that

- WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works operates a drinking water supply well on property owned by the City located at 54 Clark Street; and
- WHEREAS, the well is powered by a connection to cross-country transmission lines traversing the rear of the property where access is poor; and
- WHEREAS, National Grid has agreed to provide power to the well directly from Clark Street, which would provide more secure, accessible, and stable power to the well; and
- WHEREAS, National Grid requires an easement to install, maintain and replace utility poles, anchors, and push braces on and under the City's property from Clark Street to the location of the well; and
- WHEREAS, the location of the proposed utility poles, anchors, and push braces are shown on a sketch plan entitled "Electric Distribution Construction Easement, National Grid, WR#30423079, Address: #54 Clark Street, Northampton, MA," and dated November 3, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED

That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute and deliver an instrument granting an easement to National Grid for the installation, maintenance and replacement of utility poles, anchors, and push braces as shown on a sketch plan entitled "Electric Distribution Construction Easement, National Grid, WR#30423079, Address: #54 Clark Street, Northampton, MA," dated November 3, 2021, on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems reasonable and appropriate.

Passed final reading and enrolled.

22.014 An Order to Accept a Gift for Replacing Sidewalk Sections Adjacent to 109 Main Street

The following order passed final reading:

22.014 Order to
Accept a Gift for
Replacing
Sidewalk Sections
Adjacent to 109
Main Street

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council January 20, 2022

Upon recommendation of the Mayor and Department of Public Works

An Order to Approve a Gift for Replacing Sidewalk Sections Adjacent to 109 Main Street

Whereas, the City is the owner of the Main Street and Gothic Street layouts, Northampton, Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Trident Realty Corporation is the owner of property at 109 Main Street, Northampton, Massachusetts (Assessors' Map 32A, Parcel 140), with Grantors rights to said parcel contained in a deed recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 6062, Page 34; and

Whereas, the parties are uncertain as to the location of their common boundary line between their respective parcels, which date back to the early development of Northampton; and

Whereas, the City has contracted to replace and make handicap accessible approximately fifty (50) linear feet of concrete sidewalk at its own cost within the uncertain area in front of the building due to its current disrepair and potential safety hazard; and

Whereas, to the extent that Trident Realty has an interest in the proposed sidewalk improvements, Trident Realty has offered a monetary gift of \$7,500.00 toward the cost of said improvements.

Ordered that, Northampton City Council, gratefully accepts a gift of \$7,500.00 from Trident Realty to support costs associated with the replacement of approximately fifty (50) linear feet of concrete sidewalk in front of the building at 109 Main Street.

Passed final reading and enrolled.

<u>Recess</u>	<u>Recess</u> The City Council recessed briefly at 10:48 p.m. The council reconvened at 10:58 p.m.
<u>Orders</u>	<u>Orders</u> None.
<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>22.024 Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs in the Village Hill Neighborhood</u>	<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> <u>22.024 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs in the Village Hill Neighborhood</u> Councilor Maiore moved to refer the ordinance to Legislative Matters. Councilor Perry seconded. Councilor Jarrett noted that only one stop sign is indicated on the map as being added but many more are listed in the language of the ordinance. He asked if the other stop signs are existing and just need to be codified. The one new stop sign is on Village Hill Road heading north towards Higgins Way and is a recommendation of a traffic study DPW did last year, Councilor Foster confirmed. Through the traffic study, it was realized that adopting ordinances for traffic signs was overlooked when Village Hill was first developed, so that is being corrected. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

	<p><u>See minutes of February 17, 2022 for final reading.</u></p>
<p><u>Ordinances</u></p>	<p><u>Ordinances</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u></p>	<p><u>Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Zoning Ordinances</u></p>	<p><u>Zoning Ordinances</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Resolutions</u> <u>22.023 Resolution in Support of Student Loan Debt Cancellation - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Resolutions</u> <u>22.023 A Resolution in Support of Student Loan Debt Cancellation - 1st reading</u> Co-sponsor Jamila Gore read the resolution aloud.</p> <p>As a black woman, she is personally and disproportionately affected by student loan debt herself, Councilor Gore related. She is almost 20 years out of college and still has debt. As the resolution said, the average African American borrower still owes 95% of his/her student loans 20 years after their education. Another study shows one in five people over 50 still owe student loan debt.</p> <p>Student loan debt makes it impossible for people to have good credit, get loans, buy cars, buy houses and earn advanced degrees. She thinks President Biden needs to pass the student loan debt cancellation now. It is especially urgent because, with the pandemic, people haven't been able to pay a lot of their bills. Student loan debt is just a big burden and is a burden on people's mental health as well.</p> <p>Councilor Maiore thanked her co-sponsor and folks at Zero Debt Massachusetts, Kai Paik, a local high school student who did the local debt analysis for them, Cherilyn Strader and Lydia Wood and Ian Rhodewalt from Western Mass labor federation, a coalition of more than 60 unions across Western Massachusetts. The coalition passed a similar resolution, as has Boston, Cambridge, Somerville and Chelsea.</p> <p>To frame the discussion, Councilor Maiore noted that 44 million Americans are affected and that college tuition has risen by 103% while median household income has only risen 14%. As Kai Paik's data showed, student debt cancellation would save each graduating class of the five colleges (7,650 students) \$147.6 million in student debt. This is definitely part of the equation when they talk about affordability in Northampton; it's not just about the rising cost of housing, it's about how much people have in their bank accounts. The federal government is not a forgiving debt collector. She personally has student debt and will have it when her oldest child starts college. As stated in the resolution, women hold the majority of debt and only make 81% of what men earn. Black women make only 63 cents for every dollar a white man makes.</p> <p>Black medical school graduates are spending more than \$10,000 a year on student loan interest alone, and they all know they need more people of color in the medical field.</p> <p>Before the Civil Rights Act ended legal segregation in 1964, most public colleges and universities were largely tuition free. The political will to subsidize higher education waned as black, Latino and Asian enrollment rates rose, fostering these more extreme disparities. This is a great strategy for helping to close the racial wealth gap.</p> <p>After strong expressions of support and additional personal experiences from Councilor LaBarge, Councilor Foster, Councilor Elkins and Councilor Perry, Councilor Perry moved to refer the resolution to the consent agenda. Councilor Nash seconded.</p>

Councilor Jarrett voiced his understanding that unless councilors specifically want to refer the resolution to the consent agenda, it will simply appear on the next agenda in final reading. Councilor Nash agreed with this interpretation and **the motion was withdrawn**.

After an additional statement of strong personal support, the council president moved to the next item on the agenda.

See minutes of February 17, 2022 for final reading.

22.027 Resolution to Form a Select Committee to Study Barriers to Service on City Boards and Commissions - 1st reading

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Co-sponsor Karen Foster read the resolution aloud.

