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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: February 16, 2023
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The February 16, 2023 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 live 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

Join the meeting: [PUBLIC MEETING LINK](#)

For telephone call-in, call: 1-929-436-2866

MEETING ID: 845 2122 8288

PARTICIPANT#: #

PASSCODE: 279430

1. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

2. Roll Call

3. Public Hearings

A. 7:00 P.M. Public Hearing on 22.200 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Barrett Street (Petition #30474800)

Per M.G.L. Ch. 166, Section 22, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.** on National Grid/Verizon's petition to install one (1) jointly-owned riser pole and anchor on Barrett Street approximately 57 feet west of existing pole #12. (Petition #30474800). The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[22.200 DPW Memo.pdf](#)

[22.200 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Barrett Street.pdf](#)

B. 7:03 P.M. Public Hearing on Administrative Order

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, the Northampton City Council will hold a Public Hearing by remote participation on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:03 p.m. The City Council will consider proposed amendments to the City of Northampton Administrative Code, Part I Administrative Organization, Section 2.0 Administrative and Finance Division to 1) add 2.08 Climate Action and Project Administration Department and 2) to amend 2.10 Office of the Auditor to transfer the position of Chief Procurement Officer from the Auditor's office to the Climate Action and Project Administration Department. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

SEE DOCUMENTS BELOW

4. Public Comment

5. Announcements from Councilors and the Mayor

6. Presentations

7. Consent Agenda

Rule 4.4.4 There shall be no debate or discussion by any City Council member regarding any item on the Consent Agenda, beyond asking questions for simple clarification.

Rule 4.4.5 Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of any City Council member prior to the taking of a vote on the motion to approve it. All such items will be considered individually, in the order in which they were removed, immediately following consideration of the Consent Agenda.

A. Minutes of January 19, 2023 and February 2, 2023

Documents:

[01-19-2023_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

B. Approve 22.200 National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition for Barrett Street (Petition #30474800)

See documents above

C. 23.234 Appointment to Disability Commission, positive recommendation, City Services - 2/6/2023

Disability Commission

Amy Sugihara, 110 Morningside Drive, Florence

Term: February 2023-June 2025

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[23.234 Appointment to Disability Commission.pdf](#)

D. 23.235 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Energy Control Upgrades at the Police Station - 2nd reading

History:

- referred to consent agenda - 2/2/2023

Documents:

[23.235 An Order to Reprogram Funds for Energy Control Upgrades at the Police Station.pdf](#)

E. 23.236 Appointment to Elected Officials Compensation Advisory Board, City Services recommendation pending - 2/16/2023

Elected Officials Compensation Advisory Board

Deborah Henson, 118 Franklin Street, Northampton

Term: February 2023-November 2024

To fill a vacancy

Documents:

[23.236 Appointment to Elected Officials Compensation Advisory Board.pdf](#)

8. Financial Orders (on 1st reading)

Rule 2.6.1.1.1 Process. Financial orders will be introduced and discussed at a full City Council meeting and referred to either the consent agenda of a future meeting or the Finance Committee for more public input, discussion and recommendation.

A. 23.249 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for City Hall Campus Space Study - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.249 An Order to Appropriate 30,000 Free Cash for City Hall Campus Space Study.pdf](#)

B. 23.250 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 Free Cash for Recreational Field Usage and Responsibility Study - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.250 An Order to Appropriate 30,000 Free Cash for Recreational Field Usage and Responsibility Study.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 23.241 An Order to Approve a Certified Project and TIF for Property Within the Conz Street Economic Opportunity Area - 2nd reading

Process note: WITHDRAWN. Per Council Rules Section 5.4

WITHDRAWAL OF MATTERS, "At the written request of any sponsor(s) of a matter, a matter shall be withdrawn from consideration in the City Council and in all City Council Committees to which the matter had been referred provided the withdrawal be placed on the agenda of a City Council meeting. No vote shall be required."

History:

- referred to Finance Committee and Community Resources - 2/2/2023
- withdrawn at sponsor's request - 2/7/2023

Documents:

[23.241 An Order to Approve a Certified Project and TIF for Property Within the Conz Street Economic Opportunity Area.pdf](#)
[23.241 Request for Withdrawal.pdf](#)

10. Orders

A. 23.237 An Order Revoking Acceptance of Ch. 31 Relative to Civil Service Positions in the DPW and Central Services Department - 2nd reading

History:

- Introduced and discussed - 2/2/2023

Documents:

[23.237 An Order Revoking Acceptance of Ch. 31 Relative to Civil Service Positions in the DPW and Central Services Department.pdf](#)

B. 23.238 An Order for Special Legislation Relative to Civil Service Positions in the DPW and Central Services Department - 2nd reading

History:

- introduced and discussed - 2/2/2023

Documents:

[23.238 An Order for Special Legislation Relative to Civil Service Positions in the Department of Public Works and Central Services Department.pdf](#)

C. 23.240 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code - 2nd reading

History:

- introduced and discussed - 2/2/2023

Documents:

[23.240 An Administrative Order to Amend the City of Northampton Administrative Code.pdf](#)
[23.240 Administrative Order Message.pdf](#)

D. 23.242 An Order for Special Legislation Relative to Requesting Seven Licenses for the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on the Premises - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Community Resources - 2/2/2023
- Positive recommendation, Community Resources - 2/8/2023

Documents:

[23.242 An Order for Special Legislation Requesting Seven Licenses for the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on the Premises.pdf](#)

E. 23.243 An Order Temporarily Suspending the Effect of Certain Ordinances to Support Renewed Economic Recovery - 2nd reading

History:

- introduced and discussed - 2/2/2023

Documents:

[23.243 An Order Temporarily Suspending the Effect of Certain Ordinances to Support Renewed Economic Recovery.pdf](#)

11. 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. 23.245 An Ordinance Relative to School Zones - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.245 Map of NHS and SVAHS School Zones.pdf](#)
[23.245 An Ordinance Relative to School Zones.pdf](#)

12. Ordinances

13. Zoning 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. 23.246 A Package of Seven (7) Ordinance Amendments Related to the Form-Based Code - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.246 A Package of Seven Ordinance Amendments Related to the Form-Based Code.pdf](#)

B. 23.247 An Ordinance to Clarify Reduced Lot Line Uses Allowed by Right - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.247 An Ordinance to Clarify Reduced Lot Line Uses Allowed by Right.pdf](#)

C. 23.248 An Ordinance to Expand Planning Board Authority to Grant Second Curb Cuts - 1st reading

Documents:

[23.248 An Ordinance to Expand Planning Board Authority to Grant Second Curb Cuts.pdf](#)

14. Zoning Ordinances

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

16. Resolutions

A. 23.239 Resolution to Create a Commission to Investigate Racialized Harms Perpetrated Against Black Residents and Workers in Northampton, MA- 2nd reading

History:

- introduced and discussed - 2/2/2023

Documents:

[23.239 Resolution to Create a Commission to Study Racialized Harms Perpetrated Against Black Residents and Workers in Northampton, MA.pdf](#)

17. New Business

Rule 4.9 NEW BUSINESS. Any Councilor may introduce any written proposed order, ordinance, or resolution to be considered by the Council at the next meeting, but not to be debated during new business.

A. Proposed Hybrid Meeting Plan

18. Adjourn

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