



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS  
Office of the City Clerk

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**North Adams City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the North Adams City Council will be conducted via remote, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, This meeting can be viewed live on the Northern Berkshire Community Television station and will be posted to their website as soon as possible

I hereby notify that at twelve noon today, September 16, 2020, the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the regular meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday Evening September 22, 2020 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Deborah M. Pedercini  
City Clerk

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
September 22, 2020**

Roll Call  
Moment of silent remembrance  
The Pledge  
Approval of the minutes of September 8, 2020  
Hearing of Visitors on Agenda

- 11,790** Communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding short term rentals and thee requirements of the City that was postponed at the meeting of August 25, 2020.
- 11,860** Communication submitted by North Adams Traffic Commission recommending stop signs at the intersection of East Main, Pleasant and Miner Streets which was referred to Public Safety Committee and postponed at the meeting of August 25, 2020.
- 11,859** Communication submitted by Councilor Lamb addressing various safety issues regarding sidewalk ordinances, which was postponed at the meeting of August 25, 2020.

- 11,876** Communication submitted by Councilor Lamb addressing speed limits and safety concerns in the Autumn Drive and Birchwood Terrace area, which was postponed at the meeting of September 8, 2020.
- 11,891-1** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article V, Section 13-49, entitled “Parking prohibited on certain streets”, relative to expanding no street parking on Protection Avenue which was passed to a second reading and published as required by law at the meeting of September 8, 2020.
- 11,860-1** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article IV, Section 13-42, entitled “Obedience to isolated stop signs or signals,” relative to adding stop signs to the intersection of East Main Street, Miner Street and Pleasant Street, which was passed to a second reading and published as required by law at the meeting of September 8, 2020.
- 11,860-2** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Article IV, Section 13-26, entitled, “Special speed regulations,” relative to lowering speed limits at and around the intersection of East Main Street, Miner Street and Pleasant Street, which was passed to a second reading and published as required by law at the meeting of September 8, 2020.
- 11,883-e** Mayor’s communication #51 presenting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.
- 11,883-e** An Order appropriating the sum of \$41,006,102 to be raised by taxation for FY 2021.
- 11,883-f** Mayor’s communication #52 regarding the transfer of \$82,593 from Municipal Access Technology Fund to the Information Technology Account.
- 11,883-f** An Order authorizing the appropriation of \$82,593 from the Municipal Access Technology Fund Account to General Government, Information Technology Fund Account.
- 11,883-g** Mayor’s communication #53 regarding the transfer of \$18,400 from Parking Meter Reserve Account to the Traffic and Parking Control budget.
- 11,883-g** An Order appropriating the sum of \$18,400 from the Parking Meter Reserve Account to General Government, Traffic and Parking Control.
- 11,883-h** Mayor’s communication #54 regarding the transfer of \$129,553 from the Landfill Reserve Account to Capital Expense budget.
- 11,883-h** An Order appropriating the sum of \$129,553 from the Landfill Reserve Account to Public Safety, Health Inspection Services, Capital Expenses.
- 11,883-i** Mayor’s communication #55 regarding the transfer of \$89,881 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Public Services budget.
- 11,883-i** An Order appropriating the sum of \$89,881 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Public Services Administration, Cemetery.

- 11,883-j** Mayor's communication #56 regarding Aquatic Vegetation Management, Windsor Lake.
- 11,883-j** An Order appropriating the sum of \$35,100 from the Stabilization Account to Windsor Lake Services Purchased.

LICENSES  
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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES  
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CORRESPONDENCE  
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88959657706>



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
**Thomas W. Bernard**

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Communication #	Subject	Date
51	City of North Adams Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021	September 22, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Enclosed with this communication is an Order presenting the City of North Adams operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021. I request City Council approval of this order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

In City Council

September 22, 2020

Ordered:

That the amounts which the several departments and officers may expend during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 be and herby appropriated as follows:

1. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,215,985.00
2. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$5,147,867.00
3. PUBLIC SERVICES	\$3,255,250.00
4. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	\$17,769,074.00
5. PENSIONS	\$3,077,869.00
6. UNCLASSIFIED	\$8,475,421.00
7. CAPITAL	\$873,700.00
8. INTEREST	\$444,624.00
9. DEBT	\$746,312.00

**And be it further ordered:** that the sum of Forty-One Million Six Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$41,006,102.00), less the amount of estimated revenue to reduce the tax rate, be raised by taxation.