This topic was on her mind before running for City Council two and a half years ago, just looking around and recognizing how much the city would benefit from a more diverse population serving on city boards and commissions, Councilor Foster shared. As they know, those able to serve tend to skew older and more financially comfortable. Just before the pandemic hit in February of 2020, the City Services Committee made an information request to the mayor's office to gather baseline demographic data on the make-up of city boards and commissions. At that time, the city necessarily pivoted to start dealing with COVID, but it feels like this is the time to take it back up again.

In discussions about forming an advisory board for the Department of Community Care and appointing the Northampton Policing Review Commission (NPRC), the subject of barriers to participation for some people whose voices are most needed was raised. There are real barriers, but she feels like if they look ahead with intention and the knowledge of where they're at and where they'd like to be, they can provide themselves as a city with a road-map to help insure everybody who lives here is able to participate in decision-making.

As one of the two co-sponsors, to her this is the start of a conversation, and she thinks the make-up of this committee is one of the most important conversations they need to have. One of the challenges is that the voices they most need to hear from can also be the voices facing the greatest barriers to inclusion and they really want to name that dichotomy. They heard earlier in public comment from Clarke Bankert of CES who is working on a grant for redesigning power structures, so there is community support. She hopes her colleagues will also support examining what voices they're hearing.

Councilor Nash said he shares the intention of this and knows several other councilors do also. He and Councilor Foster really wanted to share this resolution and this process with fellow councilors as colleagues and to go over the language and figure out the make-up of the select committee together.

Councilor Moulton commented that this is a critically important issue that can and should have a lasting impact on who participates in municipal government. This was the top issue the Charter Review Committee grappled with in 2019 and, although they didn't make any recommendations on it, they identified it in their report to the City Council as the most critical issue they felt needed further study. He is very pleased that council leadership has identified it as a priority for this year.

Councilor Jarrett and Councilor Perry also expressed their belief in the importance of this undertaking. Councilor Jarrett noted that, on the policing review commission, many people resigned at least partially due to these structural issues, while Councilor Perry added that, in looking at the agenda, this stood out to him as one of the most important things to talk about because he knows the importance of representation. He is honored to be serving on a City Council where they have - for the first time - two members of color, and he wholeheartedly supports this.

Councilor Jarrett pointed out two sentences containing lists prefaced by the phrase 'such as.' Since 'such as' implies different options, the following list can simply use the word 'and' instead of 'and/or,' he suggested.

Originally, the thought was to also look at compensation for elected officials as well as the possibility of compensation for people serving on city boards and commissions, Councilor Foster noted. There is a mechanism through the city charter to look at this compensation every 10 years, and this also needs to be looked at with an equity lens since for some people it is a barrier to serving.

Councilor Maire said she was thrilled to see this on the agenda. If they really want to attract new demographics they also need to think about working conditions for councilors as well as compensation, she suggested. Super late night meetings might work for independently wealthy retirees with time to recover, but part of the thinking in limiting public comment and second readings is trying to make meetings shorter for other demographics.

Councilor LaBarge agreed they are in dire need of this. She has been told that the long evening hours are a major barrier to single parents and some others who might otherwise like to run. They also need to look at compensation in comparison to other cities, she added. "It will open the doors to get more people to come in and run for city council."

Councilor Foster spelled out the options of either referring this to committee or simply taking no action and letting it appear in second reading on the next agenda. The consensus was that there was not a need for referral.

See minutes of February 17, 2022 for final reading.

<p><u>New Business</u></p>	<p><u>New Business</u> None.</p>
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn</u></p>	<p>Upon motion made by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Councilor Moulton the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m. The motion passed 9:0 by roll call vote.</p> <p>Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council</p>



Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

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City of Northampton Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

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Occupation & Place of Employment	Sales Consultant at Valley Solar
Email	garrett.ian.williams@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	1
Age	30 - 39
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	White, non-hispanic

Boards and Committees	Arts Council
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	My wife and I moved to Northampton last year with our two children. Prior to the move, I lived and worked on Los Angeles in the film and television industry. I have 15 years of experience in motion pictures, primarily on the camera and lighting side of things. When I left the business, I had been a union gaffer (chief lighting technician) for several years. I have a BA in Film Production focused on Cinematography from Emerson College in Boston. I'm seeking to put my knowledge and experience to good use in this community.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	<i>Field not completed.</i>
<p>Required: Please read the following, by signing below you state that you understand and agree.</p> <p><i>The filing of this form does not guarantee my appointment. An application is kept on file for two (2) years; after that I must file a new application. Being appointed to a committee, board, or commission means that I am considered a Municipal Employee under MGL Chapter 268A and thereby subject to Conflict of Interest Law MGL Chapter 268A, Financial Disclosure Law MGL Chapter 268B, as well as Open Meeting Law MGL Chapter 39: Section 23B. I understand that I will take the conflict of interest test after being appointed and that I also must be sworn in by the City Clerk. I will contact the appointing authority with any questions about my service. Important: Once this form is submitted it becomes a public document, if there is information you do not want open to the public please do not include it on this form.</i></p>	
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Date	11/7/2021

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State	MA
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Cell Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Occupation & Place of Employment	Student (Springfield Technical Community College), teacher (Happier Valley Comedy), customer service member (River Valley Coop)
Email	kelseyaflynn@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	24
Age	50 - 59
Sex	Female

Racial / Ethnic Background	White
Boards and Committees	Parks and Recreation Commission
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	My family have been big fans of Northampton Parks & Recreation since our first child was four years old. Now we have two kids who are regular participants in Parks & Rec programs including basketball, soccer, Camp KidZone, Safety Village, and more. I also have served as a volunteer coach in the Girls' 1/2 Soccer program. As a kid, I was also a huge participant in my New Jersey town's Parks & Rec programs including softball and the weekly afterschool ski program starting in middle school. I have experienced firsthand how quality and affordable programming makes a difference in a child's life. As for skills, I'm an experienced and passionate communications professional with particular focus on writing, proofreading and editing, and public speaking including emceeing. I'm also a trained and experienced improvisational comedian and find that comes in handy in a number of circumstances.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	Northampton
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Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	6
Age	40 - 49
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	Field not completed.

Boards and Committees Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals

Please list "other" board or committee of interest *Field not completed.*

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment? I'm a licensed Civil Engineer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with 15 years of experience as a consulting engineer. In that capacity, I've designed projects and presented in front of public boards throughout New England. I transitioned to a Project Manager role at Baystate Health, where I've managed construction and renovation projects on the Owner's side for the last two years. I believe my knowledge of site design, zoning, stormwater mitigation, and wetlands permitting would be a valuable resource for the City.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee? No

Please list other city committees you have served on *Field not completed.*

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Email	Jdissinger81@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	35
Age	30 - 39
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	Field not completed.

