

# Office of the City Clerk City of North Adams

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## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF GOVERNMENT 2017**

**January 11, 2017**

The meeting was called to Order by the City Clerk for the ensuing year 2017.

On roll call the following responded: Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Michael Roy, 15 year member of the North Adams Fire Department.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Clerk called for nominations for the Office of Council President for the year 2017.

Councilor Merrigan nominated Councilor Lamb, seconded by Councilor Buddington.

With no further nominations, Councilor Bullett made a motioned to cease nominations, seconded by Councilor Buddington.

The Clerk declares Councilor Lamb as Council President for the year 2017.

The City Clerk administered the oath of office to Councilor Lamb.

President Lamb takes the chair.

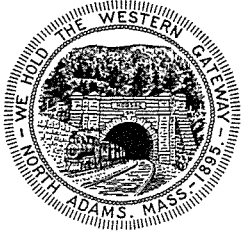
The President calls for nominations for Vice President for the year 2017.

Councilor Boucher nominates Councilor Bullett as Vice President, seconded by Councilor Moulton.

With no further nominations the President declared the nominations closed.

The Clerk administered the oath of office to Vice President Bullett.

The President presented the Rules of Order for City Council for 2017.



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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL June 27, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Councilor Buddington Absent.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Gailanne Cariddi, who served this City for 21 years as a City Councilor, two terms as its President and seven years as our State Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature, where she was the Chairman of the Joint committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Leo Senecal, former Superintendent of Public Works for the City.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, David Willette, Oak Hill was very upset that the Skate Board sign said N Adams and not North Adams, the City should take pride in who we are. He read several responses that people of the City wrote and they all were very concerned that the sign read N Adams. Mr. Willette said it would cost about \$500 to fix it to read North Adams and there is an anonymous donor.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**10,674-5** The President presented a petition submitted to Council President Lamb from Berkshire Hills Development Co. LLC to amend the Zoning Map, which held a Public Hearing with the Planning Board on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Without objection the President the placed the communication on file.

**10,674-5** The President presented an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance designated as the Appendix, amending the map defined in Chapter 2 entitled Classes of Districts; sub section 2.2 entitled Building Zone Map.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

- 11,596** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-27 of the Revised Ordinances, Schedule A, the Classification Plan and Section 2-28(a), Section B the Compensation Plan for FY'18, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,597** The President presented Mayor's communication #32 recommending the re-appointment of Eric Kerns to the Public Arts Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2022, which was postponed to the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

Councilor Blackmer rescinded her original motion. Councilor Buddington made a motion to postpone to the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Blackmer.

- 9,513-26** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 entitled Public Services, 7-11 entitled Disposal of Waste at the Transfer Station; Charges, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton.

- 11,592-1** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President on behalf of the Traffic Commission, which was referred to the City Solicitor and postponed at the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to refer to the Public Safety Committee and postpone to the meeting of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Solicitor said that removing the 2 parking meters would require an Ordinance change.

- 11,601** The President presented mayor's communication #36 regarding the water questions in the City Schools.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

Superintendent Malkas gave a presentation on the water testing in the North Adams Public Schools.

**11,602** The President presented Mayor's communication #37 recommending an appropriation from Free Cash to Stabilization.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,602** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$88,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED; to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and any vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,603** The President presented Mayor's communication #38 recommending an appropriation from Free Cash to Flood Control Emergency Repair.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,603** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$48,687.75 from Certified Free Cash to Flood Control Emergency Repair.

On motion of Blackmer, duly seconded by councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,604** The President presented Mayor's communication #39 recommending an appropriation from Certified Free Cash to Housing Opportunity Inc.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,604** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$39,914.10 from Certified Free Cash to Housing Opportunities Inc.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,605** The President presented Mayor's communication #40 recommending an appropriation from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses; Demolition.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,605** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$25,000 from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Nay none.

- 11,606** The President presented Mayor's communication #41 recommending an appropriation from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,606** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$62,686.53 from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses; Property Purchase.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay Councilor Boucher.

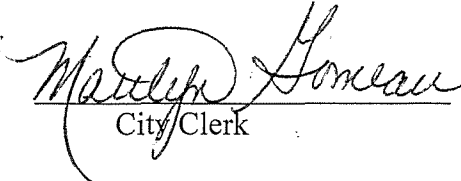
The President presented an application submitted by Acinda Rondeau, 19 Navajo Drive to drive taxi for RJ's Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Council President presented Councilor Bullett with a bucket of personalized golf balls with messages of farewell from her Colleagues, Clerks and Mayor. Council President said she reminded him of a story he had heard of planting date palms. So you are clearing planting that date palm out of care for the future. I think the seeds you have planted here in North Adams over your time in the community and everything you have done will show fruit for generations to come. Thank you from myself and the community for planting a whole bunch of seeds. Councilor Bullett with tears said it was a privilege and pleasure to have served on the Council.

On motion of Councilor Bullett, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

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On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to accept the Council Rules of Order as presented.

The President noted the Committee assignments would not change for the year.

The President appointed Councilor Merrigan and Councilor Bona to draw Council seats for 2017.

Seat 1. Councilor Moulton      Seat 2. Councilor Blackmer      Seat 3. Councilor Merrigan

Seat 4. Councilor Moran      Seat 5. Councilor Buddington      Seat 6. Councilor Boucher

Seat 7. Councilor Bullett      Seat 8. Councilor Bona

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of December 27<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Bullett, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Buddington abstained because he was not at the meeting.

**11,549**      The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding parking on sidewalks, which was referred to the Traffic Commission and the Commission on Disabilities at the meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Bona, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to postpone to the meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**11,407-1**      The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article XXXIV entitled Public Arts Commission, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law, with Councilor Blackmer opposed.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; Councilor Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran. Nay Councilor Blackmer.

**11,556**      The President presented Mayor's communication #1 setting the bond levels for the City Treasurer/Tax Collector, Assistant Treasurer and the City Clerk.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,556**      The President presented an Order establishing the bond for the Treasurer/Tax Collector at \$250,000.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,556-1** The President presented an Order establishing the bond for the Assistant Treasurer at \$62,500.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,556-2** The President presented an Order establishing the bond for the City Clerk at \$15,000.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,557** The President presented Mayor's communication #2 recommending the re-appointment of Alan Horbal to the Historic Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

**11,558** The President presented Mayor's communication #3 recommending the re-appointment of Darrell English to the Historic Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

**11,559** The President presented Mayor's communication #4 recommending the re-appointment of Paul W. Marino to the Historic Commission for a term to expire January 2, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

**11,531-1** The President presented Mayor's communication #5 recommending amending the Compensation Plan for FY'17 Part Time & Fire.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,531-1** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-28(a) Schedule B, the Compensation Plan for FY'17 Part IV-Part Time Salary Scale.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

**11,531-2** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-28(a), Schedule B, the Compensation Plan Fire.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

The President presented an application from Sarah Guest, 92 Summer Street, Adams to drive taxi for Tunnel City Cab.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Buddington meet the new Health Inspector Valerie Bird and said she seems to be doing a good job. Council President is encouraging residents to put a smile on this Thursday and Friday to welcome representatives from the Small Business Revolution. This is a scouting trip and we are hoping the City makes the final cut for a \$500,000 downtown marketing and makeover boost.

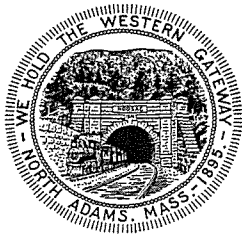
With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adjourn at 7:58pm.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL January 24, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Councilor Bullett absent.

A moment of silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Merle Knight, Temple Street and Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street were concerned about the break ins that have been occurring around the City. Mark Trottier, Woodlawn Avenue has some concerns about the purchase of the DPW building.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of December 27<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

The President asked for some time before moving into the agenda to recognize the retirement of Nancy Canales, Assistant City Clerk.

