



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
Walter J. Puchalski Municipal Building
212 Main Street, Northampton
Meeting Date: March 19, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

Note: Arrangements for remote participation by City Council members and members of the public are being made in accordance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law. More information will be posted Monday.

1. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearings

A. Announcement of Public Hearing to consider FY2021 Water and Sewer Rates

By Order of the City Council, a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA.

The City Council will consider the proposed FY2021 water and sewer rates and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

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. 20.031 A Resolution in Support of the Empower Act - 2nd reading

History:

- Passed 1st reading - 3/5/2020

Documents:

[20.031 A Resolution in Support of the Empower Act.pdf](#)

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of March 5, 2020

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.

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

14. Orders

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. **19.173 An Ordinance to Allow Change from One Conforming Use to Another without a Finding - 1st reading**

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) and the Planning Board (PB) - 11/21/2019
- Positive recommendation with amendments, PB - 01/09/2020
- Public hearing opened and continued to 3/9/2020, LM - 2/10/2020
- Public hearing closed; positive recommendation with stipulation that OPS provide language for amendment to continue to require Findings for projects that don't otherwise trigger PB review (split vote - 3:1) - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[19.173 An Ordinance to Allow Change from One Conforming Use to Another - w -PB amendments.pdf](#)
[9.3 post LM FINAL 3-11.pdf](#)

B. **19.178 Zone Change Petition to Rezone 3 Wright Avenue from URC to GB - 1st reading**

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 12/5/2019
- Public hearing held, City Council adoption recommended by PB - 2/13/2020
- Public hearing held, positive recommendation, LM - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[19.178 Zone Change Petition to Rezone 3 Wright Avenue from URC to GB.pdf](#)

C. **20.004 An Ordinance to Rezone Nine Conz Street Parcels from NB to CB - 1st reading**

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 1/16/2020
- PB public hearing held, City Council adoption not recommended because design guidelines not in place [note: an ordinance has since been brought forward to change CBAC map to include Conz Street parcels rezoned to CB] - 2/13/2020
- Public hearing held; positive recommendation, LM - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.004 An Ordinance to Rezone Nine Conz Street Parcels from NB to CB.pdf](#)

D. **20.005 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map on Old South Street and Clark Avenue - 1st reading**

History:

- Referred to Planning Board and Legislative Matters - 1/16/2020
- PB hearing held, City Council adoption recommended - 2/13/2020
- Public hearing held, positive recommendation, LM - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.005 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map on Old South Street and Clark Avenue.pdf](#)

E. 20.006 An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Map to Add New Smart Growth Overlay District at Laurel Street - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Planning Board (PB) and Legislative Matters (LM) - 1/16/2020
- PB public hearing held, PB recommends City Council adoption - 2/13/2020
- LM hearing held, positive recommendation - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.006 An Ordinance to... Overlay District at Laurel Street.pdf](#)

F. 20.024 An Ordinance to Change CBAC Map to Include Conz Street Lots Rezoned to CB - 1st reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) by City Council - 2/20/2020
- Positive recommendation, LM, split vote 3:1 with Sciarra opposed - 3/9/2020

Documents:

[20.024 An Ordinance to Change CBAC Map to include Conz Street Lots Rezoned to CB.pdf](#)

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

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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