



*CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WALLACE J. PUCHALSKI MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
212 MAIN STREET, NORTHAMPTON  
Northampton, MA*

A regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by Council President Ryan R. O'Donnell. At 8:02 p.m. on a roll call the following City Councilors were present:

**Roll Call**

At-Large Councilor Ryan O'Donnell	At-Large Councilor William H. Dwight
Ward 1 Councilor Maureen T. Carney	Ward 5 Councilor David A. Murphy
Ward 2 Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell	Ward 6 Councilor Marianne LaBarge
Ward 3 Councilor James B. Nash	Ward 7 Councilor Alisa F. Klein

Ward 4 Councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra was absent.

**Announcement of Audio/Video Recording**

Councilor O'Donnell announced that the meeting was being audio and video recorded for broadcast by Northampton Community Television.

**Public Hearings**

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None.

**Updates from Council President & Committee Chairs**

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**Charter Review Committee Update**  
The Charter Review Committee will host a forum at JFK Middle School on April 30<sup>th</sup> on issues relative to how the city conducts elections, including lowering the voting age for municipal elections to age 16 and ranked choice voting, Councilor Dwight announced. He encouraged the public to attend.

**Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors**

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Councilor Nash made the following announcement on behalf of the Northampton Police Department: On Saturday, April 20, 2019, Extravaganja will be held at the Three County Fairgrounds. Throughout the day there will be heavy traffic on Route 9, throughout the fairgrounds area and in the downtown area in general. The event is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
  
As chair of the Transportation and Parking Commission, he added that NETA is also expecting a great deal of customers. If residents have somewhere to be Saturday night, they may want to plan ahead, he suggested.  
  
Councilor Bidwell informed residents that Hampshire Hope is partnering with the Hampshire YMCA to host two community discussions about opioid abuse together with Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12 to 1 p.m. and May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Hampshire YMCA.

**Communications & Proclamations from the Mayor**

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None.

**Resolutions**  
**19.047 Resolution Extending the Timeline**

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**19.047 A Resolution Extending the Timeline Associated with the Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction**  
Councilor O'Donnell read the text of the resolution.

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Select Committee  
on Pesticide  
Reduction

Councilor Dwight moved to approve the resolution in first reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded.

The sponsors (Councilors Klein and Nash) explained that, although a number of people have applied, they've received feedback that the timeframe was too short for some prospective applicants. Because some groups involved in the management of public green spaces have formal procedures by which they are required to put forward applicants, some needed more time to meet to collectively designate a representative. Although the deadline has now passed, they would like to extend the application period to insure everyone interested has enough time to apply.

Councilor Dwight noted that he recently got a primer on special municipal employee (SME) status for the Charter Review Committee. What SME status allows is a more liberal application of the state ethics law, he explained. Ethics restrictions/considerations lead to the inability of some of the most qualified people to serve in appointed positions since appointment to a volunteer board makes someone a 'municipal employee' for purposes of the Conflict of Interest law. He asked if it is the intent of sponsors and the Council President to consider special municipal employee status for Pesticide Committee members.

The extension would allow for that consideration, Councilor O'Donnell noted.

Councilor Dwight said he brings it up because there may be people who are self-disqualifying because of that issue.

Councilor Bidwell said he appreciates the wiggle room because he has some folks who have been considering application. He asked why sponsors left the application period open-ended instead of setting a date certain.

The resolution is intended to work with the original resolution which set the deadline as April 18<sup>th</sup>, Councilor Nash advised. The intent is to allow the Council President to move beyond the deadline set in the original resolution. Councilor O'Donnell has discretion to make the decision as to when to end the application period, Councilor Klein added. At some point there will be a deadline, she confirmed.

Councilor Klein said she would like to make an amendment to extend the time for the Select Committee to convene from 'within two weeks' of its appointment to 'within three weeks.' She so moved. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).