City Clerk, Marilyn Gomeau thanked Nancy for all her hard work and dedication to the Council and the Clerk's Office.

**11,531-1** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-28(a), Schedule B, the Compensation Plan for FY'17 Part IV-Part Time Salary Scale, which was passed to a second reading and published as required by law at the meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddingotn it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance as amended.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,531-2** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-28(a), Schedule B, the Compensation Plan; Fire, which was passed to a second reading and published as required by law at the meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance as amended.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,560** The President presented Mayor's communication #6 recommending the re-appointment of Shaun Dougherty to the Airport Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

- 11,561** The President presented Mayor's communication #7 recommending the re-appointment of Gail Sellers to the Mass MoCA Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

- 11,562** The President presented Mayor's communication #8 recommending the re-appointment of Allyson Holmes to the Planning Board for a term to expire February 2, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

- 11,563** The President presented Mayor's communication #9 recommending the re-appointment of Paul Senecal to the Planning Board for a term to expire February 1, 2020.

- 11,564** The President presented Mayor's communication #10 regarding an easement and agreement with Greylock Mill.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted that the City applied for a MassWorks Grant to assist the project with certain phases of infrastructure at the site. This work includes site work for parking along the north side as well as some fairly extensive landscaping. The grant is in the amount of \$2,176,341.

**11,564** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into an easement agreement with Greylock Mill.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to Adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,565** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President on behalf of the City Clerk regarding the appointment of Deborah Pedercini as the Assistant City Clerk.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED; to confirm the appointment.

The President called upon the City Clerk to administer the oath of office to the Assistant City Clerk.

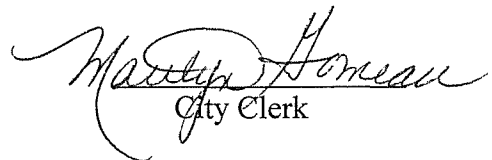
The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Council President congratulated Councilor Blackmer on her tenure as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Councilor Bona thanked Councilor Lamb and Suzy Helme for their work in the Small Business Revolution. Councilor Moulton said he was still concerned about the purchase of the new building for the DPW, he feels the agreement should be looked at again, since we did not get the grant money and the loss of the solar.

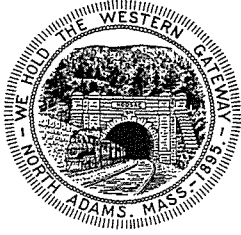
With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in Order.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:14pm.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL February 14, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Eileen Jacques long time second grade teacher at East (Sullivan) Elementary School. Following her retirement, Eileen was an election poll worker and volunteered at the Visitors Booth. Mary Ann Calvi taught at Mark Hopkins and Greylock Elementary Schools from 1953 to her retirement in 1986. Mary Kelley, former special education teacher at Drury High School. Ronald Superneau, 32 year member of the North Adams School Committee who was honored by the Massachusetts School Committee Association with a lifetime achievement award. He also served on the McCann Building Committee. Larry Vadnais, long time educator which included time at Johnson School. He established the Center for Resourceful Living at North Adams State College.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street noted that the City was not getting good service for the amount of taxes they pay. The streets are in terrible condition and they are not using enough sand and salt on the roads.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of January 24<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Bullett abstained.

**11,549-a** The President presented a report of the Traffic Commission, regarding parking on sidewalks.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the committee report as presented.

**11,549** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding parking on sidewalks, which was postponed at the meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Bona it was VOTED: to file the communication.

**11,555-1** The President presented a Resolution declaring North Adams' commitment to being a Safe and Inclusive Community, which was referred to the Community Development Committee and postponed at the meeting of December 27, 2016.

On motion of Councilor Bullett, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Resolution.

Councilor Buddington noted the committee took no action; the Resolution is just a plan and it does not cover everyone.

Council President read the amended Resolution which changed dramatically to be more of a positive statement and less of a factual noting the challenges that we are facing.

Councilor Moulton objected to some language in the Resolution that was specific to anti-Semitism and Islamophobia because of the reference to freedom of religion in the second paragraph. He wondered why not Christians, they are the most persecuted religious groups in the country. Councilor Merrigan said although Councilor Moulton had interesting points she thought the reason for being explicit in this circumstance was because of the history and lack of power in the United States of the groups listed. I would like to see these groups in the document because they have less conventional, social and political systemic power.

Several Councilors supported the Resolution with or without those two words.

Councilor Moulton motioned to amend by removing the language, seconded by Councilor Moran. Councilor Buddington and Merrigan opposed.

Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street accused the Mayor of being a racist.

Council President asked Mr. Cardimino several times to sit down. He continued to call out that the Mayor was a racist, on the fourth request, Council President informed Mr. Cardimino he would have to leave Council Chambers. Mr. Cardimino continued to speak out calling the Mayor racist. The President called a two minute recess to have him removed from Council Chambers. Peter May of Summit Avenue noted that he had challenged the Council last year to take a stand on civil rights in the wave of the Presidential Election.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to amend the Resolution by replacing with the new text that was presented by Council President.

The Resolution was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,566** The President presented Mayor's communication #12 regarding an update on the Berkshire Bike Path.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

Lauren from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission was in attendance to give an overview of the proposed route for the bike path joining Williamstown to North Adams.

Several residents were in attendance, Wendy Champney, 1143 State Road and Jane Culnane, 101 Chenaille Terrace wondered why the bike path could not follow along the Hoosic River. Lauren said that they did look at that possibility but there just is not enough room along the river with the houses and the railroad tracks. Several Councilors were concerned for the neighbors and hoped there would be public hearings moving forward on this project. The Mayor assured them there would be great care given to the neighborhood.

- 11,567** The President presented Mayor's communication #14 regarding an SOI for Greylock School.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,567** The President presented a Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to submit an SOI for improvements to Greylock Elementary School.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Resolution.

The Resolution was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,568** The President presented Mayor's communication #11 recommending the appointment of Larry Taft to fill the unexpired term of Jay Walsh on the Planning Board.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

- 11,569** The President presented Mayor's communication #15 regarding the sale of multiple City owned parcels and buildings.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,569** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, Public Works Facility and City Yard.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

Councilor Moulton wondered if the RFP is a or if environmental issues occurred who would be responsible. Mr. Canales noted the purchase would be as is. Councilor Bullett asked if perhaps it would have been more cost effective to have a local appraiser. The Mayor noted the appraiser is a commercial appraiser and he does a good job.

Mark Trottier, Woodlawn Avenue, asked what the cost was. The Mayor said it was about \$2,500 to \$3,000 per property. Aaron Crandall of Burnham Street asked why the City did not get a second appraisal to be sure the City is getting full value for the properties.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,569-1** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, Salt Shed.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,570** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, Sullivan School located at 151 Kemp Avenue.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,571** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, Norte Dame Church located at 214 and 222 East Main Street.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by ye and nay vote as follows; ye Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,572** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to dispose of the property in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 16, Windsor Mill located at 121 Union Street.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by ye and nay vote as follows; ye Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,573** The President presented Mayor's communication #16 informing Council on the Tax Title Auction.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor explained the City currently holds approximately 200 liens on properties for unpaid taxes, interest, demolition liens, etc. totaling some 2.5 million dollars in "Tax Title". Letters will be issued to property owners in default that this auction will occur. They will have 30 days to respond to the Treasurer to either totally satisfy the obligation or work with the office to establish a qualified payment plan.

**11,575** The President presented a recommendation from the Traffic Commission regarding parking on River Street.

Without objection the President filed the communication.

**11,575** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 entitled Motor Vehicle Traffic, Section 13-49, River Street.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

**11,539-2** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Moulton regarding 59 Hodges Cross Road, DPW building.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to file the communication.



Councilor Moulton said his reason for bringing this back to Council was because he was frustrated that the Council had not been informed about the solar array company that was linked with the deal and has pulled out. Councilor feels the City should have the option to renegotiate the deal. Councilor Blackmer noted that Council did not approve the deal but approved the authorization to borrow.

