



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**Meeting Agenda**  
**On-line Video Conference**  
**Meeting Date: May 6, 2021**  
**Meeting Time: 7 p.m.**

The May 6, 2021 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 7 p.m.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING**

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**1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Remote Participation and Audio/Video Recorded**

This meeting is being held via remote participation and audio/video recorded.

## 2. Public Comment

## 3. Roll Call

## 4. Public Hearings

### A. 7:05 pm **Public Hearing on 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install underground conduit on Damon Road (Petition #23303524). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.197 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[21.197 Distribution Civil Drawings - REVISED.pdf](#)

### B. **Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.238 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Damon Road (Petition #23303524). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website ([www.northamptonma.gov](http://www.northamptonma.gov)) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.238 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

[21.238 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Damon Road.pdf](#)

### C. **Announcement of Public Hearing on 21.239 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Two (2) Jointly-owned (JO) Poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition#30025210)**

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install two jointly-owned (JO) poles on Burts Pit Road (Petition #30025210). Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website ([www.northamptonma.gov](http://www.northamptonma.gov)) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.239 BPR Plan.pdf](#)

[21.239 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

**D. Announcement of Public Hearing for 21.261 Application for License to Store Flammables and Combustibles at 140 Olander Drive**

Per M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 13, North Commons at Village Hill, LLC has submitted an application for a License to Store Flammables and Combustibles for one (1) 4,000-gallon LP Gas underground storage tank at 140 Olander Drive, Northampton, MA.

The City Council will hold a public hearing by video conference on **Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** Instructions for accessing the hearing may be found on the May 20, 2021 City Council agenda to be posted on the city website ([www.northamptonma.gov](http://www.northamptonma.gov)) at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon. The City Council meeting begins **at 7 p.m.**

**5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs**

**6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors**

**7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor**

**A. Municipal Broadband Update**

**8. Resolutions**

**A. 21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.266 A Resolution in Support of Workers of the Hampshire Gazette.pdf](#)

**B. 21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.267 A Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Northampton Policing Review Commission.pdf](#)

**9. Presentations**

## 10. Consent Agenda

### A. Minutes of April 1, 2021

### B. Approve 21.197 National Grid/Verizon Petition for Installation of Underground Conduit on Damon Road (Petition#23303524)

See documents under public hearing above.

### C. 21.260 Petition for Second Hand Dealer License - Cancer Connection

Renewal License for:

Cancer Connection, 375 South Street  
Applicant: Christine Quinn

Documents:

[21.260 Second Hand Dealer License for Cancer Connection.pdf](#)

### D. 21.262 Application for Business Owner's Permit - Jeffrey D. Miller, Cosmic Cab Co.

Renewal License for:

Jeffrey D. Miller, Cosmic Cab Co.  
Business Address: 160 Main Street, #8

Documents:

[21.262 Jeffrey Miller Business Owners Application.pdf](#)

### E. 21.263 Applications for Seven (7) Taxicab Licenses, Jeffrey Miller - Cosmic Cab Company

Renewal Licenses for Taxi Cabs for the following vehicles:

- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Gray
- 2005 Dodge Magnum - Gray
- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Brown
- 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan - Gray
- 2009 Dodge Grand Caravan - Blue
- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan - Black
- 2007 Chevrolet Suburban - Brown

Documents:

[21.263 Cosmic Cab Taxi License Applications.pdf](#)

### F. 21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees - for referral

## **to City Services Committee**

### **Agricultural Commission**

**John J. Bobala**, 25 Old Ferry Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

**Richard E. Jaescke**, 774 Bridge Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

**Robert Vollinger**, 460 North Farms Road, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2023

*Reappointment*

**Earle “Chip” Parsons**, 137 Mill Valley Road, Hadley

Term: July 2021-June 2023

*Reappointment*

### **Central Business Architecture Committee**

**Joseph Blumenthal**, 39 Chapel St., Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

### **Urban Forestry Commission**

**Susan Lofthouse**, 15 Stoddard Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

### **Council on Aging**

**Robert Dionne**, 87 Vernon Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

**Jeanne Hoose**, 36 South Park Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

**Historical Commission**

**Dylan Gafney**, 23 Marshall Street, Northampton

Term: July 2019-June 2022

*Reappointment*

**Barbara Blumenthal**, 39 Chapel Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

**Housing Partnership**

**Julio Alves**, 35 Fort Hill Terrace, Northampton

Term: July 2021- June 2024

*Reappointment*

**James Reis**, 108 Coles Meadow Road, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

**Julia Chevan**, 8 Cosmian Avenue, Florence

Term: July 2020-June 2023

*Reappointment*

**Planning Board**

**George Kohout**, Full Member, 234 State Street, Northampton

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

**Maureen Scanlon**, 197 Nonotuck Street, Florence

Term: July 2021-June 2024

*Reappointment*

Documents:

[21.268 Reappointments to Various Committees.pdf](#)

**G. 21.269 Applications for Annual Sunday and Weekday Bowling Licenses - Northampton Bowl**

Renewal Licenses for Weekday and Sunday Bowling:

Northampton Bowl, 525 Pleasant Street  
Applicant: J. Michael Corley

Documents:

[21.269 Northampton Bowl Sunday Bowling License.pdf](#)

[21.269 Northampton Bowl Weekday Bowling License.pdf](#)

**11. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)**

**12. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)**

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

**A. 21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers.pdf](#)

**B. 21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant - 1st reading**

Documents:

[21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition and Establishment of a Municipal Light Plant.pdf](#)

**13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)**

**A. 21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College - 2nd reading**

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.244 An Order to Acquire and Amend Easements at the Mill River Greenway-Smith College.pdf](#)

**B. 21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.248 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Historic Northampton Collections Storage.pdf](#)

**C. 21.249 An Order to Appropriate \$120,000 in CPA Funds Toward Habitat Housing on Burts Pit Road - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.249 An Order to Appropriate 120,000 in CPA Funds Toward Habitat Housing on Burts Pit Road.pdf](#)

**D. 21.250 An Order to Appropriate \$14,500 in CPA Funds to Lilly Library Stair Repair Project - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.250 An Order to Appropriate 14,500 in CPA Funds to Lilly Library Stair Repair Project.pdf](#)

**E. 21.251 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds for Historic Preservation Plan - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.251 An Order to Appropriate 70,000 in CPA Funds for Historic Preservation Plan.pdf](#)

**F. 21.252 An Order to Appropriate \$21,250 in CPA Funds for Damon House/Shepherd Barn Project - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:



[21.252 An Order to Appropriate 21,250 in CPA Funds for Damon House - Shepherd Barn Project.pdf](#)

**G. 21.253 An Order to Appropriate \$60,000 in CPA Funds for Mill River Greenway Beach Project - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.253 An Order to Appropriate 60,000 in CPA Funds for Mill River Greenway Beach Project.pdf](#)

**H. 21.254 An Order to Appropriate \$50,000 in CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.254 An Order to Appropriate 50,000 in CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund.pdf](#)

**I. 21.255 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Southeasterly Side of Brierwood Drive - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.255 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Southeasterly Side of Brierwood Drive.pdf](#)

[21.255 Order of Taking.pdf](#)

[21.255 Plans - Edbert Homes Inc.pdf](#)

**J. 21.256 An Order Authorizing Waiver of Right of First Refusal for 2.93 Acres off Kennedy Road - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/15/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

Documents:

[21.256 Notice of Non-Exercise.pdf](#)

**14. Orders**

**15. 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.

**16. Florence Traffic & Parking Ordinances Sponsored by Transportation & Parking Commission (TPC)**

**History:**

- Scanlon Avenue and Cross Street Stop Signs (21.198 and 21.199) referred by City Council - 3/4/2021
- Pine/Maple/Mann Intersection & Pine Street Parking (21.213, 21.214, 21.215, 21.216) referred by City Council - 4/1/2021
- All positive recommendations, Legislative Matters - 4/12/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 4/15/2021

**A. 21.198 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Scanlon Avenue - 2nd reading**

Documents:

[21.198 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Scanlon Avenue.pdf](#)

**B. 21.199 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Cross Street - 2nd reading**

Documents:

[21.199 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Cross Street.pdf](#)

**C. 21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street - 2nd reading**

Documents:

[21.213 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Pine Street.pdf](#)

**D. 21.214 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Maple Street, Mann Terrace and Pine Street - 2nd reading**

Documents:

[21.214 An Ordinance Relative to Stop Signs on Maple Street, Mann Terrace and Pine Street.pdf](#)

**E. 21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading**

Documents:

[21.215 An Ordinance Relative to Turning Restriction on Mann Terrace.pdf](#)

**F. 21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann Terrace - 2nd reading**

Documents:

[21.216 An Ordinance Relative to One-Way Street on Mann Terrace.pdf](#)

**17. Ordinances**

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

**19. New Business**

**20. Adjourn**

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