Councilor Nash thanked the council president for working with them on this proposal, he's been doing all the work on the applications, Nash acknowledged.

**Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to approve the resolution in first reading to a vote, and it passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).**

**Councilor Dwight moved to suspend rules to allow a second reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed 8:0 by voice vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).**

**Council Dwight moved to approve the resolution in second reading. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).**

The following resolution passed two readings:



**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In the City Council, April 18, 2019*

Upon the Recommendation of:      Councilor Alisa F. Klein  
   Councilor James B. Nash

**R-19.047**  
**A Resolution Amending and Extending the Timeline**  
**Associated with the Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction**

WHEREAS,      the City Council previously approved R-19.012, "A Resolution Establishing a Select Committee on Pesticide Reduction" (hereafter, "the original resolution") in accordance with Sec 2.6.3 of the Council Rules; and

WHEREAS,      allowing more time for residents to learn about and apply to the Committee would be in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton hereby authorizes the Council President to appoint members after the April 18, 2019 date provided in the original resolution so long as the total membership is not more than the number described in that resolution. The committee shall convene within three weeks of such appointment and the report of the Committee shall be due within five months of such appointment. Where there may be other conflicts between the original resolution and this resolution, the terms of this resolution shall supersede the original.

**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

**Presentations**

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None.

**Consent Agenda**

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Councilor O'Donnell reviewed the items on the consent agenda, offering to remove any item for separate consideration upon request. He announced that he was going to remove Feeding Tube Records from approval as a Secondhand Dealer because they do not have all its paperwork. **Councilor Dwight moved approval with the removal. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).**

The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of March 21, 2019 and April 4, 2019
- B. 19.045 Petitions for Annual Second Hand Dealer Licenses  
Renewal Licenses for the following:

Antiques Corner, 91 Loudville Road, Florence  
Petitioner: Louis Farrick

Cancer Connection Thrift Shop, 375 South Street  
Petitioner: Nancy Case

Cumberland Rare Books, 9 1/2 Market Street  
Petitioner: Hosea Baskin

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

Stuart F. Solomon Antiques, 202 Chestnut Street  
Petitioner: Stuart F. Solomon

The Vintage Cellar, 11 Bridge Street  
Petitioner: Daniel J. Egan

Tim's Used Books, Inc., 183 Main Street  
Petitioner: Timothy F. Barry

	<p><u>19.046 Petition for Junk Dealer License – Richard and Sharon Huntley</u> Renewal License for Richard &amp; Sharon Huntley, 254 Easthampton Road Petitioner: Richard Huntley</p>
<p><u>Recess for Committee on Finance Meeting</u></p>	<p>At 8:19 p.m., the City Council recessed for the Committee on Finance meeting. The Committee on Finance adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The City Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Financial Orders (on 1st reading)</u> <u>18.235 An Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(b) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term Rentals Within Two- and Three-Family Dwellings - 1st reading</u></p> <p><u>19.044 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 and Reprogram \$40,000 Free Cash to Leeds Elementary School Parking Lot - 1st reading</u></p>	<p><u>Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)</u></p> <p><u>18.235 An Order to Accept M.G.L. 64G, 3D(b) to Impose Community Impact Fee on Short-Term Rentals Within Two- and Three-Family Dwellings - 1st reading</u> Some amendments were recommended by the city solicitor, Ms. Krutzler noted. Councilor O'Donnell said he would read the original order and then describe the amendments. He proceeded to read the order.  Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded.  Councilor O'Donnell reviewed the solicitor's amendments, including replacing the phrase "immediately preceding this vote" in the second 'Whereas' clause with "on April 4, 2019" and replacing "professionally managed unit" with "short-term rental unit located within a two-family or three-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence."  Councilor Dwight moved acceptance of the amendments. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).  They decided to wait until part a passed because cities/towns can't accept part b unless they first accept part a, Mayor Narkewicz explained. As some people have asked how the money would be spent, he said he has tasked the housing partnership with coming up with a process for using the money. They are excited about this potential new source of support for affordable housing, he reported.  Councilor O'Donnell called the motion to approve the order in first reading to a vote, and it passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).  <u>See minutes of May 4, 2019 for second reading.</u></p> <p><u>19.044 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 and Reprogram \$40,000 Free Cash to Leeds Elementary School Parking Lot - 1st reading</u> Councilor Bidwell moved to approve the order in first reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).  Councilor Dwight moved to suspend the rules to allow a second reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote (Councilor Sciarra absent).  Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).  <u>The following order passed two readings:</u></p>