Without objection the President moved the application to drive taxi from Tiffany Winters, 150 Ashland Street to drive for RJ's Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license.

**11,574**        The President presented Mayor's communication #13 requesting permission of the Council to give the State of the City Address.

Without objection the President postponed the Mayor's address until the next meeting.

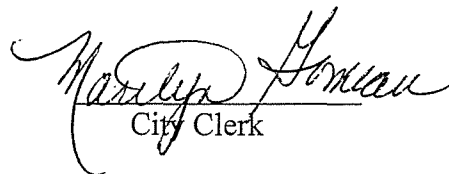
The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Blackmer reminded everyone about WinterFest this week-end. Councilor Bullett thanked the family of Ronald Superneau for supporting him in his efforts to serve the City. Council President noted there is still time to vote for North Adams on the Small Business Revolution.

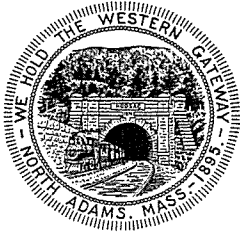
With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in Order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adjourn at 10:12pm.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL February 28, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Absent Councilor Boucher.

A moment of silence was observed.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy noted that Council President was in violation of Rule 10. Joanne Lipa Bates challenges everyone to send a letter of protest to President Donald Trump on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**11,575** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 entitled Motor Vehicle Traffic, Section 13-49, River Street, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,576** The President presented Mayor's communication #17 recommending the acceptance of Budd Dougherty Drive as a City Street.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,576** The President a Resolution accepting Budd Dougherty Drive as a City Street.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to adopt the Resolution.

The Mayor explained that the street was always maintained by the City, but never was formally accepted as a street.

Mark Trottier of Woodlawn Avenue questioned why this was a Resolution and not an Order.

The Mayor noted that this language was used in the past and has been approved by the City Solicitor.

The Resolution was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,577** The President presented a communication submitted by the Board of Registrars of Voters approving change of Ward 4 Polling Place.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the change.

Mary Ann Caproni, Board of Registrars for the City explained that school security has changed dramatically since 2011. Ron O'Brien noted he has been on both sides of the spectrum, as an educator and now an election work at St. Elizabeth's. The use of a gym means a class is disrupted, upsetting both students and teachers. St. Elizabeth is a perfect location for all of the wards and it works well.

**11,574** The President presented Mayor's communication #13 requesting permission of the Council to give the State of the City Address, which was postponed at the meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Moulton said his reason for bringing this back to Council was because he was frustrated that the Council had not been informed about the solar array company that was linked with the deal and has pulled out. Councilor feels the City should have the option to renegotiate the deal. Councilor Blackmer noted that Council did not approve the deal but approved the authorization to borrow.

Without objection the President moved the application to drive taxi from Tiffany Winters, 150 Ashland Street to drive for RJ's Taxi.

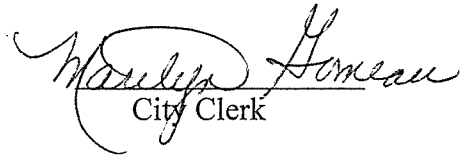
On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license.

11,574 The President presented Mayor's communication #13 requesting permission of the Council to give the State of the City Address, which was postponed at the meeting of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, hearing none a motion to adjourn was in Order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:12pm.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL March 28, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Absent Councilors, Blackmer, Buddington, Lamb.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Joan Farinon, assistant in the City Clerk's Office, Sharon Levesque former employee of the Health Department, and Lorraine Maloney former administrative Assistant to the President of MCLA and Director of Community Service/Volunteerism at MCLA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Richard Dasatti, 472 Walnut Street spoke about the candlelight vigil marking the third anniversary of the North Adams Regional Hospital's closing today. He remarked on the need for a full service hospital, and the loss of many jobs. Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy remarked about the City of North Adams being a "Sanctuary City", and the concern about possible loss of funding. Mark Trotter, 131 Woodlawn Avenue, inquired about the solar array, and had additional questions with regard to barriers on Union Street that have been in place three years.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of February 28th.

On motion of Councilor Bona, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Boucher abstained.

**11,578** The President presented Mayor's Communication #18 recommending the re-appointment of Elizabeth Dilego to the Board of Registrars for a term to expire April 1, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Merrigan, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

- 11,579 The President presented Mayor's communication #19 recommending the appropriation from Certified Free Cash to Unclassified, Office of Community Development.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,579 The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$20,000 from Certified Free Cash to Unclassified: Office of Community Development.

On motion of Councilor Merrigan, and duly seconded by Councilor Boucher, it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Mayor explained that the City was awarded a grant from the Attorney General's Office Abandoned Housing Initiative that will cover 50% of the final costs to demolish the building, at an estimated \$40,000. This cost will cover any asbestos inspection and lab analysis work as well. The City's original intention in the purchase of this building was to address traffic and parking issues with Protection Avenue.

Councilor Moulton stated he was for the appropriation, however, he inquired if any of the demolition could be done in-house at a cost savings. The Mayor's response was that it was not cost effective, nor reasonable for our City employees to do any of the work.

Councilor Bona was in agreement with the Mayor, as it was not cost effective.

Councilor Boucher commented on the building's blight, and was in agreement for safety.

Mark Trottier of Woodlawn Avenue questioned where the bids were, and when they would expire, and where the money would be coming from.

Robert Cardimino, North Adams, questioned why \$20,000, instead of \$40,000. The Mayor responded that it was a matching grant, and that if the project cost \$30,000, then the City's portion will only be \$15,000.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Bona, Boucher, Bullett Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns.

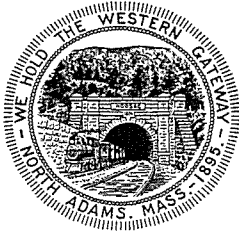
The Mayor addressed the land owned by Tom Holland, off Curran Highway in regards to the solar array which was approved by the Planning Board and is due to expire April, 2017. Work began on the property last month, and will supply power to the Holland Plant.

The President called for any other Councilor or Mayor's concerns, hearing none, a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL April 11, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Absent Councilors, Bullett.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Richard O'Neill member of the Conservation Commission for the City of North Adams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy remarked about monies being spent on the armory, when the youth groups pay for the use of the facility.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of March 28<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Blackmer, Buddington, Lamb abstained.

**11,580** The President presented Mayor's Communication #20 regarding Housing Opportunities, INC. (HOI).

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor explained HOI is a non-profit that was put in place many years ago to spur housing rehab programs. While the details of its history are not relevant to this communication, suffice to say that the program is no longer viable. As it supports both cash and real assets it is time that these are turned over to the City for reprogramming. Once the transfer of assets is complete and the City has control, we will manage certain property, sell off others and utilize all cash for CDBG eligible projects.

**11,580** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to execute the transfer agreement with HOI.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

Councilor Boucher questioned if there was any contamination at the sun cleaners site.

The Mayor noted that the City would not do anything with that property until the City is sure the site is clean and there is no soil contamination. HOI reimburses the City for the testing and there is absolutely no cost to the City.

Councilor Buddington asked what would happen to the property if there is contamination on the property. City Solicitor John DeRosa said the City would not be obligated and HOI would still hold the property.

Councilor Moulton did not agree with the agreement presented.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Boucher, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran. Nay Councilor Moulton.

**11,581**        The President Presented Mayor's communication #21 presenting the Scanlon Report to FY'16.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted that there were no substantial findings and the financial team has done well.

Tom Scanlon said the audit is good for the past three years, the City has free cash. The City has gone from a negative outlook to a stable outlook.

**11,582**        The President presented Mayor's communication #22 presenting the Standard & Poor's Global Rating for the City.

Without objection the president placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted the City was upgraded from A- to A and that the outlook has been revised from negative to stable. This is wonderful indication of our financial progress in all aspects of fiscal management to include policy, procedure and cash management.

