CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

Councilors:

- President Gina-Louise Sciarra, At-Large
- William H. Dwight, At-Large
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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Conference
Meeting Date: July 9, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

The July 9, 2020 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

Join Virtual Meeting: https://bit.ly/2Z4J0hW
For telephone call-in, call:
+253 215 8782 US
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Meeting ID: 957 9265 9099
Participant #: #
Password: 969498

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

A. Announcement of Public Hearing - 20.063 National Grid/Verizon New England Pole Petition for Hebert Avenue (Petition #28701070)

In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 166, Section 22, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 @ 7:05 p.m. on the petition of National Grid/Verizon New England to erect poles and wires upon, along, under or across one or more public ways (Pole Petition #28701070). The hearing will be held via remote participation. Please see the agenda for the August 20, 2020 City Council meeting for instructions for accessing the hearing.

Documents:

20.063 DPW Recommendation.pdf
20.063 National Grid-Verizon Pole Petition for Hebert Avenue.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

A. Withdrawal of 20.076 A Resolution Establishing a Select Committee on Legislative Approaches to Public Safety

Process note: The sponsors have requested withdrawal of the resolution with explanation.

Documents:

20.076 A Resolution Establishing a Select Committee on Legislative Approaches to Public Safety.pdf

B. 20.096 A Resolution Regarding the Northampton Policing Review Commission - 1st reading

Documents:

20.096 A Resolution Regarding the Northampton Policing Review Commission.pdf

9. Presentations

10. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of June 3, 2020 Budget Hearing and June 25, 2020 Special Meeting

Documents:

06-25-2020 City Council Meeting.pdf
06-03-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf

B. 20.084 Applications for Junk Dealer Licenses - Richard and Sharon Huntley and Norman E. Menard

Renewal License for the following:

Richard & Sharon Huntley, 254 Easthampton Road
Petitioner: Richard Huntley

Norman E. Menard, 25 Garfield Avenue
Petitioner: Norman E. Menard

Documents:

20.084 Applications for Junk Dealer Licenses - Richard and Sharon Huntley and Norman Menard.pdf

C. 20.085 Petitions for Annual Second Hand Dealer Licenses

Renewal Licenses for the following:
Antiques Corner, 81 Loudville Road
Petitioner: Louis M. Farrick

Cancer Connection Thrift Shop, 375 South Street
Petitioner: Christine Quinn

The Family Jewels, 56 Green Street
Petitioner: Richard J. Stone

Norman E. Menard, 25 Garfield Avenue
Petitioner: Norman E. Menard

Sassy Pants Vintage & Used Clothing, 2 Conz Street, Unit 2
Petitioner: Kathleen Monolongoski

Urban Exchange, 233 Main Street
Petitioner: Silvia Naumburger

Documents:

20.085 Petition for Annual Second Hand Dealer Licenses.pdf

D. 20.086 Application for Business Owner's Permit - Jeffrey D. Miller, Cosmic Cab Company

Documents:

20.086 Application for Business Owners Permit - Jeffrey Miller.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. 20.083 An Order to Approve Issuance of Refunding Bonds - 1st reading

Process note: Because the next City Council meeting is not until August 20th, two readings are respectfully requested.

Documents:

20.083 An Order to Approve Issuance of Refunding Bonds.pdf

B. 20.087 An Order to Approve Spending to Complete the Northview Subdivision - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to allow work to stabilize the site to prevent further erosion to begin as soon as possible.

Documents:

20.087 An Order to Approve Spending to Complete the Northview Subdivision.pdf

C. 20.088 An Order to Authorize Payment of Prior Year Bills - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested.

Documents:

20.088 An Order to Authorize Payment of Prior Year Bills.pdf

D. 20.089 An Order to Authorize FY2021 Intermunicipal Agreements - 1st reading

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested as the fiscal year started July 1st.

Documents:

20.089 An Order to Authorize FY2021 Intermunicipal Agreements.pdf

E. **20.090 An Order to Appropriate $90,000 from Stabilization for Health and Safety Improvements to Treasurer-Collector Office - 1st reading**

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested to accommodate the schedule for bid opening.

Documents:

20.090 An Order to Appropriate 90,000 from Stabilization for Health and Safety Improvements to Treasurer-Collector Office.pdf

F. **20.091 An Order to Accept Gift of Labor and Materials to Repair Grave of George Hodestia - 1st reading**

Documents:

20.091 An Order to Accept Gift of Labor and Materials to Repair Grave of George Hodestia.pdf

G. **20.092 An Order to Accept Gift of Plaque for Grave of Basil Dorsey - 1st reading**

Documents:

20.092 An Order to Accept Gift of Plaque for Grave of Basil Dorsey.pdf

H. **20.093 An Order to Accept $3,000 Gift from Ruggles Center for Park Street Cemetery Gravestone Repairs - 1st reading**

Documents:

20.093 An Order to Accept 3,000 Gift from Ruggles Center for Park Street Cemetery Gravestone Repairs.pdf

I. **20.094 An Order to Accept Gift up to $100,000 to Replace Fencing at Bridge Street Cemetery - 1st reading**

Documents:

20.094 An Order to Accept Gift up to 100,000 to Replace Fencing at Bridge Street Cemetery.pdf

J. **20.095 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers - 1st reading**

Process note: Two readings are respectfully requested as the transfers are needed to close out FY2020.

Documents:

20.095 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers.pdf

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.068 An Order to Appropriate Balance of Bond Premium for Replacement Doors for SVAHS Building A - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.068 An Order to Appropriate Balance of Bond Premium for Replacement Doors for SVAHS Building A.pdf

B. 20.069 An Order to Authorize Borrowing $640,000 for New Fire Truck - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading, 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.069 An Order to Authorize Borrowing 640,000 for New Fire Truck.pdf

C. 20.070 An Order to Appropriate $1.22 Million from Capital Stabilization for Various Capital Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.070 An Order to Appropriate 1.22 Million from Capital Stabilization for Various Projects.pdf

D. 20.071 An Order to Appropriate $25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.071 An Order to Appropriate 25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work.pdf

E. 20.072 An Order to Appropriate $46,000 from PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to IT for Various Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.072 An Order to Appropriate 46,000 from PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to IT for Various Projects.pdf

F. 20.073 An Order to Reprogram $75,908 from MSBA School Projects to SVAHS Gym Lockers - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.073 An Order to Reprogram 75,908 from MSBA School Projects to SVAHS Gym Lockers.pdf

G. 20.074 An Order to Reprogram Ryan Road School Cafeteria Funds to NPS Projects - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.074 An Order to Reprogram Ryan Road School Cafeteria Funds to NPS Projects.pdf

H. 20.075 An Order to Purchase Land on Boggy Meadow Road to Add to the Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.075 An Order to Purchase Land on Boggy Meadow Road to Add to the Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway.pdf

20.075 Plan for Land on Boggy Meadow Road.pdf

I. 20.078 An Order to Authorize King Street Corridor Improvements Right of Way Acquisition - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 6/18/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 6/18/2020

Documents:

20.078 An Order to Authorize King Street Corridor Improvements Right of Way Acquisition.pdf

20.078 Easement Plan 1.pdf

20.078 Easement Plan 2.pdf

20.078 Easement Plan 3.pdf

20.078 Easement Plan 4.pdf

20.078 Order of Taking.pdf

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**

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

18. **New Business**

19. **Adjourn**

Contact: G-L Sciarra, Council President
glsciarra@northamptonma.gov
(413) 570-3133

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
125 Locust Street
Northampton, MA 01060

413-587-1570
Fax 413-587-1576

Donna LaScaleia
Director

Memorandum

To: Donna LaScaleia, Director of Public Works 7-1-2020

From: Felix Harvey, Staff Civil Engineer

Date: July 1, 2020

Re: Pole Petition for Joint National Grid/Verizon New Pole Location No. 28701070

National Grid is proposing to install one new pole (#1B) and move one pole (#1) on Hebert Avenue near 227 South Street, as identified on a pole petition as referenced above.

There are no conflicts with City utilities or public shade trees related to the work as described in this petition.

A valid trench permit approved by the Department of Public Works must be in place before work commences.

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May 27, 2020

The City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON, covering joint NATIONAL GRID-VERIZON pole location(s)

If you have any questions regarding this permit, please contact:

Lisa Jasinski 413-582-7467

Please notify National Grid's Lisa Ayres of the hearing date / time.

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to each of the above-named Companies.

National Grid: Lisa Ayres; 1101 Turnpike Street; North Andover, MA 01845
978-725-1418

Very truly yours,

Jim Kehrer/lla

Jim Kehrer
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

Questions contact - Lisa Jasinski 413-582-7467

PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the City Council
Of Northampton, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Hebert Ave. - National Grid to relocate (1) JO pole # 1 on Hebert Ave. beginning at a point approximately 35 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of South St. Relocate pole # 1 Hebert Ave. approximately 17 feet north of the existing location.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Hebert Ave. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

28701070

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a
NATIONAL GRID Jim Kehrer/lla
BY _____
Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.
BY Albert E. Bessette
Manager / Right of Way

Dated: May 20, 2020

Northampton

Questions contact – Lisa Jasinski 413-582-7467

ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

To the Board of Selectmen - Northampton, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:
that Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 20th day of May 2020.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:
Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – Hebert Ave. - Northampton, Massachusetts.

28701070 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

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I hereby certify that the foregoing order was adopted at a meeting of the
Of the City/Town of ,Massachusetts held on the day of 20 .

City/Town Clerk.

Massachusetts 20 .

Received and entered in the records of location orders of the City/Town of
Book Page

Attest:
City/Town Clerk

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Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for permission to erect the poles, wires, and fixtures described in the order herewith recorded, and that we mailed at least seven days before said hearing a written notice of the time and place of said hearing to each of the owners of real estate (as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation) along the ways or parts of ways upon which the Company is permitted to erect Poles, wires, and fixtures under said order. And that thereupon said order was duly adopted.

City/Town Clerk.

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Board or Council of Town or City, Massachusetts

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the location order and certificate of hearing with notice adopted by the of the City of Massachusetts, on the day of 20 and recorded with the records of location orders of the said City, Book , and Page . This certified copy is made under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto or amendments thereof.

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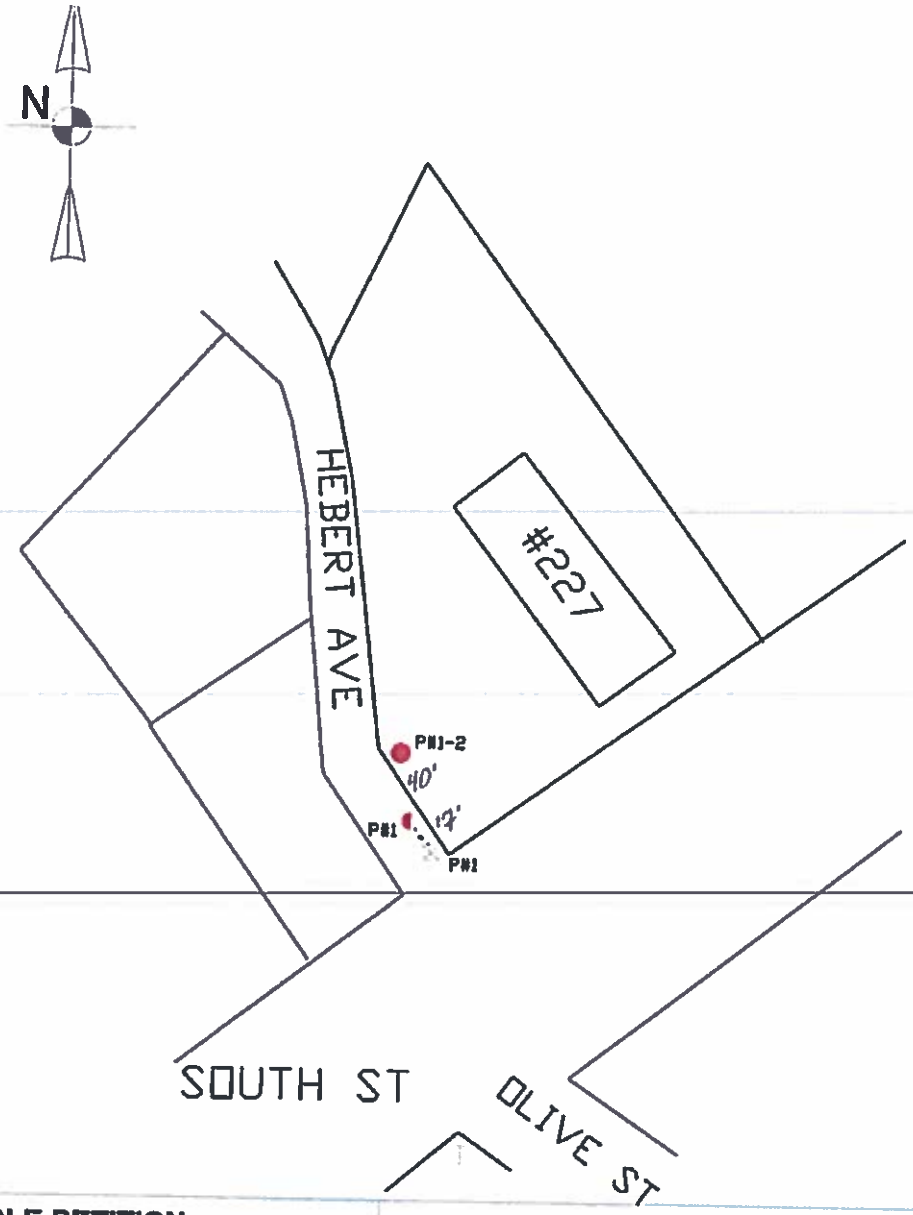

POLE PETITION

- Proposed NGRID Pole Locations
- Existing NGRID Pole Locations
- Proposed J.O. Pole Locations
- Existing J.O. Pole Locations
- Existing Telephone Co. Pole Locations
- Existing NGRID Pole Location To Be Made J.O.
- Existing Pole Locations To Be Removed

DISTANCES ARE APPROXIMATE

nationalgrid

Date: MARCH 9, 2020

Plan Number: VR#28701070

To Accompany Petition Dated:

To The: CITY Of NORTHAMPTON

For Proposed: 1 Pole: JO Location: HEBERT AVE

Date Of Original Grant:

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, June 18, 2020

Upon the Recommendation of: Councilor Rachel Maiore
Councilor Alex Jarrett

R-20.076
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE APPROACHES TO PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, Section 2.6.3 of the Northampton City Council Rules provides that the City Council may "establish select committees for the purpose of considering a particular policy or issue;" and

WHEREAS, in light of the recent call of the Movement for Black Lives for cities across the country to address systemic racism, it behooves us to act; and

WHEREAS, nationally the role of police departments in perpetuating systemic racism through incidents of police profiling, harassment and violence is of grave concern; and

WHEREAS, alternatives to policing have been shown to result in better outcomes[1], and many dispatch calls such as those involving addiction, mental health, and lack of housing, that are presently being addressed by police would be better served by other agencies, while lessening the undue burden on the police force; and

WHEREAS, investing in social services has been shown to reduce crime in a preventative fashion[2]; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must have a full and independent understanding of all public safety needs in our city in order to approve budgetary expenditures in a thoughtful manner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has a responsibility to examine legislative actions to improve policing and public safety to reduce the possibilities of harmful interactions with city residents and visitors.

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[1] CAHOOTS: https://whitebirdclinic.org/services/cahoots/cahoots-in-the-news/
Newark: https://www.newarkcommunitystreetteam.org/
[2] https://www.asanet.org/community-and-crime-decline-causal-effect-local-nonprofits-violent-crime

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton hereby establishes a "Select Committee on Legislative Approaches to Public Safety" as follows:

1. The Council President shall appoint up to twelve (12) members to the Committee by August 1, 2020, including:

   a. Two (2) members of the City Council; and
   b. Up to ten (10) city residents who possess expertise in the professional fields of public safety, criminal justice, restorative/transformative justice, social work, public health, or other related fields. These residents should be from diverse backgrounds, including race and socioeconomic class, and include those most impacted by systemic discriminatory practices.

2. The Committee shall study and evaluate legislative actions that will:

   a. increase public safety and public well-being;

   b. support alternatives to traditional policing;

   c. help set citywide policy around issues related to public safety;

   d. support other related issues.

3. The Committee shall review current and proposed budgetary expenditures in relation to public safety.

4. The Committee shall convene by August 15, 2020 and then meet as determined by the Committee.

5. The Committee shall submit a report to the City Council by November 15, 2020 that includes practical and legislative recommendations to create policies that will improve public safety and provide alternatives to policing in Northampton.

6. The Committee shall be a public body.

7. The Committee shall not be staffed by the Administrative Assistant to the City Council unless otherwise determined by the Council President.

In the City Council, July 9, 2020

Upon the Recommendation of: City Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra and Mayor David J. Narkewicz

R-20.096 A Resolution Regarding the Northampton Policing Review Commission

Whereas, on June 8, 2020 in the letter with the revised order for FY2021 General Fund budget, Mayor Narkewicz "...committed to working with the City Council to address the larger systemic issues of institutional racism and bias laid bare once again by the tragic killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers on May 25, 2020;" and

Whereas, at the June 10 special meeting of the City Council to continue deliberation on the FY2021 General Fund budget, the City Council asked Council President Sciarra and Mayor Narkewicz to bring to the next meeting and before the second vote on the FY2021 General Fund a plan for both branches to work together to bring about meaningful change to policing and public safety; and

Whereas, on June 18 Mayor Narkewicz and Council President Sciarra presented the Northampton Policing Review Commission, a joint commission of both branches of government, "to study these complex issues and recommend reforms to the current organizational and oversight structures, municipal funding allocations, and policies and ordinances that together can transform how the city delivers policing services while ensuring community safety equitably and justly for all;" and

Whereas, the discussion on the commission was continued to a special meeting of the City Council on June 23, where additional feedback from the Council and the public was heard and discussed, and then incorporated into the commission document.

Therefore be it resolved that the City Council and Mayor shall create the Northampton Policing Review Commission with the process, composition and timeline delineated in the commission document.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONDUCTED AS AN ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING
Northampton, MA

Roll Call

A special meeting of the City Council was called to order on June 25, 2020 by City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra. At 6:02 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra
Ward 1 Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.
Ward 2 Councilor Karen Foster
Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash
Ward 4 Councilor John Thorpe
At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight
Ward 5 Councilor Alex Jarrett
Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge
Ward 7 Councilor Rachel Maiore

Also present: City Solicitor Alan Seewald, Esq.

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

At 6:01 p.m., Councilor Sciarra convened the regular meeting. She announced that the meeting was being held by remote participation and audio/video recorded.

Open Meeting Law Complaints

Open Meeting Law Complaints filed by Joshua Wallace of NEPBA #186 June 19, 2020 and Brian Letzeisen of New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 187, June 21, 2020

The purpose of the meeting is to comply with instructions for a public body in receipt of an Open Meeting Law (OML) complaint, Councilor Sciarra explained. Instructions state that the body must meet to review the complaint and respond to the complainant with a copy to the Attorney General (AG) within 14 days. Two complaints have been filed and are on the agenda for review and response; one submitted to her as Council President and the City Clerk on June 19, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. and the other received by her on Sunday, June 21, 2020. The first is from Joshua Wallace on behalf of NEPBA #186 and the second is from Brian Letzeisen for the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 187. City solicitor Attorney Seewald is joining them

As the Council President said, the goal of the meeting is to formulate a response to the complaints within 14 business days, or by July 9, 2020 - the deadline for response, Attorney Seewald confirmed. There are different ways to formulate that response. Councilors could opt to have an independent investigation by someone outside the city (he would not perform that investigation or be involved) or councilors could self-disclose. If self-disclosure is made and there is a determination of a violation, members would go on to decide the remedy, up to the point of re-voting the order for the General Fund budget. If they opt to self-disclose and there is no violation, the process would conclude with that report.

There is an open question with regard to how communications outside the meeting are handled within a virtual meeting, Attorney Seewald advised. The Division of Open Government at the office of the Attorney General with which he consulted has not taken a position yet on whether two councilors speaking at intermission is a violation. Normally, they think of violations as involving a quorum, but the Assistant Attorney General he spoke to was not willing to commit to such a position since the division has not yet taken a position. Since this may be the case in which they do take a position, they did not want to prejudge or give advice that may be inconsistent with what is ultimately decided.

It's up to the council to decide how to proceed. If somebody needs information about what's in the complaint, he is happy to address that, he added.

Councilor Dwight said he understands rules have changed substantially in response to COVID for remote participation at meetings. The council in this city has been assiduous about adhering not only to the letter of the law but to the spirit of the law, he recounted. In this instance, if they were not in remote participation and went into recess, he expressed his understanding that a councilor walking outside for a cigarette would not be precluded or disallowed from having a conversation with another councilor.

He says this because he doesn't believe that what is being alleged occurred, but, even if it did, he doesn't think what is being alleged in both complaints is a de facto violation because councilors communicating individually - not serially or collectively - on an issue under consideration would not be a violation, he elaborated.

You are correct, Attorney Seewald confirmed. But those kinds of casual conversations are different than a concerted effort to secretly communicate behind the scenes in the middle of a meeting. "Is it more like three councilors at recess deciding to go into a separate room and have a conversation?" he asked rhetorically. At least people know that's happening. Here the conversations are happening behind the scene so no one knows that they're happening.

He's not saying that it's a violation; he would take the position that it's not a violation, he continued. But the Division of Open Government has not decided what position they're going to take in this COVID-19 OML reorganization that they're operating under. He does believe in the quorum requirement. He doesn't know what the division will do but it certainly will be his position that a conversation between two councilors at a recess would not be a violation.

Councilor Dwight asked if it would be an appropriate process in the context of this meeting for them to determine either positively or negatively whether the alleged violation occurred. If they determine that it hasn't, is that adequate? He asked.

Yes, Attorney Seewald said. In that case, he or someone on the council's behalf would relay the determination that no violation occurred and no remedial action is required. Or, the council could call for a more formal investigation and councilors will be contacted by an investigator who will ask questions and perhaps ask for documents. There is nothing the council can do to force members to produce documents, he noted.

"What the councilors have had to go on is the statute, and the statute is very clear," Councilor Maiore pointed out. The OML says that in order for there to be a violation there has to be serial communication or a quorum, she stated.

She asked if this is a situation where they would go into executive session.

Attorney Seewald said no.

Even though there are accusations against the councilors? She pressed.

There's nothing in the OML that allows an executive session because someone makes an allegation, he asserted. "Right now we have an OML violation and I think it would be very odd to go into a secret meeting," he said.

It wouldn't be secret; executive sessions are made public, Councilor Maiore countered.

At some point they're made public, "but it is a meeting where the public is excluded," Attorney Seewald said.

He understands the conundrum for public officials, but they're not operating under the statute completely. They're operating under an order from the governor that alters the statute. The question is, in this altered environment, what are the rules? He will take the position that a quorum is necessary in order to violate the OML. All he can tell her is that an Assistant Attorney General would not commit to that position. It is what they call a 'case of first impression' in that it hasn't been ruled on before.

Councilor LaBarge made the following statement: "I am requesting as a city councilor, Marianne LaBarge, to put on record that I did not speak to any councilor while I was on my break during the June 18, 2020 City Council meeting. You have received a letter from me on the Open Meeting Law complaint filed, a letter from my brother, George Pappas from Snellsville, Georgia and from Ruth McGrath. These letters verify the fact that during the June 18, 2020 City Council meeting during my break time, I only spoke to my brother on the phone."

Her brother called three times during the meeting, she noted. She didn't answer two because they were in session. On her break, her brother called again and she spoke to him. He was

concerned because he had heard from family members that during a protest on Wednesday night, a large sign had been placed on the hood of her car. He wanted to make sure no one was in harm's way. "I did not speak to any councilor during my break time," she stated emphatically.

Councilor Jarrett referred to a frequently asked question about the Open Meeting Law posted on the mass.gov website: "May members of public bodies who are physically present at a meeting use electronic messaging, such as text messaging or email, to communicate with other public body members during that meeting?"

He quoted from the answer as follows: "Electronic messaging during a meeting by less than a quorum of the public body's members, while not directly prohibited by the Open Meeting Law, is discouraged if those electronic communications are not shared at the meeting with the members of the public who are present."

This doesn't address the question of electronic messaging during a recess of a virtual meeting, he acknowledged. But since during a physical meeting texting is only discouraged, not prohibited, it does suggest that it would be discouraged but not prohibited in remote meetings, he proposed. He said he hoped they would get guidance from the division at some point.

The Assistant Attorney General said she believes it is inappropriate at a virtual meeting for councilors to be texting with each other and inappropriate to use the chat feature during a Zoom meeting, Attorney Seewald related. There are just different rules in a virtual setting because no one can see what members are doing. He reiterated that he would take the position that a quorum is necessary but he doesn't know that that is correct and how the Division of Open Government will come down.

Councilor Sciarra noted that, as the meeting moderator, she has always tried to limit the chat feature and changes the settings so people can only chat to her. After public comment, she eliminates it entirely. She has always tried to make sure that the council couldn't chat with each other or anybody else.

They've just heard Councilor LaBarge who is the focus of one of the allegations refute the allegations rather vehemently, Councilor Dwight observed. The allegations allege that she was persuaded during the course of the recess to change her vote. Clearly that phone call did not figure into her decision nor was it a phone call or communication from any councilor.

The other allegation is that Councilor Jarrett was madly working the phones and twisting arms. If they can clear that up, he thinks they've done their due diligence.

That is with regard to Officer Wallace's complaint, Attorney Seewald agreed. The other complaint is broader in that it alleges that some or all of the councilors "participated in communication with each other or were aware that other councilors participated in communication with each other," Attorney Seewald clarified.

Councilor Dwight asked if it would be sufficient for them to ask for a show of hands of councilors who communicated with each other relative to that vote. If a show of hands indicates it did not occur, would that be adequate? He asked.

If fewer than a quorum of hands go up, he believes that would be adequate, Attorney Seewald confirmed.

Councilor Dwight expressed his hope that such a vote would reflect the extent of their investigation. "We are not an investigative body," he contended.

Obviously, the Attorney General has great investigative powers, including the power to force members to testify and produce documents, Attorney Seewald advised. He will say the Division of Open Government does not usually engage in subpoenas or forced testimony; they do take people at their word. By contrast, the council does not have authority to exclude anyone from voting or to impose civil fines, he reminded.

Over the next fifteen minutes, six councilors in turn disclosed that they either had no conversation or did not deliberate with any other councilor during the recess.

"I didn't have any conversation with anyone during deliberation," Councilor Thorpe asserted. He stands by his no vote on the amendment, and the fact that he voted to approve the whole budget does not reverse that decision. He saw it as reflecting that he didn't agree with part of the budget but still wanted to approve the whole budget in its entirety. "I still believe that there is a plan that is needed and a measured approach to this," he shared. Even before the meeting commenced he planned to do exactly as he did, and his no vote should not be considered a reversal, he insisted.

The complaint was brought because he withdrew his request for consideration after the recess, Councilor Jarrett noted. Councilors LaBarge and Thorpe voted to adopt the budget although they had not voted for the amendment. With Councilors LaBarge and Thorpe clearly communicating that they did not communicate with another member, does that settle the matter? He asked. "I did not have any communication with them affecting my decision to withdraw the reconsideration," he assured.

One of the allegations is that some or all of the councilors talked to each other, Attorney Seewald reminded. He doesn't think Councilor Jarrett simply saying he didn't talk to the people whose votes changed resolves the matter. The question is: Were there communications either as a group or serial conversations where there was some coordination among councilors?

"We won't know if there's a violation until we know what conversations happened." That's either going to happen by self-disclosure or as a result of an investigation. In his view that isn't satisfied just by Councilor Jarrett's saying he didn't speak to the councilors whose votes changed.

Councilor Maiore said it seems clear to her that they don't even have the premise of violating at least one of these complaints. If they could eliminate one complaint and concentrate on the other, it would feel less overwhelming to her.

Attorney Seewald said he thinks they probably have resolved the Wallace complaint given that the allegations were very specific to two specific councilors.

Relative to the second, broader complaint, "I did not deliberate in any way electronically other than what was seen in the course of the meeting," Councilor Dwight reported. "I did not transmit anything relative to the order being discussed."