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council* April 18, 2019

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.044 An Order to Appropriate \$100,000 and Reprogram \$40,000 Free Cash to Leeds Elementary School Parking Lot**

*Ordered, that*

\$100,000 be appropriated from the FY19 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Free Cash) to Northampton Public Schools for paving and drainage upgrades to the parking lot at the Leeds Elementary School and further, to reprogram \$40,000 from the JFK Energy Management System Upgrades to the Leeds Elementary School parking lot project.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

Financial Orders (on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)  
19.036 An Order to approve purchase of 85 acres +/- in the Mineral Hills, Rocky Hill and Beaver Brook Greenways, and to appropriate CPA funds for such purpose - 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

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Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Klein seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with two absent (Councilors Bidwell and Sciarra).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council, April 4, 2019*

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

**19.036 An Order**

**To approve purchase of 85 acres +/- in the Mineral Hills, Rocky Hill and Beaver Brook Greenways, and to appropriate Community Preservation Act funds for such purpose**

WHEREAS, The *Open Space, Recreation, and Multi-Use Trail Plan: 2018-2025* recommends acquisition of land for recreation, conservation and open space needs, preserving character of rural areas, farms, forests and rivers, and provision of open space connections between public spaces, with specific recommendations for open space in the Mineral Hills, Rocky Hill, and Beaver Brook Greenways;

WHEREAS, The City has an agreement or is negotiating to purchase four parcels: 19.1 acres in the Mineral Hills west of Glendale Road, 20 acres in the Mineral Hills west of West Farms Road, 44.7 acres in the Beaver Brook Greenway west of Haydenville Road, and 1.7 acres in the Rocky Hill Greenway on Easthampton Road that fulfill the Open Space Plan recommendations, meet unique open space and recreational needs and fill gaps in the City's open space network;

WHEREAS, All parcels are adjacent to existing permanently protected open space or multi-use trails, and these acquisitions will enhance those areas and will create additional access and trail connection opportunities;

WHEREAS, The Northampton Conservation Commission and Office of Planning & Sustainability submitted a CPA application for purchase of these areas, and on March 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$161,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project. Any gaps in the funding will come from other grants, donations, and existing funds;

***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 lands and any immediately adjoining land; that the City Council hereby accepts such conservation restrictions; that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant conservation restrictions on any land so acquired, with such related restrictions and agreements as the City determines are agreeable.

Further, that \$161,000 is appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding for these acquisitions. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$161,000 is appropriated from the CPA Undesignated Reserve (account #2344930-359930).







Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.037 An Order to Appropriate \$30,000 in CPA Funds to Florence National Register Historic District Project - 2nd reading

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Councilor Klein moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with two absent (Councilors Bidwell and Sciarra).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, April 4, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

**19.037 An Order**

**to Appropriate \$30,000 in CPA Funds to Florence National Register Historic District Project**

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Committee for Northampton submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding to prepare and submit an application for a National Historic District in Florence, "African Americans, Abolition, and Equal Rights in Northampton, 1835 - 1900";

WHEREAS, creation of a National Register Historic District will help preserve the built and natural landscapes associated with the abolitionists and progressive reformers who founded Florence and increase awareness of important local historic resources;

WHEREAS, the project has wide community support;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend that \$30,000 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$30,000 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Florence National Register Historic District project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$30,000 is appropriated from the CPA Historic Reserve (account #2344930-359932)

**Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.**

**19.038 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Broad Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project - 2nd reading**

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Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed 6:1 by roll call vote with Councilor Klein opposed and two absent (Councilors Bidwell and Sciarra).