**11,583**        The President presented Mayor's communication #23 presenting the "DRAFT" budget for FY'18.

Without objection the President place the communication on file.

The Mayor noted he has been working with Councilor Blackmer, chair of the finance committee and have put together a schedule of meetings with the committee.

The draft budget was referred to the finance committee for review.

**11,584**        The President presented Mayor's communication #24 regarding an update on the progress of ADA.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.



Michael Canales, Administrative Officer for the City gave an overview of the ADA compliance. All of the City Parks have been brought up to code. Improvements to the bathrooms at Windsor Lake have been completed. Work has been done on the sidewalks. The biggest challenge is the Public Safety Building.

The President presented a renewal of a secondhand license from Ernest Perry, 118 Eagle Street in the business name of "Odds & Ends".

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license. Councilor Bona abstained.

The President presented a renewal of a secondhand license from Mary Ann George, 615 Ashland Street in the business name of "Maryann-tiques & Gifts".

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license. Councilor Bona abstained.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns.

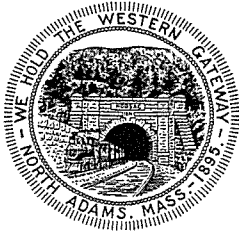
The Mayor explained that the gas company was working with the City on a solid plan while working on Eagle Street.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:42 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL April 25, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb Merrigan, Moulton. Absent Councilors, Moran, Merrigan.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Sheldon "Pete" Field, longtime firefighter with the City of North Adams Fire Department serving from 1964 until his retirement in 1989, and Shirley Ann Barry, clerk in the Office of the Mayor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy St. noted a stop sign missing on State Road, near Monroe Muffler, as well as the street sweeper needing a new brush. Mr. Cardimino also questioned Mayor Alcombright as to why there was a need to hire two new City employees when the City should be cutting the budget. Mr. Cardimino was then requested by the President to refrain from attacking the Mayor.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 11, 2017

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Bullett abstained.

**11,585** The President presented Mayor's communication #25 regarding A Resolution declaring North Adams as an Age Friendly Community.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,585** The President presented the Resolution adopting an Age Friendly Community Strategy in the City of North Adams.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to adopt the Resolution.

The Mayor read the Resolution, and spoke about the great things that are happening in the area of UNO Park, such as Bocce Ball and the planters that have been raised, making it more accessible for seniors, as well as the City's dog park.

Councilor Buddington commented in favor of the Resolution, stating his agreement of the benefits for our seniors. The Mayor spoke on his commitment to the program, as well as a commitment of \$30,000 for upcoming infrastructure repairs to the Spitzer Center. Councilor Blackmer gave her appreciation and approval of the Resolution.

The Resolution was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,586** The President presented Mayor's communication #26 regarding a Proclamation for Children's Mental Health Awareness Week, May 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor recognized Carey Crews for her work, and spoke about Children's Mental Health Day in The City and spoke about UNO Park and fun activities for children, the Mayor continued to read the Proclamation, and thanked the Council for allowing him to bring the Proclamation before Council.

**11,587** The President presented Mayor's communication #27 recommending the re-appointment of Michael Canales to the Hoosac Water Quality District for a term to expire April 1, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

Councilor Buddington spoke about the knowledge of Michael Canales and had full approval of the re-appointment. Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street, questioned if there was any compensation for this position. Mayor responded, no.

**11,588** The President presented Mayor's communication #28 recommending re-appointment of Timothy Lescarbeau to the Hoosac Water Quality District for a term to expire April 1, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

**10,674-5** The President presented Petition submitted to Council President Lamb from Berkshire Hills Development Co., LLC to amend the Zoning Map.

The President made a motion to refer to the Planning Board for a joint public hearing.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to refer to the Planning Board.

**11,589** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Buddington regarding the filing of minutes.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED to refer to the General Government Committee.

Councilor Blackmer and Buddington spoke in regards to the frequency of request for minutes. Councilor Blackmer inquired with the City Clerk as to how soon after a meeting are the minutes requested by the public. City Clerk responded that it is not frequent that this happens. Draft minutes should always be available if they are requested.

The President presented an application submitted by James Montepare, 100 McLain Court, Williamstown for a renewal of a secondhand license in the business name of "Empire Antiques", located at 432 State Road.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license. Councilor Bona abstained.

The President presented an application submitted by James Montepare, 100 McLain Court, Williamstown for a renewal of a secondhand license in the business name of "Empire Antiques", located at 69 Main Street.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license. Councilor Bona abstained.

The President presented a renewal of a secondhand license from George Apkin, 17 Depot Street, Adams in the business name of "Apkin & Sons" located at 80R State Street.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license. Councilor Bona abstained.

The President presented an application submitted by Jennifer Howard, 115 Water Street, Williamstown for a secondhand license in the business name of Minerva Arts Center, d/b/a MAC Treasures, located at 350 State Road.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to grant the license. Councilor Bona abstained.

The President presented an application submitted by Edward LaCosse, 119 Brayton Hill Terrace to drive taxi for RJ's Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President presented an application submitted by Carmen Hyatt, 16 Town View Lane, Adams, to drive taxi for RJ's Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President presented an application submitted by Lindsay Wilkinson, 116 Oak Hill to drive taxi for Tunnel City Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns.

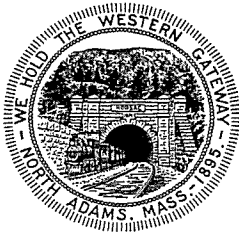
Councilor Bullet spoke about the upcoming Jocelyn LeClair 5K race at Windsor Lake on May 7, 2017. Councilor Blackmer congratulated Dr. Birge at MCLA and commented on the activities on the MCLA campus over the past weekend. Councilor Lamb commented on the Community Day of Service at MCLA. The Mayor acknowledged the service of Lorraine Maloney for her involvement in the program as well.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 7:52 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL May 9, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton.

A moment of silence was observed remembering three members of the community. Rodney Prevey who served as police officer for the City of North Adams from August 1960 to June 1998, serving as a Sergeant for many years, and retiring as Director of the City's police force. Francis Rivers was a firefighter with the North Adams Fire Department from 1946 until his retirement in 1972. He was a charter member of the North Adams Local 1781 of the International Association of Firefighters. Donella Markham was a leader in the fundraising to support the renovation of the North Adams Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street spoke about the water quality of the schools in North Adams. He read several statistics about lead and copper levels in the following schools; Colegrove Park Elementary, Greylock Elementary, Brayton Elementary, Drury High School, McCann Technical High School. He stated his serious concerns and stated that parents should be concerned for the health of the students. Mr. Cardimino also raised his concerns about the electrical power rates that Colonial Power was supposed to have decreased, however, Adams seems to have a lower rate than North Adams.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 25, 2017.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilors Moran and Merrigan abstained.

**11,590** The President presented Mayor's communication #29 concerning the property located at 45 Edgewood Avenue.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,590** The President presented an Order setting the date of a Public Hearing to declare the property listed at 45 Edgewood Avenue, owned by Anna Trottier and Leona Millard, a nuisance to the neighborhood under the provisions of Chapter 139, Section 1 of MGL.

The Mayor spoke about the property and read the order which stated that the property has been vacant for over ten years, the owners are both deceased, there has been a fire at the property and it is in blight condition and a general nuisance to the community. The City has had to maintain the property over the years and cannot continue to do so.

Councilor Merrigan spoke about the property adjacent to 45 Edgewood Avenue, as this property is in blight condition as well. Councilor Merrigan asked the Mayor how these properties could move to the front of the line for demolition. Mayor's response was that the property is considered blight at this time and is in process of seeking funding for the demolition. Councilor Buddington inquired about CDBG funds, Mayor responded that the guidelines for the funding need to be within the target area, a mile radius of the downtown. The Mayor stated that in the future it may be possible to increase the zone. However, at this time, those funds are unavailable. Councilor Bullett questioned whether or not the two properties could be demolished at the same time. Mayor Alcombright replied that would be the plan. Councilor Bona questioned that if both owners are deceased, what would be the tax implication. The Mayor replied, the owners-of-record have been non-responsive, but have been notified. Due to the hazardous condition, it will be demolished.