Boards and Committees	Trust Fund Committee
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	I served on Trust Fund Committee up until June and looking to renew my term. I'm currently Vice President of Strategic Development at a trust company, working with clients and orgs to accomplish similar goals as this committee is chartered to do.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	Yes
Please list other city committees you have served on	Trust Fund Committee
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Signature	Jake Dissinger
Date	10/13/2021

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MAYOR GINA-LOUISE SCIARRA

City of Northampton

Office of the Mayor

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Northampton, MA 01060-3199

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mayor@northamptonma.gov

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra
CC: City Solicitor Alan Seewald
DATE: January 18, 2022
RE: Appointment of City Solicitor

I am appointing Attorney Alan Seewald of 60 Revell Avenue, Northampton, MA as City Solicitor for the City of Northampton effective Thursday, January 20, 2022. Attorney Seewald's term as City Solicitor expired with the end of the term of Mayor Narkewicz, and he has been appointed on a temporary basis in the interim.

Alan Seewald has served as City Solicitor for the City of Northampton since 2012. He brings an unparalleled wealth of experience, expertise, and wise counsel that has helped guide the city to the stability Northampton currently enjoys.

I respectfully submit his appointment to the City Council for confirmation in accordance with Section 2-10 of the Northampton City Charter and Northampton Administrative Code Chapter A, Part II, § 2-02. I have attached a copy of Attorney Seewald's professional resume for your review.

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

February 3, 2022

Upon recommendation of the Mayor and the Whiting Street Fund Committee

22.026 An Order to Appropriate \$45,000 in Whiting Street Trust Funds

Whereas, Mr. Whiting Street, a successful Northampton businessperson, left \$25,000 to the City of Northampton in his will of 1875 with instructions that the money be used “for the relief and comfort of the worthy poor,”

Whereas, the Whiting Street Fund Committee issued its annual grant application seeking proposals from local organizations with the goal of addressing housing insecurity and homelessness;

Whereas, the Whiting Street Fund Committee received and reviewed the applications and has made its recommendations to the Mayor;

Ordered, that

\$45,000 be appropriated from the interest in the Whiting Street Trust Fund to the following organizations:

\$15,000 to Manna to support the operations of the Community Center. The Community Center provides a place for the unhoused to find shelter out of the weather, to access showers, laundry, a couch to rest on, clothes in a closet, and electrical outlets to charge devices. The Center provides a welcoming and safe indoor space for people to call their own for a time and to access harm reduction tools, and connect to housing services within and beyond the Manna walls. The Community Center addresses the gaps in essential human services offered to the unhoused population, and further strengthens the collective fabric of services which benefit the most vulnerable members of our community. These funds will help Manna to continue the Community Center operations making a real difference in the lives of the unhoused; and

\$30,000 to Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals, Inc. to support the collaboration project to create housing for houseless individuals with disabilities. This group of collaborators intends to purchase 5 Franklin Street to create housing that provides wrap-around services to support the clients in stabilizing their lives while becoming and remaining housed. Services will include social caseworkers, regular visits by health personnel, and provision of

supplies, food, and furnishings as needed. These funds will be used to increase housing and other resources within the City to help bring an end to homelessness.



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DATE: February 17, 2022

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Please find the attached appointment to City Boards, Committees, and Commissions:

Arts Council

Pete Olsen, 380 South Street, Northampton

Term: February 2022-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Human Rights Commission

Chelsea Sunday Kline, 42 Cherry Street, Northampton

Term: February 2002-June 2025

To fill a vacancy



Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
To: mayor@northamptonma.gov

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 6:20 PM

Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

City of Northampton Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Please return the completed form to: Mayor@northamptonma.gov or David J. Narkewicz, Mayor 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

First Name	Peter
Last Name	Olsen
Title, if applicable	Nerd
Address1	380 South St
Address2	Field not completed.
City	Northampton
State	Massachusetts
Zip	01060
Home Phone	9787613474
Work Phone	Field not completed.
Cell Phone	Field not completed.
Occupation & Place of Employment	Professional Computer Nerd, Odyssey Consulting Group Ltd.
Email	hepaestus@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	15
Age	Field not completed.
Sex	Male
Racial / Ethnic Background	Field not completed.

Boards and Committees	Arts Council
Please list "other" board or committee of interest	<i>Field not completed.</i>
What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment?	I have been in the arts or Art adjacent most of my life. In college I majored in Art and earned a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the University of New Mexico. I have a deep passion for the arts and bringing art out to the community at large.
Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee?	No
Please list other city committees you have served on	Northampton Center for the Arts
<p>Required: Please read the following, by signing below you state that you understand and agree. <i>The filing of this form does not guarantee my appointment. An application is kept on file for two (2) years; after that I must file a new application. Being appointed to a committee, board, or commission means that I am considered a Municipal Employee under MGL Chapter 268A and thereby subject to Conflict of Interest Law MGL Chapter 268A, Financial Disclosure Law MGL Chapter 268B, as well as Open Meeting Law MGL Chapter 39: Section 23B. I understand that I will take the conflict of interest test after being appointed and that I also must be sworn in by the City Clerk. I will contact the appointing authority with any questions about my service. Important: Once this form is submitted it becomes a public document, if there is information you do not want open to the public please do not include it on this form.</i></p>	
Signature	Peter Olsen III
Date	12/15/2021

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Online Form Submittal: Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

noreply@civicplus.com <noreply@civicplus.com>
To: mayor@northamptonma.gov

Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 1:27 PM

Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees and Commissions

City of Northampton Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions

Please return the completed form to: Mayor@northamptonma.gov or David J. Narkewicz, Mayor 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

First Name	Chelsea
Last Name	Kline
Title, if applicable	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Address1	42 Cherry Street
Address2	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Northampton
State	MA
Zip	01060
Home Phone	14135526622
Work Phone	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Cell Phone	14135526622
Occupation & Place of Employment	Executive Director, Chelsea Sunday Consulting
Email	chelseasundaykline@gmail.com
Are you a Northampton resident?	Yes
Years Lived in Northampton	20
Age	40 - 49
Sex	Female
Racial / Ethnic Background	<i>Field not completed.</i>

Boards and Committees Human Rights Commission

Please list "other" board or committee of interest *Field not completed.*

What skills and experience will you bring to this committee assignment? I am a coach and consultant for campaigns and candidates for public office, higher education professional, and graduate of both Smith College and Harvard Divinity School, and I have been involved in reproductive/sexual health and social justice organizing, advocacy, and volunteering for over 20 years. Also, I am a professional writer with an emphasis on social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and I contribute a regular column on these topics to the Daily Hampshire Gazette, and I would love to be more actively involved in promoting human rights in the city of Northampton.

Are you currently serving or have you served on any city committee? No

Please list other city committees you have served on Northampton

Required: Please read the following, by signing below you state that you understand and agree.