**The following order passed two readings:**

**City of Northampton  
MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, April 4, 2019*

*Upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee*

19.038 An Order

to Appropriate CPA Funds for Broad Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project

***Ordered, that***

WHEREAS, the Broad Brook Coalition submitted an application for Community Preservation Act funding for continued removal of invasive plants (Spotted and Brown Knapweeds on the dam and in Cooke's Pasture, (2) Glossy Buckthorn in Cooke's Pasture, and (3) Black Swallow-wort ) within the Broad Brook Greenway;

WHEREAS, the project's control and removal of invasive plants meets goals established by the Northampton Open Space Recreation and Multi-Use Trail Plan and Rediscovering Northampton, and will protect habitat areas of rare and endangered plant and animal species;

WHEREAS, the applicant has used these funds effectively in the past, with prevalence of target species reduced, and the project includes extensive volunteer efforts;

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2019, the Northampton Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously to recommend \$6,950 in Community Preservation Act funds be used to support this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That \$6,950 be appropriated from Community Preservation Act funding to the Broad Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project. And, that the grantee meets the conditions approved by the Community Preservation Committee, the Mayor, and City Council.

Specifically, \$6,950 is appropriated from the CPA Budgeted Reserve (account #2344930-359930).

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.041 An Order to Declare Surplus and Authorize the Sale of Former South Street School - 2nd reading

Councilor LaBarge moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 7:0 by roll call vote with two absent (Councilors Bidwell and Sciarra).

The following order passed two readings:

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**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, April 4, 2019

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

**19.041 An Order to Declare Surplus and Authorize Sale of Former South Street School**  
**BE IT ORDERED**

**Whereas**, the City of Northampton owns a former elementary school property located at 139 South Street known as the South Street School, and shown on Assessors Map 38B, Parcel 32 lot 1; and

**Whereas**, in 2007 the Northampton School Committee, after determining that the property was no longer needed for district educational purposes, voted to surplus the building to the City; and

**Whereas**, the City currently leases the property to Northampton Community Music Center, Inc. a private, non-profit music education school for \$1 per year until June 30, 2033; and

**Whereas**, Northampton Community Music Center, Inc. has been an excellent steward of the property, investing significant funds into renovating and maintaining it, and a positive member of the South Street neighborhood and the wider community; and

**Whereas**, Northampton Community Music Center, Inc. is interested in purchasing the property from the City of Northampton; and

**Whereas**, the City of Northampton does not have a municipal use for the property and M.G.L. c. 30B, §16 requires a vote of City Council to surplus any interest in public property prior to its disposal; and so now be it

**ORDERED THAT**

The property at 139 South Street is declared surplus to City needs and is hereby transferred to the care, custody and control of the Mayor for the purpose of selling such property for continued use for music education in accordance with Massachusetts procurement law and on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems reasonable and appropriate, provided that the property shall not be sold for less than its current fair market value and, if sold to a nonprofit entity, shall be subject to the successful bidder entering into an agreement for payment in lieu of taxes.

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

19.042 An Order to Accept Gift of Bench from Leeds Civic Association - 2nd reading

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Councilor Dwight moved to approve the order in second reading. Councilor LaBarge seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).

The following order passed two readings:

**City of Northampton**

MASSACHUSETTS

*In City Council*

Upon recommendation of the Mayor

**19.042 An Order to Accept Gift of Bench from Leeds Civic Association**

*Ordered, that*

*Whereas*, The Leeds Civic Association would like to see a deteriorated bench along the bike path near Mulberry Street replaced and wishes to provide funding to the City for a new bench;

*Now Therefore Be It Ordered,*

The Northampton City Council gratefully accepts the donation of \$1,103 as a gift to the City of Northampton to be used toward the purchase of a new bench near the bike path, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53 A (Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure).