Councilor Blackmer commented on the fact that it had been a very long time since the City had demolished a property, and questioned if the Historical Commission would have jurisdiction. The Mayor responded yes, they would have to go through the process. Councilor Moulton commented on his approval, and was happy to see the problem addressed. The Mayor responded that the City wants to proceed in the proper manner. Councilor Bona commented that a persistent neighbor that has had numerous complaints in regard to the property should be satisfied. However, the processes cannot proceed quickly, and agreed that proper procedures should be followed. Councilor Bona was in agreement for the demolition.

Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy St., commented on the fact that there were other properties, such as Eagle Street, in the corridor of the City, that should be taken down prior to this property.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to set the Public Hearing date of May 23, 2017.

- 11,591** The President presented Mayor's communication #30 recommending the appointment of David Bond to the Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire June 1, 2022.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

11,592 The President presented communication submitted by the Traffic Commission recommending the removal of two parking meters on the south side of the driveway at the Holiday Inn on American Legion Drive.

Councilor Blackmer questioned exactly where the meters were being removed, there was discussion by the Mayor and Councilor Bullet as to the location, clarifying that it was the two meters closest to the Fire Station. There was some discussion as to the impact of parking as well as a hardship to the City. The Mayor stated that he did not think there would be, due to the fact that it is his opinion that those spots remain vacant most of the time. Councilor Bona disagreed with that statement, and stated that indeed both sides of the street are utilized. The Mayor wanted to have clarification from the Traffic Commission. Councilor Bullett stated that she would address this at the next meeting, as to the concern of not adhering to the Ordinance, and bring back her findings at the next meeting.

The President presented an application submitted by Todd E. Plumley, 51 Burbank Street, Pittsfield, MA to drive taxi for RJ's Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns.

Councilor Blackmer mentioned the upcoming Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 24, at 6:00 PM for the School Budget. Councilor Blackmer also wanted to clarify the allocation of Chapter 90 funds, stating that there seems to be a misconception about the funds, and that the City is in actuality only receiving the normal funds as in past years, and the need is great. The Mayor agreed with Councilor Blackmer. Mayor spoke about the forum entitled "A Blunt Discussion" set for May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, and encouraged parents to attend. The Mayor also spoke about the Mayor's Fitness Challenge which kicks off on Friday, May 12.

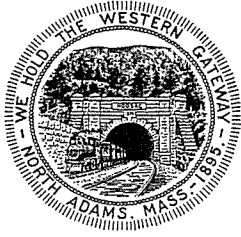
With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:03 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL May 23, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Lionel Richard who served as the City Solicitor under the former Mayor Joseph R. Bianco and Blanche Walden longtime Election Worker for the City.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street noted there is a safety concern on Gallup Street. A wall is leaning towards the sidewalk where children are playing.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

The President declared the Public Hearing open declaring the property at 45 Edgewood Avenue a nuisance to the neighborhood under the provisions of Chapter 139, Section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

With no discussion the President declared the Public Hearing closed.

**11,590** The President presented an Order declaring the property listed at 45 Edgewood Avenue a nuisance to the neighborhood under the provisions of Chapter 139, Section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none

- 11,531-3** The President presented Mayor's communication #31 regarding the Classification and Compensation Plan for FY'17.

Without objection the president placed the communication on file.

- 11,531-3** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-27 of the Revised Ordinance, Schedule A, the Classification Plan and Section 2-28(a) Section B the Compensation Plan for FY'17.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED; to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

The Mayor noted no union employees and the police show a very modest increase of 1.25% effective July 1, 2016. DPW workers have been re-classified to reflect each employee's current level and there is no percentage increase in the DPW. The Mayor reiterated that the police wages are not keeping pace with those of other communities, making it more difficult to recruit and retain police officers.

Councilor Buddington still wanted to see the presentation of the Compensation Plan simpler and easier to read.

- 11,593** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Moulton requesting an update on the Special Tax Agreements.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said that both Crane and the Greylock Mill are up to date on reporting and both are on target for what they had projected.

- 11,594** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Moulton on behalf of Robert Cardimino concerning the issue of the City's water supply.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to file the communication.

Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street voiced his concerns about the water quality in the City. He does not believe the problems with copper and lead found last year in the City's school has been eliminated. He said the six schools are above the action levels, and accused the administration of being in violation of a consent decree from the DEP. Mr. Cardimino said he has spoken to someone in the DEP and also the Superintendent but does not feel his questions were adequately answered.

Councilor Merrigan pointed out that 818 schools in the commonwealth were tested and it was found 70% found lead and copper in the schools buildings. It appears the issue is prevalent around the State.

- 11,595** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Bullett regarding her resignation as a City Councilor.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: with deep regret to accept the resignation.

Councilor Bullett said she was relocating as of July 1, 2017; my last meeting will be June 27, 2017. I would like to thank the people of North Adams for the honor and privilege of representing you. I would also like to thank the Mayor, the Council, the City Employees and the many individuals who voluntarily give their time and energy to this community that I have had the opportunity to work with over the past six years. I was never a political person but have gained a lifetime of practical experience as a member of this Council. I would urge others who have not considered a run for office, especially the women of our community to get off the sidelines and give it a go. I was born and raised here and all of my roots are here. North Adams will always be in my heart and I look forward in coming years to see the City's continued growth and expansion.

Councilor Buddington pointed out that he liked the fact that we could disagree and still be friendly and hopes this will continue with the next Council.

The President presented an application submitted by Mary K. Dezess, 51 Burbank Street, Pittsfield MA to drive taxi for RJ's Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President presented an application for a renewal of a secondhand license submitted by Timothy Randall in the business name of Sanford & Kid, located at 160 Houghton Street.

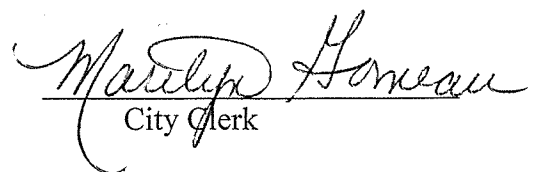
On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to grant the license, Councilor Bona abstained.

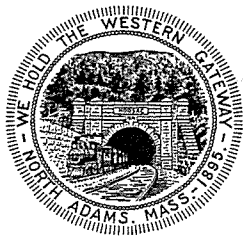
The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns. Councilor Merrigan was wondering on the progress of the Skate Board Park. The Mayor said the ribbon cutting for the park is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The Mayor also read a proclamation for LGBTQ Pride Month-June 2017.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL June 13, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Angela Crowley, long time elementary school teacher at Mark Hopkins School and member of the Friends of the North Adams Public Library.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Roger Eurbin, 677 Ashland Street informed the Council on the progress at Hillside Cemetery, and 823 stones have been set and repaired. They have cleaned over 400 plus stones.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

Without objection the President moved Council paper 11,592-1 forward.

**11,592-1** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President on behalf of the North Adams Traffic Commission.

On motion of Councilor Bullett, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to file the communication.

Amanda Chilson of the Traffic Commission explained where the two meters would be removed for a bike path.

After some discussion of not knowing for sure if an Ordinance change would be in order, Councilor Bullett withdrew her original motion.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to refer to the City Solicitor.

- 11,531-3** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-27 of the Revised Ordinance, Schedule A, the Classification Plan and Section 2-28(a) Section B the Compensation Plan for FY'17, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,583-a** The President presented Mayor's communication #23-a submitting the Budget, Classification and Compensation Plan for FY'18.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted that there are no substantive changes to the format of the budget. Of the 1.27% increase, our Public School budget, employee health insurance premiums, pensions, and our Office of Community Development amount for most of the increase. The budget as discussed in committee also brings forward the filling of two past positions, one in Wire & Alarm and one in Inspection Services. Both positions are very necessary to handle the workload in those two areas.