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Signature Chelsea Sunday Kline

Date 11/5/2021

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City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, February 17, 2022

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra and Office of Planning & Sustainability

22.025 An Order to Acquire Property Located at 196 Cooke Avenue

WHEREAS, The City's Capital Plan, approved by City Council, provides funding to develop an animal control facility for the Police Department and Animal Control Officer use; and

WHEREAS, The City identified 196 Cooke Avenue, the former Moose Lodge property owned by Apple Tree, LLC or some or all of their principals, as the best place for an animal control facility, with opportunities for sound mitigation from the nearest homes and for limited parking to serve the adjacent Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway, in a rural yet relatively central location;

WHEREAS, The City has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Option with Apple Tree, LLC, to purchase 196 Cooke Avenue for \$100,000, subject to due diligence and City Council approval;

Ordered, that

The City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise of the property located at 196 Cooke Avenue (Hampshire Land Court Plan Book 3, Page 214, 2/27/1950).

Further, the City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute such documents and instruments as may be necessary to achieve the purposes of this Order.

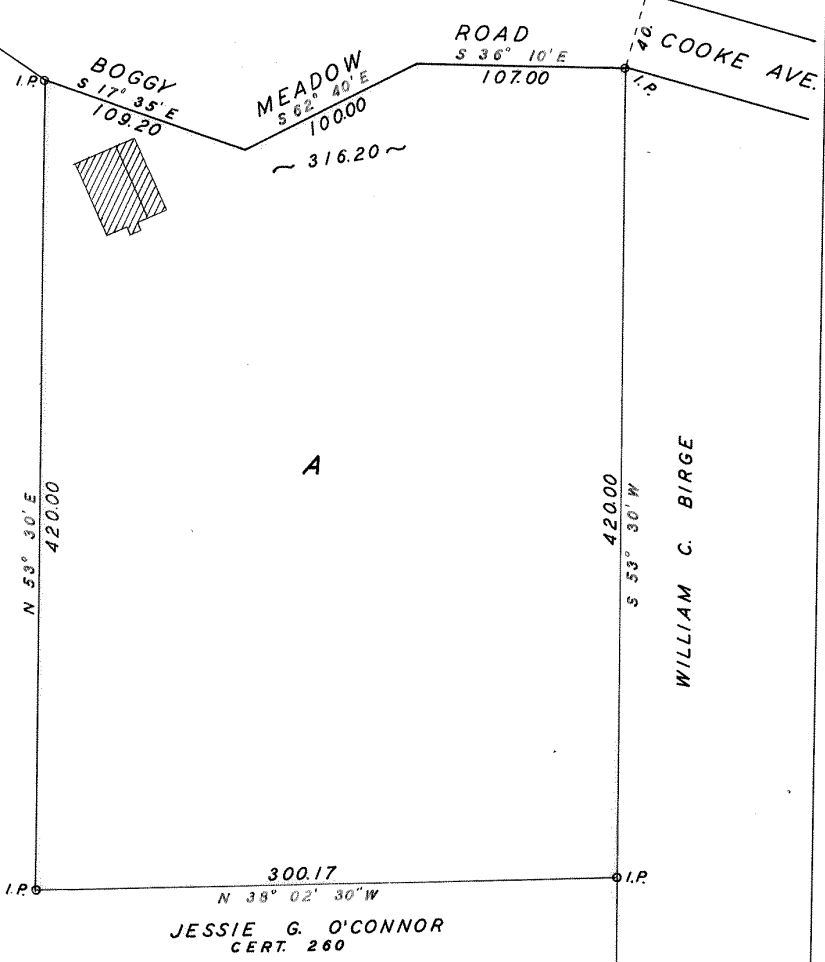
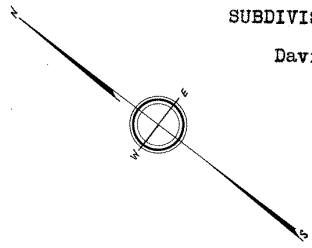
Further, the City Council appropriates the \$100,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Sale of Land Account.

20769B

SUBDIVISION PLAN OF LAND IN NORTHAMPTON

Davis Engineering Co., Surveyors

June 5, 1947



FEB 17 1950

Subdivision of part of land
 Shown on plan 20769A
 Filed with Cert. of Title No. 260
 Registry District of Hampshire County

Hampshire Registry District of
 Hampshire County. Received and Recorded
 February 27, 1950.

Attest:
Raymond A. Barnes Assistant Recorder.

Separate certificates of title may be issued
 for LOT A as shown hereon
 By the Court
W. T. Fairclough
 E.E.B. 4, 1949 Recorder.

Copy of part of plan
 filed in
LAND REGISTRATION OFFICE
 FEB. 4, 1949
 Scale of this plan 60 feet to an inch
 W. T. Fairclough, Engineer for Court



MEMORANDUM

To: Wayne Feiden, Director Planning & Sustainability

From: Berkshire Design Group

Date: February 10, 2022

Project: Animal Control Facility, Moose Lodge Site, 196 Cooke Avenue

Re: Noise review

Berkshire Design was asked to look into the level of noise associated with dog barking at a potential animal control facility located at 196 Cooke Avenue. This memo includes information about typical sound levels and noise reduction associated with building construction, outdoor sound barriers and distance from the facility.

1. Typical sound levels in decibels (dB)

Quiet rural area	30 dB
Library or quiet night-time neighborhood	40 dB
Quiet neighborhood daytime	50 dB
Normal conversation	50-60 dB
Snow blower/lawn mower	85-90 dB
Chain saw	120 dB

2. Published information on dog barking level of noise

Single dog barking	80-100 dB
Inside kennel dog chorus (range)	85-122 dB
Inside kennel dog chorus (common)	85-100 dB

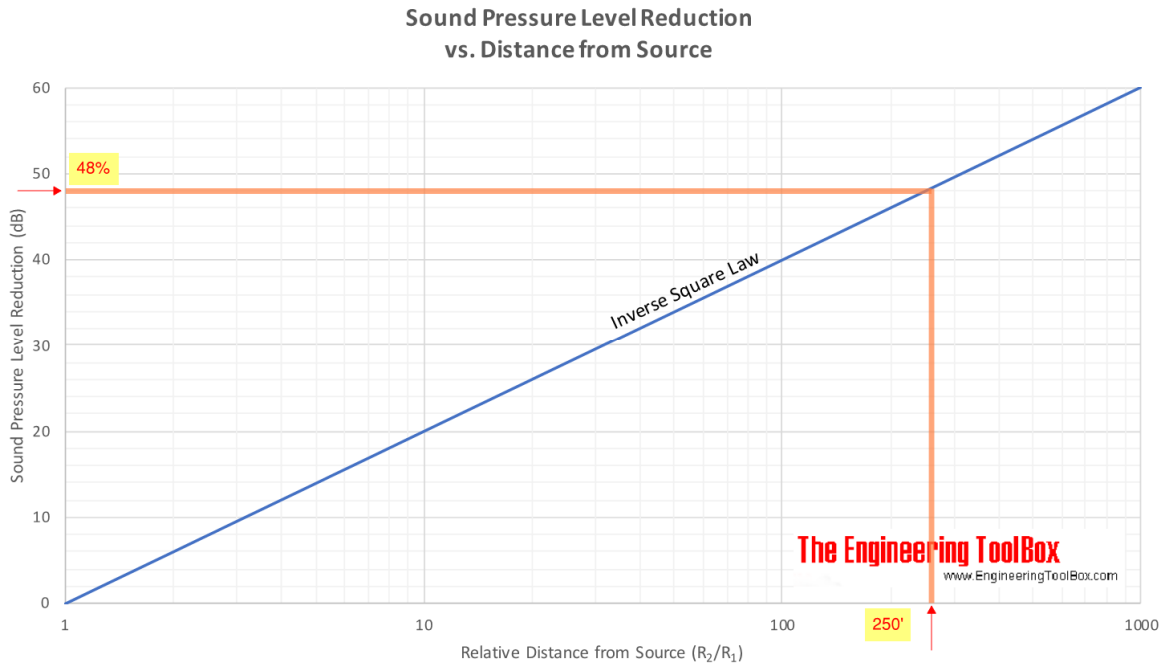
3. Sound reduction based on building construction, distance to neighbors and other factors