	<u>Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.</u>
<u>Orders</u>	<u>Orders</u> None.
<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u>	<u>Ordinances (Not yet Referred)</u> None.
<u>Ordinances</u> <u>19.011 Ordinance</u> <u>Relative to</u> <u>Bicycle Share</u> <u>Services - 1st</u> <u>reading</u>	<p><u>Ordinances</u> <u>19.011 An Ordinance Relative to Bicycle Share Services - 1st reading</u> Councilor Dwight moved to put the order on the floor for discussion and waive its reading. Councilor Murphy seconded.</p> <p>This is an effort to update the ordinance to reflect some of the new modes of transportation on city streets and bike paths, including adding a reference to Electric Assist Scooters, Mayor Narkewicz explained. The Office of Planning and Sustainability wanted to update and clarify definitions to get ahead of new technology and make sure it had a process for being able to control and manage new transportation services, including bicycle share programs.</p> <p>In Legislative Matters, Senior Planner Carolyn Misch explained that, because technology is moving fairly quickly, other services may be interested in establishing themselves, Councilor Dwight related. Members questioned whether it was spot zoning. It is not, it is intended to create rules where there are none. He described it as 'a pre-emptive move to anticipate potential contractual problems, abandonment problems and congestion problems.'</p> <p>The stated requirements also level the playing field by making sure a vendor would be required to provide services to all of the city rather than just a certain area, Councilor Murphy added.</p> <p>Councilor Nash thanked the Bicycle/Pedestrian Subcommittee, acknowledging that most of the additions came from them. Bike/Ped members added the definition of electric scooter and updated wording to describe the service area, he pointed out.</p> <p>He's seen in Austin and Somerville what happens when you don't get out in front of these, Councilor Bidwell observed. He offered the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The definitions section doesn't always seem to track what follows. He gave the example of the term 'private program' being used in Section C. Service Area instead of 'Shared Mobility Device (SMD) program.'</li> <li>❖ Scooters is not added to bicycles in Section 312-49 C. He questioned whether this was intentional.</li> </ul> <p>Councilor Dwight proposed an amendment to add 'scooters' to Item C in Section 312-49. He so moved. Councilor Bidwell seconded. The motion passed 7:0 by voice vote with Councilors Carney and Sciarra absent.</p> <p>Councilor O'Donnell asked who would enforce a bicycle being held by the city for 30 days as proposed by Section 312-49 G.</p> <p>This is a process already followed if, say, a bicycle is left in Pulaski Park, Mayor Narkewicz explained.</p> <p>With regard to Section C. Service Area, Councilor O'Donnell questioned whether the term 'core neighborhoods' is defined somewhere. Councilor Dwight expressed the opinion that the word used there should be 'included' instead of 'including.'</p> <p>Mayor Narkewicz offered to ask planning staff to bring back clearer language for the second reading</p>

Councilor Bidwell asked about the reference to “Share operators” in 312-127 D(2). In response, Mayor Narkewicz suggested striking the word ‘Share.’

Councilor Bidwell so moved. Councilor Dwight seconded. The motion passed unanimously 8:0 by voice vote.

Councilor Bidwell also asked what the term “E-SMDs” referred to.

Councilor O’Donnell called the motion to approve the ordinance in first reading as amended to a vote, and it passed 8:0 by roll call vote with one absent (Councilor Sciarra).

See minutes of May 4, 2019 for second reading.

<p><u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) &amp; Study Requests</u></p>	<p><u>Information (Charter Provision 2-7) and Information Study Requests</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn</u></p>	<p>Upon motion made by Councilor Dwight and seconded by Councilor Bidwell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.</p> <p>Attest: _____ Administrative Assistant to the City Council</p>