- 11,583-a** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$39,955,755 to be raised by taxation for FY'18.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

Councilor Blackmer reviewed some of the things in the Budget and Compensation Plan that were discussed in length at the finance committee meetings. Councilor noted that the City and School Officials have also pursued grants to fund projects and programs.

Several Councilors defended the City's spending noting that the City Employees continue to do more with less.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,596** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-27 of the Revised Ordinances, Schedule A, the Classification Plan and Section 2-28(a), Section B the Compensation Plan for FY'18.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as a municipal bulletin.

- 11,597** The President presented Mayor's communication #32 recommending the re-appointment of Eric Kerns to the Public Arts Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2022.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

Councilor Buddington was concerned about Mr. Kerns availability to attend the meetings of the Public Arts, noting he has not made most of the meetings. Councilor would like to see this postponed until the Mayor could get clarification.

Councilor Blackmer rescinded her original motion. Councilor Buddington made a motion to postpone to the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Blackmer.

- 11,598** The President presented Mayor's communication #33 recommending the re-appointment of Gail Sellers to the Public Arts Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2022.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

- 9,513-26** The President presented Mayor's communication #34 regarding Disposal of Waste at the Transfer Station; Charges.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said he was asking for an increase on the scale rate to \$.568 per pound (\$113.64 per ton). All other fees will stay the same.

- 9,513-26a** The President presented a report of the Public Service Committee submitted by Councilor Moran regarding the Transfer Station.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 9,513-26** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 entitled Public Services, 7-11 entitled Disposal of Waste at the Transfer Station; Charges.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

- 10,639-5** The President presented Mayor's communication #35 regarding the PARC Grant the second phase of improvements at the Noel Field Complex.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor explained the entire project is estimated at \$778,000, this will be done using Community Development Grant funds and no City money will be used. The Skate Park is due to open at Noel Field on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> with a celebration from 11:00 am to 1:00pm.

**10,639-5** The President presented a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for the PARC Grant to complete the Water Park at the Noel Field Athletic Complex.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to adopt the Resolution.

Julie Sniezek of Guntlow & Associates said the funds would complete the design of several years ago to install a splash pad, new basketball courts, bocce and pickle ball courts.

Councilor Moulton questioned how the splash pad would work and if it would need extra maintenance, such as draining and cleaning or possibly an attendant. Ms. Sniezek said the water would be on a timer, possibly a motion sensor. The splash pad is basically a paved surface with a slight depression, it is more likely the water would not be circulated but empty into the storm water system.

The Resolution was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,600** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President regarding the submission period for letters of interest in filling the seat vacated by Councilor Bullett.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

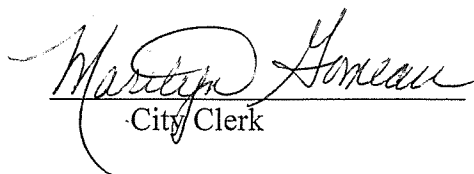
The President presented an application submitted by Richard Bostwick, II, 39 Bracewell Avenue to drive taxi for RJ's Taxi.

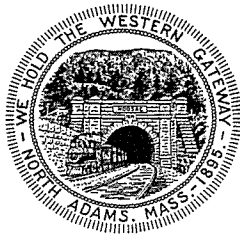
On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, hearing none, a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

#### June 27, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Councilor Buddington Absent.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Gailanne Cariddi, who served this City for 21 years as a City Councilor, two terms as its President and seven years as our State Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature, where she was the Chairman of the Joint committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. Leo Senecal, former Superintendent of Public Works for the City.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, David Willette, Oak Hill was very upset that the Skate Board sign said N Adams and not North Adams, the City should take pride in who we are. He read several responses that people of the City wrote and they all were very concerned that the sign read N Adams. Mr. Willette said it would cost about \$500 to fix it to read North Adams and there is an anonymous donor.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**10,674-5** The President presented a petition submitted to Council President Lamb from Berkshire Hills Development Co. LLC to amend the Zoning Map, which held a Public Hearing with the Planning Board on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Without objection the President the placed the communication on file.

**10,674-5** The President presented an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance designated as the Appendix, amending the map defined in Chapter 2 entitled Classes of Districts; sub section 2.2 entitled Building Zone Map.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.



- 11,596** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-27 of the Revised Ordinances, Schedule A, the Classification Plan and Section 2-28(a), Section B the Compensation Plan for FY'18, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,597** The President presented Mayor's communication #32 recommending the re-appointment of Eric Kerns to the Public Arts Commission for a term to expire May 1, 2022, which was postponed to the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

Councilor Blackmer rescinded her original motion. Councilor Buddington made a motion to postpone to the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Blackmer.

- 9,513-26** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 7 entitled Public Services, 7-11 entitled Disposal of Waste at the Transfer Station; Charges, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton.

- 11,592-1** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President on behalf of the Traffic Commission, which was referred to the City Solicitor and postponed at the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to refer to the Public Safety Committee and postpone to the meeting of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Solicitor said that removing the 2 parking meters would require an Ordinance change.

The President presented mayor's communication #36 regarding the water questions in the City Schools.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

Superintendent Malkas gave a presentation on the water testing in the North Adams Public Schools.

**11,602** The President presented Mayor's communication #37 recommending an appropriation from Free Cash to Stabilization.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,602** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$88,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED; to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and any vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,603** The President presented Mayor's communication #38 recommending an appropriation from Free Cash to Flood Control Emergency Repair.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,603** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$48,687.75 from Certified Free Cash to Flood Control Emergency Repair.

On motion of Blackmer, duly seconded by councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,604** The President presented Mayor's communication #39 recommending an appropriation from Certified Free Cash to Housing Opportunity Inc.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,604** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$39,914.10 from Certified Free Cash to Housing Opportunities Inc.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Bullett it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,605** The President presented Mayor's communication #40 recommending an appropriation from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses; Demolition.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,605** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$25,000 from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Nay none.

- 11,606** The President presented Mayor's communication #41 recommending an appropriation from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,606** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$62,686.53 from Certified Free Cash to Capital Expenses; Property Purchase.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Bullett, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay Councilor Boucher.

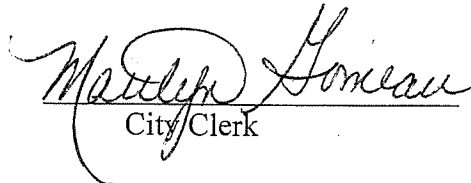
The President presented an application submitted by Acinda Rondeau, 19 Navajo Drive to drive taxi for RJ's Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Council President presented Councilor Bullett with a bucket of personalized golf balls with messages of farewell from her Colleagues, Clerks and Mayor. Council President said she reminded him of a story he had heard of planting date palms. So you are clearing planting that date palm out of care for the future. I think the seeds you have planted here in North Adams over your time in the community and everything you have done will show fruit for generations to come. Thank you from myself and the community for planting a whole bunch of seeds. Councilor Bullett with tears said it was a privilege and pleasure to have served on the Council.

On motion of Councilor Bullett, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL July 11, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Lamb, Moran, Moulton. Absent Councilor Boucher and Merrigan.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Daniel Perras, former North Adams School Department Employee. Robert Maroney, former Highway Department Employee retiring in 1987.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, hearing none the President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**10,674-5** The President presented an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance designated as the Appendix, amending the map defined in Chapter 2 entitled Classes of Districts; sub section 2.2 entitled Building Zone Map, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to pass to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington Lamb, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,589** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Buddington regarding the filing of minutes, which was referred to the General Government Committee and postponed at the meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,589-a** The President presented a report of the General Government Committee submitted by Councilor Buddington.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to accept the Committee report as presented.

- 11,589-1** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of North Adams by adding a new sub-section.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moran it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

After discussion by Councilors, Councilor Blackmer withdrew her original motion and motioned to refer it to the City Solicitor and postpone until the meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Councilor Buddington.