Building construction:

Building construction standards include ratings for *Sound Transmission Class (STC)*. The higher the STC rating, the better sound isolation within the wall assembly. The STC translates into a decibel reduction. STC can vary from 37 to much higher values such as 50-65. The actual reduction in noise provided by the building is dependent on the noise source, windows etc. For the animal control facility, we will assume a STC rating of 50 and conservatively assume that this results in a 25 dB reduction in sound to the outside.

Effect of distance:

Sound volume reduces with distance from the source and the noise reduction can be calculated using the *Inverse Square Law*. For every doubling of distance, the sound level reduces by 6 dBA. The following chart illustrates graphically how sound diminishes with distance.



A sound reduction of 48% is obtained at a distance of 250 feet (approximate distance to nearby homes).

Topography and landforms:

Topography and landforms can effectively reduce sound propagation. For example, an earth mound will reflect a portion of the noise, thus reducing the external noise as long as the source is lower than or level with the barrier. The reduction of sound is approximately 10 dB.

Vegetation:

Vegetation is not very effective at reducing noise. However, it appears that a wide belt of high-density trees and shrubs can achieve some noise reduction. For example, a 100' wide belt can reduce sound 5 to 8 dBA.

Noise Abatement inside the building:

Sound proofing with foam and sound absorbing products can be added inside the building to decrease the dog chorus noise. This can reduce the sound within the facility by 8 to 10 dB.

4. Summary

Building construction and distance will have the largest effect on noise reduction. Table 1 illustrates how an initial sound level of 100 dB (high end of dog chorus) will be reduced with good building construction and 250 feet of distance from the facility.

Table 1 – Building and Distance

	Dogs inside facility	Dogs outside the facility – Dogs will only be outside when the animal control officer is present
Noise level within building	100 dB	-
Noise level outside of building – building constructed with STC of 50 minimum	75 dB*	100 dB
Noise level 250 ft away from facility	39 dB	52 dB

* It is assumed that STC 50 construction will result in a minimum of 25 dB reduction.

Table 2 illustrates how the addition of an earth berm or a sound wall would affect the noise levels from the facility.

Table 2 – Add Earth Mound or Sound Wall

	Dogs inside facility	Dogs outside - Dogs will only be outside when the animal control officer is present
Noise level within building	100 dB	-
Noise level outside of building – building constructed with STC of 50 minimum	75 dB	100 dB
Noise level outside with berm/wall	65 dB	90 dB
Noise level 250 ft away from facility	34 dB	47 dB

Table 3 illustrates how the addition of noise abatement inside the building affects the noise levels from the facility.

Table 3 – Add noise abatement inside building

	Dogs inside facility	Dogs outside - Dogs will only be outside when the animal control officer is present
Noise level within building with noise abatement	92 dB	-
Noise level outside of building – building constructed with STC of 50 minimum	67 dB	100 dB
Noise level outside with berm/wall	57 dB	90 dB
Noise level 250 ft away from facility	30 dB	47 dB

5. Conclusion

Building construction and distance as well as earth berms and noise abatement can all be effective means of reducing the noise from an animal control facility. The above calculations indicate that a dog chorus from animals within the building can be reduced to the level of a quiet night-time neighborhood at a distance of 250 feet from the facility. The calculations also indicate that the sound of a dog barking outside the building (dogs will only be outside when the animal control officer is on site) will be reduced to under 50 dB or the sound of a quiet day-time neighborhood.

6. References

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<https://www.enoisecontrol.com/landscaping-sound-wall-earth-berm-noise-ordinances/>
<https://www.soundproofcow.com/>

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

January 20, 2022

Upon recommendation of Mayor Sciarra

22.016 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for IT Services Department Equipment and Software

Whereas, the City cannot enter into a contract greater than three years without Council approval;

Whereas, the existing equipment is failing and needs replacement;

Whereas, the replacement equipment and software support has a five year life span and provides the best value to the City;

Now therefore be it ordered,

That the IT Services Department is authorized to enter into a five-year contract with Motorola Solutions.

**City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

Upon the recommendation of Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra, Councilor Karen Foster and Councilor John Thorpe

21.355 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the General Ordinances

An ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to incorporate housekeeping changes recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee in its report dated March 31, 2021 and additional changes proposed by the Office of Planning and Sustainability and the Disability Commission subsequent to the issuance of the Ordinance Review Committee's report.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

The Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

In section 40-5, by deleting in subsection B after the phrase “Ch. 156” the phrase “Director of Planning and Development” and replacing it with the phrase “Director of Planning and Sustainability”.

In section 40-5, by deleting in subsection B after the phrase “Ch. 161” the phrase “Director of Planning and Development” and replacing it with the phrase “Director of Planning and Sustainability”.

In section 40-5, by deleting in subsection B after the phrase “Ch. 337” the phrase “Director of Planning and Development” and replacing it with the phrase “Director of Planning and Sustainability”.

In section 40-5, by deleting in subsection B after the phrase “Regulations of the Conservation Commission” the phrase “Chairman, Conservation Commission” and replacing it with the phrase “Chair, Conservation Commission or his/her staff agent or designee”.

In section 116-1, by deleting the phrase “an alarm at said residence or place of business” and replacing it with the phrase “a false alarm at said residence or place of business”, by deleting the phrase “three false alarms in any calendar year” and replacing it with the phrase “false alarm”.

In Section 124-11, by deleting in subsection (B)(2) the word “handicapped” and replacing it with the phrase “people with disabilities”.

In section 128-13, by deleting in subsection E the word “handicapped”, by inserting after the word “person” the phrase “with a disability”, and by deleting the word “handicap” and replacing it with the word “disability”.

In section 156-5, by deleting in subsection C(8) the phrase “Handicapped access” and replacing it with the phrase “Wheelchair accessible” and by deleting the phrase “a physically handicapped person” and replacing it with the phrase “people with disabilities”.

