

City of Northampton
Massachusetts

In City Council, September 6, 2018

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David Narkewicz, the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department

18.159 An Order to Authorize Borrowing and Grant Application for Florence Recreation Fields

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, Florence Recreation Fields is a popular community-wide asset and The Open Space, Recreation and Multiuse Plan: 2018-2025 recommends improving parks and recreation areas and implementing the next phases of Florence Recreation Fields; and

WHEREAS, Florence Recreation Fields is dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Section 45, Section 3; and

WHEREAS, This phase will complete the Florence Recreation Fields project and enhance the facility with additional play structures, field improvements, plantings and accessible benches and play areas; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program (301 CMR 5.00); the PARC is a reimbursable program which requires that the City demonstrate that it has all of the funds necessary to improve park properties prior to state reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, The Florence Recreation Fields final phase will cost an estimated \$625,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That City Council appropriates and authorizes the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, to borrow \$625,000, over 15 years, under M.G.L. c.44B, §11, M.G.L. c.44 §8C, or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of improvement of public parks and playgrounds on said property, and the Mayor be authorized to file on behalf of the City of Northampton any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes and conditions of this grant, and the Northampton Parks and Recreation Department and/or Parks and Recreation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the City of Northampton.

And that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department.