- 11,607** The President presented Mayor's communication #42 recommending year end transfers.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,607** The President presented an Order authorizing year end transfers in the sum of \$387,499.17 from Public Services and Unclassified to Several Accounts.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

- 11,608** The President presented Mayor's communication #43 regarding a Special Municipal Employee.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,608** The President presented an Order designating George E. Sansoucy, as a Special Municipal Employee pursuant to MGL C. 268A.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Mayor noted that this was for the purpose of doing consulting work in the assessor's office, particularly regarding the State's Central valuation statutes. He is limited to no more than 800 hours preceding 365 days.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,609** The President presented Mayor's communication #44 regarding the acceptance of a gift.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,609** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to accept a gift of \$7,465.47 from the Estate of Gailanne Cariddi for the North Adams Library designated to be used for Learning Materials on Astronomy Only.

On motion of councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddingotn it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Mayor noted no one is quite sure why Representative Cariddi left a mysterious and magical gift to the Library for astronomy, but the City is very grateful for this gift.

Mindy Hackner, Library Director said perhaps Representative Cariddi wanted us to look up from our gadgets and devices and gaze at the night sky in awe and wonder.

The Clerk noted Gailanne would often come into the office inquiring about the time of day someone was born. She used to say the time of day and the moon had something in common.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington,, Lamb, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

**11,610** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Bona on behalf of David Willette regarding unused Public Fields in the City.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

Mr. Willette of Oak Hill in North Adams gave a presentation on the benefits of establishing dog parks in the City. The dog park on River Street was used as an example and Mr. Willette said there are several areas in the City that could be used at a very minimal cost to the City. One spot was behind the former Incarnation Church on Massachusetts Avenue.

Councilor thanked Mr. Willette for his presentation and his efforts he has put into this and referred him to the park and Recreation Commission.

**11,600-1** The President presented letters of interest by candidates to file the unexpired term of Councilor Bullet.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

Ronald Sheldon of Liberty Street said his priority on the Council would be to focus on getting jobs and work to ensure public areas and local establishments are accessible to people with disabilities.

Wayne Wilkinson of Oak Hill was the 10<sup>th</sup> place winner in the last election and had previously served on the Council for 2 years. He noted he had previously served on the Planning Board for 12 years, the Redevelopment for six years and is also chairman on the Mobile Home Rent control Board.

Rebecca Cohen of Church Street noted she has more recently returned to her roots and has participated in the Berkshire Leadership Program. She said she would be a fresh voice to our City and she has the passion and work ethics to help revitalize health care for the people who live here. Ms. Cohen has also taken papers out to run for City Council.

Allyson Holmes of North Street also has returned to the City she had grown up in and participated in the Leadership Program. She has experience in law and public service. Ms. Holmes was a legislative aide to former Daniel Bosley and worked for the City of Boston's legal department. Currently she serves on the Planning Board.

Councilor Bona was the only Councilor who asked questions of the candidates and said all four brought diverse backgrounds that would benefit the Council, but noted his choice was Mr. Wilkinson since he was the 10<sup>th</sup> in the last election. If not for that he said it would be a very hard decision.

Councilor Blackmer nominated Mr. Wilkinson to fill the unexpired term of Councilor Bullett, seconded by Councilor Moulton.

The President called for a roll call vote; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moran, Moulton. Nay none.

The President present an application submitted by Elsa Marino, 47 Franklin Street to drive taxi for RJ Taxi.

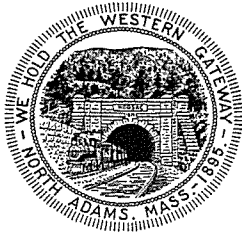
On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, hearing none a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:48 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL July 25, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Absent Councilor Boucher.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Sarah Lowry, former Animal Control Officer for the City.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, hearing none the President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of July 11<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Merrigan abstained.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to amend the minutes to remove Councilor Merrigan and Boucher from the vote on the last Order on the first page.

The President called for the Clerk to swear Wayne Wilkinson as a City Councilor.

The President called for nominations for Vice President of the Council.

On motion of Councilor Moran, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to nominate Councilor Bona as Vice President.

With no further nominations, the President closed nominations.

The President called upon the Clerk to swear Councilor Bona as Vice President of the Council.

**11,592-1** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President on behalf of the North Adams Traffic Commission, which was referred to the Public Safety Committee and postponed at the meeting of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.



- 11,592-1a** The President presented a report of the Public Safety Committee regarding Parking Meters.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

- 11,592-2** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinance of the City of North Adams entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 13-56 entitled Authority to Install.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Council Merrigan it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

Councilors were somewhat confused by this new Ordinance, it seemed that it was not addressing the meters that were in question. Councilor Buddington motioned to amend the word with to within, seconded by Councilor Moulton. Councilor Blackmer motioned to amend the word majority to 2/3, seconded by Councilor Wilkinson. The President called for a roll call vote on the final motion to amend and pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

Roll Call, yea Councilor Blackmer Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay Councilor Bona, Buddington, Moulton.

- 11,601-1** The President presented Mayor's communication #36-A regarding the City's Water Report.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file. Timothy Lescarbeau, DPW Commissioner noted there is a chlorine smell to the water, but it is perfectly safe. Councilor Buddington asked if there was no detection of PFOA or was it low. Mr. Lescarbeau explained that there is no PFOA in our water. He invited any Councilor or resident who would like to take a tour of the treatment plant, they should just give him a call and he would be glad to give them a tour.

- 11,613** The President presented Mayor's communication #45 regarding a purchase and sale agreement for the Windsor Mill.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted the purchaser is Simeon Bruner of Cambridge Development Corporation, 130 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA. The Mayor noted that Councilors were provided with the RFP so you will see their proposed commitment to the property by Mr. Bruner.

- 11,613** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement; Windsor Mill.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED; to adopt the Order.

The Mayor said that he has wanted to sell the property for the last several years. The City does not have the assets to maintain a large commercial property.

Councilor Wilkinson felt that this was being pushed on Council and that they are being forced to act on this too fast. He was concerned that the buyer was not in attendance of the meeting and Council should be provided with a presentation of the project. Councilor Wilkinson said he would like to see this referred to the Community Development Committee.

The Mayor said it was not the Council's job to oversee site plans; this would be the job of Planning Board.

Councilor Bona said the City has owned the building for nearly 40 years and in his opinion this has been a longtime coming. This will get the mill off the City's property list, and we do not have the resources to maintain the 158,000 square foot mill. The city should not be competing with commercial landlords.

Several Councilors were concerned about the present tenants in the mill. Stephen Sauve owner of Sauve Guitars said he has been a tenant for 40 years and he is a small business, who pays the rent from month to month. Riad Maher, President of MRA Laboratories said his company had just signed a three year lease. He said he has been consulting with his attorney about the three year lease agreement.

The company manufactures material for the government and is required to give 12 months' notice if there are any changes, including moving. If our model does not fit with Mr. Bruner's model and tells us we have to leave within 12 months, we would be out of business.

The Mayor was quite sure that Mr. Bruner wants to do right by the community and this means treating the current tenants well. John DeRosa noted that the agreement took all of this into consideration.

Councilor Buddington questioned if there were any environmental issues with the property. The Mayor said the Buyer is responsible for doing any environmental testing but the City is not obligated to do any remediation.

The Mayor also noted that he is anticipating bringing in two more purchase and sale agreements in the next few weeks.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson, Nay none.

**11,614**      The President presented Mayor's communication #46 regarding the Blackinton Cemetery.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said the few remaining members of the association have been requesting this transfer for some time and the City has been providing some services to that location for years.

The Mayor said the Blackinton Cemetery is a beautiful historic gem on Massachusetts Avenue. While the City has limited resources, we are confident that we can maintain the grounds.

