



CITY COUNCIL  
**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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

The January 7, 2021 City Council meeting will be held via 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**

**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**

**A. 20.113 A Resolution in Support of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.113 Resoluton in Support of Plastic Reduction and Sustainability Ordinance.pdf](#)

**9. Presentations**

**A. Northampton Policing Review Commission Interim Report**

Presentation by Northampton Policing Review Commission Chair Daniel Cannity

**10. Consent Agenda**

**A. Minutes of December 3, 2020**

Documents:

[12-03-2020\\_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

**B. 20.162 Appointments to Various Committees - for referral to City Services Committee**

Arts Council

**Jesse Hassinger**, 184 Main Street, Apt. 4, Northampton

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

**Housing Partnership**

**Sara Howard**, 8 High Street, Florence

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

**Human Rights Commission**

**Kathy Wicks**, 102 Black Birch Trail, Florence

Term: January 2021 - June 2024

*To fill a vacancy*

**Northampton Housing Authority - Board of Commissioners**

**Jo Ella Tarbutton**, 81 Conz Street, Apt. 626, Northampton

Term: January 2021 - June 2022

*To fill a newly-created position on the NHA Board of Commissioners through the Special Act*

Documents:

[20.162 Appointments to Various Committees.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. 20.178 An Order to Increase Personal Property Tax Exemption Threshold to \$2,500 - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.178 An Order to Increase Personal Property Tax Exemption Threshold to 2,500.pdf](#)

**B. 20.179 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Paving Projects - 1st reading**

Documents:

**C. 20.180 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash \$1.5 Million to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Fiscal Stability Stabilization Funds - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.180 An Order to Appropriate Free Cash 1.5 Million to Stabilization, Capital Stabilization and Fiscal Stability Stabilization Funds.pdf](#)

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

**A. 20.157 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Conservation Fund - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.157 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Conservation Fund.pdf](#)

**B. 20.158 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for the Smith Charities Emergency Repair Project - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.158 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for the Smith Charities Emergency Repair Project.pdf](#)

**C. 20.159 An Order to Appropriate \$55,000 in CPA Funds to AOM Lobby and Salon Rehabilitation - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.159 An Order to Appropriate 55,000 in CPA Funds to AOM Lobby and Salon Rehabilitation.pdf](#)

**D. 20.160 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Pine Brook Connector Acquisition Project - 2nd reading**

**History:**

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 1st reading

Documents:

[20.160 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Pine Brook Connector Acquisition Project.pdf](#)

**E. 20.161 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund - 2nd reading**

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 12/17/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.161 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds to the Affordable Housing Fund.pdf](#)

**14. Orders**

**A. 20.183 An Order Amending the Charter to Mail Ballots for Municipal Elections to All Registered Voters - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.183 An Order Amending the Charter to Mail Ballots for Municipal Elections to All Registered Voters.pdf](#)

**B. 20.184 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Resident Non-Citizens to Vote in Municipal Elections - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.184 An Order Amending the Charter to Allow Resident Non-Citizens to Vote in Municipal Elections.pdf](#)

**C. 20.185 An Order Amending the Charter to Make Clarifications and Correct Deficiencies in the Prior Language - 1st reading**

Documents:

[20.185 An Order Amending the Charter to Make Clarifications and Correct Deficiencies in the Prior Language.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.

**A. 20.182 An Ordinance Relative to Demolition Review for Historically-Significant Buildings**

Documents:

## 16. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

**Process Note:** M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5 requires the City Council to submit zoning ordinances to the Planning Board for review within 14 days of receipt and for the Planning Board and City Council or a committee designated for that purpose to hold public hearings thereon, together or separately, prior to adoption.

### A. 20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing (350-6-12)

Documents:

[20.181 An Ordinance Relative to Affordable Housing - 350-6-12.pdf](#)

## 17. Ordinances

### A. 20.114 Plastic Reduction & Sustainability Ordinance - 1st reading

**History:**

- Referred to Community Resources Committee (CRC) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 9/3/2020
- Public forum held. Positive recommendation with request for consideration of possible amendments related to enforcement/implementation date and disability accommodations - 11/16/2020
- Referred to Disability Commission - 11/5/2020
- Two exemptions recommended, Disability Commission - 11/10/2020
- Multiple amendments approved, LM - 12/14/2020
- Positive recommendation as amended, LM - 12/14/2020

Documents:

[20.114 Disability Commission Recommendation.pdf](#)

[20.114 Plastic Reducton and Sustainability Ordinance - POST 12-14-20 LM.pdf](#)

### B. 20.154 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Edwards Square - 2nd reading

**History:**

- referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 12/3/2020
- positive recommendation, LM - 12/14/2020
- passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.154 An Ordinance Relative to a Stop Sign on Edwards Square.pdf](#)

### C. 20.155 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street -

## **2nd reading**

### **History:**

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) - 12/3/2020
- Positive Recommendation, LM - 12/14/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 12/17/2020

Documents:

[20.155 An Ordinance Relative to Parking on Middle Street.pdf](#)

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

## **19. New Business**

## **20. Adjourn**

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