To be honest, he is receiving texts in the course of a meeting from family members and people outside but he is not communicating with other councilors and deliberating with them.

Attorney Seewald asked if he was saying he had no conversations with other councilors during the recess.

He did text the council president to tell her Councilor LaBarge's microphone was open and that she might want to mute her since it looked like she was having a personal conversation, Councilor Dwight said.

Councilor Sciarra said she had gone to the bathroom. When she came back, she heard that Councilor LaBarge was having a conversation and muted her. After that, Councilor Dwight alerted her to the fact that Councilor LaBarge had left her mike open. That was the extent of her communication.

Councilor Nash stated that he had no deliberations or communications during that very critical and difficult vote. He appreciated where they landed and sensed his colleagues were all "sweating the details" of that very difficult decision. "I don't hold anyone's vote against them and I don't think anyone was persuaded by anything outside of that meeting," he said. From the energy in that virtual room, he didn't sense any of that going on. He sensed they were all there making a very difficult decision.

"We have now ascertained that a quorum of councilors did not communicate," Councilor Jarrett pronounced. He sees this as an attempt to intimidate or maybe a lack of understanding of the Open Meeting Law. "I think no reasonable person would suspect that a quorum of councilors, which is five, communicated with each other in that 13-minute period," he stated.

They've essentially ascertained that a quorum did not happen; do they want to continue and each give a statement or do they want to just end because they've done their duty? He queried.

She's done what she had to do to prove who she was talking to during the recess so she is very comfortable with the letters submitted, Councilor LaBarge volunteered.

If anyone's uncomfortable going beyond this, he thinks they've met the letter of the statute as it stands, Councilor Dwight agreed. If two councilors were communicating relative to the deliberation, he doesn't think that's a violation since it's no different than two councilors sitting next to each other and mumbling to each other. He is satisfied with where it stands, but if everyone else is more comfortable going around the virtual room and making declarations, it would certainly put an end to it.

"I think we've met the conditions as they've been alleged and we've successfully challenged them and refuted them," he concluded.

In the spirit of that, he would tell them that he had no communication with anyone during the recess, Councilor Quinlan reported. He basically filled his water glass and sat back down.

She does believe they've met the spirit of the statute but would also like to take the opportunity to say that she did not communicate during that recess as well, Councilor Foster shared. She refilled her water bottle, checked on her kids and came back to the meeting; she was not communicating or deliberating with any other councilor.

She feels the complainants are directly impacted by the referenced vote and are not happy about the outcome of the vote, so they want the vote undone, Councilor Maiore said. While it is the council's job to give the review of complaints due diligence, she feels they should adjust the air time and oxygen they give it accordingly. They've already established based on the statute there was no quorum and no Open Meeting Law violation. She moved to adjourn.

Councilor Sciarra said they could not adjourn; they first need to decide how to proceed.

Councilor Dwight asked if they could charge Attorney Seewald with writing a response.

Attorney Seewald said he would be happy to take that charge. The statute specifically allows the City Council to assign the response to one of its members, its agent or its counsel.

That would be his request, Councilor Dwight said. He would like a letter drafted by the solicitor reflecting the conclusions they came to in the course of this conversation. "We feel that we've adequately responded to both complaints and found them lacking," he added.

Councilor Sciarra said it would also be her preference to have the letter drafted by the city solicitor.

Councilor Dwight moved to have the solicitor draft a letter reporting the conclusions they have come to and that they find both complaints lacking. Councilor Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote.

Motion to Adjourn	Upon motion made by Councilor Dwight and seconded by Councilor Maiore, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The motion carried unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. Attest:_____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council

EXHIBIT A

List of Documents Reviewed at June 25, 2020 Northampton Special City Council Meeting:

1. June 25, 2020 Agenda
2. Letter from City Councilor Marianne LaBarge to City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra, Attorney Adam (sic) Seewald, New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 187, ATTN: Brian Letzeisen dated June 24, 2020 re: June 18, 2020 City Council Zoom Meeting Open Meeting Law Complaint
3. Email from Ruth E. McGrath of 4 Pinecrest Circle, Ware to City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra, Attorney Adam (sic) Seewald, New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 187, ATTN: Brian Letzeisen dated June 24, 2020 re: June 18 Open Meeting Law Complaint Against City Councilor Marianne LaBarge
4. Letter from George Pappas to City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra, Alan Seewald, Esq. and Brian Letzeisen of City Police Union N.E. Benevolent Association (sic), Local 187 dated June 24, 2020
5. Email from Patrick Waite, 80 Barrett Street, C6, Northampton, MA dated June 24, 2020 re: Thoughts Regarding the June 25 2020 Special City Council Meeting

2020 - 2021 ROLL CALL RECORD FOR NORTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL											
Record of City Council Votes for June 25, 2020		Dwight	Foster	Jarrett	LaBarge	Maiore	Nash	Quinlan	Sciarra	Thorpe	Total
Roll Call by Laura Krutzler, Administrative Assistant to the City Council @ 6:02 p.m.		**Present**	**Present**	**Present**	**Present**	**Present**	**Present**	**Present**	**Present**	**Present**	**9 Present**
Motion to have the solicitor draft a letter reporting the conclusions they have come to and that they find both complaints lacking		**Motion to have solicitor draft letter**	**Second Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote**
Motion to Adjourn		**Motion to Adjourn**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Second Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Motion carried 9:0; roll call vote**

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Laura Krutzler <lkrutzler@northamptonma.gov>

June 18, 2020 City Council Zoom Meeting Open Meeting Law Complaint

mlabargeward6@aol.com <mlabargeward6@aol.com> Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 10:51 PM
Reply-To: mlabargeward6@aol.com
To: "glsciarra@northamptonma.gov" <glsciarra@northamptonma.gov>, "bletzeisen@northamptonma.gov" <bletzeisen@northamptonma.gov>, "aseewald@northamptonma.gov" <aseewald@northamptonma.gov>
Cc: "lkrutzler@northamptonma.gov" <lkrutzler@northamptonma.gov>

June 24, 2020
City Councilor Marianne LaBarge
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Attorney Adam Seewald
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Northampton, MA 01082

New England Police Benevolent Association
Local 187
ATTN: Brian Letzeisen
29 Center Street
Northampton, MA 01082

To Whom It May Concern:

The City Council Meeting on June 18, 2020 was held on Zoom. I attended the entire meeting on Zoom. Apparently there was an Open Meeting Law complaint regarding a phone call I took during a 5 minute break.

I would like to respond to that complaint. During the meeting I did not answer any phone calls. My brother George Pappas, who lives in Snellvlle, Georgia called me twice during the meeting; I did not answer his calls. He called again during our 5 minute break. I answered the phone and I explained to my brother that I was on a five minute break while we were Zooming the City Council meeting. He was calling with concern over the protest sign left draped over my car, which had happened late Wednesday evening and was found early Thursday morning by my husband Richard. My brother had been informed by a member of my family of that happening.

That was the only call I answered, it was a personal call not City Business. I spoke to my brother briefly and hung up. I did talk with my brother the next day. I did not break any Open Meeting Laws. I would like this letter placed on record.

Any other questions, feel free to call me at (413) 584-7937.

Sincerely,

City Councilor Marianne LaBarge

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Laura Krutzler <lkrutzler@northamptonma.gov>

June 18 Open Meeting Law Complaint against City Councilor Marianne LaBarge

Ruth McGrath <ruth4now@comcast.net> Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 11:05 PM
To: glsciarra@northamptonma.gov, bletzeisen@northamptonma.gov, aaseewald@northamptonma.gov
Cc: Marianne LaBarge <mlabargeward6@aol.com>, lkrutzler@northamptonma.gov

June 24, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

I was assisting City Councilor Marianne LaBarge with her technical issues during a Zoom City Council Meeting on June 18, 2020. I was present when she took a phone call from her brother, George Pappas during a five minute break.

Councilor LaBarge did not answer any phone calls during the meeting. Her brother called twice during the meeting. She did not answer his calls during the meeting. When he called during the meeting she told me who was calling but did not answer. She took the one call, a personal call from her brother, during a break. I did hear her side of the conversation, she was explaining that she was zooming the City Council meeting. She told her brother about the sign left on her car and told him she would call him back.

Councilor LaBarge did not talk on the phone during the meeting and the one call she took during the break was a personal call. I was with her and did hear her side of the call.

I am sending this letter in response to a complaint about Councilor LaBarge breaking the Open Meeting Law. She did not break any laws by accepting a personal call during a break.

If you would like to talk to me or need any further information, please feel free to contact me. My home phone is (413) 277-0419.

Thank you,

Ruth E. McGrath

TO: CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
GINA LOUISE SCIARRA
BRIAN LETZEISEN
ATTY: ALAN SEEWALL
CITY POLICE UNION N.E BENEVLENT ASSOC, LOCAL 187

I CALLED MY SISTER, MARIANNE LABARGE 3 TIMES ON JUNE 18TH, TO CHECK ON HER SAFETY.
MY NEPHEW HAD SAID SOMEONE HAD PUT A SIGN ON HER CAR.
I DID NOT KNOW SHE WAS IN A MEETING, SHE ANSWER MY THIRD CALL, WHICH SHE SAID WAS THE BEGINNING OF HER 5 MINUTE BREAK.

THANK YOU
Greg [illegible]

PS: IF YOU NEED TO CALL ME. I CAN BE REACH AT
678-457-5871

City of Northampton

Laura Krutzler <lkrutzler@northamptonma.gov>

Thoughts regarding the June 25 2020 Special City Council Meeting

Patrick Waite <patrickm.waite@gmail.com> Wed, Jun 24, 2020 at 7:52 PM
To: Citycouncil@northamptonma.gov

Good day City Councilors and Mayor

In light of the open meeting law violation complaint that is being discussed on Thursday evening June 25, 2020, I wanted to share we as a community stand with the council against frivolous lawsuits and attempts at bullying by the police union. Real change is hard and frightening, but you are doing the work this community needs to thrive and we will continue to support you through this process.

As we embark, I hope that this intimidation does not dissuade you from future action. In fact I hope this intimidation galvanized you, as it has me. This is just a little crumb of why we as a community are fighting so hard for what we believe in. Albeit a very white form of intimidation, this is the type of behavior, this is the type of tactics, this is the type of schoolyard bullying that countless members of our community deal with each and every day. I hope that this baseless attempt to circumvent the authority of the city council is remembered as we move forward. Remember it well, and remember they can't stop the power of the people because the power of the people don't stop.

Best
Patrick Waite
80 Barrett Street C6
Northampton
978-895-5609

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CONDUCTED AS AN ON-LINE ZOOM MEETING
Northampton, MA

Roll Call

A special meeting of the City Council (FY2021 Budget Hearing) was called to order by City Council President Gina-Louise Sciarra. At 5:15 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

At-Large Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra
Ward 1 Councilor Michael J. Quinlan, Jr.
Ward 2 Councilor Karen Foster
Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash
Ward 4 Councilor John Thorpe
At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight
Ward 5 Councilor Alex Jarrett
Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge
Ward 7 Councilor Rachel Maiore

Announcement of Audio/Video Recording

At 5:02 p.m., Councilor Sciarra convened the regular meeting, welcomed participants and announced that the meeting was being held by remote participation and audio/video recorded.

She began by acknowledging another troubling chapter in human history, referring to the recent murders of Ahmaud Arbery and George Floyd. Millions of people risking their lives to take to the streets during this pandemic is hard proof that their reality is that their lives are always in grave danger, she observed. She asked for a moment to think about these names and think about a personal commitment to be ready for a change.

Councilor Sciarra reviewed the agenda and the process she would use in conducting the hearing. She noted that, for many of them, this is their first budget hearing, and, for all of them, this is their first remote budget hearing. The council itself will not be deliberating and voting on the budget but this is an opportunity to hear from department heads and for the public to share their thoughts, she explained.

Public testimony given as part of the hearing becomes part of the public record for the hearing. After departmental presentations are concluded, the council will allow public testimony. She explained the mechanics for electronically asking to be recognized and for unmuting participants.

Councilor Sciarra opened the floor to general public comment not pertaining to the budget.

Public Comment

Public Comment

Richard Hendrick noted that, as a new resident of Main Street, this is his first contact with the city council and with local government. He thinks any consideration of money to the police department at this particular time would be seen and perhaps is an affront to what is going on in the world. This is just not the time for this kind of consideration, almost aside from the question of the need for the funds and the good work of the police department. It is just an inopportune time, he suggested. His educated guess is that it was on the agenda before the events of the past week unfolded. Not knowing the process, he is surprised that it is still on the agenda; he thinks it is just so obvious that money to the police department at this particular time should not be considered. He knows economics are going to change throughout the whole country, everyone is going to be short of money. He doesn't think money at this particular time should be going to the police department as there are many other places that need this. He is a proponent for the preferential option for the poor, he added.

There being no further general public comment, Councilor Sciarra convened the meeting with a roll call.

Public Hearing on FY2021 Budget

Public Hearing on FY2021 Budget

Councilor Dwight moved to open the public hearing. Councilor Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 9:0 by roll call vote. The public hearing was opened at 5:19 p.m.

Councilor Sciarra read the legal notice associated with the hearing. She announced that they

would start with departmental budget presentations and introduced Northampton School Superintendent John Provost

Departmental Budget Presentations

Northampton Public Schools – Superintendent John Provost

Superintendent Provost began by thanking Council President Sciarra for the way she began the meeting tonight. He comes to them tonight as they are really in the midst of three overlapping crises, an acute outbreak of violence against communities of color, a health crisis that is having a disproportionate impact on people of color and an economic crisis that threatens the viability of all forms of public and private enterprise. With that, he comes to them gratefully and humbly with a request for $30,162,012 for the public schools. He knows it is a large ask; it is a larger increase than they've had at any time in the history of the schools. But when they think of the scope of the problems that come before them, he doesn't think they could ask for any less.

He really wished that members of the City Council could have heard the School Committee meeting that took place last night because one of the points mentioned again and again is the relationship that exists between the schools and the city, he related. They were discussing the results of the district review, an accountability process which takes place every six or seven years. One of the strengths noted was the good working relationship the schools have with the City Council and the Mayor. He personally is grateful to work in a city that values education as Northampton does. They also were discussing weaknesses of the district identified in the district's report. It was clear to them that they do not serve all students equally well. Specifically, they have difficulty helping English language learners and Hispanic and Latino students achieve at the same rate as their white peers. The budget they put forward was developed with the district review and those priorities in mind. Many recommendations made it through to the final budget recommended by the School Committee.

Problems noted in this district review have become exponentially more profound since the time of COVID-19, Superintendent Provost added. The schools are in the midst of a shutdown; they are attempting to do remote learning and it certainly isn't an ideal methodology for the majority of their students, it isn't an ideal way to maintain engagement. Their expectation is that the deficiencies that they sought to resolve prior to the school closure are going to be all that much more profound after the reopening. They are also in the process of developing a new district improvement plan (DIP). Their goal is to have the DIP blended with a plan for reopening and recovery, a process they believe will take at least three years. One of the documents prepared for the beginning of the DIP looks at the effects of school closures that took place at the beginning of the century. The data is grim. There were a series of school shutdowns in Argentina that were about as long as their shutdown as been. One of the things they learned from studying that cohort as they grew up is that there were detectable levels of impact for those students for the rest of their lives. There were lower levels of academic attainment and lower levels of lifetime income and even effects on their children. This may be a multi-generational problem that they're trying to recover from so he thinks the resources they are requesting are essential for getting students back on the path of learning.

He offered to entertain questions.

Councilor Quinlan thanked Superintendent Provost for presenting the budget and complimented him on the process, voicing the perception that he worked very hard in getting many voices involved. He was a student athlete at Northampton High School and is a proud alum and avid Blue Devils fan. His father was the baseball coach there in the 1980's and his sons were on the track and soccer teams, winning multiple state and local championships in soccer and in track. The athletic program means a lot to their family. When he was an athlete and his dad was coach, the school had a half-time athletic director. This is the sixth budget that has increased the position to full-time. He asked if the superintendent thinks that investment has been worth it.

He was part of the process of professionalizing that role by making it full-time and focused solely on the AD position, Superintendent Provost related. He does think the results have been good. Participation in athletics has increased over the past six years over both Coach Sheridan and Mark Morrison. They've actually just had to shut down the largest spring season they've had since he's been here. Another reason for increasing the position is that the complexities of MIAA have become much more involved in recent years. They are looking at possible solutions to reduce the number of courses students have to be on campus for but in order to find out if they

could do that they had to have a conference call with two rules experts from MIAA. Having someone with their finger on the pulse of that is helpful to him as an administrator. One of the things he found when coming to the district is they were running a program without a sufficient budget to land the program. They had to rely on a tre3mendous amount of fundraising, gate receipts, etc. to run the program and that led to a great deal of instability and entrepreneurial-ship that was unknown to him. Last year, he ended up receiving a check from an organization he didn't know existed. It was for the sale of athletic equipment bearing the Northampton logo. It was a legacy from the time the program was so underfunded that it was scratching for funding.

Their goal was to try to have an athletic program that was more administratively professionalized and that also had a sufficient budget to provide predictability for its athletes and a sense of being able to build from year to year. The position was important but he thinks it has to be seen in the context of all of those reforms for athletics.

He thinks the best thing he's seen since the increase in the budget is unified teams, Councilor Quinlan observed. He thinks it is a great addition to their athletic offerings. He mentioned a friend with a daughter with Downs Syndrome and the joy they have had in seeing her participate.

When his older son was a sophomore and went out for the indoor track team, he was given a uniform that didn't match everyone else's; he got an older version because there were too many kids and not enough uniforms, Councilor Quinlan continued. This year he went to a JV soccer game, and the kids on the team had to buy their own shorts. This year too, he went to a track meet where he observed a kid taking off a sweaty jersey after running a race and giving it to another kid to wear in a subsequent race. He notices they are spending $56,000 more, and he is wondering if the investment has been worth it since it doesn't seem the problems are being resolved. He asked if the superintendent thought that kids whose families paid a user fee and then had to go to Dick's and buy shorts felt fully included in the system.

Superintendent Provost agreed that unified teams have probably been the greatest accomplishment over the last several years. He also agreed that the shortage of shorts and students sharing uniforms is unacceptable. He said he wasn't aware of that and will follow up with the athletic director. It may be a consequence of having an expanded program, he suggested. The idea is that user fees cover the cost of the sports so students can participate without additional expense, he confirmed.

The budget mentions that 16% of youth get free or reduced lunch; those kids didn't get free or reduced shorts at Dick's Sporting Goods and that's a concern for him, Councilor Quinlan commented. They have increased the investment in the athletic program by $56,000 tax dollars every single year from six years ago to now, he observed. He wonders if the athletic term is an anomaly in that budget when he sees that. Are we getting a good return on the investment for the entire thing? He questioned.

It's certainly his goal, Superintendent Provost responded. Their goal is to give taxpayers the best return possible on their investment in every aspect of the program. In evaluating the result, he looks at external sources such as the District of Youth. It certainly identifies a lot of things they are doing right and ways in which the community is benefiting, he pointed out.

The Department of Education identifies a number of comparison districts each year for every school. This year Northampton moved into a different class. One of their comparison districts is Cambridge. Cambridge is spending more than twice as much as they are per pupil, he reported. In some areas, Northampton is actually ahead of Cambridge; in other areas they are trailing them in terms of student achievement by just a little bit. When looking at it in those terms, he thinks they are providing a good value for taxpayer dollars. In USA school rankings, Northampton High School (NHS) is ranked 2nd in Massachusetts.

"On a dollar per dollar basis, we are delivering a good value," he asserted. Certainly, they always can make it better; certainly it's not perfect. "For the size of the investment we've been able to provide some good achievement and good outcomes for our students," he concluded.

Councilor Quinlan said he appreciated his being there and answering his questions and thanked him for his continued good work.

Councilor Nash asked Superintendent Provost if he could speak to the preparation that he and the School Committee and their schools as a whole are going through in regards to remote learning. His view is that, of all of the departments they are going to hear from tonight, none have a more challenging commitment in front of them than him. He doesn't know if they are going to be in school, out of school, partially in school, learning from home, etc. He asked him if this budget has the resources to tend to all of that.

The budget process is extensive, lengthy and involves many voices, Superintendent Provost confirmed. They began building this budget in December and hit full force in January. At that time, they presented two budgets because they had to have the School Committee take a look at the scenarios they were facing if the override passed or failed. After that process, they began moving forward with a budget based on Proposition 2 ½ override success; then COVID hit. Looking at the predictable financial impacts of that, they went back to the drawing board and tried to develop a new budget trying to pare back as much as they could knowing what the financial constraints on the city would be. They had at least three budgets and were faced with the complexity of trying to start remote learning.

Remote learning was something they began with almost zero preparation. The shutdown that took place was initially initiated by superintendents, he reported. The day they closed schools in Northampton they were actually on a conference call with the director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MADPH) who was sharing the advice at that time that they felt there was no need to close schools. But they made the determination as superintendents that that didn't make sense and made the decision to close schools and, later on, the governor closed schools. They started this period with the recommendation that they keep schools open and trying to implement everything after the fact. He paused to give respect to the teachers; the work they've done to try to stand up a completely brand new system of education has been amazing. The work has been herculean and the creativity has been astounding. However, this isn't the way anyone would want to proceed. In the midst of it, they had a change of status in terms of the remote learning plan.

Initially, they had a plan based on a short-term shutdown and an emphasis on enrichment. Then they realized it was going to be long-term and had to plan based on trying to move the curriculum forward. What he can tell them is that this is an amazingly resilient team and they are able to improvise and make adjustments on the fly, but the future is somewhat unclear. He has begun a series of meetings to share with faculty and staff models for reopening. He has developed a total of 10 models for reopening. The thing to remember is they have never done this before so there is just no road map. The last time they had a global pandemic, schools were closed but it was before the common school era so it was mostly private schools being closed. Obviously, they can't fully explore 10 potential reopening scenarios. His goal right now is to start the community conversation to see if they can narrow down the universe of options. One thing is clear – it won't be school as usual in the fall.

Social distancing limits building capacity. They probably have the capacity for 50% of students at most with social distancing and that is with making major adjustments to the school. Lunch is a big problem. One of the models put out by CDC guidance for cafeterias shrinks the number of people you can feed at a time from 250 to 40. Another guideline says a 70-passenger bus can take 12 students and a minivan can take one student. All of the scenarios are going to require an immense amount of flexibility from staff and a great deal of flexibility from the community.

Councilor Thorpe asked why the superintendent did not recommend renewal of the Clarke School lease at the Leeds Elementary School.

Prior to the economic impacts of COVID-19, they were actually hoping to staff that school with some additional teachers, Superintendent Provost responded. They had some large class sizes this year impacting some of their grades. A limiting factor was space. Even if they were able to provide additional staff, they had no classrooms to put them in. When he presented the COVID-revised budget, he no longer felt they could ask for additional staff for Leeds School. Leeds is the only school right now that doesn't have separate space for students who need time to regulate themselves. What was happening is students were going through some extreme emotional distress in the front office or they were having difficulties in the hallways. When they found that they couldn't support the position in the budget they felt that the least they could do was provide the space. It was space they could only find by taking back some of the space that was leased to the

Clarke School. Over the course of the summer, Leeds was the school that experienced the greatest change in population. Over the last several years, in terms of change in population it had the most significant change in terms of increased needs. They found that having space where teachers could break out students to have therapeutic interventions would be beneficial.

Regarding the increase in the school budget, Councilor LaBarge asked the amount.

Superintendent Provost said it is a little over 5%. In response to a follow-up question, he confirmed there were no layoffs. They did do some reorganization and eliminated some positions to create other positions, he elaborated. They were able to move staff around so they didn't have any layoffs. As an example, they reduced two and a half (2 ½) SPED positions, but they had vacancies in SPED positions in other schools so they were able to move the people eliminated to other positions within the school system. There were reductions that didn't result in layoffs, he clarified.

Councilor LaBarge thanked him and all his staff for working tirelessly to come up with a very good school budget. She agreed the future is unclear. She publicly thanked Superintendent Provost and all the teachers in Northampton, Florence and Leeds. To do remote schooling at home is very difficult. It is difficult for parents but they're doing an excellent job and sticking right with it. She is glad to hear Councilor Quinlan talking about sports because sports is very, very critical. Both of her sons participated in sports all through high school and college and her son Richard's record is still unbroken; he is a two-time All American runner. She thanked him and the School Committee, noting it has not been easy for them or city councilors to make things work.

Superintendent Provost corrected himself to say that the schools are looking for a 3.6% increase, not 5%.

Councilor Dwight thanked the superintendent for the time and energy invested in the budget. Taking advantage of the unprecedented attendance at a budget hearing, he pointed out proportionally how much Northampton invests in its schools from the General Fund. As far as the slice of the pie, the large green square represents the educational investment but doesn't include employee benefits such as insurance and retirement. The city invests over half the municipal budget into education. He believes that is why the Mayor has chosen at this extraordinary time to not only hold the schools harmless but in fact to actually reinvest in education at a time when resources are limited.

He referred to the social disparity that exists in access to systems such as transportation and internet - equipment, broadband, etc. He would imagine this impacts students of need much more than children of privilege. With these shifting sands, he asked if the superintendent is anticipating having to reassess as systems change and they end up committing to a particular program or way of educating their children in the context of the pandemic.

Yes, Superintendent Provost said. One of the things that has become apparent as they've looked at shutdowns across the nation is the lynchpin role education plays in everything, he elaborated. It is not possible to restart the economy without schools getting back on their feet, he asserted. There is no way people can get back to work unless they get schools reopened.

With regard to how these multiple and overlapping crises have magnified the inequities in their society, it is clear that the work they'll have upon their return is much larger than the work of addressing institutional racism and inequities they were already preparing for. When they look at students who are disengaging, they see the shutdown is affecting students who they were already not being as culturally responsive to when schools were open. One thing they were able to do proactively is institute a one-to-one computer program in the district. Having devices for each and every student in grades 3 -12 put them in a better position to provide digital equity than neighboring districts. It doesn't address the issue of broadband. They were able to address the lack of broadband with wifi hotspots. They are looking at every possible option for providing access, including paying for families' cable.

Another inequity was the tremendous amount of families that rely on schools as part of the puzzle for feeding their students. The first response to the pandemic and shutdown was standing up a remote feeding program. The schools distribute more than 1,000 meals every week and plan to do that throughout the summer because they are a critical part of the food solution for many

families. This has come into stark relief. With regard to having a preferential option for the most disadvantaged, that is one of the components they are looking at in the nine models for reopening. They may do an A day/B day where they have half the students one day and half another or one week off/one week on. They have been thinking all along that in order to address pre-existing inequities and remediate some of the gaps that have grown over the shutdown there may be some students that have to go every single day. After reopening, they very much have an eye toward trying to reopen in a way that for once puts the needs of those who are in every way disadvantaged by society first.

Councilor Foster highlighted the work and partnership of Northampton schools around issues of food insecurity. The community food distribution program at Jackson Street School has been great to see and she wanted to commend him for that. It looks to her like charter school sending tuition is remaining relatively consistent throughout the years, she added. She asked about the actual number of students going to charter schools.

His belief is that the initial cherry sheets were showing a decrease in the number of students going to charter schools and a decrease in the assessment for charter schools, Superintendent Provost responded. One of the issues around the whole charter school issue is reimbursement. The benefit of having a reduced number of students going out to charter schools is somewhat offset by a reduction in reimbursement to the city. In order to have a stable or growing reimbursement model, school districts have to have an ever-increasing number of students going to charter schools. He believes the cherry sheets showed a reduction in the number of students going to charter schools and a reduction in the assessment but also a reduction in reimbursement.

He deferred to School Business Manager Camie Lamica, who confirmed that the number of students projected to attend charter school is the same number as shown on the cherry sheets. She believes the increase being shown for the dollar amount is based on per-pupil expenditure. It will cost Northampton more to send the same number of students but they are not seeing a larger number of students going to charter school. The number actually went down from FY19 to FY20. They went from 193 students down to 169 and for FY2021 they are projecting the same 169.

Councilor Maiore thanked the superintendent for his hard work. It looks like all negotiations with Northampton school employees are going to be honored and able to proceed, she commented.

Councilor Sciarra offered immense thanks to the superintendent and school staff and teachers.