In section 156-6, by deleting in subsection A the word “Development” and replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 156 -6, by deleting in subsection D(5) the phrase “his or her” and replacing it with the word “their”.

In section 156-9, by deleting in subsection A(8) the phrase “Handicapped access” and replacing it with the phrase “Wheelchair accessible” and by deleting the phrase “a physically handicapped person” and replacing it with the phrase “people with disabilities”.

In section 156-10, by deleting in subsection B the word “Development” and replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 161-6, by deleting in subsection D the first sentence in its entirety and by deleting in the second sentence the word “also”.

In section 161-8, by deleting in subsection A the word “Development” and replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 285-4, by deleting in subsection C(4)(b) the word “handicap” and replacing it with the word “accessible”.

In sections 285-31 through 285-50, inclusive, by deleting such sections in their entireties.

In section 312-21 by deleting in subsection E the word “handicapped” and replacing it with the word “accessible”.

In section 312-33 by deleting in subsection C(1)(c) the word “handicapped” and replacing it with the word “accessible”.

In section 312-43, by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

§ 312-43 Parking for persons with disabilities.

A. No person, other than a person who holds and displays an accessible parking plate or placard, shall stop or park a vehicle in a parking space designated as accessible parking. Violators will be towed. (See § 312-95I.)

B. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to penalties as stated in § 312-959B(4).

C. On-street and off-street accessible parking spaces are established in accordance Schedule XVI in § 312-117, which Schedule XVI is specifically incorporated in this section.

D. "Accessible parking" shall be construed to mean parking spaces designed to comply with 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, as such standards may be amended from time to time.

E. The term "accessible parking plate or placard" as used in this section shall be construed to mean a "disabled parking placard/plate" issued by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.

In section 312-44, by deleting the section in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

§ 312-44 Temporary accessible parking permits.

A. Issuance of Temporary Accessible Parking Permit.

(1) The Parking Enforcement Administrator or designee is hereby authorized to issue a temporary accessible parking permit, valid for 90 days from the date of issuance, upon written proof from a physician that the person seeking to obtain the permit has a qualifying mobility impairment.

(2) The temporary accessible parking permit shall be displayed in the manner and place prescribed by the Parking Enforcement Administrator upon payment of such fee as the Parking Enforcement Administrator may establish.

B. "Mobility impairment" shall be construed to mean any person who is temporarily afflicted with a condition qualifying such person as a "physically handicapped person" as defined in Chapter 22, § 13A, of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended.

C. The temporary accessible parking permit shall permit the holder of such permit to park in any accessible parking areas located within the City of Northampton.

D. Extension of permit, renewal.

(1) Should the authorized holder of the temporary accessible parking permit seek an extension of said permit, such person must, on or before the date of expiration of the permit, request the Parking Enforcement Administrator or designee to renew the temporary accessible parking permit for another period of 90 days. Only one such extension shall be granted.

(2) The renewal of the temporary accessible parking permit shall be issued only if the applicant provides written proof from a physician that the applicant continues to have a qualifying mobility impairment.

E. Should the applicant be aggrieved by the decision of the Parking Enforcement Administrator or designee not to issue or renew the temporary accessible parking permit, the applicant may, within ten days of the adverse finding, appeal in writing to the Hearing Officer, who shall within ten business days review the appeal and, after hearing, either sustain the Parking Enforcement Administrator's decision or issue the permit.

In section 312-45, by deleting the phrase “disabled veteran or handicapped person” and by replacing it with the phrase “person with disabilities”.

In section 312-46, by deleting the phrase “a handicapped person” and replacing it with the phrase “persons with disabilities”.

In section 312-47, by deleting the phrase “disabled veteran or handicapped persons” and by replacing it with the phrase “people with disabilities” and by deleting the phrase “use by handicapped persons” and replacing it with the phrase “use by people with disabilities”.

In section 312-49, by deleting in subsection C(3) the word “Disabled” and replacing it with the word “Accessible”.

In section 312-49, by deleting in subsection D the phrase “handicap access” and replacing it with the phrase “accessible wheelchair”.

In section 312-95, by deleting in subsection I the phrase “for the physically handicapped” and replacing it with the phrase “as accessible parking”.

In section 312-99, by deleting in subsection B(2) item 14 the figure “15” and replacing it with the figure “12”.

In section 312-117, by deleting in the title thereof the word “Handicapped” and replacing it with the word “Accessible”.

In section 312-117, by deleting in subsection A the word “handicapped” and replacing it with the word “accessible”.

In section 312-117, by deleting in subsection B the word “handicapped” and replacing it with the word “accessible”.

In section 312-121, by deleting in subsection C the word “handicapped” and replacing it with the word “accessible”.

In section 312-122, by inserting n subsection F after the phrase “handicapped plates” the phrase “or accessible parking placard”.

In section 337-2, by adding in subsection G after the phrase “Highway Business”, the words “Entranceway Business”.

In section 337-2, by deleting the phrase “Special Industrial” and replacing it with the phrase “Office Industrial”.

In section 337-2, by deleting in subsection G, the phrase “Nonresidential uses only in the Business Park District”, and by deleting the associated phrase “Vernal pool and areas within 100 feet of the vernal pool.”

In section 337-2, by deleting in subsection G, after the phrase “Water Supply Protection” the phrase “overlay which were zoned residential as of January 1, 2006” and by inserting in its place the word “Zone”.

In section 337-2, by adding in subsection G after the phrase “Residential A”, the phrase “, Farms Forests and Recreation”.

In section 337-10, by adding in subsubsubsection E (2)(h)(7) after the phrase “General Business”, the phrase “Highway Business, Entranceway Business,” and replacing the phrase “Special Industrial” with “Office Industrial”.

In section 337-10, by deleting in subsub~~section 7~~ of subsection E ~~(2)(h)(7)~~ the phrase “All water supply protection overlay areas zoned residential as of January 1, 2006, regardless of the underlying zoning, and all”.

In section 337-10, by deleting subsection C in its entirety, and by renumbering subsections D – G, inclusive, to subsections C – F.

**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two

Upon the Recommendation of the Transportation and Parking Commission

**22.024
AN ORDINANCE**

**RELATIVE TO STOP SIGNS IN THE
VILLAGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD**

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

That the § 312-113 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

§ 312-113 Schedule XII: Stop and Yield Intersections.

