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Meeting Agenda
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton
Thursday, March 19, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

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The March 19, 2026 City Council meeting will be conducted in hybrid format with the option for both councilors and the public to attend in person or participate remotely. The public may follow the council's deliberations by attending in person, watching the meeting live on Comcast channel 15, live-streaming it on YouTube [here](#) or joining the virtual meeting by phone or computer. Live public comment begins at 6:30 p.m.

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PARTICIPANT#: #

PASSCODE: 783792

1. Roll Call

2. Announcement that meeting is being Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being audio/video recorded.

3. Public Hearings

- A. 6:30 P.M. Public hearing re: Northampton Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 - FY2031 - Thursday, March 19, 2026**

In accordance with Article 7, Section 7-5 of the Charter, the Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.** in City Council Chambers, Wallace J. Puchalski Municipal Building, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will consider the [Capital Improvement Program for FY2027-FY2031](#), and hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

Documents:

[CIP Public Hearing.031926_Abbreviated.pdf](#)

B. 6:45 P.M. Public Hearing to Consider FY2027 Water and Sewer Rates

The Northampton City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed FY2027 water and sewer rates on Thursday, March 19, 2026 @ 6:45 p.m. in Council Chambers, 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA. The City Council will hear all persons who wish to be heard thereon.

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 29, 2026 Joint School Committee/City Council Meeting and March 5, 2026 regular City Council meeting

Documents:

[01-29-2026 Joint City Council and School Committee Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

B. 26.016 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2027 - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to consent agenda - 3/5/2026

Documents:

[26.016 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2027.pdf](#)

8. Package of 14 Financial Orders to Implement FY2027-FY2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) (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. 26.022 An Order to Appropriate \$2.166 Million Free Cash to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.022 An Order to Appropriate 2.166 Million Free Cash to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

B. 26.023 An Order to Appropriate \$300,000 from Climate Mitigation Stabilization for Jackson Street School Air Source Heat Pumps - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.023 An Order to Appropriate 300,000 from Climate Mitigation Stabilization for Jackson Street School Air Source Heat Pumps.pdf](#)

C. 26.024 An Order to Appropriate \$515,756 from Stabilization to NPS Paratransit Vans - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.024 An Order to Appropriate 515,756 from Stabilization to NPS Paratransit Vans.pdf](#)

D. 26.025 An Order to Appropriate \$1.35 Million from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.025 An Order to Appropriate 1.35 Million from Capital Stabilization to Various Capital Projects.pdf](#)

E. 26.026 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.8 Million for City Hall Roof Replacement and Exterior Repairs - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.026 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.8 Million for City Hall Roof Replacement and Exterior Repairs.pdf](#)

F. 26.027 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1 Million for Sidewalks - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.027 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1 Million for Sidewalks.pdf](#)

G. 26.028 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.028 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 1.5 Million for Road Reconstruction.pdf](#)

H. 26.029 An Order to Authorize Borrowing \$700,000 for DPW Vehicles - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.029 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 700,000 for DPW Vehicles.pdf](#)

I. 26.030 An Order to Appropriate \$25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.030 An Order to Appropriate 25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work.pdf](#)

J. 26.031 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation - Sale of Land - for Tax Title Properties - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.031 An Order to Appropriate 30,000 from RRA - Sale of Land - for Tax Title Properties.pdf](#)

K. 26.032 An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.032 An Order to Appropriate Parking Receipts Reserved Funds for Parking Projects.pdf](#)

L. 26.033 An Order to Appropriate from Stabilization and Reprogram \$450,000 to Replace AOM Boiler - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.033 An Order to Appropriate from Stabilization and Reprogram 450,000 to Replace AOM Boiler.pdf](#)

M. 26.034 An Order to Appropriate from Capital Stabilization and Reprogram \$120,000 for Building Facility Condition Assessment - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.034 An Order to Appropriate from Capital Stabilization and Reprogram 120,000 for Building Facility Condition Assessment.pdf](#)

N. 26.035 An Order to Reprogram Tennis Court Project Money to Various NPS Projects - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.035 An Order to Reprogram Tennis Court Project Money to Various NPS Projects.pdf](#)

9. Financial Orders (on 1st reading)

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A. 26.036 An Order to Reprogram \$6,310 for Visual Notification System in JFK Band Room - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.036 An Order to Reprogram 6,310 for Visual Notification System in JFK Band Room.pdf](#)

B. 26.037 An Order to Reprogram \$914,035 Unexpended Bond Proceeds for DPW Cold Storage Facility - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.037 An Order to Reprogram 914,035 Unexpended Bond Proceeds for DPW Cold Storage Facility.pdf](#)

10. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

11. Orders

12. 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.

13. Ordinances

14. Zoning Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Process note: Per M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, the city council shall submit proposed zoning ordinances to the planning board for review within fourteen days of receipt. No zoning ordinance or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a city or town, and the city council or a committee designated or appointed for the purpose by said council has each held a public hearing thereon, together or separately.

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15. Zoning Ordinances

16. Resolutions

A. 26.015 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 - FY2031 - 1st reading

Process note: Per the Northampton City Charter, **Section 7-5 Capital Improvement Program**, "Adoption - At any time after the public hearing but before the first day of the last month of the current fiscal year, the city council shall by resolution adopt the capital improvements program, which may be amended, provided that each amendment shall be voted on separately and that an increase in the capital improvements program as submitted shall clearly identify the method of financing to accomplish the proposed increase."

Documents:

[26.015 A Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvement Program for FY2027 - FY2031.pdf](#)

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

A. 26.021 An Order to Require Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to Provide Information on the Downtown Complete Streets Project - 1st reading

Documents:

[26.021 An Order to Require Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to Provide Information on the Downtown Complete Streets Project.pdf](#)

18. 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.

19. Adjourn

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