One of the things he is concerned about is the budgetary impact of personal protective equipment (PPE), Superintendent Provost volunteered. He thinks they are going to need between 400,000 and 500,000 pieces of PPE to get through the first 90 days of school. He really would want to put that money toward helping students impacted by this shutdown and does feel somewhat concerned and daunted by the amount of the budget that might be needed to purchase the PPE needed to reopen school, he shared.

Councilor Sciarra said there had been a request to know the schedule for this meeting. She reviewed the schedule, noting they will begin with departmental presentations and will open for public comment after the presentations.

The budget hearing will be continued at the regular City Council meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m., she said. People are welcome to email public comments to citycouncil@northamptonma.gov.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)
Presentation by DPW Director Donna LaScaleia

Councilor Jarrett announced that he had a conflict of interest to disclose. As a member of the Pedal People Cooperative he has a financial interest in decisions made about the Locust Street transfer station which the DPW oversees, so he can't participate in this item (discussion of the DPW budget). There are many areas the DPW oversees, but since it is unclear when this particular subject will be discussed, he has been advised not to participate. H said he would be turning off his audio and video.

Director LaScaleia thanked the council for the opportunity to speak about the DPW's operations and the public works budget.

The DPW General Fund in FY2021 is broken into four divisions: Administration and Engineering, Snow and Ice, Streets and Fleet Maintenance, and Forestry, Parks and Cemeteries.

Administration and Engineering captures engineering and clerical support for the department's operations and includes the city engineer, who stamps, reviews and creates plans for paving and other projects. A dedicated traffic engineer supports transportation improvements and the modest OM budget supports the maintenance of the 125 Locust Street administration building. An overall reduction in this budget has been achieved by eliminating one principal account clerk position for FY2021, she advised.

The Highway Division's responsibilities include maintenance of 150 miles of paved and unpaved roads, 85 miles of sidewalks, 38 bridges, 30-plus signalized intersections and more than 150 vehicles and pieces of specialized equipment. The modest increase in this budget is a result of the following actions: reducing two positions, an equipment operator and a laborer, and making small cuts to the electricity line item due to modest savings realized in solar endeavors. She is recommending a modest increase in OM to accurately reflect the cost associated with purchasing asphalt for road repair, maintaining signalized intersections, line painting throughout the city and disposal of street sweeping debris.

The Snow & Ice budget includes the overtime required for plowing, contractor assistance with plowing as needed depending on weather events and the salt used to treat the city's roadways.

The responsibilities of Forestry, Parks and Cemeteries include maintenance of over 10,000 public shade trees, 225+ acres of athletic fields and parks, four cemeteries, all of which are active burial grounds with over 20,000 monuments, and 11+ miles of bike paths and associated green space. As a general rule, this division supports the Parks & Recreation Department with over 2,400 participants in organized sports, 128 organized teams and more than 2,500 people who use Musante Beach every summer. This division typically runs seven days a week April through November to support these recreation programs. Florence Fields alone totals 24 acres so it's quite a massive operation run with a small number of people.

With regard to the city's public shade trees, the city has planted more than 1,000 new trees since 2016 and has been named a Tree City USA in consecutive years for over a decade. There is an overall decrease in this budget due to the following actions – decreasing staff positions by two but increasing OM to fund contractor support for complex tree removals or height work that exceeds in-house capabilities. As the weather changes, They have to be mindful that they are at risk of more severe and frequent storms. In the event of a severe wind storm with wide-spread tree damage potentially requiring large-scale clean-up, it is beneficial for the city to have a contractor on call

ENTERPRISE FUNDS.

Within the water enterprise, the DPW is responsible for the operation and maintenance of 150 miles of water main, 5,000 valves, 1,400 hydrants, three drinking water reservoirs and dams, two wells, a water treatment plant (WTP) and 3,900-plus acres of watershed land. More than $2 million of this $7 million enterprise is dedicated to debt service for construction of the WTP built in 2006. This debt service does not fall off the debt schedule until 2028. Additionally, administrators are planning for large capital investments in the city's dams and transmission and distribution systems. They also project that the COVID-19 crisis and associated shutdowns may reduce revenue by five percent (5%), although the ultimate impact is unknown. Utility rates and fees are unchanged for the coming year. This is a conservative budget in that it has been built to insure their goals of capital investment and, most importantly, enterprise stability. In that vein, there is an overall decrease in the budget from last year achieved by the following actions – a reduction of one position, cuts to operating expenses - most notably watershed operations - and targeted cuts to certain capital expenditures such as vehicle replacement.

Within the sewer enterprise, the DPW is responsible for the operation and maintenance of 5,000 sewer and drain manholes, 110 miles of sewer lines and a waste water treatment plant (WWTP) on Hockanum Road which treats four and a half million gallons of wastewater per day. For the sewer enterprise, they also project that the COVID-19 crisis and associated shutdowns may reduce revenues by 5%. Utility rates are unchanged for the coming year. This is a conservative budget that has been built, again, to insure the goals of capital investment and, most importantly,

enterprise stability. They are on the cusp of a substantial upgrade project that will total just under $15 million. Principal and interest on this loan will be a major factor in next year's budget but, due to timing, were not expenses that needed to be factored in this year.

Within the solid waste enterprise, the DPW is responsible for the operation and maintenance of two transfer stations and a capped landfill and provides 3rd party oversight of a gas to energy facility and 3.17 megawatt solar array. The solid waste enterprise faces declining revenues and increasing expenses. They have seen a steady decrease in transfer station permits sold from 2013 to present. They have gone from 4,028 permits sold to 2,928 sold. Additionally, they have seen increases in disposal costs for trash, compost and, most notably, recycling. As she mentioned with the water and sewer enterprises, in building any budget, their focus is on enterprise stability. Permit fees this year will increase from $25 to $45 which is a projected revenue increase of $50,000. This is the first increase since FY2009. Even with this increase, they are still regionally the lowest cost municipal transfer station. Where they used to receive money for recyclables, they are now not only faced with the loss of that revenue but with a projected cost of $110,000 based on tonnage estimates for the coming year.

Within the stormwater enterprise, the DPW is responsible for the operation and maintenance of 120 miles of drain pipe, 5,000 catch basins, 350 outfalls, 150 culverts, six miles of channels and ditches, two levy systems and the flood control station on Hockanum Road. All of this infrastructure is supported by a $2 million utility. Operations for stormwater collection are governed by the conditions of their MS4 permit and the Army Corps of Engineers governs flood control operations. There are no appreciable budget changes year over year within this enterprise.

Councilor Thorpe asked why certain employees are listed across more than one enterprise.

These are allocated employees that perform functions across multiple divisions, Director LaScaleia explained. Their salaries show up in multiple locations because the DPW takes the lump sum of their salaries and assigns a percentage of it based on the work they do for various divisions. They make sure they are apportioning the salaries according to time spent in each area.

Referring to a recent tour of DPW facilities, Councilor Foster commented that one thing that stuck with her is how the DPW has been able to save money over the years by consolidating operations within several facilities. She is curious about long-range plans for bringing people back to work in a building (Locust Street) where they are working so close together.

Overall the DPW has more than 100 employees, Director LaScaleia said. Most of them work outdoors. In terms of desk duty, the time behind the desk is often very limited, particularly during construction season. They are very mindful of the fact that they are close quarters but they are a unique department in that they're very flexible and do a lot of field work, herself included. Moving forward, she thinks they have the capability to do an awful lot of field work and will be able to establish an ability to keep folks separated and safe. Plans are in development and nothing has been finalized, but. "due to the unique nature of our work, I think it's going to be okay."

Councilor LaBarge said she received an email from Pedal People workers about concerns about bringing trash with their bicycles into the recycling center. She asked why a day was taken off the weekly schedule and got an answer from the Finance Director. She is hearing that the fees for the transfer station have not increased for 11 years. The current amount of $25 is the lowest amount for regional municipal transfer stations and the current hours of operation are more than double any other regional transfer station. As an example, Amherst charges $85 annually and is open 18 hours a week. By contrast, beginning July 1st, Northampton will charge $45 and be open 43 hours a week. Even with the fee increase and reduction in hours, it will still be the transfer station with the lowest cost and highest number of hours. In addition, the cost of operating the transfer station has increased as the cost of disposal of trash and recycling has increased.

"I feel good about it hearing what she had to say," Councilor LaBarge concluded. Ms. Wright also noted that the usage of the transfer station has gone done with 44% less stickers being sold in 2020 than in 2013. The decision to increase the fee and reduce the hours is obviously a financial and operational decision. The solid waste enterprise fund does not bring in enough revenue to offset its operating cost. Even with the increase in fees and reduction in hours, there will still be a need to use retained earnings to balance the solid waste budget. This cannot continue

indefinitely as retained earnings will run out.

Councilors are getting emails about the fact that there are no bike lanes and that something that would help pedal people would be to establish a lined bike lane. There also was a concern that they have a police officer there doing a traffic detail. Those are some of her concerns

They have had a police officer drecting traffic on Saturday for many years at the intersection of Locust street and the DPW driveway, Director LaScaleia reminded. It is a difficult intersection. The police officer is there to ensure orderly traffic flow and avoid accidents. It is a standard safety precaution that has been in place for many years.

Looking at the budget book, she sees only one vacant position, Councilor LaBarge observed. She asked if that is it.

Yes, only one, Director LaScaleia confirmed. They are not filling multiple vacant positions within the DPW but these have been removed from the budget, she clarified.

Councilor Quinlan said he is impressed with her presentation because she just mentioned she is not filling vacancies yet there is no reduction in service. He is very grateful for that. Her efforts to serve the people of Northampton really shine through in this presentation. He said he wanted to give her a chance to speak a little about the vehicle replacement program.

They have over 150 vehicles and pieces of specialized equipment within the DPW spread across the General Fund and enterprise funds, Director LaScaleia related. This equipment needs to be ready to roll when needed; downtime isn't an option. One of the things they have done over the past several years is create a vehicle inventory and vehicle replacement schedule to insure responsible use of the city's resources. Regular replacement eliminates old vehicles within the fleet that become unreliable and which are a liability in terms of service and repair and maintenance costs. The vehicle replacement policy assigns general values to replacement costs and estimated years of useful life.

A lot of the investment made in their fleet has been to rotate out vehicles from the '80's and '90's, she continued. Those costs are reflected in the vehicle maintenance budget. The theory behind the replacement schedule is that city resources pay for this one way or another. They need to be mindful that, if they don't adhere to it, they will end up back in the same cycle they are just getting out of.

Councilor Quinlan said he wanted to get that information out there because he knew it was a concern for many residents.

Councilor Maiore said she was trying to find the cold storage facility approved in last year's budget. Director LaScaleia explained that it was a capital expenditure funded last year.

Some people are really excited about North Farms Road, Councilor Maiore shared. She told other residents she would convey their concern about the shortening of transfer station hours while raising fees. They fear it will lead to increased dumping.

Regarding the solid waste enterprise as a whole, what's happening at the transfer station starting July 1st is unrelated to the COVID crisis, Director LaScaleia noted. It is a combination of many factors that have been in existence for quite some time such as the cost of recycling, which is now a cost for the first time. In the past, they have been paid for recycling, but - come July 1, 2020 - they have to pay to dispose of recycling for the first time. With declining numbers of permits sold, which has been on a declining trajectory since 2012 when they sold some 4,000 permits, it would be irresponsible of them not to make an adjustment in price. Especially when they look at comparison communities and see that their cost is less than half and they have more hours. In that context, she thinks the changes are very reasonable. It is an effort to make sure the enterprise is sustainable and can only be achieved by a modest increase in the sticker fee and tightening up their operating hours.

Councilor LaBarge referred to an article in the Gazette with Holyoke Mayor Morse. Holyoke hired a consultant and got an estimate of what it's going to cost to recycle. They had an estimate of over $325,000 just to remove the recycling from the city.

Holyoke generates significantly more tonnage of recycling than Northampton does, Director LaScaleia noted. Northampton has a five-year contract with fixed unit prices per ton so they know with certainty what their tonnage rate will be. What they don't know is how much tonnage will be generated.

Councilor Sciarra thanked Director LaScaleia, commenting that it is always remarkable to hear the scope of the work the DPW does.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Presentation by Police Chief Jody Kasper

Chief Kasper said she couldn't start any discussion on the budget without first acknowledging where they are right now. She thanked Councilor Sciarra for her opening statement. She knows these are difficult times and she understands the outrage of many in this country and local community. She shares in the outrage at what they all witnessed last week. She acknowledged the role of policing in past and present injustices. At the Northampton Police Department they will continue to be guided by the six pillars identified by President Obama's 21st Century Task Force on Policing in taking action to improve services provided to the community.

By way of background, the police department has 65 full-time sworn positions and seven civilian support staff - including the animal control officer - and employs special police officers to provide per diem police services upon request. The department gathers call activity by calendar year. In 2019, it handled over 35,000 calls, comprised of a combination of calls self-initiated by officers and calls for service. The department investigated over 1,200 major crimes, responded to 341 domestic violence calls, made 681 arrests (111 of which were Operating Under the Influence cases) and issued over 3,000 citations. In addition, police responded to 511 more serious motor vehicle accidents involving either injury or damage over $1,000, registered 183 sex offenders, processed 305 license to carry applications, installed 118 car seats and did 38 Drug Addiction Response Team (DART) follow-up services, while the crime scene services unit responded to 84 crime scenes. These patrol services were in addition to planning, security and traffic control for marches and other large-scale events like First Night and the Hot Chocolate Run.

Outside of their patrol force, the detective bureau had a number of significant cases last year, including a fatal fire on Carolyn Street, a domestic murder/suicide, trial preparation for a human trafficking case, a large series of breaking and entering cases, child abuse cases and a multi-state investigation into child pornography.

The department currently has one vacant police officer position. Although technically having just one vacancy they have a number of people in the police academy so they are not currently on the street. It takes five to six months to complete the police academy and then four months of field training with a partner before recruits are actually ready to fill a vacancy. The city puts a lot of work into recruiting and retention. On a national level there is disinterest in becoming a police officer. At the same time last year, the unemployment rate was low. They really want to attract great candidates so they put a lot of effort into modifying recruitment and hiring efforts.

As some may have heard since it's related to the current budget, they are slowly transitioning to hybrid cruisers. They have two and hope to have more coming. They have done a lot of community outreach and fundraising drives but have had to reduce community outreach because of the pandemic. Last year they were recognized by IACP. IACP did a mini documentary and Northampton was chosen as a featured partner in its leadership film series. They were a selected department to highlight their exceptional work and the film was shown at the annual IACP conference in Chicago. The film was entitled, "Leading the Way; Responding to the Evolving Needs of Our Community." Two officers received awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their work in identifying and apprehending impaired operators.

Specific to the budget, police are requesting an increase of $193,579 with the largest amount, $140,042 in Personnel Services (PS) for contractual salary increases. On the operational side, they have requested an $8,072 increase for training and a $45,465 increase in the vehicle line item for the difference in cost for hybrid cruisers. Northampton spends about 6.21% of its General Fund on police spending, putting it in the middle among similar communities.

Councilor Nash thanked Chief Kasper for her words at the start of her presentation. These are difficult and challenging times, especially for her particular department, he acknowledged.

In her narrative, she mentioned that the training budget cannot meet the ever-increasing demand for training in areas of de-escalation, implicit bias, use of force, etc. He asked her to speak to what this program would more ideally look like, since it reflects the concerns of many. Councilors and the Mayor's office have been inundated with phone calls and emails related to the requested budget increase so he is exploring where some discussion may be possible, he related.

She knows those training topics are incredibly important to their community; they are incredibly important to her, Chief Kasper responded. It is training she has been seeking for years and continues to seek. She has posted on social media some of the work they are doing. Fair and impartial policing, systemic racism, de-escalation, etc. are the types of trainings they need to be doing. These jobs are complex and they need to be up on everything. They can look at their list of training topics, it is a long list. They go over in training costs almost every year.

If there's one thing they know from everything going on in the world, having trained, competent, educated police officers is incredibly important and having ongoing, consistent training is how to get it done. As far as training, 'one and done' is not the way it works, she stressed.

Councilor Nash expressed his understanding that the city invests considerable resources in officers. He is wondering how much of this training takes place at the police academy before officers come to them.

The Massachusetts Police Training Committee (MPTC) has woven all of these issues into its curriculum, Chief Kasper confirmed. Providing a foundation is absolutely critical and important, but it needs to be supported over time Yes, it's in the academy, but that doesn't mean they don't still need to train people over a multi-decade career, she suggested.

Councilor Nash mentioned that $140,000 of the $200,000 increase is for staff. How many staff would it represent if they removed that portion of the budget? He asked.

If she had to make cuts to the budget she would need to sit down and figure out where that cut would be, Chief Kasper said. A vacant position is about $60,000, not including health insurance costs.

Two officers approximately, Councilor Nash concluded.

Councilor Thorpe expressed his understanding that the increase is only to maintain level services, not to hire new police officers. Chief Kasper confirmed this is correct.

Councilor Thorpe asked about the department's efforts to recruit minorities and other people of color.

The best department reflects the community it serves, Chief Kasper observed. It is incredibly challenging. Early on, they looked at where they had been recruiting and it was largely from colleges with criminal justice programs. In looking around at the department, they saw that many of their officers did not have criminal justice backgrounds, so they decided not to limit themselves to people with this educational background. They made changes in the recruiting process and materials as "we want to reflect what we want to attract." They have tried to create an environment where people feel good coming in and a sense of equality and positive culture.

Councilor LaBarge said she has received 237 emails and her phone has been ringing all day. All she has been hearing are calls to reject Mayor Narkewicz's proposal to expand police funding of nearly $200,000. She thinks there is some miscommunication as to what exactly the money is being used for. Reading aloud from a public comment, she asked about the frequently-repeated charge that the increase "is justified as necessary to mitigate the COVID-19 crisis and 'enforce compliance with social distancing.'" Will a portion of this money be used to ticket people who aren't wearing masks? She asked.

Mayor Narkewicz asked if he could respond since he has been receiving the same emails. First of all, they are not expanding the number of officers, he asserted. The quote is actually

taken from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund revenue narrative and is related to the need for hiring police details at the Locust Street transfer station during the COVID-19 emergency. The quote is related to costs of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and is not part of this increase. He wanted to clear that up because he is being cited as saying this as justification for the increase to the police department when in fact it was for something completely different.

The budget was put together prior to the health pandemic and the increase has absolutely nothing to do with mask compliance, Chief Kasper confirmed. Police have written zero citations for masks, she stressed. People are in a learning curve and don't know [the rules]. They are not doing that kind of enforcement right now; they are working on education and providing people with the tools needed to keep everyone safe. $140,000 of the $193,000 budget increase is for contractual step raises, the next biggest chunk is for hybrid vehicles and $8,000 is for training.

Councilor Dwight thanked Chief Kasper. The issue is less about financing and subsidizing the department based on the budget and is more a global reaction to how they police and how they are policed in this country, he suggested. He thinks they're going to hear a rather loud and clear anxiety. Unfortunately, a lot of the global response to police action in Minneapolis and other places has been projected onto her department. Her department is not infallible, no departments in the city are, but she has established a culture of progressive policing. For some people that isn't going to be even close to enough and there is going to be a call for decommissioning police departments. Coincidentally, it comes at the same time as a budget review and universal forced imprisonment of citizens compounded with the very overt killings that are being charged as murders and are technically sanctioned lynching's by a police department. Combine that with massive job loss and a pervasive agita and anxiety and you have a perfect storm. For better or for worse, her budget and her department has become a focal point for this discussion. He appreciates her making those distinctions but honestly doesn't think most of the people calling for defunding really care about those distinctions. He has worked with her on trying to recruit and expand diversity and expand the quality of officers in her department and she has done an amazing job that he is afraid is not going to be appreciated or realized. He is not asking a question, he is anticipating how this conversation is going to go. They have had these conversations before, and they always come up in difficult times. He appreciates her calmness and her serenity and sincerity. He wants her to understand that they are all going to struggle through this in some way. There will be a conclusion and he doesn't know what it will be but he can promise everybody that it will be wholly unsatisfactory because what most people are asking for is a significant cultural change on so many levels. This is just the needlepoint manifestation that they're focusing on. So be it. There it lies and there it shall be, he pronounced. He will participate and have these very difficult conversations with everyone that's required.

In response to a request, Chief Kasper clarified that step raises are incremental raises over a set number of years recognizing a person's experience and the fact that they get better over time. Salary scales usually have from eight to 10 steps. It is a small negotiated amount set by contract.

Councilor Sciarra asked what a small percentage is.

A first year officer earns $49,317. The next step above that is $51,044. Step increases are usually around 2.5 or 3%. The city sits down at a table and negotiates contracts with the union.

Councilor Sciarra asked if there are situations under which step increases are not fulfilled, such as during economic crises.

Even during an economic crisis, one party cannot unilaterally change the terms of a contract without impact bargaining, Mayor Narkewicz explained. Impact bargaining did occur in the course of the recession during his tenure as a City Councilor but has not happened since he took office as Mayor, he said.

The term of the current contract is from FY2020 to FY2022. It went into effect July 1, 2019 and is a three-year contract

Councilor Quinlan thanked the chief for her presence and echoed the comments of Councilors Nash, LaBarge and Dwight expressing appreciation for her work. In response to a question from him, Chief Kasper confirmed that the five people in the police academy are listed in the budget at starting pay of $49,317.

For many years, the Northampton Police Department lagged behind surrounding communities in compensation, Chief Kasper related. City officials have tried to take the money they were spending on retraining people into salaries in a way that would improve retention. Now they are more or less equal to similar departments of the same size.

Regarding the request for new vehicles, the police department website lists 18 marked vehicles, 15 cruisers and two trucks and a van crime scene vehicle. It seems to him that replacing 33% of the vehicles in the patrol fleet at one time is a lot. He is wondering if that shouldn't be flattened out somehow. Shouldn't they be buying one or two every year? Is there a reason to be replacing a significant percentage in light of the fact that the city is facing significant budget shortfalls?

They rotate in three new marked units every year, Chief Kasper clarified. Unlike other vehicles, their patrol cars run 24 hours a day. They are uniquely driven unlike cars at home. If they get too old, they cost a lot of money in maintenance. The former chief really worked to get a car cycle in place and it's been effective. She understands they're in a budget crunch. This is the cycle they've been on in order to reduce those other costs.

Each year they actually buy five, but only three of them are marked cruisers. The department has other vehicle needs such as a vehicle for the animal control officer, unmarked cars, etc.

He understands the city negotiated raises but it is tough to look at the raises in light of the fact that people in Northampton are losing their jobs, Councilor Quinlan commented. He said he just wanted to voice that so people facing unemployment know that they're thought of.

Councilor Maiore said she is very grateful for the highly-trained nature of the Northampton police and was grateful to see Chief Kasper's statement in response to the murder of George Floyd. To all of those who reached out to them, she really appreciates living in an engaged community, she confirmed.333

A lot of them are feeling very raw, she noted. They know this problem of racial bias and the murder of people of color by police is not new, but she is wondering if there is something new they can do about it. This is less a statement about what's going on with the Northampton police and more about saying there are structural changes they have not made and that's why they keep coming back here. Because of the low crime rate in their city and their relatively well-funded, well-staffed and highly-trained force, she actually thinks Northampton is extremely well-positioned to serve as a model to other communities by taking a lead in researching and experimenting in alternatives to policing that would complement their force and trying to make changes proactively before they have an incident here. She thinks that there's an opportunity here. She knows Chief Kasper made this budget in earnest, but she doesn't think it reflects that opportunity. She knows the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus has put out guidelines about community involvement in policing and looking at alternatives to policing and citizen review boards, "I think we really need to take this moment to reexamine where we're going here." Minneapolis police received extensive training so she doesn't think training is enough.

She referred to a quote from Chief Kasper earlier this year saying she had begun discussions about strengthening and building new partnerships with members of their community and looked forward to opportunities to do that. She said she'd like to know what that looked like to her and where that was reflected in this budget.

She has said for years that she thinks at the heart of the issue of police/community relations is 'the missing link' of sitting at the table and listening to each other, Chief Kasper responded. The problem is, they have not found successful ways to do that and have been met with some difficult resistance when they have tried. They have tried to work with outside parties to facilitate conversations. She wanted to have a conversation about race but it was just going to be protested so the facilitator had to cancel. This is the challenge in their community; they are willing, they have said that. She is not just a person of words, she is a person of action. She has been answering the phone all day as well explaining why they've done what they've done. It has been really challenging for them to be successful in Northampton. She hasn't found success at being able to sit at a table that's open to the community and share perspectives without being met with resistance, she reported.

One of her fears is cutting their police department down. This [community involvement] is always

the work that gets cut. There are emergencies on the street that have to be tended to and that distracts them from this other work they want to do.

Councilor Maiore said she did not mean to put this all on the chief in terms of solutions. She thinks they need to think about how they want to approach law enforcement as a community. That may need to come from outside the police with funding for it reflected in the budget.

Councilor Foster acknowledged that, like everybody else, she has received quite a few communications from constituents. Looking on this Zoom call she sees many, many names of neighbors, people she knows and people probably attending their first City Council meeting. She thinks that is really amazing, and she really wanted to honor how much activism is there and the pain of people of color and communities of color that have historically been targeted. Here in Northampton, she thinks they have an incredible opportunity with a chief who gets it and a chief who is open to and interested in exploring these issues.

She mentioned a conversation she had with the chief about concerns related to the recent protest. The chief spent quite a while talking to her and explaining that her intention with her department was to deescalate as much as possible. She recognizes that what they're looking at here is the criminal justice system and policing and criminalizing behaviors like mental health and addiction. This is really a big, societal issue. She sees training and action from the police department as targeted toward responding to incidents the best way they can. She wanted to name that she recognized the complexity of all of this and it is not a simple solution. She posed several quick questions from constituents about residency and whether the department accepts military surplus items.

When asked how she chooses which trainings to offer, Chief Kasper said they do their best to vet trainings by speaking to people who have attended them. Some such as mental health training and fair and impartial policing are established curriculum. To a certain extent, if it's a popular, national, well-recognized training, they tend to think it's going to be a great class. There isn't really an evaluation system, and it is very difficult to measure the impact of great training, she acknowledged.

If there is any way she can be helpful in building police/community relations, sign her up, Councilor Foster volunteered.

Chief Kasper said she would not forget the offer.

Councilor Jarrett thanked Chief Kasper for her presentation, her response to the death of George Floyd and the list of 13 items the department is doing. He feels very confident that, as a police department, they are doing a really good job at moving in a progressive direction. Last fall, he got to participate in a ride along and meet some of the officers and that was very illuminating as well. He asked what percentage of calls she would consider mental health or addiction issues. He is thinking about the program in Eugene, OR where one in five calls are responded to by mental health responders.

Lieutenant Kerouac did a lot of work partnering with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) years ago on a grant to figure out what percentage of calls have mental health involvement, Chief Kasper said. When it was being tracked years ago, it was around 20 to 25%. They have had an internship program where they had a social worker doing follow up services. She would love to have a program. Currently they have domestic violence advocates. They go through the log and when they see domestic violence cases, they provide follow-up support and connect people to resources. She has been a long-time advocate for that.

She mentioned calls they respond to where they know a person's behavior will escalate if they don't receive services. They don't want that, but there's just not a lot of resources out there. She would love to have a full-time mental health outreach worker – a civilian – who can provide services and connect people with other resources. But social services in their community are overtaxed as well. The challenge of their work is that it's immediate. A lot of people in crisis can't wait until the next business day. Those sorts of services are absolutely critical and she would love to see that addition to the city.

Councilor Jarrett asked if she had an idea of the percentage of calls related to addiction.

Chief Kasper said she would not be comfortable giving an estimate. They definitely encounter people struggling with addiction and their DART officers try to provide follow up services.

Councilor Jarrett observed that the crime rate for major crimes has been declining. He asked how that translates into the need for her force. He referred to the potential argument that, if the crime rate is declining, they do not need as many officers.

The crime rate has fluctuated for years and is certainly impacted by the economy and joblessness, Chief Kasper noted. She has a lot of concerns about what's going to happen now. They're looking at a lot of unemployment and people losing jobs. The nice thing about having a lower crime rate is that they can get to some of this important work.

Councilor LaBarge said she agreed with what she heard from Councilors Maiore and Foster. She feels it is really, really important that they all come together. They need to show the many people of color within their community that they all want to work together. She thinks they need to sit down and get a community advisory commission with people of color.