- A. Isolated stop signs. Stop intersections are established at the following locations:
[10-15-1981; 10-15-1987; 5-18-1989; 5-6-1993; 11-5-1998; 1-7-1999; 3-6-2003;
12-2-2004]

Location	Direction of Travel	At the Intersection of
<u>Olander Drive</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>Village Hill Road</u>
<u>Village Hill Road</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>Ford Crossing and Higgins Way</u>

- D. Multiway stop signs. Multiway stop intersections are established at the following locations:

Location	Direction of Travel	At the Intersection of
<u>Moser Street</u>	<u>East/West</u>	<u>Musante Drive</u>
<u>Moser Street</u>	<u>East/West</u>	<u>Village Hill Road</u>
<u>Moser Street</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Olander Drive</u>

<u>Musante Drive</u>	<u>North/South</u>	<u>Moser Street</u>
<u>Olander Drive</u>	<u>North/South</u>	<u>Moser Street</u>

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Note: Aerial image is from 2014 and does not show the Higgins Way development. Stop Sign locations are indicated by squares.

Travel Direction:
Northbound (NB)
Southbound (SB)
Eastbound (EB)
Westbound (WB)

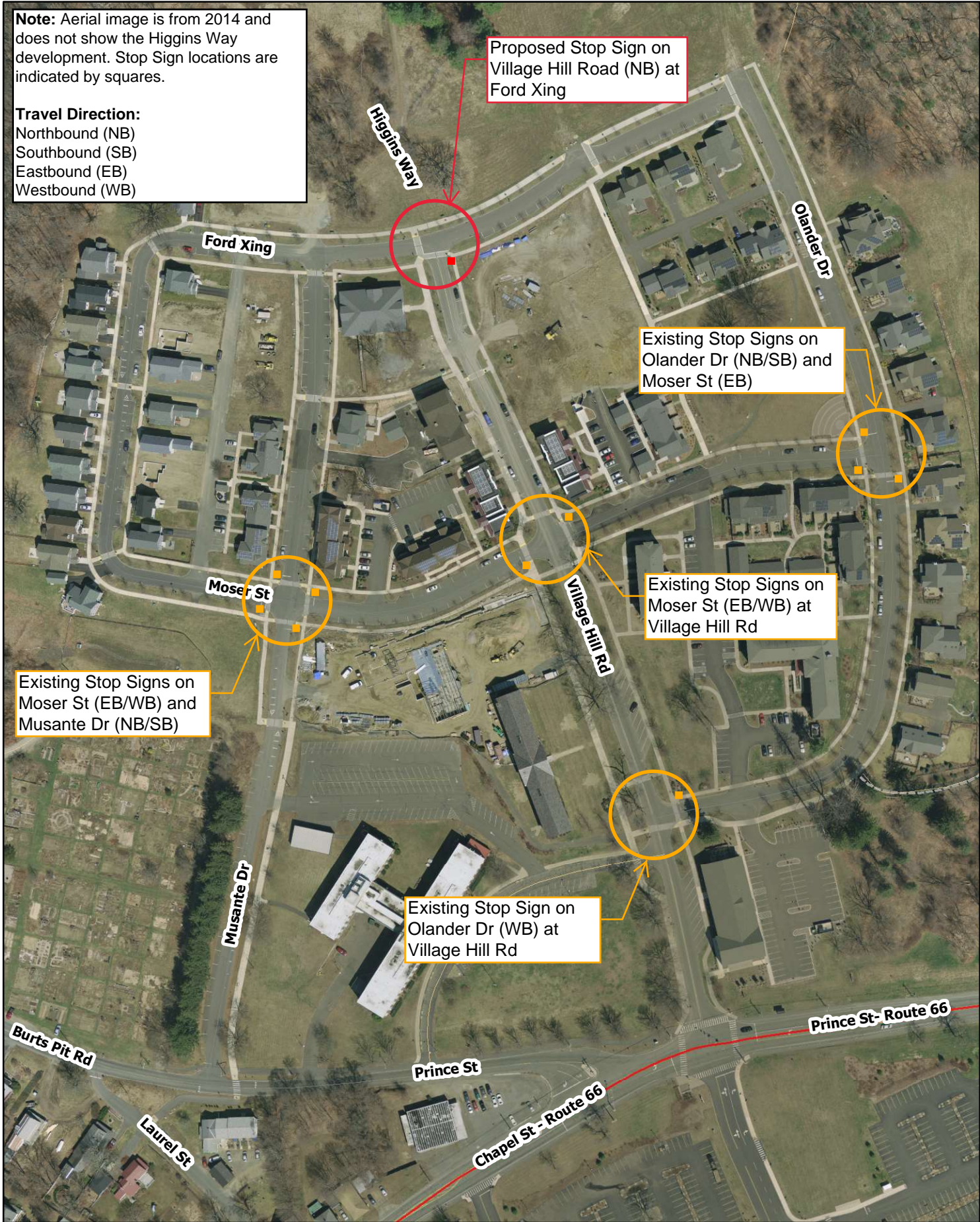
Proposed Stop Sign on Village Hill Road (NB) at Ford Xing

Existing Stop Signs on Olander Dr (NB/SB) and Moser St (EB)

Existing Stop Signs on Moser St (EB/WB) at Village Hill Rd

Existing Stop Signs on Moser St (EB/WB) and Musante Dr (NB/SB)

Existing Stop Sign on Olander Dr (WB) at Village Hill Rd



In the Year Two Thousand Twenty One

Upon the Recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

21.339 AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW BEVERAGE SERVICE AND ENTERTAINMENT AT FARM STANDS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to allow beverage service and entertainment licenses as part of agricultural farm stands under certain circumstances.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

Amend Chapter 350 Attachments 4, 5, 24

Under category of Uses Allowed by right in SR/RR/WSP tables, amend as follows

Agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, noncommercial forestry, the growing of all vegetables and a temporary (not to exceed erection or use for a period of four months in any one year) greenhouse or stand for retail sale of agricultural or farm products raised primarily on the same premises. The use described above includes the following only when licensed annually by the License Commission:

1. service of beverages produced on site and/or;
2. accessory events and entertainment not to exceed 4 such events in one year

Under category of USES ALLOWED BY SITE PLAN in SR/RR/WSP tables, amend as follows:

Year-round greenhouse/stand for wholesale and retail sale of agricultural farm products raised on site. The use described above includes the following only when licensed annually by the License Commission:

1. accessory events and entertainment not to exceed 12 such events in one year.

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Amend Chapter 350 Attachments 4, 5, 24

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Agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, noncommercial forestry, the growing of all vegetables and a temporary (not to exceed erection or use for a period of four months in any one year) greenhouse or stand for retail sale of agricultural or farm products raised primarily on the same premises. The use described above includes the following only when licensed annually by the License Commission or with a Mayoral license:

1. service of alcoholic beverages produced on site and/or;
2. accessory events and entertainment unrelated to onsite production not to exceed 4-12-such events in one year

Under category of USES ALLOWED BY SITE PLAN in SR/RR/WSP/SC tables, amend as follows:

Year-round greenhouse/stand for wholesale and retail sale of agricultural farm products raised on site. The use described above includes the following only when licensed annually by the License Commission or with a Mayoral license:

1. accessory events and entertainment unrelated to onsite production not to exceed 12-60-such events in one year.

