



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, April 1, 2021

Upon the Recommendation of: Councilor William Dwight

21.233 A Resolution to Review and Revise the Rules and Committees of the City Council

Whereas, the City Council of Northampton, on a regular basis and as the need arises, must review and revise the rules that prescribe the processes by which the body shall deliberate; and

Whereas, the City Council must also periodically reconsider and evaluate the Committees of the Council to determine how they may best serve the Council; and

Whereas, the COVID 19 pandemic required significant changes in the way the Council convenes and conducts its business; and

Whereas, the Open Meeting Law of the Commonwealth requirements continue to evolve in meaningful ways as the Council conducts its business remotely via a changing technology; and

Whereas, the City Council of Northampton abides by and upholds the principles and the spirit of open government; and

Whereas, some Council rules have been rendered outdated and void by recent decisions by the Attorney General and the Governor in order to allow safe participation and continuity in government;

Now therefore, be it resolved that: the City Council requests that the Council President appoint a select committee dedicated to the review of the Council Rules and Council Committees to assemble at a time determined by the President; and

Be it further resolved that, the Committee shall deliver to the Council, at a time determined by the President, recommendations to be considered; and

Be it further resolved that, the President shall determine the members of the Committee which may include individuals who are not City Councilors.