**And be it further ordered:** that the heads of various departments, with the approval of the mayor, be and are hereby authorized to trade in used equipment towards the purchase price of new equipment, for which the money has been appropriated in the annual budget.



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor  
**Thomas W. Bernard**

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Communication #	Subject	Date
52	Transfer from Municipal Access Technology Fund	September 22, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Submitted for your consideration is an Order to transfer \$82,593 from the city's Municipal Access Technology Fund to the Information Technology department. As part of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget I proposed using these funds on a one-time basis to offset staff and purchased service expenses in the IT department.

I request that the Council adopt this Order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

In City Council

September 22, 2020

Ordered:

That the sum of **eighty-two thousand five hundred ninety-three dollars** (\$82,593.00) be and is hereby appropriated from the Municipal Access Technology Fund account (account # 022-0022-1030-0571) and appropriated as follows:

1. General Government

Information Technology

Account # 001-1550-5108 (Assistant MIS Director)	\$57,593.00
Account # 001-1550-5381 (Services purchased)	\$25,000.00



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Communication #	Subject	Date
53	Transfer from Parking Meter Reserve Account	September 22, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Submitted for your consideration is an Order to transfer \$18,400 from the city's Parking Meter Reserve Account to the Traffic and Parking Control budget. As part of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget I proposed using these funds on a one-time basis to offset staff and equipment costs related to traffic and parking control.

I request that the Council adopt this Order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me





# City of North Adams

In City Council

September 22, 2020

Ordered:

That the sum of **eighteen thousand four hundred dollars** (18,400.00) be and is hereby appropriated from the Parking Meter Reserve account (account # 022-0022-1030-0571) and appropriated as follows:

1. General Government

Traffic and Parking Control

Account # 001-2930-5004 (Hearings Officer)	\$ 1,500.00
Account # 001-2930-5091 (Traffic Control)	\$15,200.00
Account # 001-2930-5381 (Meter repairs and Replacement)	\$ 1,700.00



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Communication #	Subject	Date
54	Transfer from Landfill Reserve Account	September 22, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Submitted for your consideration is an Order to transfer \$129,553 from the city's Landfill Reserve Account to the transfer station and capital expense budget. As part of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget I proposed using these funds on a one-time basis to offset staff expenses at the landfill as well as road paving expenses.

I request that the Council adopt this Order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

In City Council

September 22, 2020

Ordered:

That the sum of **one hundred twenty-nine thousand five hundred fifty-three dollars** (129,553.00) be and is hereby appropriated from the Landfill Reserve account (account # 022-0022-1030-0785) and appropriated as follows:

2. Public Safety

Health Inspection Services

Account # 001-5100-5028 (Part Time Transfer Station) \$89,553.00

7. Capital Expenses

Account # 001-9300-5540 (Road Paving) \$40,000.00



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Communication #	Subject	Date
55	Transfer from Sale of Cemetery Lots Account	September 22, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Submitted for your consideration is an Order to transfer \$89,881 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account to the Public Services budget. As part of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget I proposed using these funds on a one-time basis to offset clerical and cemetery labor staff expenses.

I request that the Council adopt this Order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor

TWB/me



# City of North Adams

In City Council

September 22, 2020

Ordered:

That the sum of **eighty-nine thousand eight hundred eighty-one dollars** (89,881.00) be and is hereby appropriated from the Sale of Cemetery Lots account (account # 022-0022-1030-0620) and appropriated as follows:

### 3. Public Services

#### Public Services Administration

Account # 001-4000-5025 (Part Time Clerk)	\$12,241.00
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#### Cemetery

Account # 001-4910-5105 (Laborer)	\$77,640.00
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Communication #	Subject	Date
56	Aquatic Vegetation Management, Windsor Lake 2021	September 22, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council  
North Adams, Massachusetts

Dear Honorable Councilors:

Submitted for your consideration is an Order to transfer \$35,100 from the city's stabilization account in order to support the continuation of aquatic vegetation management at Windsor Lake.

I request that the Council adopt this Order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard  
Mayor



# City of North Adams

In City Council

September 22, 2020

Ordered:

That the sum of **thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars** (\$35,100.00) be and is hereby appropriated from the stabilization account to:

*Windsor Lake Services Purchased*

*Account # 002-6310-5381*

*\$35,100*