



Committee on Finance and the Northampton City Council

*Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Chair
Councilor Marianne L. LaBarge, Vice Chair
Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.
Councilor John Thorpe*

Online Meeting via Teleconference

Meeting Date: May 6, 2021

Note: The Finance Committee Meeting will take place during the City Council Meeting as announced. The City Council Meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:05 pm.

1. Meeting Called To Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval Of Minutes From The Previous Meeting

A. Minutes Of April 1, 2021

4. Financial Orders

A. 21.264 An Order For FY2021 Budget Transfers

Documents:

[21.264 an order for fy2021 budget transfers.pdf](#)

**B. 21.265 An Order Authorizing Acquisition And Establishment Of A
Municipal Light Plant**

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5. New Business

-Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.

6. Adjourn

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In City Council

May 6, 2021

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

21.264 An Order for FY2021 Budget Transfers

Ordered, that

The following budgetary transfers be made:

Department		Description	Org	Object	Transfer From:	Transfer To:
DPW Forestry, Parks and Cemeteries	PS	Permanent Salaries	14921	511000	\$ (40,000)	
DPW Forestry, Parks and Cemeteries	OOM	Grounds Equipment	14923	571001		\$ 40,000
Fire Rescue	PS	Permanent Salaries	12201	511000	\$ (46,000)	
Fire Rescue	OM	Equipment Replacement	12202	587000		\$ 46,000
Employee Benefits	PS	Medical Insurance	19141	519400	\$(132,456)	
Other Employee Benefits	PS	Medicare	19191	517001	\$ (26,588)	
Unemployment	PS	Unemployment Compensation	19131	519300	\$ (23,668)	
Health	PS	Salaries Permanent	15111	511000	\$ (29,744)	
Assessors	PS	Permanent Salaries	11411	511000	\$ (8,004)	
Mayor	PS	Overtime	11211	513000		\$ 1,475
Mayor	PS	Permanent Salaries	11211	511000		\$ 14,000
Planning and Sustainability	PS	Overtime	11751	513000		\$ 7,995
Building Inspections	PS	Overtime	12411	513000		\$ 13,750
Building Inspections	PS	Salaries Tech/Prof	12411	512000		\$ 16,997
DPW Administration	PS	Permanent Salaries	14211	511000		\$ 3,608
DPW Snow and Ice	PS	Overtime	14231	513000		\$ 45,651
DPW Snow and Ice	OM	Vehicular Supplies	14232	548000		\$ 37,553
DPW Snow and Ice	OM	Snow Removal Supplies	14232	553020		\$ 79,431
Assessors	PS	Permanent Salaries	11411	511000	\$ (26,500)	
Assessors	OM	Property Revaluation Services	11412	530014		\$ 26,500
Total Budgetary Transfers:					\$(332,960)	\$ 332,960

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In City Council, May 6, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

**O-21.265 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council approved a two-phase market study and comprehensive feasibility study of municipal broadband as part of the FY2020-FY2024 Capital Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northampton awarded a contract for the aforementioned two-phase study to Design Nine, Inc. which has completed a market study, the overwhelmingly positive results of which dictate moving forward with the comprehensive feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, if based on the results of both studies the City of Northampton decides to implement municipal broadband, the city would be required to establish a Municipal Light Plant in accordance with M.G.L. c. 164, § 35; and

WHEREAS, establishment of a Municipal Light Plan under section 35 first requires two separate approval votes of the City Council by a two-thirds majority in two separate fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the establishment of a Municipal Light Plan in fiscal year 2020 on June 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of not unnecessarily delaying a future potential municipal broadband project, it would be prudent to complete the second required approval vote in fiscal year 2021 ending June 30, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordered, the City Council authorizes in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, and more particularly for the establishment a municipal broadband system for the City of Northampton. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this Order.