Councilor Sciarra addressed the audience to acknowledge their interest in making comments and asking questions. She is eager to get to the public comment section, she assured. She feels their frustration and knows they want to speak. They have two more departmental presentations.

Councilor Maiore reiterated her belief that they need to look outside the police department. There are lots of ways to lower the crime rate, such as investing in housing and jobs. She said she would be interested in hearing what the Mayor has to say about funding those types of services.

Mayor Narkewicz said he certainly agrees. He thinks Northampton has been working on investing in housing and has allocated significant amounts of funding through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Preservation Act (CPA) programs to support affordable housing. The city has also dedicated significant resources to support local social service organizations and provide programming – fuel assistance and housing assistance. It comes down to resources. They are definitely committed to focusing on all of those areas because a lot of the responsibility otherwise falls on the police as the cracks in the social safety net open wider and wider. They have whole agencies that have left Hampshire County. They don't have a job training center, mental health offices or an unemployment office here anymore. They have seen all these agencies lose funding and move away. Often the police end up being on the front line instead.

Councilor Sciarra commented that there is certainly interest on the part of the City Council and the larger group on this call in having a forum where they can come together and talk about these issues as a community.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Jon Davine presented the Northampton Fire Rescue budget. He took over as chief March 13, 2020. As they can imagine, the department has been engaged in constant pandemic COVID-type work since then. It is starting to slow down a little bit, but they are planning for the fall and assuming it's going to be worse. To date, the ambulance service has transported 191 COVID patients so they have been transporting some very sick people. About two hours ago they did another one. The budget this year is a level services budget with three vacancies. Some older firefighters have retired at the upper end of the pay scale so replacing them with entry-level staff resulted in some savings. They are not adding any positions. They have 68 sworn positions and two civilians, an administrative assistant and firefighter/mechanic.

They were moderately busy last year. Firefighters responded to 7,395 calls. They responded to 84 fires, including 23 structure fires, and had a fire loss of over half a million dollars. 70 to 74% of the department's calls are usually EMS, and last year was no different, with 4,596 EMS calls. Call volume dropped down a little with the stay at home order.

Their folks work 24-hour shifts and average 19 to 20 calls each 24 hours.

Councilor Quinlan started by paying the chief a compliment. He has a friend who works in fire rescue in another city. He was recently in Northampton's station and noted that all of the people there were exercising and that their guys take physical fitness very seriously. He was impressed

with his team's commitment to being prepared. At City Services Committee, Chief Davine talked about the budget the day before the override vote. He asked whether he has candidates to fill the vacancies.

They made a conditional offer yesterday to a candidate from Easthampton who is currently a full-time firefighter in Florida and looking to come back to the area, Chief Davine advised. They will not be able to fill the other two vacancies because two members are out on injury and awaiting the retirement process. He won't be able to fill those vacancies until those folks actually retire.

Chief Davine responded to questions about minority recruitment and department response times. Response times are well within the national standard, he assured Response times to Leeds and outlying areas are a little longer while response time in the city center is a lot faster.

Councilor Dwight noted Chief Davine came on around the same time he did, and the culture in the department was vastly different at that time. The department has gone through remarkable changes. 22 years ago, all responses were fire responses. It became very clear that fire safety had improved to the extent that fire calls were going down and that one of the more critical services with a better return was emergency medical response. He appreciates the fact that he is chief because, aside from all his hazmat training, he has a deep understanding and knowledge of the challenges facing the department. Their conversations at budget season used to be about fire department overtime, and that's no longer an issue. Councilors no longer have the panicked feeling that NFD is going to come in with an enormous overtime transfer. He is saying this for folks who don't understand how this department has evolved into the professional crackerjack system that it is. Hopefully most folks will never have to experience their good work, but when and if they do, he said he hopes they understand and appreciate the commitment he and his department have made to the community.

Councilor Sciarra added her thanks.

CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Councilor Jarrett disclosed another conflict of interest. As a member of the Pedal People Cooperative, he can't participate in the Central Services budget because Pedal People has a pre-existing contract with Central Services. He said he was going to turn off his video.

Director David Pomerantz referred to the budget narrative describing his department's myriad functions and activities. He asked them to keep in mind that 36 custodians, supervisors and maintenance staff also provide custodial services in the schools but are not listed on the Central Services budget page.

Director Pomerantz presented the FY2021 Central Services and Parking Maintenance budgets. Parking maintenance, parking revenue, parking lots and garages are all under Central Services. Since March 17th, they have basically had custodians in city buildings and to a lesser extent schools doing security, some maintenance and restocking and cleaning offices where essential personnel have been working. It was heating season when city operations were shut down so they have had to monitor energy management systems. They have continued heating, cooling and electrical work on an as-needed basis. With warmer weather now here, they are starting to ramp up outside maintenance and landscaping on both schools and city buildings. Maintenance and landscaping activities on the garages and parking lots are also slowly ramping up. With no parking and the downtown being relatively car-free since March, it has been a great time for parking maintenance staff to get in and do line striping and maintenance in the garage as needed. When the city stood up the homeless shelter at the high school, eight public school custodians volunteered and rotated shifts to keep that facility disinfected and clean for the month-plus it was in operation.

The Central Services budget shows a two percent (2%) increase for FY2021 on the Personnel Services (PS) side, strictly due to salary and contract-related increases, he presented. There is no increase in operational expenses for FY2021. Right now, two custodial positions on the city side are open. With the senior center closed, they transferred the second shift custodian from the senior center to the police department. (Although the senior center is closed to the public, five or six staff members still work there, he reported.)

On the Ordinary Maintenance (OM) side, for utilities, the city just entered two-year contracts with

new suppliers for both natural gas and electricity. Central Services solicits bids every two years. Figures listed include both supply and distribution/transmission costs. The rates are a touch higher than the last two-year contract. This year, the city is using Constellation for electricity and Spark Energy for natural gas. They have not burned oil in any city building for seven or eight years. When he came on, the city started doing a conversion to natural gas and they are now oil-free across the city.

STREET LIGHTS

About three years ago, the city did a major street light conversion project in which it converted 2,000-plus existing street lights to LED fixtures and bulbs, Director Pomerantz reminded. Before that, National Grid provided maintenance on an annual basis. Because of the resulting savings and longevity of the fixtures, street light costs are down to $125,000 a year. This is not all energy costs since, when they did the LED conversion, the city had to absorb the cost of maintenance and now has a multi-year contract for maintenance/repair. About $25,000 of the line item covers maintenance but the city has slashed street light costs by 50%.

He explained the distinction between the Repair/Maintenance (R/M) line item and R/M Buildings line item. R/M Buildings is work done internally while R/M is for contracted services. The city is coming to the end of a three-year contract for removal of trash/recycling. Procurement agents were going to go out to bid this spring for a new three-year contract but because of the COVID situation and the transporter reducing its contract, they are going to do a one-year extension with the vendor and go out to bid for FY2022.

He went on to describe other expenses in detail, including multi-year contracts with a host of vendors for maintenance and inspection services for items such as fire extinguishers, elevators, photocopiers and printers.

In the Parking Maintenance budget - similar to Central Services - cost increases are due to salary adjustments. They are not increasing positions. The division has one maintenance position that covers downtown work and is part of the city's contribution to the Downtown Northampton Association (DNA) system. The person deals with street sweeping, tree trimming, etc.

Under Ordinary Maintenance (OM), trash removal is provided through the Pedal People contract. The city is in the second year of a three-year contract with Pedal People. The contract covers picking up trash from trash receptacles and putting them in the various compactors and containers in the Armory Street and Masonic Street lots. They will be signing a new five-year contract for disposal of trash in those parking lots.

Under Technology Services, Parking Maintenance now has 36 of the green multi-space pay-by-plate systems around town. They have eliminated many of the parking meters. Because of their credit card capability there are monthly data costs for those systems.

Site improvements covers random maintenance done by parking services – painting, crack sealing and miscellaneous equipment and supplies.

Equipment parking and parking garages covers maintenance on parking machines, computer equipment for the parking garages, security cameras in garages and work needed on the gate system and pay stations.

Energy management and renewable energy projects also come out of Central Services. They are doing a number of capital projects this summer involving energy. They will be doing system and envelope assessments of city buildings to prioritize energy reduction projects to meet the Mayor's recent directive for net zero energy use by 2050. They will survey seven city buildings this year to identify everything from insulation issues and window problems to necessary heating and cooling system upgrades. Energy and Sustainability Officer Chris Mason has been extremely busy with Green Communities work. In addition to grant money, the city gets extensive rebates and incentives from National Grid for lighting conversion projects. The department has put up a solar system at the senior center to complement the work of the geothermal well system for heating and cooling. The senior center will now be generating electricity, and that project will be coming on line in the next two to three weeks. Lastly, they are working on solar canopy systems, one project for the Roundhouse parking lot and the other for main fire headquarters.

Councilor Sciarra said she wanted to take a moment to celebrate his department, referring to the tireless work it has been doing since they've been in this crisis.

"I have to say, your presentation is a little dry," Councilor Dwight commented appreciatively. If COVID and other ensuing crises hadn't happened, his department would probably get a lot more acknowledgement because it is where 'the rubber meets the road' when it comes to climate resiliency and climate change. The significant reductions in energy consumption that have been achieved in municipal buildings are through his department and under his aegis. "You have modernized antique buildings and lowered our [carbon] footprint significantly," he acknowledged. The community should appreciate that its objective toward 2050 - which was the burning issue pre-March - is in the hands of this department. It deserves recognition for this contribution. "Every person who works in your department is devoted to the same mission," he observed. He thinks it's worth a little applause.

Director Pomerantz fielded questions and comments. Among other things, Councilor LaBarge asked about upgrades to the bathrooms at Ryan Road Elementary School. In particular, she asked about renovations to accommodate a student in a wheelchair who needs to be assisted with a Hoyer lift

Director Pomerantz said he is certainly familiar with the project. They did some initial designs and ran some initial estimates on doing the work. Based on its cost, they are weighing the project against other building needs. It is still a project to be looked at but there is no firm construction schedule for it at this point.

In response to a question from Councilor Thorpe, Director Pomerantz explained that 'Compliance and Accommodation' is an old budget line item that has been in the budget for years. It is used for additional supplies or items that don't fit into the standard budget. It sounds regulatory and legal but it is not.

Councilor Maiore thanked him for the well-run shelter at the high school. Director Pomerantz said it is a pleasure to work with emergency services on a regular basis.

Chief Davine amended his presentation to say that he had one minority firefighter.

Public Testimony

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Councilor Sciarra opened the floor to public comment Over the next three hours, 73 speakers gave testimony. For a full transcript of their comments, please see the recording on the government archive page of youtube. Highlights of each speaker's remarks are transcribed below.

Ghazah Abbasi said she is really grateful to her council members who are exploring alternatives to police. The police is basically an institution that, at this point, is just killing black people. She feels like all of her council members already know this but are still sympathetic to expanding the budget of the police in the middle of a global crisis in which the police continue to kill black people and kill protesters on the street who are protesting police killings of black people. She had to say she was very surprised. She cited some specific statistics: the United States has the largest population of incarcerated people. From 1980 to 2015, it went up from 500,000 to over 2.2 million. The U.S. has 5% of the global population but more than 20% of the world's prisoners. It doesn't want to do anything except imprison its own people and generate profits for certain corporations. Across the U.S., all of their public money is going into funding gigantic killer corporations that are profiting off of black death. Is this legalized system of white supremacy something they want to uphold? There are massive racial disparities in policing. African Americans are only 12% of the population at large but are 34% of the prison population. They are Incarcerated at five times the rate of white people and black women are incarcerated at two times the rate of white women. 32% of the children who are arrested are African American. As they know, cops kill black American children. The Minneapolis Police Department implemented training on mindfulness and implicit bias and none of it worked. Body cameras don't work.

Sakiya voiced her objection to giving money to the police department and shared her personal experience with the Northampton police. In January, one of her housemates tried to commit suicide. The cops came and pounded on their door at 4 a.m. She answered the door in just a robe and didn't open the door. They didn't tell her it was a mental health call and didn't announce

they were police until almost a minute into the conversation. She opened the door and tried to back away. Two men charged into her house at 4 a.m., grabbed each of her legs and pulled her naked down the stairs. They finally let go but only because her housemate was holding her back and screaming. They went to her housemate's room and, "they didn't even f***ing do anything!" They didn't even move him into a recovery position. "Don't give them money; don't give them more training, please just get rid of them." The officers' names were Nicholas Limoges and Kevin Cook.

Tom Gregg noted that the dramatic attendance tonight is a product of a sustained community effort to defund the police; it is not a reactionary thing caused by the events of the past week. Two years ago, there was a very well-attended public hearing about the police budget and the expansion of access to riot gear. There are a lot of reasons why he doesn't think police should have their budget expanded. He echoed what other councilors said about the necessity of hybrid cars during a global pandemic. In looking at the budget, it looks like senior services was cut by 25%. Given that senior citizens are so vulnerable, that really scares him. He can definitely confirm that the community is not asking for more comprehensive training and better technology. Much of what this community represents is a sustained vision towards a future that does not need police officers. Amherst has a volunteer team of trained street medics. This is about the $200,000 and also about something that is really, really huge that a lot of people believe in.

Mimi Odgers of Ward 6 said she is here to speak in favor of reducing the budget for the Northampton Police Department. The murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery followed by numerous acts of police brutality across the country and numerous forms of violence inflicted on black and brown people should cause Northampton to rethink and re-shift what policing means and looks like in their community. She is angry and terrified at the militarization of police across this country. She has heard firsthand accounts and seen multiple videos of police using violence against peaceful protesters. They have not had the same type of violence in their city yet but she urged them to start to look at other, better practices already in place across the country. For example, instead of police officers responding to calls related to mental health, they can shift to a model that relies on mental health professionals doing so. She pointed to Eugene, Oregon's program Crisis Assistance Helping Out On the Streets (CAHOOTS). A model like Cahoots insures that a person in crisis does not feel threatened by the presence of police officers in uniforms with guns, tasers and batons and doesn't wind up incarcerated due to possible charges related to the encounter but instead receives services provided by area nonprofits. She recommends that the city create a panel to study how to reduce the need for police officers and institute an oversight board for the police department. Any increase in budget for the police department should be shifted to other areas, especially to their schools, which is the #1 reason people supported the override. As for the current budget, in looking at it, she sees a line item for police department supplies at $92,537 with no transparency as to what those supplies include. Uniforms and office supplies have their own line items. She asked if the supplies line item means weapons.

The Fire Department has a supplies line but it is listed as $20,000, she noted. This appears to be a huge discrepancy between first responder departments and, as a taxpayer, she would like to know what NPD is buying with her tax dollars. She closed by saying she personally has never had a negative experience with any member of the police department. However, in the current moment, every municipality should take stock of what currently is and how they can make it better. Every community should take stock of how much they invest in police compared to how much they invest in the residents most likely to be policed. She does not want to live in a city where the police have riot gear and military weapons.

Cora Segal of Northampton commented that, as someone who has feared for her safety in Northampton, she has never felt safe turning to the police and has always felt the best care and protection from her neighbors and community members. They need to take action by starting off with rejecting this proposal and defunding the police. Even if Northampton is a model of so-called progressive policing, she reminded people that, under this model in December of 2018, the NPD had a planned trip to Israel to work with Israeli defense forces to gain surveillance and counterin-surgency tactics. We need material changes, defunding and ultimately abolishing the police.

Danielle Amadeo, who identified herself as a resident of Ward 3 and member of the Northamp-ton Arts Council (NAC), recited the names of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade and Nina Pop. She says their names because she would like to invoke them into

this meeting, she explained. She is on the call to address the police department budget but before she does so wanted to call attention to some work in the arts and cultural sector tied to emergency relief for folks in their community. The NAC under the leadership of Executive Director Brian Foote has raised $40,000 and allocated that in emergency relief to artists through the award of over 100 grants. She cited this as an example of work happening outside of police and emergency response that provides direct support to the community in times of need. She would like them to think about using that as a potential model for the way in which other human service departments might provide immediate aid to members of their community. When thinking of transforming the mission of the police to one of community outreach, education and service, she'd like to think about ways to value and pay police to reflect those services. She asked councilors and the mayor to go back to the police department budget and consider implementing impact bargaining and rethinking giving raises to their police at this time of global crisis.

Mac Godinez said she is here to demand that the City Council reject the increase to the Northampton Police Department and move to fully defund the police and redirect funds to social services, housing resources and other areas that foster public health. Like police departments across the nation, the Northampton police disproportionately arrest black people, actively working alongside the anti-black system of mass incarceration which plagues our country. She has never once in her life needed police to keep her safe. Every single time it has been loved ones, kind strangers and community members who have kept her safe. It is not only possible but imperative to fund and build strong and trauma-informed social services, community grievance councils and accountability programs to take the place of the inherently anti-black and white supremacist institutions of police and prisons. They will be paying attention and holding them accountable, she warned.

Aspen Bey of Ward 5 said she is here to say she does not support the funds allocated toward police in the budget. She also finds that they have been very violent in their responses. She has many people in her life who have had experiences like the one described with the Northampton police. She does not think that is under progressive policing at all. She has had friends who have been violently arrested when having mental health crises. She thinks they as a community can move toward trauma-informed mental health organizations rather than police officers who are untrained to deal with things like mental health, homelessness, economic stress and all the things that affect their community.

Ashley Ginsberg, an Amherst resident who lived in Northampton from 2011 to 2019 and went to high school and middle school in Northampton, said she was at the protest Monday. She reminded those present that a budget is a reflection of their values as a community. She is frankly shocked that there are things they have not spoken about in this meeting. She has been on since 5 p.m. and has not heard a single reference to the fact that the police maced peaceful protesters Monday. They took a knee for a photo op and then they turned around and maced young people, she charged. She said she would like to know why Chief Kasper and Mayor Narkewicz are no longer on this call. She would love to see her here answering these questions. She would love to hear about Eric Matlock who sued the Northampton Police Department for $700,000 because he was dragged from the steps of the police department in 2017. If people are truly concerned, why are they not funding Tapestry, why are they not funding mental health shelters and wet shelters, etc. She yielded the rest of her time to people of color. She said her personal experience with police has been excellent but, as a white person, she has no idea of the experience of the rest of their community.

Northampton resident **Dana Goldblatt** said she wanted to pick up what Ghazah was saying about the Minneapolis police. They have implemented every single reform Jody Kasper was bragging about – implicit bias training, de-escalation training, psychological testing – and this is what they got. And every single study says that's because none of it works. Sending an 'armed paramilitary organization' to do things like install car seats, hand out masks and put on birthday parades is 'officially insane,' she asserted. "We don't need an armed paramilitary to do those things."

They need to defund them a lot. They are sucking up resources from Tapestry, housing, etc. The reason they deal with the homeless is because instead of housing the homeless the city pays the police to deal with them. It is cheaper to house the homeless. Because they're not doing that, they pay the police to handle them. They pay the police to handle mental health instead of paying for mental health treatment. "You can stop it today in Northampton," she exhorted. Cut the police

budget by 25% and give that money to organizations like Tapestry, and they will see an improved society with less disorder and less crises, she asserted. Then when people come to Northampton, they won't see an armed paramilitary parading down the street in bullet-proof vests, which is about as clear a sign as possible of endorsing white supremacy. "It's wrong," she insisted.

Northampton resident **Emily Coffin**, a licensed clinical social worker, said she joined others in denouncing the fact that the chief has left. The chief said she's been trying to connect with the community, and here we are. It's not on her terms and it's not with her power and that's why she left, she claimed. The mayor has said the police are filling social service cracks and that is exactly the problem. The fact that he said that shows that he does not understand the problem. Police trigger a fight or flight response; nobody makes good decisions when faced with a gun. Our front line for social problems should not carry guns. If they scale back the police department, they will leave room for social services and community organizations to fill the gap. If no one steps down, there is no gap to fill. We are defaulting to police to solve the problems because that is where the money and the power is. We need to put power and resources elsewhere, and the first step is the police handing over those resources to the people more equipped to solve those problems. We told you two years ago not to buy them riot gear. When Eric Matlock got arrested, we told the city that we do not want the police to solve these problems. "This is a fight that we've been fighting for years' and the city has had time for abolishing the police and finding other ways. Step back, police, she demanded.

Annie Ricotta of Great Falls, MA, said it was shocking that it took almost four and a half hours for anyone to mention the minors being maced by the police. Every time he goes through downtown Northampton cops are harassing houseless people, and the money that cop is getting paid could go toward supporting the people being harassed instead of criminalizing them for being homeless. He thanked Councilor Dwight for 'mansplaining' this incredibly painful situation in the most dismissive terms possible. It's nice that he can acknowledge the historical moment that they're in and the desperate need for deep structural change while conceding that he has neither the courage nor the imagination to take part in it, he said. Chief Kasper multiple times offered up the notion that training is the method to address some of the serious concerns that have been expressed about policing but failed to name a single specific benefit aside from an idea, which is far too nebulous and vague to be satisfactory. On top of whatever soft power training the NPD has participated in, they have also trained with the disgraced former sheriff of Maricopa County, Joe Arpaio, who has bragged about his tent-city outdoor desert prison by calling them concentration camps.

Jody Kasper is weaponizing the low-hanging fruit of this pandemic to say that joblessness is going to lead to an increase in crime and therefore a sustained relevance for the police, but the amount of money being requested for salary increases alone could significantly benefit more important and proven responses to joblessness and other problems, he continued.

The chief mentioned trying to have conversations with the community about race and other issues. The reason those conversations have not been successful is because they don't want there to be police. "We don't want reformed police, we want no police." The time has come to think boldly and imaginatively about a future without police, he stressed.

Liz Walber of Ward 3 stressed that, although she is working tonight, she is speaking as an individual and not a Northampton Open Media (NOM) representative. The conversation they heard between councilors and the Northampton PD chief has been from the inaccurate vantage point of progressive outsiders watching human rights atrocities occurring elsewhere. But on Monday, the NPD maced a 15-year old protester near the end of a peaceful protest in their city. This problem is and has always been here as well. It is surreal to hear the justification for an increase in the police budget sandwiched by the DPW, superintendent of public schools and Central Services all explaining how they are going to finesse the cuts to make up for COVID-19. It is appalling that the police department will receive a budget increase while providing no essential services to address the most important health crisis in modern history. Policing has nothing to do with public health and the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and countless more black people across the country at the hands of police officers exemplify that the police are in fact a danger to public health and the very existence of black communities. Giving the police new hybrid cars at this moment would be an embarrassment, a travesty and an official announcement of the City Council that they are not listening. It would officially become a meme about their city. To be frank, Pedal People do more good for their community on bicycles.

It is a familiar mistake by public officials to look to the police for leadership to solve this issue. The police institutionally ***are*** this issue. The only fix to the issue is abolishing the police, a Band-Aid would be simply disarming and a budget increase would be pouring salt on the wound. She trusts independent agencies like Tapestry Health to help Northampton residents with issues like addiction rather than the police. Councilor Maiore said she would like to see Northampton be a model for this moment. But councilors need to be aware that this model is unprecedented. This is a very brave stance that all 500 people who have signed in are taking, and they are taking it together for a reason. This cannot be like the response to police violence under the Obama administration with more money to police departments. That obviously didn't work because here they are again. Now is the time for municipalities to align themselves with the people over police and police unions that are tearing their country apart. "I'd like you to look at the numbers of people in this chat right now and sees that ***this*** is the meeting at the table." Additional funding does not work, they do not need an advisory board to meet with the police. The people are here right now.

Northampton resident **Veronica Douglas** said she was here to speak against the increase in the police budget. On Monday she witnessed Northampton police pepper-spraying children at a peaceful protest. Was that progressive policing? No, it is unacceptable. She demands that the council not only cease to attempt to increase the police budget but decrease the police budget by half. If pay raises and hybrid cars are so important the police should cut the pepper spray budget to fund them. Why spend money on hurting children when you could spend that same money on helping children? She asked rhetorically.

Ward 3 resident **Annie Wood** said that in the time she has lived in Northampton she personally has witnessed two incidents of police brutality; one related earlier by Sakiya and the other on Monday when police pepper-sprayed children protesting police brutality. She is also a shelter worker and has seen many incidents of frankly disrespectful, rude and aggravating behavior that was not trauma-informed towards her clients. No amount of shallow photo ops, hugging protestors, sensitivity training or internal reviews will put a Band-Aid on this. They need to defund the Northampton Police Department. She has frankly found the entire council's response out of touch and condescending this entire meeting. She asked that they all seriously consider what they are being asked for here. Defund the Northampton Police Department and reallocate their budget toward things that really matter.

Shelby Dean, an Easthampton resident who lived in Northampton up until four months ago, echoed those calling for a decrease in the budget for the police department. She would like those funds to go to public services. As somebody who lived in public housing in downtown Northampton for two and a half years, public housing desperately needs funding. She would never live there again and would never live there with a minor child. She thanked the DPW and Central Services for being incredibly clear and transparent with their budgets and honestly on top of things with the crisis they have going on economically. Speaking directly to Councilor Dwight, she said she was really disappointed with him for not representing the voices of their community who are clearly asking for very specific needs for a long time and for 'just the clear disrespect for the people' not participating in the public comment when they have an unbelievable, unprecedented turnout of people who want to express what they want.

Alisa Klein thanked councilors for their service and thanked everyone from the community who had spoken. Their words mean a lot and it is really nice to know so many people are in solidarity around reducing the budget of the police and defunding the police. She would like to take a look at what they call public safety or policing; it is actually public terrorism for many in their country and community. Current-day policing everywhere is actually a threat to the safety of people of color in particular but to all members of society. This is not a commentary on the integrity or lack thereof of their local police department, it is an articulation of the very tangible and brutal effects that systemic racism in their society, and as such, in their governmental and societal institutions, has on people of color. Police are the institution in their society authorized to use force in their communities - supposedly as needed - but police are the institution that very visibly and tangibly expresses the systematic and societal racism that is rampant throughout all of their systems and structures. Police behavior and actions are a tangible expression and symptom of racism that is expressed through violence against people of color and, at its worst, the murder of people of color. Why not reduce the possibilities of that racist violence to be inflicted? It behooves them to rethink what true public safety could and should look like. The scope of policing has become

overly broad and deeply misguided. Policing is the 'go to' for addressing the houseless, people who ask for money downtown, people with mental illness and behavioral issues, etc., all things that should have other prevention and response resources in place. Criminalizing students, poor people and houseless people is not what these folks need nor is it humane or effective. Having worked for two decades on issues related to interpersonal violence – that is, sexual and domestic violence - she has had person after person contact her to ask about alternatives to calling the police. They want the violence to stop, they want their family member or loved one to get help, they want help for themselves, but they do not want to engage with the police. Very rarely in her 20 years doing this work has she known individuals and families who are dealing with family violence to actually want to call the police. They just haven't had other resources.

Northampton resident **Emily Hunerwadel** echoed what's been said and pointed out again how ironic it is that Chief Kasper would say they've tried to open up a dialogue when they then left this meeting. It was mentioned that the police are relevant because there is going to be an increase in unemployment so therefore there's going to be an increase in theft. But they're not increasing the budget for unemployment or other human services the same way they're increasing the police. It doesn't make any sense that they would treat the symptom but not the cause in their society.

Sophie Maki of Ward 3 said she is also calling to support defunding the police. She is deeply disturbed by a budget that increases funding to the police during a time when there are so many budget cuts in other departments. She commented appreciatively on the fact that councilors and others are naming systemic racism as an issue but noted they also need to be talking about systemic solutions. She doesn't want cops trained on mental health because she doesn't think cops should be giving mental health care to people. It's deeply inappropriate for someone with a gun to be providing mental health care. Instead, she wants systemic solutions such as defunding the police and focusing on other creative solutions that are alternatives to policing. This can mean investing in housing, investing in health care, investing in rental support and other social services. To ask to defund the police is not radical, especially at this time when they are in the midst of a global pandemic and there are many cuts across the city budget. Reduce the funding for the police and ultimately, they need to abolish the police.

Woody Woodger, Greenfield, claimed that for Chief Kasper not to be here is 'an act of cowardice.' Abolishing the police should be the end goal of where they move socially. Many of the movements she's suggesting that the police could make are refuted in a Guardian article. The article states that the Minneapolis police implemented training on implicit bias, mindfulness, de-escalation, etc., created tighter use of force standards, adopted body cameras, initiated community dialogues and early warning systems and yet had the same issue. Policing is not a matter of moderation or changing how policing happens; policing is a force of violence, it is the violent arm of the state and is used to keep people, specifically people in minority groups, in a marginalized space so the ruling class can continue to hold power.