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In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

Upon the recommendation of Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra, Councilor Karen Foster and Councilor John Thorpe

21.356 An Ordinance Relative to Housekeeping Changes to the Zoning Ordinance

An ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended to incorporate housekeeping changes recommended by the Ordinance Review Committee in its report dated March 31, 2021 and additional changes proposed by the Office of Planning and Sustainability and the Disability Commission subsequent to the issuance of the Ordinance Review Committee's report.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

The Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

In section 350-2.1, by deleting in the definition of "ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE" the phrase "disabled residents" and replacing it with the phrase "persons with disabilities".

In section 350-3.4, by deleting in subsection A the word "Development" and by replacing it with the word "Sustainability".

In section 350-3.5, by deleting in subsection A the word "Development" and by replacing it with the word "Sustainability".

6.2 references state law. Changing Northampton text will create disparity with state language

In section 350-6.2, by deleting in subsection A by deleting the phrase "Handicap access" and replacing it with the phrase "Accessible wheelchair" and by deleting the phrase "the physically handicapped" and replacing it with "persons with disabilities".

In section 350-7.4, by deleting in subsection D(3) the word "Development" and by replacing it with the word "Sustainability".

In section 350-8.1, by deleting in subsection C the phrase "500 square feet of gross floor area, up to a maximum of two per dwelling unit ~~Development~~" and by replacing it with the phrase "See specific district use table".

In section 350-8.8, by deleting in subsection P the word "Development" and by replacing it with the word "Sustainability".

In section 350-8.8, by deleting in subsection Q the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-8.10, by deleting in subsection B the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-10.1, by deleting in subsection A the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-10.1, by deleting in subsection B(1) the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-10.4, by deleting in subsection C the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-10.9, by deleting in subsection C (2) the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-10.15, by deleting in subsection 7 of subsection B the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-11.5, by deleting in subsection A the word “Development” and by replacing it with the word “Sustainability”.

In section 350-20.7, by deleting in subsection A the phrase “the disabled” and replacing it with the phrase “persons with disabilities”.



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In the City Council, February 3rd, 2022

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Jamila Gore and Councilor Rachel Maiore

R-22.023 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CANCELLATION OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT

WHEREAS, education is a public good, benefiting all of society and a right that should be accessible to all, and;

WHEREAS, College tuition has risen by 103% since 1987, while median household income increased by only 14%¹, and;

WHEREAS, nationally 42 million people have federal student loan debt for a total of \$1.73 trillion², making student loan debt the second-highest source of household debt after housing³, and;

WHEREAS, 55% of Massachusetts residents have student loan debt, with the average student loan debt at \$33,256 per borrower⁴, and;

WHEREAS, across the country, student debt also disproportionately impacts women, who hold two-thirds of all student debt⁵. Women take on more debt and then face systemic pay discrimination resulting in an additional two years to pay off student debt compared to men⁶, and;

WHEREAS, these disparities hit Black women even harder with 57% reporting financial difficulties in paying back student loans⁷, and;

¹ American Association of University Women, www.aauw.org

² https://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/g19/hist/cc_hist_memo_levels.html

³ Statista, www.statista.com

⁴ New England Board of Higher Education, nebhe.org/wp-content/uploads/Massachusetts-DEI-Fact-Sheet.pdf

⁵ American Association of University Women, www.aauw.org

⁶ American Association of University Women, www.aauw.org

⁷ American Association of University Women, www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/03/DeeperinDebt-nsa.pdf

WHEREAS, a 2016 study found that four years after earning a bachelor's degree, the average Black graduate had approximately \$53,000 in debt, nearly twice the level of the average White graduate⁸. And 20 years after taking out student loans, the average Black borrower still owes 95% of their student loan debt compared to 6% for White borrowers⁹, and;

WHEREAS, eliminating student loan debt represents a moral opportunity for Northampton to support residents, address some racial and gender wage disparities, and provide better overall health outcomes since carrying debt is associated with negative mental and physical health outcomes, such as stress, depression, general health, obesity and mortality¹⁰, in addition to negatively impacting the ability of residents to afford to stay and live in Northampton, and;

WHEREAS, student loan debt cuts across all levels of education, affecting borrowers who attend vocational school, technical school, beautician schools, two-year associate degree programs, four-year undergraduate programs, graduate school, state schools, community college, private colleges and universities, with 40% of borrowers having not been able to complete their education and achieve a bachelor's degree¹¹, and;

WHEREAS, research estimates that canceling student debt would boost the national economy by up to \$108 billion a year and create one million jobs¹²,and;

WHEREAS, the Higher Education Act of 1965 gives the President of the United States the power to cancel all student loan debt by executive order, through the Compromise and Settlement powers of the Department of Education, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton calls for the Biden Administration to cancel all student debt by executive order and requests that the Federal Government enacts a plan to eliminate student debt and begin the transition to education as a public good.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant of the City Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to; President Joseph Biden, Governor Charlie Baker, Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, Representative Jim McGovern, State Senator Jo Comerford, and State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa.

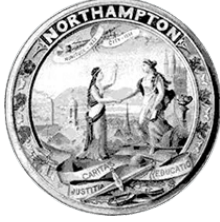
⁸ The Brookings Institute, www.brookings.edu

⁹ The Brookings Institute, www.brookings.edu

¹⁰ The Sycamore Institute, www.sycamoreinstitute.org/how-medical-debt-affects-health/

¹¹ National Center of Educational Statistics, <https://nces.ed.gov/datalab/index.aspx>

¹² Levy Institute, www.levyinstitute.org/pubs/rpr_2_6.pdf



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In the City Council, February 3, 2022

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Karen Foster and Councilor James Nash

R-22.027 A Resolution to Form a Select Committee to Study Barriers to Service on City Boards and Commissions

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton currently has 23 boards and commissions, with opportunities for 188 residents to serve, and

WHEREAS, City leadership recognizes that many residents of Northampton experience structural barriers to participation in civic life, such as lack of financial resources, adequate transportation, adequate technology and internet, and lack of childcare, and

WHEREAS service on boards and commissions is an opportunity for residents to make a meaningful contribution to the City of Northampton, performing critical advisory and quasi-judicial roles, and

WHEREAS, promoting structures that facilitate representation on city boards and commissions from residents who have historically been marginalized from participation would lend new, diverse, and important voices to city boards and commissions, and

WHEREAS, many residents interested in serving on city boards and commissions may need supports, such as mentorship, financial support, technical or technological support, and training in order to serve, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of Northampton requests that the Council President and Mayor jointly appoint a select committee to study barriers to service on city boards and committees and opportunities for the City to work with residents to overcome those barriers. This Committee shall present findings and recommendations for change to City Council on or before the October 20, 2022 City Council meeting. The committee shall be comprised of:

- 2 current elected officials
- 3 resident volunteer members of city boards or commissions, and
- 2 residents who have never or who are not currently serving on a city board or commission