Meeting Notice: Wednesday Sept. 25, 2019, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, Puchalski Municipal Building

Agenda

● 5:30  Public Comment
● 5:35  HRC Listens – Your Community Your Voice press release approval
● 5:40  Guest column draft discussion
● 5:50  All gender city bathrooms proposal (brought by Laurie) Subcommittee?
● 6:00  Acceptance of August minutes taken by MP
● 6:10  Northampton Human Rights Commission Listens – Your Community Your Voice
survey tasks: 1. who can get it as a link on HRC website. 2. Who will post on social
media and where? 3. Who will bring to locations around city: Forbes (Laurie); Mayor
office ?; Religious institutions? Send link to city councilors? Other?
● 6:25  International Human Rights day: what do we want to do? subcommittee?
● 6:35  Statewide Human Rights conference. Finalize plans on who is going?
● 6:45  HRC budget report if any
● 6:50  New business
● 7:00  Adjourn

The NHRC invites members of the public to its meetings. We set aside time at the beginning of
each meeting for the public to address us, and we appreciate the thoughts and feedback we
receive from the community. Because of our obligations under the Open Meetings Law, all of the
work of the Commission can only be done when we are together in our public meetings. For this
reason, we cannot respond to the public comments we receive in real time, and we must limit the
public comment to a defined time on our meeting agenda. We also welcome feedback via email,
HRC@northamptonma.gov

The Human Rights Commission shall act to promote human rights in the city of
Northampton. The Commission shall advocate and be an information resource for the rights
guaranteed by law on the basis of race or color, gender, physical or mental ability, religion,
socioeconomic status, ethnic or national origin, sexual identification or orientation or age
for all persons in Northampton.

The mayor or City Council may refer issues pertaining to human rights to the commission
for review and recommendation. The commission may organize programs and events to
educate about human rights.

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