Alex Western – recent Northampton High School graduate – said he heard a lot of things from Jody Kasper about things she's doing that didn't seem accurate. The Northampton police website says they have four cops who are non-white - two black, one Latino and one Asian - out of 65 officers, which is clearly not diversity. Even though Northampton is 95% white, it is still under-representing those communities proportionally. Beyond that, she was asked how she vets training and she said they just go and find out. Theoretically, even if they do progressive policing and have a valid police system, they are still supporting the national network of unjust police work like the Maricopa County jail and, by going to those trainings, they as a city are supporting and enabling that oppressive structure. By going to Israel for training they are enabling globally human rights violations. Even if their city individually does not do those things, their police system is enabling those things. It is something they need to take very seriously. He doesn't want his tax money going to support a national and international system of oppression.

Felix O'Connor of Ward 3A said that, considering they are still in the midst of a global pandemic alongside a national uprising calling for the defunding of police, he thinks a budget proposal that leaves the police budget untouched is downright irresponsible. Any comments tonight by City Councilors, the Mayor or the police chief on the death of George Floyd are empty words without engaging in a true reflection on the nature and structure of police work as a whole. There was a time before police; there are proven alternatives to policing. For example, there are cities that have deployed social workers rather than police that have been very successful. Chief Kasper mentioned that social services in this city are overtaxed and that alternatives like this would be

expensive to implement, so she'd like to thank her for the excellent suggestion as to where the funding for the police could be better allocated, although as previously mentioned, she is no longer here. Reform does not do enough to get to the issues present at the root of policing.

Jonathan Goldman – Northampton resident in Ward 6, formerly democratic state committee member for the Hampshire/Franklin/Worcester senate district and chair of the Northampton Mayor's Youth Commission – said he wanted to point to 1) what it means to be someone who is elected to represent people, and 2) what they can do in this moment. As he has talked to city councilors, state representatives and senators across the state, he has heard this constant response of, "We hear you; what is the issue you want us to tackle?"

One thing he learned from being in an elected position is that it is their responsibility once elected to turn back to the people they represent and propose legislative solutions to their problems. He would love to hear and give an opportunity to all of the city councilors to share whether there are various ordinances they are thinking about and would like to implement. He thinks a lot of people would like to hear what action people can really implement in this moment. The other thing to think about is how they can bring in those voices. On Saturday when the next action will be, it would be great if they could bring any ordinances or anything else any of them are envisioning, he suggested.

Esther Daube-Valois, Ward 5, referred to the comments about trying to improve community/ police relations. As much as people in Northampton would like to claim they are a progressive paradise where there is no evidence of racial bias exhibited by their police force; that is absolutely not true. In 2017, Eric Matlock was pepper-sprayed and then dragged off the steps of the Northampton Police Department for peacefully protesting his child being taken away from him. In 2013, Jonas Correa was arrested outside of a city bar simply for filming a police officer who was questioning his friends. Correa was maced by the officer, then tackled and arrested. Both of their lawsuits claimed there was excessive force used against them because they were black. Matlock's case is still ongoing as he is seeking $700,000, while Correa was awarded $52,000 in 2016. This money should not have been spent compensating a preventable incident. These two men were able to get the monetary sum they deserved because of the monetary situation they were in. If they search Northampton, MA police on Youtube, the videos that come up portray their city as a racist and unsafe place. There are videos of Matlock and Correa's arrests as well as other videos of people being pulled over and questioned for no apparent reason other than their race. A video uploaded three days ago shows three Northampton police officers not wearing masks or wearing them incorrectly during the protest on Monday. "This is our reality, we can't hide behind the promise of being progressive and non-discriminatory." Please do not approve the increased funding.

Eddie Gory, Ward 6, who stated he/she uses they/them pronouns, said they are here to strongly urge the City of Northampton to defund the police department. They are really disappointed in city councilors here tonight who have repeatedly suggested - especially Councilors Dwight and LaBarge - that their own constituents are merely angry without having a full and nuanced understanding of this issue. Clearly the people here tonight have expressed a deep understanding of policing. "I take issue with the idea that Northampton is capable of so-called progressive policing," they asserted. Chief Kasper was not even able to provide them with any data-driven information about why their style of policing works or why they even go to specific trainings. There are data-driven trainings they could look to. They urged the city to reject this budget increase for Northampton police and to take bold steps to show them they're the innovative leaders Northampton needs right now. Otherwise, frankly, they can expect this opposition to grow.

Montague resident **Breyer Lake** said she is here to ask the City Council to deny Mayor Narkewicz's budget and defund the police. It is frankly insulting that they would even consider increasing the budget at this time with black and brown people putting their lives at risk calling for massive systemic change. There are so few jobs Chief Kasper listed that could not be done by someone without the authority to restrain, arrest and mace teenagers. With the repeated framing of Kasper as a victim by all of them, they show how ill-equipped the police are to even consider the impact they are having on the community or take responsibility for the violent system that they stand for and uphold. They are past the point of reform. They say they want money for training, but, as Chief Kasper admitted, they can't even predict the usefulness of any given training and have no means to evaluate them. If they don't know if they help, and through

Minneapolis they know that they don't, why would they funnel money into them instead of into the community? There have been volunteers giving each other independent aid during this time because the needs of their people are so far from being met right now. Many councilors are pointing out that they are projecting what they see other police departments do, but they know full well why they're here. She asked how they can stand to pay these people $60,000 at entry level. She would love for police not to exist at all so Northampton can serve as a model for her town.

Ward 1 resident **Franny Choy** said that, like so many others, she is here to demand that they reject the proposal to expand police funding and instead severely decrease funding to the police. As a reminder, the police are a violent, racist organization that has direct, historical roots in slave patrols. As many have said, those funds should be redirected to community-led, restorative social services and invested in alternatives that grow their humanity rather than terrorizing black people as well as people of color and other marginalized folks. On May 7, the Northampton City Council passed a resolution denouncing anti-Asian, anti-Asian American and xenophobic discrimination. In that resolution, the council invoked a 2016 resolution it passed declaring its commitment to being a 'safe and accepting community' that believes in the rights of people to lead lives of peace and dignity free from fear, harassment and violence. To pass a resolution like this and then not only do nothing to back it up but to actually give the cops more money is an insult to the lives of black people murdered by the police this year and in many years prior. If they do choose not to decrease funding to police but instead to increase it, she asks that they retract this resolution. She knows that the influence of the chief and the [inaudible] are strong but she is asking them to be accountable to the people they represent and not to the people who simply have the easiest access to their ear. She thanked others on the call.

Ward 3 resident **Alix Alto** echoed everything that had been said before her and strongly opposed the proposed increase to police funding and echoed sentiments demanding that they decrease funding to the police. Chief Kasper vehemently styled herself as a proponent of step raises. She also is a public employee represented by a union and she is one of thousands in their city right now on a furlough pending a layoff because that literally is what everyone has to deal with who is not a cop. Northampton police are racist antagonists who do not serve their community in any way, shape or form. Personally in her own anecdotal experience she, like many other people here, has also seen Northampton police harass and hassle houseless people on their streets.

She personally also was subjected to cops trying to intimidate their way into her apartment on a bad tip of a crime that was not committed, and she's a white woman in Northampton. If Northampton wants to tout itself as a progressive utopia or, better yet, actually just ***be*** a safe and equitable city, she urged them strongly to reflect the exceptionally clear desires and demands of their constituents. She ended by urging councilors to not only deny the proposed increases but to defund the police and reallocate that funding to resources that actually serve this community.

Ward 1 resident **Amelia Chalfant** commented that a disbanding of the police as many of them are calling for requires sustainable, safe and strong alternatives, which is why they are proposing these alternatives to the policing system. She wants to talk about a potential framework of restorative and transformative justice practices as a productive way to envision stronger communities without the need for a police force. These practices come from black, indigenous communities that do not have the option to call upon the state to respond to violence. These practices at their core are based on strengthening communities and valuing community response instead of police presence. Restorative and transformative justice practices seek to address harm without creating more harm. Many people have given examples of their police inflicting further harm in order to protect them. These are not merely ideas, these practices have been used across the country to build more just and trusting communities. They are using schools in Chicago as an alternative to punishment and they've been proven to reduce continued violence and conflict as students build community and empathy. Transformative justice in particular seeks to move beyond instances of harm and transform the conditions which allow the harm to be perpetuated in the first place.

She understands this budget also needs to meet the needs of this city as it continues to respond to this pandemic. The practices that she has mentioned are already in place in other parts of the country. There are ways to strengthen their community to meet its needs and build trust. Not only does she call on them to reject this budget and redistribute these funds to social services, but she also wants Northampton to support how it can best support its community and eventually abolish police.

Sarah Weber, Ward 1, said she is here to express her disapproval of the budget allocated to the NPD. She'd also like to echo what Emily said about how their police chief pointed out that a rise in unemployment correlates to a rise in crime which necessitates a need for police. She wondered why the response to poor people stealing food is criminalized when the root causes should be addressed. The responsibilities that police take care of are essential such as responding to emergencies, but policing as an institution has a racist history and continues to be racist as evidenced by the murders of black men and the incarceration of far more people of color than is proportional to the U.S. population. There are ways to respond to these emergencies without police. Protesters nationwide are calling for police to be abolished. Defunding police will not happen overnight; there will likely be a transition but it has to start somewhere. Strong, well-resourced communities make police obsolete and she hopes they can be one of those communities.

Olive Sunder, Northampton, commented that some people on this call have stated that the Northampton police are not doing their jobs well or are not good at their jobs. The police here ***are*** doing their jobs. The job of the police - structural descendants of slave patrols - is to protect whiteness, capitalism and private property. Migrant and incarcerated black and brown labor is the very foundation that capitalism is built on and will forever be vilified. Some of the people she loves and cares about the most in this valley are escaping U.S. violence and imperialism in the northern triangle of Central America. They come into this country and live every single day of their lives in danger of the police here. How can you have progressive police if their job will always be to enforce the border and enforce deportation?

Jake Meginsky, who identified himself as a lifelong western Mass resident and resident of Ward 3, echoed a lot of the things that have been said. He has waited five hours to say clearly to city councilors, "Reject this budget and do not increase funding to the police department by nearly $190,000." He would also like to echo the notion that this is not simply about finding ways to deliver reform or training. Additionally, while there is an immense amount of justifiable anger and grief over the recent police murders, he would say the over 700 people who came and went over the course of the evening showed up because there is in fact a sustained movement to divest from policing in Northampton. He would like to know the number of people who came and went throughout the night and wants it entered into the record. He would think if they all showed up at City Hall this would have gone very differently. It was unclear from the beginning that they had a moment to speak and what the protocol would be and he hopes that's made clear to residents and community members who show up tomorrow. He believes in the power of a police-free future. From his perspective, a world without policing is a world where law is not enforced through the punitive use of force and justice is enacted in a restorative way. If they define policing as part of a social relationship made up of productive practices and interventions that they all agree are for the common good, then he believes there are alternative structures and professionals that can more effectively deliver those interventions. He does not believe the current model of policing protects them from violence. Additionally, the roots of this policing model as has been said is closely linked to the capture of people escaping slavery and the enforcement of a racist, capitalist, violent and post-colonial structure that they have a clear responsibility to dismantle, not just acknowledge. He's talking about a gradual process of reallocating resources and responsibility away from the police and towards emerging, community-based models of safety, support, intervention and prevention.

Brian Zayatz, Hadley resident, commended councilors on their ability to continuously misunderstand the things that their constituents are asking of them. Their demand is pretty simple – they are asking for a defunding of the police. They are not here because they're angry; they're not angry - they're bored; they've been here for five hours. They are here because they are organized. They are going to abolish the police, and [councilors] have the ability to do so now peacefully.

Samantha Reidle, who identified herself as a white trans woman and journalist who resides in Ward 3, echoed a lot of the things said. Most crucial is how reprehensible the response from the council has been. To believe that this is somehow an isolated incident because they are feeling very strongly about George Floyd in particular or that this just coincidentally lines up with COVID-19 and them being stuck at home – that's insulting; it's insulting to every single person here and it's insulting to the black people who are dying around this country. Councilor LaBarge is one of the council members who was at the first council meeting they went to in 2018 when they were

having this conversation about the police department wanting to expand its collection of riot gear. Excusing that as just being a routine budget item, this is ludicrous. Police are not equipped to deal with the systemic problems facing the valley with regards to drug crime. Douglas Branford in 2018 was allegedly using heroin in Pulaski Park. Police officers responded and pulled their weapons on him. When he took out a knife and held it to his own throat saying that he had nothing to lose because he had three warrants out on him, they pulled their guns on him. That was their initial response to try to stop a suicidal person. The way they got him to surrender was to bring out a 40mm not-less-lethal gun. This is not the way they need to be solving problems in society. For all of them to sit there and tell them that they don't know any better and that they are coming from a place of emotion is insulting to every single person, and they need to do a lot of soul-searching right now.

Ward 2 resident **Jamila Gore** said she agreed with every single person who spoke before her, especially Emma who talked about the history of the police and how it's a systematic form of oppression against people of color and especially against people of African descent. She is a person of African descent. If you are not a person of color, she doesn't think you can speak on whether the police are biased on a racial basis; she doesn't really think you have the authority to talk about that. It was sad to hear Dr. Provost apologizing for asking for a 5% increase in the school budget. She is surprised there are so many people on this call and glad that people in this community [inaudible].

Sammy Cunningham, Ward 3, said she is calling to provide some testimony to ask the city council to veto this budget and to divest in police services in order to invest in social services, specifically mobile crisis. She works with the local homeless community. She was on call for a substance abuse emergency where a Northampton police officer responded. They were very verbally abusive to the homeless person who was experiencing the substance abuse crisis. Many police officers were holding this person, who had a physical disability, very roughly. Thankfully she was involved and was able to help deescalate. The police only succeeded in escalating the situation and creating a much more unsafe situation. She is really glad Mimi Odgers talked about Cahoots in Eugene, Oregon. It is a mobile crisis service that actually responds to people who are having mental health issues and effectively supports them. She thinks Northampton could really learn from this. The crisis contract with Community Support Options (CSO)…this is not a call about CSO, but she wanted to say that crisis services in Northampton and surrounding areas are incredibly ineffective. We could really be moving this money towards a service that supports people in need, including the homeless and people with mental health and substance abuse issues. She thinks they should veto this budget increase, divest in police and invest in social services, specifically mobile crisis social services.

Daniel Cannity, a western MA native and resident of Northampton since early 2019, related a personal experience from March 2014 when he participated in a Michael Brown protest in Northampton. While there, he was followed by a police officer with his hand on his weapon for 10 minutes. It took his white friends to stand to the right of him in front of that police officer before he left. He didn't start any problems because he didn't want to be shot. Chief Kasper has talked about training and how great it is. He thinks that it is really wonderful except that it doesn't work because he is still followed by police when he walks through Northampton, the town he lives in. When he walks home from work, he gets followed through Pulaski Park by officers that are standing outside. If that is supposed to be something training fixed, why hasn't it been fixed in the five years since he's been here? That's unacceptable. So if they're putting money towards training, his big question is why. He asked them to think about what they're attaching to their budget increases, where that money is going and to make sure there are measurable improvements before they approve more let alone the continuation of those funds. He asked all of them to think closely and carefully about what they intend to do because "we will all be watching."

Jamila Gore re-established her connection. She commended Northampton High School for organizing the March that took place on Monday. She was shocked they had to protest while being in the presence of police in riot gear and had to deal with tear gas. She also was saddened that Superintendent Provost was apologetic in asking for a 5% increase in the budget for Northampton schools. That's where they need their money to go right now; to schools, to health services, to mental health services, to social services and to housing. They need to focus on the issues here in their community like addiction and domestic violence. She lives right across the street from where the murder/suicide was last winter. Those are the issues that cannot be solved by bringing in police that often escalate issues like that. She is really glad to see so many people

on this call and it is from years of being organized against these kind of things that happen in their community. This is not an overnight issue for most of the people on this call.

Northampton resident **Molly Smith** echoed what everyone else has said. As a white person she doesn't feel as if she has anything to add but as a disabled person she can say that the city is not meeting the needs of its disabled people and they can redirect funds that way. When she had surgery, she tried to go outside and tripped on the sidewalk because all the sidewalks are uneven. She knows they have a Disability Commission but she has yet to see a comprehensive plan for addressing the mobility issues people with disabilities face when they go out on their sidewalks and a comprehensive plan to make sure that snow is plowed. She doesn't understand why they are talking about increasing the police budget when they know police to be rather violent, racist, homophobic and transphobic when they could be investing that in both infrastructure and helping the community to grow during this time.

Erica Roper, current Somerville resident and former longtime Northampton resident, said she is a victim of brutality by Northampton police. She was held down and handcuffed naked when they came to her home for a well-being check. She wanted to show up here from the voice of folks who've been through this.

She knows the only issue on the table is the proposed budget and she does not support this increase. She hopes there is an opportunity for a true negotiation that involves the public, not just a hearing. She'd like to see more from the city to let them know that they're actually being heard.

Ward 1 resident **Patrick Waite** reiterated the previously-expressed sentiment that it is incredibly inappropriate for many of their elected officials to not be here since they've sat through the presentation on the budget to hear what the residents of Northampton are saying collectively and pretty much unanimously at this point. "We are calling for our councilmen and women to reject this proposed increase." On a personal level, as someone who has a beautiful black partner, he is terrified about what the police can do. He is terrified and it shakes him to his core. Speaking directly to those in the audience, he assured, "your voice has power."

Councilor Sciarra noted that Mayor Narkewicz is on this meeting and has been the whole time and Chief Kasper is watching the meeting, so she also is listening to everything being said.

"Don't you dare pass this budget," Deerfield resident **Ian Busher** admonished. Councilors might think police abolition is just a passing fad among young people, but it is a motivating force behind the biggest uprising in this country since 1968. "It's time for you to pick a side," he advised. He is appalled that elected officials maintain that Northampton is special mere days after children were maced. Increased unemployment does not lead to increased crime, it leads to increased missed rent payments. The chief doesn't want more cops to stop crime, she wants more police to evict Northampton families from their homes. If they want to resolve this crisis, they need to stop paying cops to harass families, harass people who are black and harass people who are marginalized. At the very least don't increase the budget for the police, he implored.

Irene Choi of Amherst said she wanted to acknowledge the historical context of how the police and the whole criminal justice system in this country is founded on anti-black racism. The origins of the police come from slave patrols. This is an institution that is anti-black to its core. She said she wanted to address this good cop/bad cop narrative. This is a progressive police force but to try to separate good cops from bad cops is to obscure the issue. They all take part in state-sanctioned violence and choose to take part in a criminal justice system that is built on institutionalized racism. She is asking to defund the police.

Jenny Landon, Ward 3, thanked everyone who shared their stories of police brutality at the hands of the Northampton Police Department. She thought that was incredibly brave. Chief Kasper is probably going to make the case that this budget increase is inevitable due to contractual budget increases from the union. Two years ago, it was so necessary to get this big increase for riot gear. Every single year there is going to be an excuse. We all just have to make a decision as to where we draw the line, and this is a good moment to do that.

Mattie Hamer, Ward 4, said he cannot think of a more blatantly insulting and inappropriate time to be increasing police department funding than during a worldwide period of protest by a massive number of people calling for widespread police defunding and reform after another in a

series of countless murders of unarmed black people at the hands of racist and violent police. "You are all cowards, you are all push overs, you are all traitors to the people you serve, especially Chief Kasper," he proclaimed. He said he was sure the chief wasn't listening, but, if she is listening, he said he hoped she can't sleep tonight after hearing of the disgusting behaviors of the officers whose salaries she protects against Northampton residents. This is shameful. This is not an isolated problem. It is a widespread, white supremacist organization of violent police. These are gangs of lethally-armed, legally-unaccountable inherently racist and violent police who are 'just following orders' and they have completely outlived their usefulness. There is this mind-boggling paranoia that police and police sympathizers have that so many of the roles police play in our community and society cannot be played by people who are not police, "and that is bullshit." He referred to the widespread belief that if they take officers off the street, things would devolve into chaos. If you hold that belief, you are a bigot, a racist and a classist and you don't believe in the power of an organized community, what you believe in is instilling the fear of death or incarceration into the hearts of people at the hands of police. He urged the council to vehemently denounce the Mayor's budget proposal.

Rachel Koh, Ward 3 resident and professor at Smith College, said she is urging the city council and Mayor Narkewicz to make a plan to systematically decrease and ultimately eliminate the police in the City of Northampton. It is not enough not to increase the budget and not enough to do a one-year decrease in funding. They need a multi-year plan that culminates in the complete defunding of the police. She said she wanted to talk about why so-called progressive policing doesn't work. She read aloud an excerpt from a New York Times op ed. article entitled "No More Money for the Police" written by Phillip V. McHarris and Thenjwe McHarris.

Joe Miken, Ward 3, uttered the words: "the history of police brutality, protecting property over lives, taking black and brown lives" and urged those present to "abolish prison industrial complex, abolish ICE, defund the police."

Community-based practices are proven to work, he confirmed. He suggested options such as peer support systems for mental health issues and directing funds toward community supports like Grow Food Northampton, the Survival Center, Afiya and Northampton Recovery Community. He hopes they are able to decrease and eventually defund the Northampton Police Department. He echoed and agreed with everything people had said and thanked people for sharing their powerful statements.

Ward 6 resident **Claire Kuhn**, a licensed psychologist at the doctoral level who works as public employee in the field of human services, said the thing that shocked her is that there was training done in Israel. Never in her mind would she request such an expensive training knowing it would result in less money for other services. It's selfish and she feels like it was an irresponsible decision. Moreover, there is evidence that training with exposure to violence and violent technology increases the likelihood that violence will be used. If there was to be any training, she would think they would want to learn from a country like South Korea where there is practically no crime at all. The idea of going to the place where they probably have the most violent police in western civilization is amazing to her. To use money toward decreasing problems, why not develop something like the community crisis response team that BHN crisis has developed in their area, she suggested. Team members have access to the radio so they can join in on crisis calls as needed. She is looking at moving if this is where the country and city is going. It is absolutely crazy to her that they would want to consider themselves as an advanced civilization when there is this level of violence and that there is training being used for increasing it. "It's an oxymoron," she asserted.

Northampton resident **Emily Hunerwadel** said she has never in her life been to a city council budget hearing, but now she is activated. "If this response to this meeting doesn't shake you to your core as an elected official, I don't know what will," she exclaimed. She pointed out what she referred to as the 'logical fallacy' of the chief's statements about training. The city has increased the budget for training but when asked how effective training is chosen, the chief basically said she didn't know. There is no formal protocol for selection or evaluation of training programs. As businesspeople investing, "you've made a bad investment and you should defund them now," she exhorted. Along with the macing of teenagers, the cops made fun of people of color who were sharing their experiences at the protest on Monday. As councilmen, they should be shaken to the core by the response to this meeting.

Jake Wise, Ward 1, asked if anybody had driven up and down King Street at 3 a.m. and counted the number of cop cruisers. He has. They're just sitting there. In the middle of winter he goes walking and the sidewalks are icy and he's thinking, where are this town's priorities? He's not from Massachusetts, but he has never lived in a place that is so self-congratulatory about how enlightened it is. He wanted to emphasize this and suggest humbly that it might be blinding some of them to what's going on and where they sit. His friend was chased down and beaten by police several years ago in Northampton because he was having a mental breakdown. The friend is now afraid to set foot in Northampton or drive through.

He thinks the model in Eugene, OR should be looked at. He understands the union contract doesn't allow the budget to be decreased with the current level of staffing. He wants to see a more systemic conversation. As a Jewish white male, the role of police he saw when growing up is they were guarding the synagogue as members were coming and going.

Mary Alice Jester stated that she lives in Easthampton but went through public school in Northampton. She personally does not believe that progressive policing works. She also wanted to bring up the fact that the people receiving these raises are people like Captain Robert Powers who at the protest Monday said "one bad hamburger at McDonald's does not make McDonald's bad." Chief Kasper was not specific when it came to funding for COVID. She knows two things money is being used for are raises and hybrid cars and she thinks that is completely inappropriate for their current time.

DL Grant said how proud she was of everyone here. She said she supported everything said and wanted the city council to defund the police and not increase the budget. She lives in Easthampton but was a resident of Northampton up to this past year and worked downtown at the Green Bean. She had an experience where she was working and helping people get sat and the police pulled up with multiple cruisers, jumped out and immediately pulled out their guns in the face of a houseless man who had a cat because they thought he was the man who robbed the bank down the street. "They're a joke, and you need to defund them." If Jody Kasper is listening, "your staff, your team, your fraternity of policemen are f***ing jokes and they deserve to be defunded."

Matthew Grimaldi, Ward 6, said he wanted to talk about how progressive policing is a paradox. Progressive means there's a future in some capacity to this organization. If the future of the police is not the eventual abolishment of the police because they have solved the problems for which police are necessitated it means they are either a) ignoring those problems, or b) deliberately perpetuating those problems. The only logical conclusion of that is that they need to abolish them before they don't abolish themselves. What are some things they can do with the money used to defund the police? They can put in stop-gap measures. They can establish civilian review boards. They can use money to hire mental health professionals and addiction experts in place of cops. Finally, he would like to ask that council members make the decision right now to defund the police so they never have this problem again.

Amanda Hecht, Florence, said her problem with policing in general is they seem to demand respect rather than asking for it. She's an educator, and she's noticed that teachers that demand respect from their children do not build a good community. Teachers who give respect first to their students and classroom community can forge that strong and powerful community. They need to work first on solving systemic problems of poverty and mental health.

Ezekiel Baskin, who works in Northampton, said he agreed with pretty much everything said. With respect to the idea that the budget hearing is somehow not the appropriate place for this, this is the time in the year when the city council has the most power to do its job. This approval or veto of the budget is in some ways the most important task laid out for them as city councilors, he contended. He thinks it is vital that they veto the budget tomorrow so there is time to redraft it before the second reading. They have time to work on something else and the only way that time will be useful is by vetoing some or all of the budget tomorrow. This is the place where they as city councilors have power, have voice, and can use it to make real change.

Lachlan Thompson, Ward 5, identified himself as a trauma educator – a peer support specialist - and a survivor of police violence. He is calling on them to defund the police department. He would like to take the time to note the enormity of times survivors of police violence have spoken out tonight. "If that doesn't shake you to your core, I don't know what will." It shouldn't take people disclosing their trauma for this government to act. How would it feel to live under the terror of

white supremacy every day of your life? Numerous studies have shown that those who witness and live in proximity to police violence score extremely high on PTSD disclosure tests. How can we justify the traumatization of our community? How can we continue to justify the targeting of black, brown and indigenous people? We know that restorative justice works, we know that transformative justice works. We have support networks like Tapestry. We know that this is possible, we just need to be courageous enough to defund the police and redirect those funds toward social work. If the Northampton police are so aggrieved by filling the cracks of social services, isn't the response to fund social services? Do the right thing to protect black, brown and indigenous lives.

Rowan Crocker, Northampton, said she agrees with the comments so far and does not want the proposed budget to the police department approved. She urged them to defund the Northampton Police Department and reallocate those funds to social services and alternatives to policing.

Laura Howard of Amherst echoed previous requests for the establishment of a citizen review board, defunding the Northampton Police Department and making that decision tomorrow as Ezekiel requested so they have time to redraft. The Minneapolis city council had discussions for abolishing their police department in 2019 but were not successful. She demands them to join them in their interest in defunding their police department and demands them to be bold and brave and realize that all of their constituents are watching them.

David [inaudible] said he lives in the hill towns but works in Northampton. His own police experience came when he was about 17 years old and two cars full of drunk, high drivers tried to run him off the road to kill him. When all three of their cars ended up crashing as a result, the police officer who responded tried to charge him with reckless endangerment. Police have never in his experience deescalated a situation or made problems go away. He has a proposal to make based on some of the comments – since police are saying they need a raise, go ahead and give them the raise, then when they have a shortfall, take the money set aside for training and train them to do something nonviolent and productive for the community. That way, as they go through this phase out plan, they will have a police force that's been trained to do other things. It's a win/win. The community saves money, etc. The Los Angeles City Council just proposed legislation to reduce funding to the police department by $100 million and transfer that balance to social services. Are they going to be on the right side of history or the wrong side?

