



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
- Rachel Maiore, Ward 7

Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: December 16, 2021
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The December 16, 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 7p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALLING IN OR JOINING THE MEETING

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PARTICIPANT #: #

PASSCODE: 163968

1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio and video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. 7:05 pm Public Hearing on 21.347 and 21.348 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for One (1) Jointly-owned (JO) Pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid petition to install 330 feet of underground conduit and two heavy-duty handholes on Cross Path Road (Petition #30408955)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon New England's petition to install one jointly-owned (JO) pole on Cross Path Road and National Grid's petition to install 330 feet of underground conduit leading to the pole and two heavy-duty handholes on Cross Path Road (Petition #30408955). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[21.347 National Grid-Verizon Joint Pole Petition for Cross Path Road \(Petition No. 30408955\).pdf](#)

[21.348 National Grid Petition to Install Underground Conduit on Old Ferry Road \(Petition No. 30408955\).pdf](#)

[21.347 and 21.348 DPW Recommendation.pdf](#)

5. Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs

6. Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors

7. Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor

8. Resolutions

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of December 2, 2021

Documents:

[12-02-2021_City Council Minutes.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. 21.375 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for Connecticut River Channel Marking - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to complete the transaction within the 2020-2021 council session.

Documents:

[21.375 An Order Authorizing a Five-Year Contract for Connecticut River Channel Marking.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.357 An Order to Authorize the Conservation Commission to Acquire a Conservation Restriction on North Farms Road.pdf](#)

B. 21.358 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.358 An Order to Appropriate 3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Continued Invasive Species Removal.pdf](#)

C. 21.359 An Order to Appropriate \$31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/16/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.359 An Order to Appropriate 31,922 in CPA Funds to Historic Northampton for Shepherd Barn Artifacts Project.pdf](#)

D. 21.360 An Order to Appropriate \$20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.360 An Order to Appropriate 20,000 in CPA Funds for Farmland Rehabilitation at the Community Farm and Garden.pdf](#)

E. 21.361 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/02/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/02/2021

Documents:

[21.361 An Order to Appropriate 100,000 in CPA Funds to the Rocky Hill Accessible Trail Project.pdf](#)

F. 21.362 An Order to Appropriate \$230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.362 An Order to Appropriate 230,100 in CPA Funds to Valley CDC for a Mortgage Subsidy Program.pdf](#)

G. 21.365 An Order to Appropriate \$608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.365 An Order to Appropriate 608,000 in CPA Funds to Independent Housing Solutions for Housing the Disabled Homeless Project.pdf](#)

H. 21.366 An Order to Appropriate \$13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.366 An Order to Appropriate 13,000 in CPA Funds to Northampton Parks and Rec for Pickleball Feasibility Assessment.pdf](#)

I. 21.367 An Order to Appropriate \$70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading (Councilor Foster recused) - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.367 An Order to Appropriate 70,000 in CPA Funds to OPS for Ct. River Greenway Water Access Project.pdf](#)

J. 21.368 An Order to Appropriate \$82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project - 2nd

reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.368 An Order to Appropriate 82,900 in CPA Funds to Michelson Galleries for 132 Main Street Facade Project.pdf](#)

K. 21.369 An Order to Appropriate \$233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.369 An Order to Appropriate 233,400 in CPA Funds to OPS and Conservation Commission for Priority Property Acquisitions.pdf](#)

L. 21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.372 An Order Authorizing Acquisition of a Parcel of Land on the Northerly Side of Westhampton Road.pdf](#)

[21.372 Order of Taking.pdf](#)

[21.372 Survey of Land Now or Formerly of Luman E. Bartlett.pdf](#)

M. 21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.373 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash and Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

N. 21.374 An Order to Accept \$21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.374 An Order to Accept 21.7 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Funds.pdf](#)

14. Orders

A. 21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules - single reading only required

History:

- Tabled to 12/16/2021 - 12/2/2021
- Amendments submitted by Councilor Maiore and Councilor Jarrett - 12/10/2021

Documents:

[21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules - POST120221.pdf](#)
[21.370 An Order to Amend the Council Rules.pdf](#)
[Amendment to 3.1 SELECTION OF AN OUTSIDE AUDITOR.pdf](#)

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. Ordinances

A. 21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022 - 2nd reading

History:

- Waiver to Referral to Legislative Matters Approved - 12/2/2021
- Passed 1st reading - 12/2/2021

Documents:

[21.371 An Ordinance Extending the Effective Date of Section 272-18 to July 1, 2022.pdf](#)

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

Requests

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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