Jesse Hassinger – with wife Amy Francaes commented that, as downtown business owners and Ward 4 residents, he would like to echo some of the points brought up by Councilor Rachel Maiore and residents Alisa Klein, Tom Gregg, Amanda Hecht, Esther Daube-Valois, Ezekiel Baskin, etc. There are far better ways to support their communities, especially those underserved among them. Transferring Northampton police funds to other organizations and creating new and better groups to help these individuals needs to happen this fiscal year. Despite some of the name-calling done tonight, he hopes the true call for refusing the budget increase to the NPD comes through. They will be back tomorrow night to witness what they hope will be a refusal of the Northampton Police Department budget.

Amy Francaes, business owner and Ward 4 resident, echoed everything Jesse Hassinger said and thanked council members for being on this call until 11:20 p.m. and however much longer it goes.

Dana Osterling, Ward 2, said she agreed with and is in solidarity with the statements people made before her. She also joined this call to voice her strong opinion that the budget proposal for a $200,000 increase to the police budget should be shut down. Her recommendation and hope as a resident is that that money could be reallocated to other services. She is also a state employee working in health care and provide services for many members of the community. Especially in such a difficult time in a pandemic and amidst an historical uprising, she thinks their community could be a model. They have so many people, including council members, who really care about this community and want to make it better. The way to do it is not through policing.

Bo Clark of Hadley, who identified herself as a Northampton High School alum and Cooley baby, said she agrees with everyone who has spoken before her and urges the council to reject the police budget, defund the police and divert the funds to departments that actually help the community and keep it safe. Northampton has always been touted as progressive while being extremely segregated and despite ample racism and racial profiling. They have seen the attitudes

of many council members who truly believe Northampton to be so progressive and of Police Chief Jody Kasper that the Northampton police force participates in progressive policing despite well-documented incidents of excessive force, including the pepper-spraying of a minor at the weekend protest. These have happened under the guise of progressive policing. Los Angeles just today proposed a motion to slash its police department. If Northampton is truly progressive, let us lead the way in defunding the police and coming up with alternative creative solutions to community safety.

Hannah Mohan of Ward 7A echoed what others have said and said she would really like to not give the police more money during this pandemic and historic uprising. There is no reason to increase the budget – please don't.

Northampton resident **Tadea Martin-Gonzalez** said she has been fortunate not to have been subjected to police violence. Almost exactly a year ago, they came out to testify about why their schools needed to be funded and now here they are again with the override passed and their schools still struggling while some of the override goes to the $200,000 increase in the police budget. In addition to being a graduating NHS student, she also sits on the Department of Education's Return to School working group. She is one of two student representatives and sits on a 16-member committee with five police chiefs. The demographics hardest hit by the coronavirus are also those least supported by their schools and most at risk of dropping out.

The police need to be fully defunded. She urged them to consider what could be done with just a fraction of the $200,000 such as purchasing new textbooks, paying for increased mental health services within the high school and paying for calculators and other technologies that their ELO program does not currently have access to. There are so many things that their school simply doesn't have the money for. She stands with everyone in calling for defunding the police because, at the end of the day, it is their education system and other social services that will prevent the root causes of these crimes instead of violently just dealing with the symptoms.

Elliot Overholzer, Easthampton resident, said in his time in Northampton he has seen a lot of Northampton business owners using the police to enforce who they don't want inside and in the vicinity of their stores. The houseless people who spend time in Northampton are just as important a part of the community as the business owners. There is never going to be an effective conversation about what public space is and who gets to use public space in Northampton as long as the police continue to be used to enforce a really violent and unequal relationship that way. When they talk about defunding the police, probably a lot of the pushback is going to come from business owners, and he just wanted to hold that up to the light.

Rafaela Wade, Florence, said she knows from a former colleague in the Northampton public defender's office that they are not receiving raises and are still awaiting news about possible layoffs. She just knows that it seems tone deaf to discuss wages as obvious and inevitable in this context. She wanted to support and express appreciation for the really traumatic stories and well-researched points of view.

Ali Meizels of Enfield, CT, student at Mount Holyoke College, said that, as a five college student, she would like to speak to her experience is as a college student in the valley. She believes restorative justice combined with the use of specialized unarmed community members is a far safer alternative to policing, especially on college campuses and especially in cases involving mental health. A police-free future is possible and they in the Pioneer Valley and five college community are more than ready for it. Please, please vote tomorrow to reject the proposed budget.

Ace Tayloe, Ward 3, echoed the majority of what has been said tonight. He thanked councilors for their patience and said he hoped they understand that a lot of people are speaking from a great deal of emotion and that any invective directed toward them can be filtered out. He brought out the police chief's yearly income is $150,278. This is more than the mayor makes; in fact, the chief of police, captains and lieutenants all make more than the mayor makes. If the chief is really concerned about balancing the budget, he would encourage her to take a pay cut to prioritize the trainings she claims to so strongly support.

Franek Russe Renee [unintelligible], who identified himself as **a** queer, non-binary, Afro-Dominican living in Amherst, said he has been living in the area for almost a decade. He escaped

New York City where he faced regular persecution from police forces which has unfortunately been brought back through his recent experiences in this area. He pursued his undergraduate and graduate degrees and has done everything western society told him to do to not only survive but thrive in this society and moved to an area that was quote/unquote supposedly a "utopian haven" for people like him. As he now looks to continue his career professionally and to buy a home, he's been looking at Northampton as a place he's always admired. His own trauma has been brought back by his own experiences with Northampton police being pulled over wrongfully last summer. He doesn't think these police need to get increased funding. They are hearing everything combining to say this is not what they need. He referred to the "surprising beautiful number from Los Angeles" that is only the first step in showing we can also be progressive, we can also defund the police, it is not unrealistic at all. He thanked his brothers and sisters, black, brown, Latinx, disabled, etc. "I hear you," he assured. He hopes the council members hear them and he hopes they see change. He hopes to become a proud resident of Northampton.

Bob Wilson, Ward 3, commented that, with the pandemic, this is a whole new format for this type of thing. He remembered all being packed into a room pushing back against the purchase of riot gear. He can't believe what a great effort everyone has made sticking on for five hours to tell their stories and being very rational and very prepared. He applauds them. He was very disappointed in the condescending tone they got from Bill and very disappointed in David for his condescending tone. Chief Kasper is just so tone deaf; that evaluation of training programs is just so unprofessional. He has zero faith in her ability to lead. There's no leadership in the way she responded today.

Jake Carroll, Ward 3, said he came in late because he was at the protest in Springfield. It was a beautiful protest with lots of people marching of different colors. It was emotional but it was under control until the police decided en masse to line up in front of the protestors for no reason. They were there for five hours and there was never any threat to them until they decided to escalate it. When he is around police he is nervous every time. He cannot imagine being black and fearing for your life every time you step out the door. If they really want to be progressive it's time to not just take baby steps but to really do something big and he hopes they can start with this budget tomorrow.

Lucy Sloan, Ward 4, thanked everyone for their highly-researched ideas. She wanted to throw in one last one which she hadn't heard - police officer liability insurance. She just wanted to throw that out as a suggestion for where that money could go instead of to the police department.

Seeing no further speakers, Councilor Sciarra reminded all that they are not closing this public hearing, they are continuing it to tomorrow's meeting at 7 p.m.

Karissa Rigali, Ward 1, thanked everyone for staying on tonight. It has really been powerful hearing everyone's messages. She reiterated that she would like to defund the police department and redirect funding especially to social services and mental health services. She is hoping to redirect funding to more productive and effective change.

Councilor Dwight moved to continue the public hearing to June 4, 2020 at 7 p.m. Rachel Maiore seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with Councilor LaBarge absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Information (Charter Provision 2-7) & Study Requests	**Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests** None
Motion to Adjourn	**Upon motion made by Councilor Quinlan and seconded by Councilor Dwight, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m. The motion carried 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor LaBarge).** Attest:_____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council

City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **Richard & Sharon Huntley**

Type of License: **Junk Dealer**

Location of Business: **254 Easthampton Road**

Print Name of Applicant: (V) RICHARD HUNTLEY

Signature of Applicant: (V) Richard Huntley

Address of Applicant: (V) No. PO BOX 172 Street LEEDS MA

In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

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Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: Richard & Sharon Huntley

Location of Business: 254 Easthampton Road

The Northampton City Council, in determining whether to issue, re-issue, modify, suspend or revoke a license. under G.L. c. 140,shall require that a potential or current licensee certify that they are not subject to a federal or state criminal or civil judgment, administrative citation, order or final administrative determination resulting from a violation of G.L. c. 149, c. 151, or the Fair Labor Standards Act The City Council may require a wage bond or insurance be posted by any potential licensee who does not certify that they are not subject to a federal or state criminal or civil judgment, administrative citation, order or final administrative determination resulting from a violation of G.L. c. 149, c. 151, or the Fair Labor Standards Act. Licensees that are subject to a state or federal debarment for violation of the above laws, either voluntarily or involuntarily, or that have been prohibited from contracting with the Commonwealth or any of its agencies or subdivisions shall be prohibited from holding, or continuing to hold, licenses issued under G.L. c. 140, for the entire period of debarment or other stated time period.

Applicants must check box 1 or box 2 as applicable and must sign this Form, certifying compliance with the requirements set out in this Form. This Form must be included with the application.

AFFADAVIT: (√) (Choose 1 below)

☒ This License applicant is not subject to a federal or state criminal or civil judgment, administrative citation, order or final administrative determination resulting from a violation of G.L. c. 149, c. 151, or the Fair Labor Standards Act within the last three years.

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(√) RICHARD HUNTLEY
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(√) R Richard Huntley
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Richard & Sharon Huntley

Location of Business: 254 Easthampton Road

The license (as a/for a) Junk Dealer will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I, (√) RICHARD HUNTLEY **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(√) _____

Signature of Owner or Agent

(√) _____ **or** (√) [redacted]

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

Your social security number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Licenses who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will be subject to license suspension or revocation. This request is made under the authority of Massachusetts General Law, chapter 62C, section 49A.

City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **Norman E. Menard**

Type of License: **Junk Dealer**

Location of Business: **25 Garfield Avenue**

Print Name of Applicant: (√) NORMAN E. MENARD

Signature of Applicant: (√) Norman E. Menard

Address of Applicant: (√) No. 25 Street Garfield Ave Florence

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In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

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Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: Norman E. Menard

Location of Business: 25 Garfield Avenue

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AFFADAVIT: (√) (Choose 1 below)

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(√) NORMAN E MENARD
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(√) Norman E Menard
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Norman E. Menard

Location of Business: 25 Garfield Avenue

The licenses (as a/for a) Secondhand Dealer and Junk Dealer will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I, (V) NORMAN E. MENARD **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(V) _____

Signature of Owner or Agent

(V) [redacted] **or (V)** _____

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

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City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **Antiques Corner**

Type of License: **Secondhand Dealer**

Location of Business: 81 **~~91~~ Loudville Road**

Print Name of Applicant: (√) Louis M FARRICK

Signature of Applicant: (√) Louis M Farrick

Address of Applicant: (√) No. 81 Street LOUDVILLE RD

In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

_____
Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: **Antiques Corner**

Location of Business: **~~91~~ 81 Loudville Road**

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(√) LOUIS FARRICK (√) Louis M Farrick

(Typed or printed name of applicant) (Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Antiques Corner

Location of Business: 91 Loudville Road

The license (as a/for a) Secondhand Dealer will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I (✓) Louis M. Farrick **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(✓) _____

Signature of Owner or Agent

OPTIONAL

(✓) _____ **or (✓)** _____

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

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City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **Cancer Connection Thrift Shop**

Type of License: **Secondhand Dealer**

Location of Business: **375 South Street**

Print Name of Applicant: (V) Christine Quinn

Signature of Applicant: (V) Christine Quinn

Address of Applicant: (V) No. 20 Street Zabek Drive
Easthampton, MA

In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

_____
Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: **Cancer Connection Thrift Shop**

Location of Business: **375 South Street**

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(√) Christine Quinn
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(√) Christine Quinn
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Cancer Connection Thrift Shop

Location of Business: 375 South Street

The license (as a/for a) Secondhand Dealer will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I, (V) Christine Quinn **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(V) Christine Quinn

Signature of Owner or Agent

(V)_____ **or (V)** [redacted]

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

cancer connection, inc

Your social security number will be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Licenses who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will be subject to license suspension or revocation. This request is made under the authority of Massachusetts General Law, chapter 62C, section 49A.

City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **The Family Jewels**

Type of License: **Secondhand Dealer**

Location of Business: **56 Green Street**

The Family Jewels Inc.

Print Name of Applicant: (V) Richard J. Stone

Signature of Applicant: (V) Richard J. Stone

Address of Applicant: (V) No. 56 Street Green St.

In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

_____

City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

_____

Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: **The Family Jewels**

Location of Business: **56 Green Street**

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(V) The Family Jewels Inc.
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(V) Richard J. Stone
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: The Family Jewels

Location of Business: 56 Green Street

The license (as a/for a) Secondhand Dealer will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I, (V) Richard J. Stone **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(V) Richard J Stone

Signature of Owner or Agent

(V)_____ **or** (V)[redacted]

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

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City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **Norman E. Menard**

Type of License: **Secondhand Dealer**

Location of Business: **25 Garfield Avenue**

Print Name of Applicant: (√) NORMAN E MENARD

Signature of Applicant: (√) Norman E Menard

Address of Applicant: (√) No. 25 Street Garfield Ave

In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

_____

City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

_____

Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: Norman E. Menard

Location of Business: 25 Garfield Avenue

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(√) NORMAN E MENARD
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(√) Norman E Menard
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Norman E. Menard

Location of Business: 25 Garfield Avenue

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I, (V) NORMAN E. MENARD **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(V) _____

Signature of Owner or Agent

(V) [redacted] **or (V)** _____

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City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **Sassy Pants Vintage & Used Clothing**

Type of License: **Secondhand Dealer**

Location of Business: **2 Conz St. Unit 2 Northampton, MA 01060**

Print Name of Applicant: (√) Kathleen Malongoski

Signature of Applicant: (√) Kathleen Malongoski

Address of Applicant: (√) No. 2 Street Conz Street Unit #42

In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

_____

City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

_____

Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: **Sassy Pants Vintage & Used Clothing**

Location of Business: **2 Conz St. Unit 2 Northampton, MA 01060**

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(√) Kathleen Nolongoski
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(√) Kathleen Nolongoski
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Sassy Pants Vintage & Used Clothing

Location of Business: 2 Conz St. Unit 2 Northampton, MA 01060

The license (as a/for a) Secondhand Dealer will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I, (V) Kathleen Molongoski **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(V) Kathleen Molongoski

Signature of Owner or Agent

(V) [redacted] **or (V)**_____

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

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City of Northampton

Application for Annual License

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., _____

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Northampton:

The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body for a License as follows:

Name of Business: **Urban Exchange**

Type of License: **Secondhand Dealer**

Location of Business: **233 Main Street**

Print Name of Applicant: (V) Silvia Naumburger

Signature of Applicant: (V) _____

Address of Applicant: (V) No. 233 Street Main

In City Council, _____

Referred to Committee on Licenses.

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

In Committee on Licenses, _____

Voted to recommend that Petition ____be granted, _____ not granted

ATTEST:

_____
Clerk

In City Council, _____(date)

Voted that Petition be _____ granted _____not granted

Attest: _____*Clerk to City Council*

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: **Urban Exchange**

Location of Business: **233 Main Street**

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(√) Silvia Naumburger
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(√) _____
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Urban Exchange

Location of Business: 233 Main Street

The license (as a/for a) Secondhand Dealer will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I, (√) Silvia Naumburger **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(√)_____

Signature of Owner or Agent

(√)_____ **or** (√)[redacted]

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

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Form 01-Business

City of Northampton

Application for Business Owner's Permit - Vehicle for Hire

PRINT ALL INFORMATION (except signature)

(Check one) [ ] New Application [X] Renewal Today's Date: 6/30/20

(Check one) [X] Taxi Service [ ] Livery Service

Name (First, Middle, Last) Jeffrey David Miller

Residential Address 241 Haydenville Rd. Leeds MA 01053
Number Street City/Town State Zip Code

Corportation Name:

DBA Name: Cosmic Cab Company

Business Address 160 Main st. #8 Northampton MA 01060
Number Street City/Town State Zip Code

Mailing Address "Same"
Number Street City/Town State Zip Code

Telephone Number for the business owner: 413-687-8865

Telephone Number for the business: 413-230-6119

Description of Motor Vehicles to be operated under permit: (2) 2008 Dodge Caravan (1) 2001 Chevy Suburban, (1) 2005 Dodge Magnum, (1) 2007 Chevvy Suburban,

Hours of Operation: 6am - 3am - 7 Days

Sworn to this _____ day of _____, 20_____, before me.

_____
City Clerk

FOR LICENSING AUTHORITY USE

In City Council, _____, voted that this petition is _____
is not _____ granted.

Attest: _____
Clerk to the City Council

ıer City Ordinance c. 316 s. 17

Appeal Filed ? _____ Date _____

City of Northampton

AFFADAVIT OF WAGE COMPLIANCE

Name of Business: **Cosmic Cab**

Location of Business: **23 Hooker Avenue** (garage)
160 Main St #8 (main office)

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(√) Jeffrey Miller
(Typed or printed name of applicant)

(√) _____
(Signature)

City of Northampton

STATEMENT OF ALL TAXES FILED AND PAID

Name of Business: Cosmic Cab

Location of Business: 23 Hooker Avenue (garage)
160 Main St #8 (main office)

The license to operate Taxi Cabs will not be issued unless this certification clause is signed by the applicant listed on the license.

I, (V) Jeffrey Miller **(print name of owner or authorized agent of the business) certify under the penalties of perjury that I, to my best knowledge and belief, have field all state tax returns and paid all state taxes as required under law.**

(V)_____

Signature of Owner or Agent

(V)[redacted] **or** (V)_____

Social Security Number **Federal Identification Number**

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City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.083 An Order to Approve Issuance of Refunding Bonds

Ordered, that

in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of refunding bonds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, at one time or from time to time, to refund all or any portion of the City's general obligation bonds outstanding as of the date of adoption of this order, and that the proceeds of the refunding bonds issued pursuant to this order shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the bonds of the City to be refunded and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds; and that any premium received by the City upon the sale of any refunding bonds approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, July 9, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor, Planning & Sustainability, and Planning Board

20.087 An Order to Approve Spending to Complete the Northview Subdivision

Whereas, The Planning Board has ordered the calling of the financial performance guarantee (Lenders Agreement) on the Northview Subdivision at Village Hill because of the failure of the developer/owner to complete the subdivision in accordance with the subdivision plans; and

Whereas, The Planning Board also holds the covenants on two lots as an additional performance guarantee; and

Whereas, Northview Subdivision needs additional grading, site stabilization, drainage, sidewalk, asphalt, and related work to complete the project; and

Whereas, The City will only fund improvements to the extent those improvements are funded from the financial performance guarantees and the release of covenants.

Ordered that, Northampton City Council in accordance with the subdivision control law (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41U, Section 81U) and the Northampton subdivision regulations, authorizes the expenditure of performance guarantee funds to meet the costs and expenses of the city in completing the work as specified in the approved plan and to refund remaining funds, if any.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.088 An Order to Authorize Payment of Prior Year Bills

Ordered, that

That the Council authorize payment of the following prior year bills totaling $872.18:

Central Services	Hodge City Plumbing (FY19)	$220.86
Central Services	Hodge City Plumbing (FY18)	$206.00
Central Services	Hodge City Plumbing (FY18)	$411.86
Central Services	WB Mason (FY19)	$23.65
Central Services	WB Mason (FY16)	$ 9.81

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.089 An Order to Authorize FY2021 Intermunicipal Agreements

Ordered, that

Whereas MGL C.40 s. 4A allows for joint operation of public activities among governmental units, and

Whereas, MGL c. 40, s. 4A requires that such inter-governmental agreements be approved, in a city, by the City Council and the Mayor, and;

Whereas the City of Northampton provides services to and shares services with other municipalities;

Therefore pursuant to MGL C. 40 s. 4A the City Council hereby authorizes the City of Northampton to enter into the following inter-municipal agreements for FY2020 (all agreements for one year unless specifically noted):

Contract with Town of **Williamsburg for Building Inspection and Zoning Enforcement Services** – agreement to provide the Town of Williamsburg with services for a lump sum annual fee.

Contract with Town of **Williamsburg for Electrical Inspection Services** – agreement to provide the Town of Williamsburg with services, with permit fees turned over to the City of Northampton.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst, Hadley and Easthampton for **Municipal Hearing Officer** Services – agreement to provide Municipal Hearing Officer Services pursuant to MGL C.148A s.2c to hear complaints related to alleged violations of state building codes or the state fire codes for a lump sum per the agreement.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Hadley, Middlefield, Pelham, Williamsburg, Goshen and Worthington to provide **Veterans Services Officer Services** –

agreement to provide these services to the various communities and assessments to individual towns per the agreement.

Contract with the Towns of Granby, Hadley, Amherst, South Hadley and Easthampton, to provide **Sealer of Weights and Measures Services** – agreement to provide these services to the various communities and assessments to individual towns per the agreement.

Contract with the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments to monitor and support the **Greater Franklin County Economic Target Area.**

Contract with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to partner with the City of Northampton, through its Health Department, relative to the following contracts: 1) to provide services relative to the **Hampshire Medical Reserves Corps** and 2) to provide emergency management services for the **Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition**.

Contract with Amherst, South Hadley, Pelham, Ware, Belchertown and Easthampton – agreement to jointly create a coalition called the **Hampshire Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative** charged with mobilizing local boards of health, medical providers, educational facilities, social service agencies, community organizers and others in Hampshire County to create sustainable policies, programs and practices to change community ideas and expectations regarding opioid us and abuse, as well as to reduce the morbidity and mortality rates that result from opioid use and abuse.

Pioneer Valley Opioid Data Collaborative - Contract with Bay State Health Inc., City of Springfield Department of Health and Human Services, Hampden County DA, Northwestern DA, Hampden County Sheriff's Department, Opioid Task Force, Berkshire opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative, North Quabbin Community Coalition, Partners for a Healthier Community Inc – agreement to work cooperatively to create methods to collect, store and aggregate **data regarding opioid use** and abuse in the region with the goal of analyzing trends and identifying short and long term intervention strategies.

Contract with **Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District**, working under the oversight of the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, focused on mosquito surveillance and control. The City, through its Health Department participates in this regional effort to assist western Massachusetts communities with mosquito related health concerns.

Contract with the Towns of Amherst and Pelham to seek and accept grants where possible and to otherwise explore the mutual advantages of **electricity community aggregation**.

DART Case Management Database – A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between police departments, healthcare, behavioral health, and recovery centers allows the first responders who respond to an overdose to communicate to the outreach teams in the municipality in which

the person resides, thereby triggering a DART outreach. Partners: Hampshire County Police Departments - Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfied, Northampton, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Williamburg, Amherst College, MA State Police; Hampden County Police Departments - Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer, Longmeadow, West Springfield, Westfield, Wilbraham; Behavioral health Network, CSO, Gandara, Northampton Recovery Center, Western MA Training Consortium/Ware Recovery Center, The Nest Recovery Center; Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Baystate Health Systems, Holyoke Medical Center, Mercy/Trinity Health Systems; Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections.

Health Information Exchange – For the enhancement of the regional capacity for timely and comprehensive data collection to improve data efficiencies, cost savings, and improved service delivery by expanding our regional public health data capabilities. Partners: Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Opioid Task Force, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Hampshire County Police Departments - Amherst, Belchertown, Chesterfield, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfied, Northampton, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Williamburg, Amherst College, MA State Police. Hampden County Police Departments - Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Ludlow, Palmer, Longmeadow, West Springfield, Westfield, Wilbraham; Behavioral health Network, CSO, Gandara, Northampton Recovery Center, Western MA Training Consortium/Ware Recovery Center, The Nest Recovery Center; Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Baystate Health Systems, Holyoke Medical Center, Mercy/Trinity Health Systems; Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections; Northwest District Attorney, Massachusetts Ambulance TRIP data MATRIS, Department of Public Health, Mass Registry of Vital Records Death Certificate data, PDMP/Mass PAT, MAVEN & other Mass CHIP data and other relevant behavioral health and substance use related data.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission: Agreement to provide to the Planning and Sustainability Department the following: Planning technical assistance, traffic and transportation analysis, historic preservation planning, and housing rehabilitation services – through FY2023.

<u>The following are agreements currently authorized by the city and have not expired:</u>

Contract with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for **EPA Stormwater MS4 Permit Assistance** – through March of 2022

Paramedic Intercept Agreements with multiple towns and ambulance districts – through November of 2041

Contract with Pioneer Valley Transit Authority for **Senior Transportation Services** – through November of 2041

Contract with **Greenfield Community College to use one strand of our Five College Fiber Network** for an annual fee, per the agreement – through FY2022.

Contract with the Towns of Williamsburg, Goshen, Southampton, Chesterfield, Huntington, Hadley and Westhampton - agreement to provide **Laserfiche Hosting Services** for an annual fee thru FY2022.

Contract with **Pioneer Valley Bike Share** and to enter into agreements with the cities of West Springfield and Chicopee and the Town of Hadley to participate in the Pioneer Valley Bike Share program along with the following entities which are already part of the existing inter-municipal agreement for the program: Holyoke, Springfield, Amherst, South Hadley, UMASS, PVPC and Easthampton already approved through FY2021.

Contract to participate in the **Connecticut River Task Force** with the police departments of Easthampton, Hadley, South Hadley, Chicopee and the Northwestern District Attorney in partnership with the Massachusetts Environmental Police to enhance law enforcement efforts on the Connecticut River due to the heavy volume of boating activity within the regional boundaries of the adjacent agencies – three year agreement to May of 2022

Agreement **for Fiber Optic Cable with Five College Net, LLC** – Agreement to allow the city use of four strands of the Cable Network, including the right to transport and distribute digital signals for data – renewal of agreement for five years from 2019 – 2024 and allowing for automatic renewal for another five years from 2024-2028.

Agreement to participate in **the Domestic Violence Intervention Project**, a regional partnership formed between the Northwestern District Attorney's office, Safe Passage, The New England Learning Center for Women in Transition and area police departments – four year agreement to December of 2022.

Agreement to participate in the **Northwestern District Anti-Crime Task Force** with all communities and their respective law enforcement entities within the jurisdiction of the Northwestern District, which are within the jurisdiction of the Northwestern District courts and that of the Northwestern District Attorney's Office – multi-year agreement with no end date.

Contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and multiple towns for the **Mass in Motion Program**, renew for three more years - through FY2022.

Public Health Nursing Program - Contract to partner with the following communities to provide assistance with infectious disease surveillance reporting thru the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN) for the COVID-19 crisis: Middlefield, Chesterfield, Huntington, Plainfield, Worthington, Easthampton, East Longmeadow, and the Foothills Health District, which serves the towns of Whately, Westhampton, Williamsburg and Goshen for FY2020 and FY2021.

Young Adult Empowerment collaborative of Western Massachusetts - Contract to partner with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and the North

Quabbin Region – agreement to work cooperatively to develop and strengthen regional data systems serving your adults, preventing and addressing young adult misuse by creating and promoting evidence-based programming to support young people as they transition into the five stages of adulthood; and engaging families and communities in their roles to support young adults for FY2020 and FY2021.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.090 An Order to Appropriate $90,000 from Stabilization for Health and Safety Improvements to Treasurer-Collector Office

Ordered, that

The sum of $90,000 be appropriated from the Stabilization Fund to provide for health and safety improvements in the Treasurer-Collector's office which experiences a high volume of customer service interactions; such improvements will address staff layout issues to incorporate COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the installation of security windows at which customers will make payments for taxes, utility bills and parking tickets and energy efficient improvements including new windows, which will provide a safer environment for the public and city employees doing business with the city.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.091 An Order to Accept Gift of Labor and Materials to Repair Grave of George Hodestia

Whereas, Historic Gravestone Services of 113 Michael Lane, New Salem, MA, wishes to provide labor and materials to repair the deteriorated gravestone of George Hodestia, formerly enslaved citizen and Florence resident, in Park Street Cemetery,

Ordered that,

The Northampton City Council gratefully accepts the donation of labor and materials, valued at $500, as a gift to the City of Northampton to be used for the restoration of the gravestone of George Hodestia in the Park Street Cemetery, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.092 An Order to Accept Gift of Plaque for Grave of Basil Dorsey

Whereas,

Basil C. Dorsey was born enslaved in 1811, took his freedom on the Underground Railroad in 1833 and lived in Florence, MA from 1844 until his death in 1872 when he was buried in the Park Street Cemetery in Northampton;

Ordered, that

The Northampton City Council gratefully accepts the donation of a plaque to be placed at his grave, valued at $1,000, and donated by Bambi Miller, as a gift to the City of Northampton, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.093 An to Accept $3,000 Gift from Ruggles Center for Park Street Cemetery Gravestone Repairs

Whereas,

The David Ruggles Center, a project of the Committee for Northampton, Inc., would like to provide funding for repair work, materials and professional oversight of repairs for the deteriorated gravestones of Basil Dorsey, Laura Washington, Louisa Dorsey, Nancy Jones and Charles & Gertrude Burleigh in the Park Street Cemetery,

Ordered that,

The Northampton City Council gratefully appropriates the donation of the $3,000 gift to the City of Northampton to be used toward the repair work, materials and professional oversight of repairs for these five gravestones in the Park Street Cemetery, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.094 An Order to Accept Gift up to $100,000 to Replace Fencing at Bridge Street Cemetery

Whereas, in 2016, a Preservation Master Plan was created for the Bridge Street Cemetery, and a recommendation within this plan was the phased replacement of the Cemetery border fence as described on pages 25-27, and an anonymous donor wishes to provide necessary funding for Phase 1 of this fence replacement above and beyond the city's appropriation of $25,000 for cemetery improvements in FY2021;

Ordered that,

The Northampton City Council gratefully appropriates the donation of a gift to the City of Northampton of funds up to $100,000 to be used toward the replacement of approximately 880 linear feet of fence at the Bridge Street Cemetery, to include two gates, in accordance with the recommendations within the Preservation Master Plan for the Bridge Street Cemetery and with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council July 9, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.095 An Order for FY2020 Budget Transfers

Ordered, that the following FY2020 budgetary transfers be made:

Department		Description	Org	Object	Transfer From:	Transfer To:
Legal Services	OM	Legal Services	11512	530002		$ 45,527
General Liability Insurance	OM	Public Employee Liability Insurance	19452	574004	$ (45,527)	
Parking Maintenance	OOM	Equipment	14813	585016		$ 10,938
Parking Maintenance	OM	Repairs & Maintenance	14812	524000	$ (10,938)	
Planning	PS	Overtime	11751	513000		$ 6,062
IT	OM	Technology Communication Lines	11552	534200		$ 10,021
IT	PS	Permanent Salaries	11551	511000	$ (16,083)	
Other Employee Benefits	PS	Medicare	19191	517001		$ 21,300
Other Employee Benefits	PS	Sick Leave Buyback	19191	519600		$ 28,502
Medical Insurance	PS	Employee Insurance Benefits	19141	519000	$ (49,802)	
Stormwater Enterprise Flood Control	PS	Salaries Permanent	62631	511000		$ 13,254
Stormwater Enterprise Storm Drains	OM	Security Services	62612	529007	$ (7,200)	
Stormwater Enterprise Storm Drains	OM	Vehicle Supplies	62612	548000	$ (6,054)	
Sewer Enterprise Interest on Debt	OM	Interest on Long Term Debt	60750	591500		$ 1
Sewer Enterprise Interest on Debt	OM	Storm Drains	60422	523003	$ (1)	
Total Budgetary Transfers:					$(135,605)	$ 135,605

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, June 18, 2020

upon the recommendation of the Mayor

20.068 An Order to Appropriate Balance of Bond Premium for Replacement Doors for SVAHS Building A

Ordered, that

the City appropriate $25,583, representing the aggregate remaining net premium paid to the City upon the sale of bonds issued on May 29, 2019, to be used toward the replacement of doors for Building A on the campus of Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School to meet security and ADA requirements, including any costs incidental and related thereto; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out such capital project.

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, June 18, 2020

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor

20.069 An Order to Authorize Borrowing $640,000 for New Fire Truck

Ordered, that

the sum of $640,000 is appropriated for a new fire truck, including payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow $640,000 under M.G.L.c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 18, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.070 An Order to Appropriate $1.22 Million from Capital Stabilization for Various Capital Projects

Ordered, that

$ 1,222,633 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund to fund the following projects:

Central Services: Conduct Net-Zero GHG Facilities Studies (7 Buildings)	$ 120,000
Central Services: Forbes Library - Lower Level HVAC Upgrades	$ 25,000
Central Services: AOM - Expand Fire Suppression System	$ 150,000
Central Services: Rec. Dept.- Roof Musante Beach & Arcanum Field Facilities	$ 30,000
Central Services: Rec. Dept.- Replace (7) Safety Village Buildings	$ 84,000
Public Safety Dispatch: ProQA EMD Software	$ 40,000
ITS: NPS Server System Replacement	$ 35,000
ITS: Fingerprint System Replacement - NPD	$ 16,000
ITS: Directory Services Migration - NPS	$ 40,000
ITS: Muncipal Broadband Study	$ 40,000
Planning & Sustainability: Fitzgerald Lake Parking Lot & Path	$ 40,000
Parks & Recreation: Safety Netting - Florence Recreation Fields	$ 145,800
NPS: Transportation Van - 7D	$ 70,000
NPS: Food Service Point of Sale Upgrade	$ 8,324
NPS: JFK - Energy Mgt. System Upgrade	$ 100,000
NPS: NHS - Track Resurfacing - Engineering	$ 15,000
SVAHS: Boys & Girls Lockers	$ 19,092
SVAHS: Entry Doors - Bldg A	$ 24,417
DPW: Forbes Library Drainage Repairs	$ 220,000
Total to be appropriated from FY2020 Capital Stabilization:	**$ 1,222,633**

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 18, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.071 An Order to Appropriate $25,000 from Cemetery Trust and Income for Cemetery Restorative Work

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2021-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program, that $25,000 be appropriated from the Cemetery Trust and Income, to be used to fund restorative work at the city's cemeteries.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 18, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.072 An Order to Appropriate $46,000 from PEG Access and Cable Related Fund to IT for Various Projects

Ordered, that

Pursuant to the FY2021-FY2025 Capital Improvement Program, that $46,000 be appropriated from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (Fund 2337) to Information Technology Services for the following projects:

Upgrades to Wide Area Network Switches - City	$ 20,500
Upgrades to Wide Area Network Switches - NPS	$ 25,500
Total:	$ 46,000

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 18, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.073 An Order to Reprogram $75,908 from MSBA School Projects to SVAHS Gym Lockers

Ordered, that

surplus funds from the MSBA Bridge Street School Roof Project (3000 350615) in the amount of $33,674 and surplus funds from the MSBA Leeds School Roof Project (3000 350616) in the amount of $42,234 be reprogrammed to fund new lockers for the gym at Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School in the amount of $75,908.

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council June 18, 2020

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

20.074 An Order to Reprogram Ryan Road School Cafeteria Funds to NPS Projects

Ordered, that

surplus funds in the R. K. Finn Ryan Road School Cafeteria project in the amount of $60,542 (19303 586639) be reprogrammed for the following projects for Northampton Public Schools:

NPS Food Service Point of Sale System	$23,042
NPS Walk In Freezer Controls at NHS and JFK	$15,000
NPS NHS Cafeteria Steam Table Replacement	$22,500
Total:	$60,542

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

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In City Council, June 18, 2020

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz, Planning & Sustainability, and the Conservation Commission

20.075 An Order to Purchase Land on Boggy Meadow Road to Add to the Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway

Ordered, that

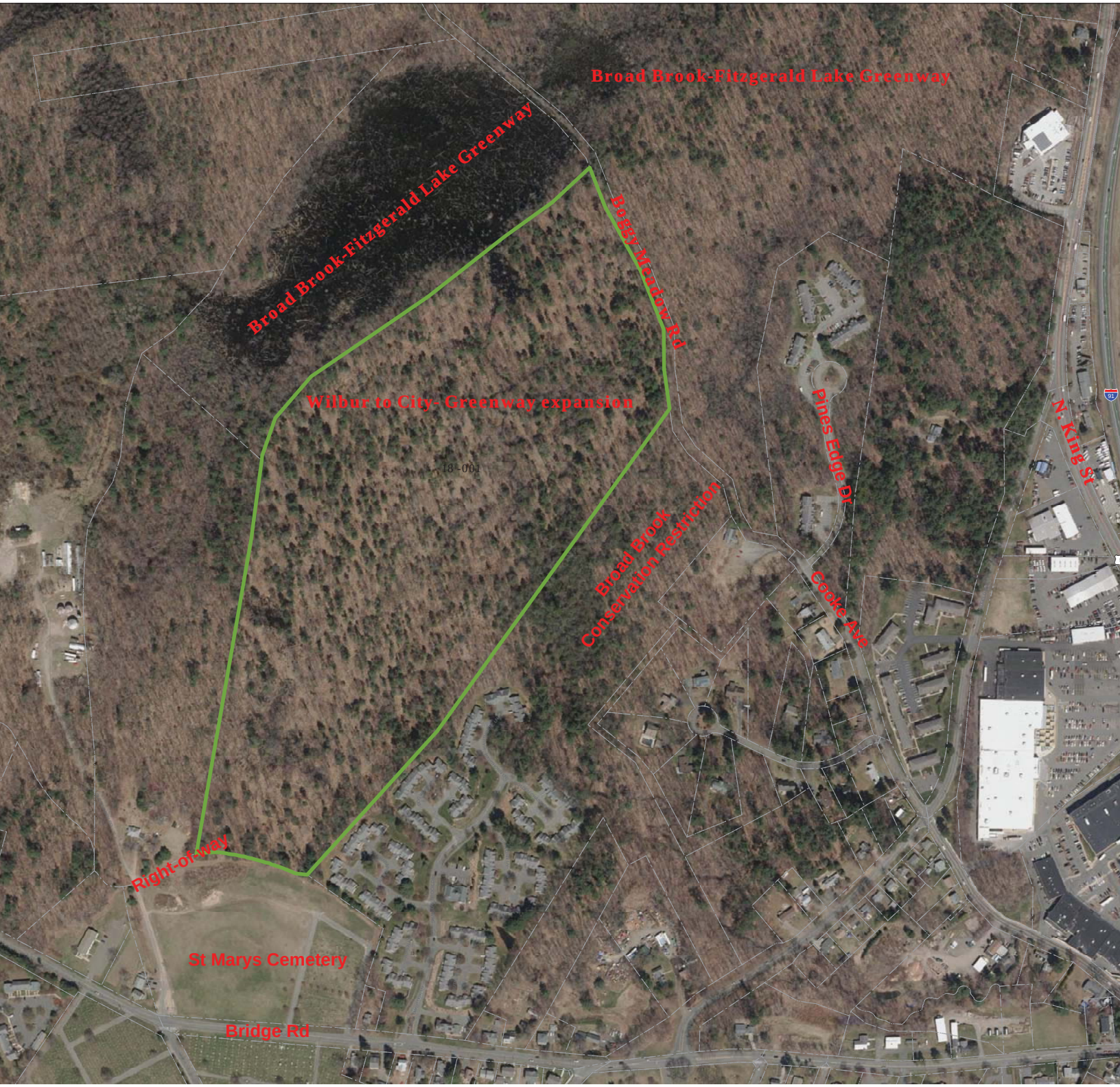
WHEREAS, The ***Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Trail Plan: 2018-2025*** recommends "preserving ecologically valuable land and filling gaps at … Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway";

WHEREAS, The City has an option to purchase up to 53± acres off Boggy Meadow Road from the Wilbur family (Map ID 18-001) which contains rich wetlands and upland habitat, trail opportunities, and would fill a major gap in the adjacent Broad Brook-Fitzgerald Lake Greenway;

Ordered, that

The Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire for conservation and passive recreation purposes, as provided by MGL Chapter 40, §8C, any fee, easement or conservation restriction as defined in MGL Chapter 184, §31 or any other interest in the above land and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions; that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions and related easements on any land so acquired; and that the Conservation Commission is authorized to contract for and expend any federal, state, or other aid available for this project, including any grant from the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, under the LAND/Self-Help Act, MGL Chapter 132A, §11, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable;

Further Ordered: That $150,000 is appropriated for such acquisition; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow $150,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws; that the Mayor and/or the Conservation Commission are authorized to apply for and expend any federal, state, or other aid available for this project, including any grant from the Division of Conservation Services of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs under the LAND Self-Help Act, Chapter 132A, Section 11 of the General Laws, provided that the amount of the borrowing authorized by this vote shall be reduced by any such grants or aid received for the project; and that any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds, may be applied to the payment of costs of the project approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws and thereby reduce the amount of the authorized borrowing by a like amount.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Wilbur to City- Greenway expansion
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Broad Brook
Conservation Restriction
Cooke Ave
Right-of-way
St Marys Cemetery
Bridge Rd

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

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In City Council, June 18, 2020

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

20.078 AN ORDER AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY INTERESTS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTIONS OF KING STREET, FINN STREET, SUMMER STREET, AND NORTH STREET

WHEREAS, Federal Highway and MassDOT, at the City's request, have agreed to fund a reconstruction of King Street from Bright Street to the MassCentral Rail Trail crossing, along with portions of Finn Street, Summer Street, and North Street ("the project"); and

WHEREAS, the project will improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, improve traffic safety, slow the speed of traffic, improve traffic operations, and update obsolete infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the city is responsible for land acquisitions, including fee interests, and temporary and permanent easements, needed for the project; and

WHEREAS, the acquisitions of property interests for the project will be funded by Chapter 90 funds allocated to the City; and

WHEREAS, the interests to be taken are shown on a plan entitled "Alteration and Easement Plan, Northampton, Massachusetts Surveyed for the City of Northampton" stamped on May 12, 2020.
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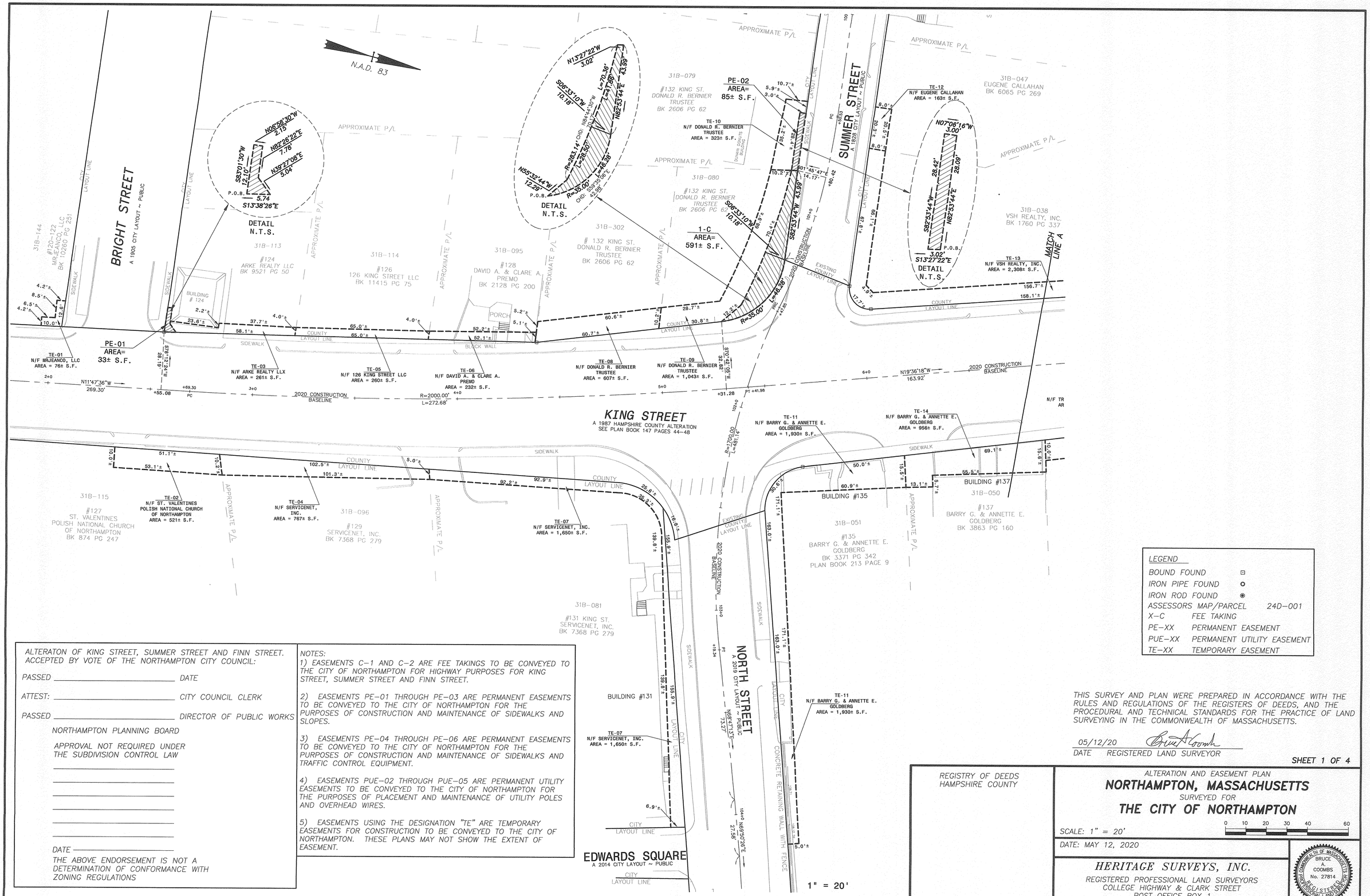
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,
The City Council hereby authorizes the acquisition by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise of fee interests in parcels 1-C and 2-C, permanent easements in, on, over and under parcels PE-01 through PE-06, inclusive, permanent utility easements in, on, over and under parcels PUE-02 through PUE-05, inclusive, and temporary easements in, on, over and under parcels TE-01 through TE-43, inclusive, all as shown on the plan entitled "Alteration and Easement Plan, Northampton, Massachusetts Surveyed for the City of Northampton" stamped on May 12, 2020. The City Council further appropriates the total sum of Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars ($215,500.00) from chapter 90 funds as consideration or damages for the acquisitions.



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X-C	FEE TAKING	
PE-XX	PERMANENT EASEMENT	
PUE-XX	PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT	
TE-XX	TEMPORARY EASEMENT	

ALTERATON OF KING STREET, SUMMER STREET AND FINN STREET.
ACCEPTED BY VOTE OF THE NORTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL:

PASSED _____ DATE

ATTEST: _____ CITY COUNCIL CLERK

PASSED _____ DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

NORTHAMPTON PLANNING BOARD

APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED UNDER
THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW

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THE ABOVE ENDORSEMENT IS NOT A
DETERMINATION OF CONFORMANCE WITH
ZONING REGULATIONS

NOTES:

1) EASEMENTS C-1 AND C-2 ARE FEE TAKINGS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES FOR KING STREET, SUMMER STREET AND FINN STREET.

2) EASEMENTS PE-01 THROUGH PE-03 ARE PERMANENT EASEMENTS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS AND SLOPES.

3) EASEMENTS PE-04 THROUGH PE-06 ARE PERMANENT EASEMENTS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT.

4) EASEMENTS PUE-02 THROUGH PUE-05 ARE PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENTS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON FOR THE PURPOSES OF PLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF UTILITY POLES AND OVERHEAD WIRES.

5) EASEMENTS USING THE DESIGNATION "TE" ARE TEMPORARY EASEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON. THESE PLANS MAY NOT SHOW THE EXTENT OF EASEMENT.

THIS SURVEY AND PLAN WERE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTERS OF DEEDS, AND THE PROCEDURAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAND SURVEYING IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

05/12/20 _____
DATE REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

SHEET 1 OF 4

REGISTRY OF DEEDS
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY

ALTERATION AND EASEMENT PLAN

NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

SURVEYED FOR

THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

SCALE: 1" = 20'

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DATE: MAY 12, 2020

HERITAGE SURVEYS, INC.
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
COLLEGE HIGHWAY & CLARK STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 1
SOUTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS
(413) 527-3600

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BRUCE A. COOMBS
No. 27814
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

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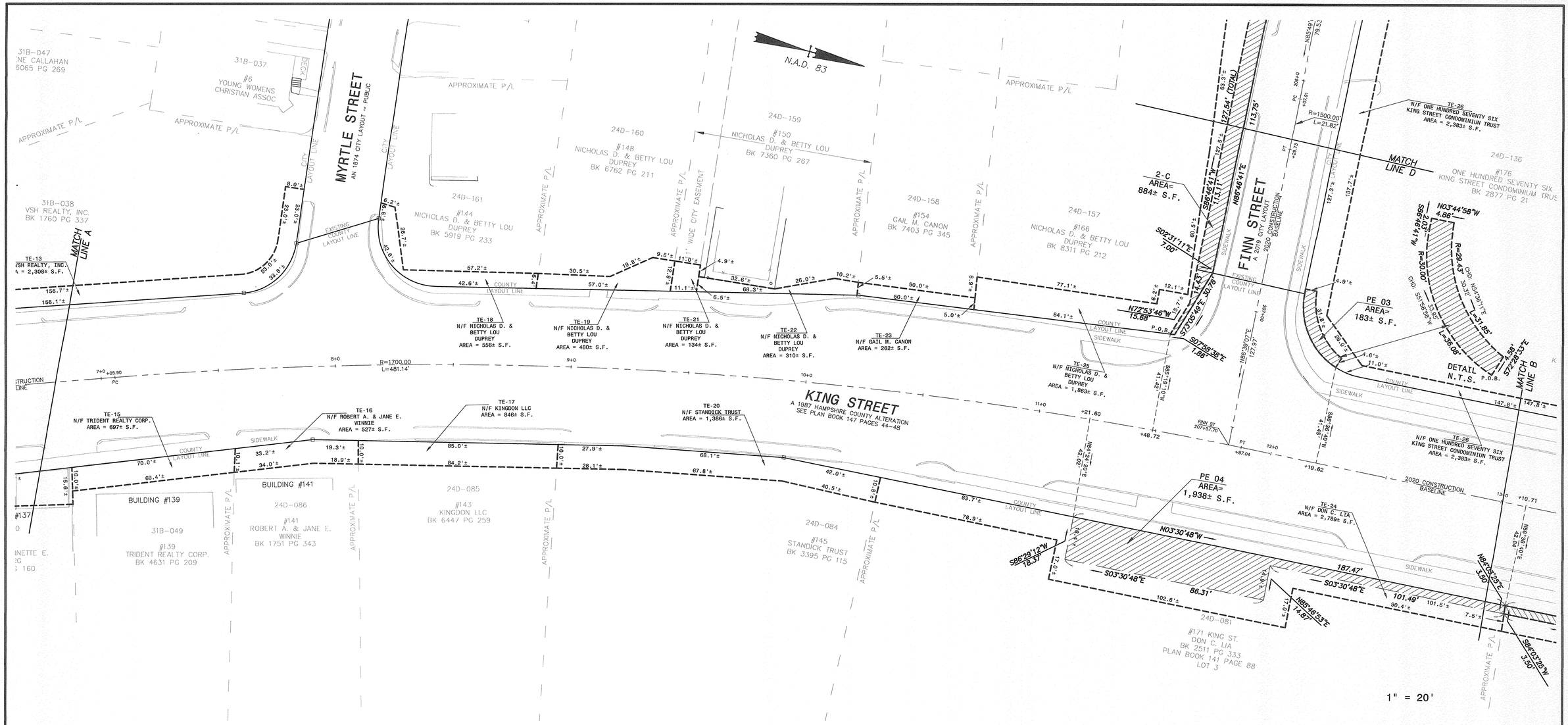

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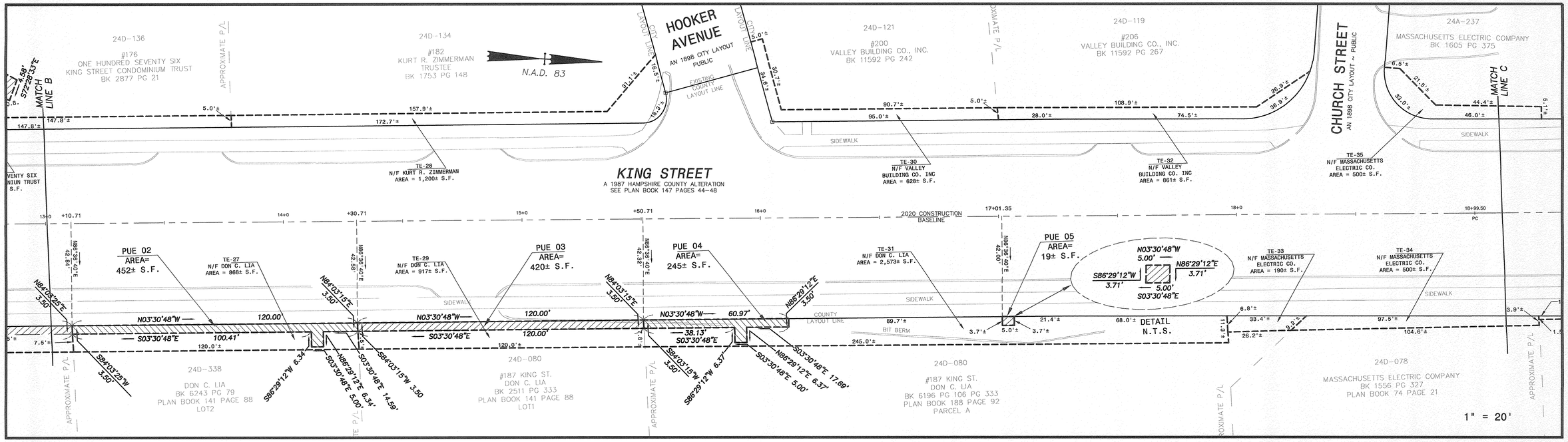

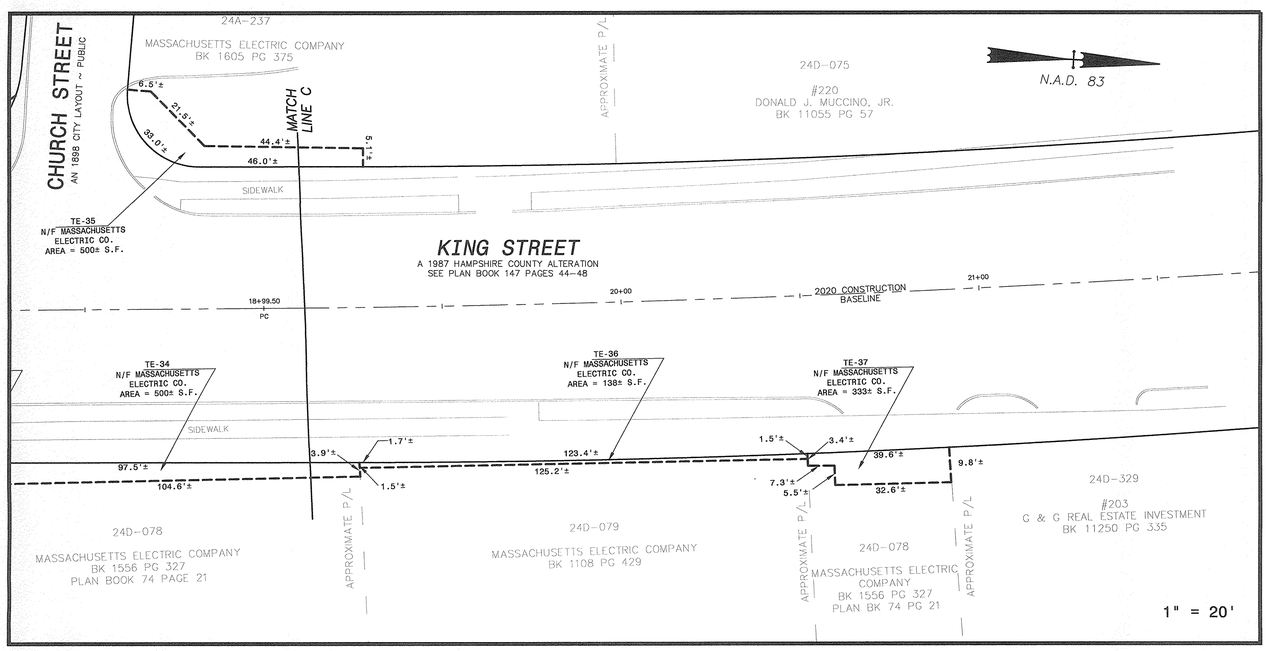

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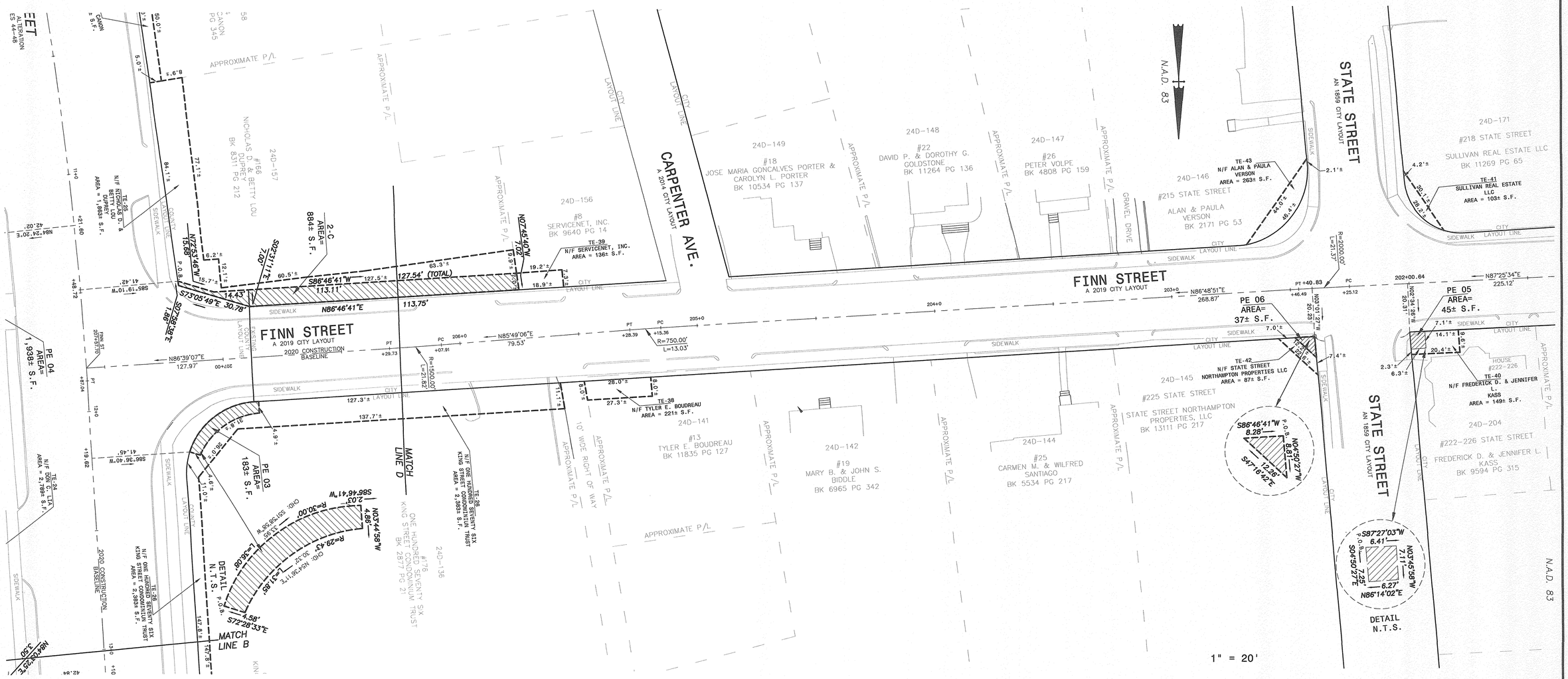

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ORDER OF TAKING

The undersigned, being the duly elected and sitting members of the City Council of the City of Northampton, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting under the authority of and in accordance with the provisions of General Laws of the Commonwealth, as from time to time amended, and more particularly Chapter 79 and Chapter 82, and pursuant to the Order of the Northampton City Council, a true copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, does hereby take, for and on behalf of the Inhabitants of the City of Northampton, the parcels and interests referenced in Exhibits B-1 through and including B-34, attached hereto, for all purposes for which public ways are used in the City of Northampton, including the alteration and reconstruction of portions of King Street, Finn Street, Summer Street and North Street, public ways in and for the City of Northampton.

The parcels hereby taken are shown on a plan entitled, "Alteration and Easement Plan Northampton, Massachusetts Surveyed for the City of Northampton" stamped on May 12, 2020 and recorded in Plan Book _____, Page _____, and are more particularly bounded and described as set forth on Exhibits B1 through and including B-34, attached hereto.

The owners of the parcels taken hereunder and the damages awarded, if any, are set forth in Exhibits B1 through and including B-34, attached hereto. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 79 § 6, as amended, such damage awards are made by the City of Northampton for damages sustained by the owner or owners and all other persons, including all mortgagees of record, having any interest in the Property and entitled to any damages by reason of the taking. The City of Northampton reserves the right to amend the award at any time prior to payment for good cause shown.

No betterments shall be assessed as a result of the improvements to King Street.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the City Council of the City of Northampton, have executed this Order of Taking this _____ day of _____, 2020.

WITNESS TO ALL:

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MA

_____
Gina-Louise Sciarra
AT-LARGE COUNCILOR

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William H. Dwight
AT-LARGE COUNCILOR

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Michael Quinlan, Jr.
WARD 1 COUNCILOR

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WARD 2 COUNCILOR

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Alex Jarrett
WARD 5 COUNCILOR

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Marianne L. LaBarge
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Rachel Maiore
WARD 7 COUNCILOR

CERTIFICATE OF THE CLERK
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF NORTHAMPTON, MA

I, Laura Krutzler, the Clerk of the City Council of the City of Northampton, MA, hereby certify that the attached Order of Taking of certain easements located in Northampton, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, was executed on _____, 2020, by Gina-Louise Sciarra, William H. Dwight, Michael Quinlan, Jr., Karen Foster, James Nash, John Thorpe, Alex Jarrett, Marianne L. LaBarge, and Rachel Maiore, who as of that day, were and are the duly elected members of the City Council of the City of Northampton, MA.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2020.

_____
Laura Krutzler
Clerk to City Council
City of Northampton, Massachusetts

EXHIBIT A
CITY COUNCIL ORDER

EXHIBIT B-1
Servicenet, Inc.

Property Owner:	Servicenet, Inc.
Property Address:	8-10 Finn Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	21 Olander Drive, Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-39
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donation
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 9640, Page 14
Lienholder:	Commonwealth of Mass., Book 11257, Page 229
Lienholder:	Mass. Housing Partnership Fund Board, Book 11542, Page 99

Property Descriptions:
TE-39: This temporary easement contains 136 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-2
Eugene H. Callahan, Jr.

Property Owner:	Eugene H. Callahan, Jr.
Property Address:	11 Summer Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	80 Damon Road, Unite 7101, Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-12
Damages Awarded:	$900.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 6065, Page 269
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 12648, Page 289

Property Descriptions:
TE-12: This temporary easement contains 163.3 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-3
Tyler E. Boudreau

Property Owner:	Tyler E. Boudreau
Property Address:	13 Finn Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	42 East Center St., Leeds, MA 01053
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-38
Damages Awarded:	$1,200.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 11835, Page 127
Lienholder:	MERS, Book 11835, Page 129

Property Descriptions:
TE-38: This temporary easement contains 221.4 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-4
MRJEANCO, LLC

Property Owner:	MRJEANCO, LLC
Property Address:	122 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	122 King St. Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-01
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donation
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 10260, Page 251
Lienholder:	Greenfield Savings Bank, Book 11206, Page 122

Property Descriptions:
TE-01: This temporary easement contains 76 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of wheelchair ramp and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-5
Arke Realty, LLC

Property Owner:	Arke Realty, LLC
Property Address:	124 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	1335 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370
Interest(s) Taken:	Permanent Easement; Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	PE-01; TE-03
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donations
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 9521, Page 50
Lienholder:	Bank of America, Book 3104, Page 234
Lienholder:	People's United Bank, Book 9521, Page 52

Property Descriptions:
PE-01: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by ARKE Realty LLC, being Assessor's Parcel 31B-113, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing S78º12'24"W, 28.19 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 2+55.08 thence, S83º01'30"W distance 12.10 feet along the northerly sideline of Bright Street to a point thence, N6º58'30"W distance 2.15 feet along land of now or formerly ARKE Realty LLC to a point thence, N82º26'22"E distance 7.78 feet along last name land thence, N39º27'08"E distance 5.04 feet along last named land to a point on the westerly King Street Sideline thence, S13º38'26E distance 5.74 feet to the point of beginning, containing 33 square feet more or less.

TE-03: This temporary easement contains 261 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-6
126 King Street, LLC

Property Owner:	126 King Street, LLC
Property Address:	126 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	40 Appaloosa Lane, West Springfield, MA 01089
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-05
Damages Awarded:	$1,500.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 11415, Page 75
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 11415, Page 78

Property Descriptions:
TE-05: This temporary easement contains 260 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of driveway and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-7
St. Valentine Polish National Church of Northampton

Property Owner:	St. Valentine Polish National Church of Northampton
Property Address:	127 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	127 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-02
Damages Awarded:	$3,200.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 999, Page 65 Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 874, Page 247

Property Descriptions:
TE-02: This temporary easement contains 521 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-8
David A. Premo & Claire A. Premo

Property Owner:	David A. Premo & Claire A. Premo
Property Address:	128 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	255 Sylvester Road, Florence, MA 01062
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-06
Damages Awarded:	$1,400.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 2128, Page 200
Lienholder:	Greenfield Savings Bank, Book 10110, Page 141

Property Descriptions:
TE-06: This temporary easement contains 232 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of driveway and sidewalk. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-9
Servicenet, Inc.

Property Owner:	Servicenet, Inc.
Property Address:	129-131 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	21 Olander Drive, Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easements
Plan Reference:	TE-04; TE-07
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donations
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 7368, Page 279

Property Descriptions:
TE-04: This temporary easement contains 767 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of driveway and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-07: This temporary easement contains 1650 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of construction of granite wall, sidewalk reconstruction, driveway reconstruction, and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-10
JKD, LLC

Property Owner:	JKD, LLC
Property Address:	132 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	9 Arrowhead Drive, Hadley, MA 01035
Interest(s) Taken:	Fee; Permanent Easement; Temporary Easements
Plan Reference:	1-C; PE-02; TE-08; TE-09; TE10
Damages Awarded:	$26,500.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 13598, Page 344

Property Descriptions:
1-C: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Donald R. Bernier, Trustee, being Assessor's Parcel 31B-080, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing S70º42'05"W distance 32.82 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 5+31.28 thence, N55º32'44"W distance 12.29 feet along land of Donald R. Bernier, Trustee to a point thence, Northwesterly, on a curve to the left, having a radius of 283.14 feet along last named land 28.50 feet to a point, thence; Continuing northwesterly, on a curve to the left, having a radius of 283.14 feet along last named land 41.86 feet to a point, thence; N13º27'22"W distance 3.02 feet along last named land to a point on the southerly 1828 Summer Street layout sideline thence, N82º53'44"E distance 43.99 feet along the southerly 1828 Summer Street layout sideline to a point on the 1987 King Street layout sideline thence, Southeasterly, on a curve to the right, having a radius of 35.00 feet along the westerly 1987 King Street layout sideline, 46.28 feet to the point of beginning, containing an area of 591 square feet more or less.

PE-02: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Donald R. Bernier, Trustee, being Assessor's Parcel 31B-079, adjoining the Summer Street City Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing S01º45'47"E distance 14.17 feet from the 2020 Summer Street Construction Baseline station 100+80.42 thence, S13º27'22"E distance 3.02 feet along land of now or formerly Donald R. Bernier, Trustee to a point thence, S82º53'44"W distance 28.42 feet along last named land to a point thence, N07º06'16"W distance 3.00 feet along last named land to a point on the southerly sideline of Summer Street thence, N82º53'44"E distance 28.09 feet along Summer Street to the point of beginning, containing 85 square feet more or less.

TE-08: This temporary easement contains 607 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of sidewalk reconstruction, HMA driveway reconstruction, and traffic mast arm and equipment

construction. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-09: This temporary easement contains 1043 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of sidewalk reconstruction, HMA driveway reconstruction, and traffic mast arm and equipment construction. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-10: This temporary easement contains 323 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-11
Cumberland Farms, Inc.

Property Owner:	Cumberland Farms, Inc.
Property Address:	134-138 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	165 Flanders Rd., Westborough, MA 01581
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-13
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donation
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1760, Page 337

Property Descriptions:
TE-13: This temporary easement contains 2308 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-12
Barry G. Goldberg & Annette E. Goldberg

Property Owner:	Barry G. Goldberg & Annette E. Goldberg
Property Address:	135 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	320 Green Hill, Longmeadow, MA 01106
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-11
Damages Awarded:	$11,900.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 3371, Page 342
Lienholder:	People's United Bank, Book 11225, Page 246

Property Descriptions:
TE-11: This temporary easement contains 1930 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway, and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-13
Barry G. Goldberg & Annette E. Goldberg

Property Owner:	Barry G. Goldberg & Annette E. Goldberg
Property Address:	137 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	320 Green Hill, Longmeadow, MA 01106
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-14
Damages Awarded:	$5,900.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 3863, Page 160
Lienholder:	People's United Bank, Book 11225, Page 246

Property Descriptions:
TE-14: This temporary easement contains 956 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway, and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-14
Trident Realty Corp.

Property Owner:	Trident Realty Corp.
Property Address:	139 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 686, Northampton, MA 01061
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-15
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donation
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 4631, Page 209
Lienholder:	PeoplesBank, Book 4797, Page 186

Property Descriptions:
TE-15: This temporary easement contains 697 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-15
King Auto Body, Inc.

Property Owner:	King Auto Body, Inc.
Property Address:	141 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	141 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-16
Damages Awarded:	$3,200.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 13495, Page 289

Property Descriptions:
TE-16: This temporary easement contains 527 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-16
Kingdon LLC

Property Owner:	Kingdon LLC
Property Address:	143 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	9 Arrowhead Drive, Hadley, MA 01035
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-17
Damages Awarded:	$5,200.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 6447, Page 259

Property Descriptions:
TE-17: This temporary easement contains 846 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-17
Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey

Property Owner:	Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey
Property Address:	144 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	164 Northampton Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-18
Damages Awarded:	$3,400.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 5919, Page 233

Property Descriptions:
TE-18: This temporary easement contains 556 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, reconstruction of HMA driveway, and granite island construction. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-18
Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey

Property Owner:	Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey
Property Address:	148 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	164 Northampton Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-19
Damages Awarded:	$2,700.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 6762, Page 211
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 6762, Page 213

Property Descriptions:
TE-19: This temporary easement contains 480 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-19
Richard R. Rescia, Kari S. Knapp, Kim S. Rescia, Karel S. Rescia, & Helen Rescia, as Trustees of the Standick Trust

Property Owner:	Richard R. Rescia, Kari S. Knapp, Kim S. Rescia, Karel S. Rescia, & Helen Rescia, as Trustees of the Standick Trust
Property Address:	145 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 797, Northampton, MA 01061
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-20
Damages Awarded:	$8,500.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 3395, Page 115
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 12189, Page 42

Property Descriptions:
TE-20: This temporary easement contains 1386 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-20
Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey

Property Owner:	Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey
Property Address:	150 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	164 Northampton Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easements
Plan Reference:	TE-21; TE-22
Damages Awarded:	$2,300.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 7360, Page 267
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 7360, Page 212

Property Descriptions:
TE-21: This temporary easement contains 134 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-22: This temporary easement contains 310 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-21
Gail M. Canon

Property Owner:	Gail M. Canon
Property Address:	154 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	26 Ashley Circle, Easthampton, MA 01027
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-23
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donation
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 7403, Page 345

Property Descriptions:
TE-23: This temporary easement contains 262 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-22
Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey

Property Owner:	Nicholas D. Duprey & Betty Lou Duprey
Property Address:	166 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	164 Northampton Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
Interest(s) Taken:	Fee; Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	2-C; TE-25
Damages Awarded:	$30,900.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 8311, Page 212
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 8311, Page 216
Lienholder:	Michael J. Netto & Linda L. Netto, Book 8311, Page 232

Property Descriptions:
2-C: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Nicholas D. & Betty Lou Duprey, being Assessor's Parcel 24D-157, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing S85º19'10"W, 41.42 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 11+48.72 thence, N72º53'46"W distance 15.68 feet along land of Assessor's Parcel 24D-157 to a point thence, S86º46'41"W distance 14.43 feet along last named land to a point thence, S86º46'41"W distance 113.11 feet along last named land to a point thence, N07º45'40"W distance 7.02 feet along land of Assessor's Parcel 24D-156 to a point on the southerly 2019 Finn Street layout sideline thence, N86º46'41"E distance 113.75 feet along the southerly 2019 Finn Street layout sideline to a point on the 1987 King Street layout sideline thence, S73º05'49"E distance 30.78 feet along the westerly 1987 King Street layout sideline to a point thence, S07º58'38"E distance 1.86 feet along

the westerly sideline of the 1987 King Street layout to the point of beginning containing an area of 884 square feet more or less.

TE-25: This temporary easement contains 1863 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway, and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-23
Don Lia

Property Owner:	Don Lia
Property Address:	171 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	1055 E. Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY 11743
Interest(s) Taken:	Permanent Easement; Permanent Utility Easement; Temporary Easements
Plan Reference:	PE-04; PUE-02; TE-24; TE-27
Damages Awarded:	$35,700.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 2511, Page 333
	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 6243, Page 79

Property Descriptions:
PE-04: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Don C. Lia, being Assessor's Parcel 24D-081, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing N84º24'20"E distance 42.02 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 11+21.60 thence, N03º30'48"W distance 187.47 feet along the easterly sideline of King Street to a point thence, N84º03'25"E distance 3.50 feet along land of now or formerly Don C. Lia to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 101.49 feet along last named land to a point thence, N85º46'53"E distance 14.87 feet along last named land to a point thence S03º30'48"E distance 86.31 feet along last named land to a point thence S86º29'12"W distance 18.37 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1,938 square feet more or less.

PUE-02: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by King St. Don C. Lia, being Assessor's Parcel 24D-338, adjoining King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing N86º36'40"E distance 42.84 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 13+10.71 thence, N03º30'48"W distance 120.00 feet along the easterly sideline of King Street to a point thence, N84º03'15"E distance 3.50 feet along land of now or formerly Don C. Lia to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 14.59 feet along last named land a point thence, N86º29'12"E distance 6.34 feet along last named land to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 5.00 feet along last named land to a point thence, S86º29'12"W distance 6.34 feet along last named land to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 100.41 feet along last named land to a point thence, S84º03'25"W distance 3.50 feet along last named land to the point of beginning containing an area of 452 square feet more or less.

TE-24: This temporary easement contains 2789 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of construction of site development entrance, building foundation removal, and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-27: This temporary easement contains 868 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and HMA driveway. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-24
Don Lia

Property Owner:	Don Lia
Property Address:	187 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	1055 E. Jericho Turnpike, Huntington, NY 11743
Interest(s) Taken:	Permanent Utility Easements; Temporary Easements
Plan Reference:	PUE-03; PUE-04; PUE-05; TE-29; TE-31
Damages Awarded:	$25,100.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 2511, Page 333
	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 6196, Page 106

Property Descriptions:
PUE-03: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Don C. Lia, being Assessor's Parcel 24D-080, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing N86º36'40"E, 42.58 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 14+30.71 thence, N03º30'48"W distance 120.00 feet along the easterly sideline of King Street to a point at other land of Don C. Lia thence, N84º03'15"E distance 3.50 feet along last named land to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 120.00 feet along last named land to a point thence, S84º03'15"W distance 3.50 feet along last named land to the point of beginning containing an area of 420 square feet more or less.

PUE-04: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Don C. Lia, being Assessor's Parcel 24D-080, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing N86º36'40"E, 42.32 feet from the 2020 Construction Baseline station 15+50.71 thence, N03º30'48"W distance 60.97 feet along the easterly sideline of King Street to a point thence, N86º29'12"E distance 3.50 feet along land now or formerly of Don C. Lia to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 17.69 feet along last named land to a point thence, N86º29'12"E distance 6.37 feet along last named land to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 5.00 feet along last named lane to a point thence, S86º29'12"W distance 6.37 feet along last named land to a point thence, S03º30'48"E distance 38.13 feet along last named lane to a point thence, S84º03'15"W distance 3.50 feet along last named land to the point of beginning containing an area of 245 square feet more or less.

PUE-05: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Don C. Lia, being Assessor's Parcel 24D-080, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing N86º36'40"E, 42.00 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 17+01.35 thence, N03º30'48"W distance 5.00 feet along the easterly sideline of King Street to a point thence, N86º29'12"E distance 3.71 feet along land now or formerly of Don C. Lia to a point thence S03º30'48"E distance 5.00 feet along last named land to a point thence, S86º29'12"W distance 3.71 feet along last named land to the point of beginning containing an area of 19 square feet more or less.

TE-29: This temporary easement contains 917 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-31: This temporary easement contains 2573 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-25
Scott A. King and Mark Cavanaugh, Co-Trustees of the
176 King Street Condominium Trust

Property Owner:	Scott A. King and Mark Cavanaugh, Co-Trustees of the 176 King Street Condominium Trust
Property Address:	176 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 60700, Northampton, MA 01061
Interest(s) Taken:	Permanent Easement; Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	PE-03; TE-26
Damages Awarded:	$17,700.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 2877, Page 21

Property Descriptions:
PE-03: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by One Hundred Seventy Six King Street Condominium Trust, being Assessor's Parcel 24D-136, adjoining the King Street County Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing S86º36'40"W, 41.45 feet from the 2020 King Street Construction Baseline station 12+19.62 thence, on a curve to the right with radius of 30.00 feet, along the westerly sideline of King Street , 36.08 feet to a point thence, S86º46'41"W distance 2.03 feet along last named land to a point thence, N03º44'58"W distance 4.86 feet along land of now or formerly One Hundred Seventy Six King Street Condominium to a point thence, on a curve to the left with a radius of 29.43 feet,

along last named land 31.85 feet to a point thence S72º28’33E distance 4.58 feet to the point of beginning, containing 183 square feet more or less.

TE-26: This temporary easement contains approximately 2383 square feet, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-26
Kurt R. Zimmerman, Trustee of Suffolk Street Realty Nominee Trust

Property Owner:	Kurt R. Zimmerman, Trustee of Suffolk Street Realty Nominee Trust
Property Address:	182 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	2694 Boston Road, Wilbraham, MA 01095
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-28
Damages Awarded:	$7,400.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 11753, Page 148
Lienholder:	Westfield Bank, Book 11753, Page 150

Property Descriptions:
TE-28: This temporary easement contains 1200 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-27
Northampton Rentals, LLC

Property Owner:	Northampton Rentals, LLC
Property Address:	200 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 246, Hadley, MA 01035
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-30
Damages Awarded:	$3,500.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 13578, Page 113
Lienholder:	Keybank, Book 9040, Page 212
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 11592, Page 245
Lienholder:	Westfield Bank, Book 13578, Page 118

Property Descriptions:
TE-30: This temporary easement contains 628 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-28
Northampton Rentals, LLC

Property Owner:	Northampton Rentals, LLC
Property Address:	206 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	P.O. Box 246, Hadley, MA 01035
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-32
Damages Awarded:	$4,100.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 13578, Page 147
Lienholder:	Keybank, Book 9040, Page 212
Lienholder:	Easthampton Savings Bank, Book 11592, Page 270
Lienholder:	Westfield Bank, Book 13578, Page 152

Property Descriptions:
TE-32: This temporary easement contains 661 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway, and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-29
Alan Verson & Paula Verson

Property Owner:	Alan Verson & Paula Verson
Property Address:	215-217 State Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	90 Conz Street, Suite 211, Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-43
Damages Awarded:	$0, Donation
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 2171, Page 53

Property Descriptions:
TE-43: This temporary easement contains 263 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of wheelchair ramp and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-30
Sullivan Real Estate, LLC

Property Owner:	Sullivan Real Estate, LLC
Property Address:	214-218 State Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	54 Ladyslipper Lane, Florence, MA 01062
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-41
Damages Awarded:	$600.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 11269, Page 65
Lienholder:	Greenfield Savings Bank, Book 10390, Page 304
Lienholder:	Greenfield Savings Bank, Book 11270, Page 271

Property Descriptions:
TE-41: This temporary easement contains 103 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of wheelchair ramp and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-31
Jennifer L. Kass and Frederick D. Kass

Property Owner:	Jennifer L. Kass and Frederick D. Kass
Property Address:	224 State Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	87 Pioneer Knolls, Florence, MA 01062
Interest(s) Taken:	Permanent Easement; Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	PE-05; TE-40
Damages Awarded:	$1,500.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 9594, Page 315
Lienholder:	Florence Savings Bank, Book 9594, Page 317

Property Descriptions:
PE-05: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by Frederick D. & Jennifer L. Kass being Assessor's Parcel 24D-204, adjoining the Finn Street City Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing N02º34'26"W, 20.31 feet from the

Finn Street Construction Baseline station 202+00.64 thence, S87º27’03”W distance 6.41 feet along the northerly sideline of Finn Street to a point thence, N03º45’58”W distance 7.11 feet along land of now or formerly Frederick D. & Jennifer L. Kass to a point thence, N86º14’02”E distance 6.27 feet along last named land to a point on the westerly sideline of State Street thence, S04º50’27E distance 7.25 feet along the westerly sideline of State Street to the point of beginning, containing 45 square feet more or less.

TE-40: This temporary easement contains 149 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of wheelchair ramp and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-32
State Street Northampton Properties LLC

Property Owner:	State Street Northampton Properties LLC
Property Address:	225 State Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	113 Whittier Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Interest(s) Taken:	Permanent Easement; Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	PE-06; TE-42
Damages Awarded:	$1,100.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 13111, Page 217
Lienholder:	Meredith E.K. Lewis, Book 13111, Page 221

Property Descriptions:
PE-06: A parcel of land supposed to be owned by State Street Northampton Properties, LLC being Assessor’s Parcel 24D-145, adjoining the Finn Street City Layout Line and the easterly

State Street city Layout Line, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on said layout line, bearing N03º01’27”W distance 20.23 feet from the 2020 Finn Street Construction Baseline station 202+40.83 thence, N04º50’27”W distance 8.81 feet along the easterly sideline of State Street to a point thence, S47º16’42”E distance 12.26 feet along land now or formerly of State Street Northampton Properties, LLC to a point on the northerly sideline of Finn Street thence, S86º46’41”W distance 8.28 feet along the northerly sideline of Finn Street to the point of beginning, containing 37 square feet more or less.

TE-42: This temporary easement contains 87 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of wheelchair ramp and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-33
Massachusetts Electric Company

Property Owner:	Massachusetts Electric Company
Property Address:	King Street (eastern portion), Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easements
Plan Reference:	TE-33; TE-34; TE-36; TE-37
Damages Awarded:	$7,300.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1605, Page 375
	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1556, Page 327
	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1106, Page 429

Property Descriptions:

TE-33: This temporary easement contains 190 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-34: This temporary easement contains 500 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-36: This temporary easement contains 138 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

TE-37: This temporary easement contains 333 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.

EXHIBIT B-34
Massachusetts Electric Company

Property Owner:	Massachusetts Electric Company
Property Address:	King Street (western portion), Northampton, MA 01060
Mailing Address:	40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451
Interest(s) Taken:	Temporary Easement
Plan Reference:	TE-35
Damages Awarded:	$2,800.00
Deed References:	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1605, Page 375
	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1556, Page 327
	Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 1106, Page 429

Property Descriptions:
TE-35: This temporary easement contains 500 square feet more or less, and is for the purposes of reconstruction of sidewalk and grading of slopes and lawns. This temporary easement will remain active and in effect for 4 years from the recording date of this instrument.