**11,614** The President presented an Order authorizing the City of North Adams to take and exercise full power over Blackinton Cemetery, under MGL, Chapter 114, Section 18.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

**11,615** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President regarding the Paris Climate Agreement.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to postpone to the meeting of September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Vincent Melito of Marion Avenue noted this is presenting a clear danger to our community.

The President presented an application submitted by Tracy Jalbert, 88 Mohawk Forest Blvd. to drive taxi for RJ Taxi.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to grant the license.

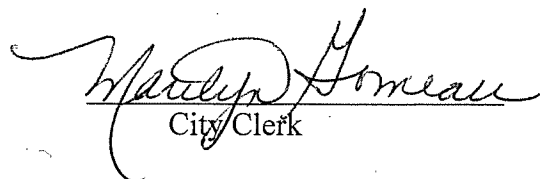
The President presented an application submitted by Jennifer McKeon, 31 Commercial Street, Adams to drive for Tunnel City Taxi.

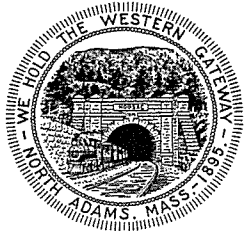
On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Bona on behalf of the Mayor reminded everyone of the activities all week-end for the Steeple Cats.

On motion of Councilor Wilkinson, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to adjourn at 9:12 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL August 8, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Boucher, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Jean Ann King, head nurse for the North Adams Public Schools. William Minard, teacher in the North Adams Public School and was Principal at Mark Hopkins School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, hearing none the President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Boucher abstained.

**11,592-2** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinance of the City of North Adams entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 13-56 entitled Authority to Install, which was amended and passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of July 25<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Council Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt.

Councilor Bona said this does not address the issue of the parking meters on American Legion Drive and presented Councilor's with a copy of the Ordinance that is definitely specific to American Legion Drive and feels that Council should not approve this Ordinance.

The Ordinance failed by yea and nay vote as follows; yea none, nay Councilors Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson.

**11,589-1** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Revised Ordinance of the City of North Adams by adding a new sub-section, which was referred to the City Solicitor and postponed at the meeting of July 11<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

Councilor Buddington noted he was in contact with the Attorney General's Office and explained that Council was considering an Ordinance to require filing of minutes within two weeks. The Assistant Attorney General suggested that we include whether or not approved.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Bona it was VOTED: to amend to read **whether or not approved**.

**11,592-1b** The President presented a communication submitted by the North Adams Traffic Committee requesting the removal of 2 parking meters on the south west side of American Legion Drive.

On motion of Councilor Bona, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to approve the removal of the meters.

Councilors were all in agreement that the present Ordinance should be amended to reflect the parking spaces on American Legion Drive.

Councilor Bona rescinded his original motion. Councilor Buddington motioned to file and refer this to the Solicitor for language to reflect the removal of those parking spaces, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer.

**11,616** The President presented Mayor's communication #47 recommending a Transfer from the Parking Meter Reserve Account to Public Safety-Police.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,616** The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$42,891.36 from the Parking Meter Reserve Account to Public Safety-Police.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Mayor noted this was to purchase a Ford Utility Police Interceptor. The entire frontline fleet will now be small sport-utility vehicles that they are roomier and also all-wheel drive. The older vehicles are used when officers have to go for training and recertification.

The Order was adopted by yeas and nays vote as follows; yeas Councilor Blackmer, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nays none. Councilor Bona, Boucher, Wilkinson abstained.

**11,617** The President presented Mayor's communication #48 recommending a borrowing Order for Capital Items.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

**11,617** The President presented an Order authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor to borrow the sum of \$783,910 for the purchase of Capital Items.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Mayor said this borrowing was for DCS upgrade at the Water Treatment Facility, \$225,100; new media filters at the Water Treatment, \$83,200; Street Sweeper, \$269,010; Engineering phase 2 inspections of Mt. Williams Reservoir Dam and Notch Reservoir Dam, \$176,600. The Mayor explained there has been several failures over the last year and half, there are about 16-18 motherboards. The sand filters are required to be changed every eight to ten years. He also noted the street sweeper is close to 20 years old.

Councilor Bona said he has seen pictures of the dams and they are very bad. Councilor Moran noted that Council is discussing products that make the City systems work. Councilor Moulton questioned if all the items needed to be voted now or could any of it be put off for another year, since there will be administration next year and it might be worth waiting to allow the new administration to make these decisions. Councilor Blackmer did not agree saying that is what we as Councilors were elected to do. Just because our terms end at the end of the year, we should not stop making decisions for the next few months.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

**11,618** The President presented Mayor's communication #49 recommending the re-appointment of Robert Burdick to the MASS MoCA Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2020.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

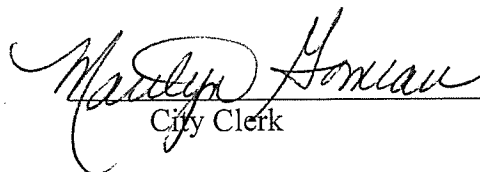
**11,619** The President presented Mayor's communication #50 recommending the reappointment of Shirley Davis to the MASS MoCA Commission for a term to expire February 1, 2020.

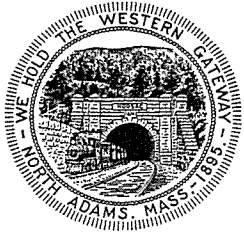
On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to confirm the re-appointment.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Buddington thanked Peter Gentile for his work behind the scenes.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL August 22, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Councilor Boucher absent.

A moment of silence was observed.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Peter May of Summit Avenue read a statement asking Council to support a Resolution on the impeachment of Donald Trump. On several occasions Council President asked Mr. May to refrain from making personal attacks on individuals.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**11,589-1** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 1 of the Revised Ordinance of the City of North Adams by adding a new sub-section, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

**11,592-1c** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Sections 13-49, 13-50 and 13-58. Parking on American Legion Drive.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as required by law.

- 11,617** The President presented an Order authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor to borrow the sum of \$783,910 for the purchase of Capital Items, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of August 8<sup>th</sup>. SECOND READING

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay Councilor Moulton.

- 11,620** The President presented Mayor's communication #51 recommending the sale of city owned land in the Town of Pownal.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted this land no longer serves a municipal purpose and costs the City \$7,200 annually in tax payments to the town of Pownal. It abuts some preserved land owned by the State of Vermont. I believe that it is time to cash it out and utilize those cash assets to do other projects in the City. The Pownal land is made up of several parcels, including a caretaker's house, a pump station, dam and reservoir which was once used as part of our water supply.

- 11,620** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to sell City owned land and in the Town of Pownal in accordance with MGL Chapter 30B, Section 16.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

Councilor Moulton felt the land had potential for logging and that could bring revenue, I think this is an asset to the City.

Councilor Wilkinson said the town's assessment of \$378,300 has not changed in four years and was too high. Typically it is somewhere between \$500 and \$1,000 an acre.

Councilor Bona said holding the land is costing the City \$7,200 a year in taxes. If we held onto it for another 10 years minimal it could cost the City \$72,000. There is no guarantee the value of the land will improve over time.

Councilor Blackmer reminded Councilors that the funds would go into a separate land sale account, not the general budget. We do have several capital projects ahead of us in the future.

Councilor Buddington said seeking a lower assessment would not be wise, while the City is trying to sell the land.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay Councilor Moulton.

- 11,621** The President presented Mayor's communication #52 recommending an appropriation from the Tinker Fund to the Department of Public Services; Cemetery.



Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,621**           The President presented an Order appropriating the sum of \$4,000 from the Tinker Fund to the Department of Public Services; Cemetery.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

- 11,623**           The President presented Mayor's communication #53 regarding the sale of the Salt Shed on Ashland Street.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said this purchase and sale agreement was from John Duquette, Jr., owner of Berkshire County Construction. His intent is to use the property for storage equipment and materials adjacent to his current business location.

Councilor Wilkinson said he did not think it was in the best interest of the City to sell this for \$50,000. He felt there was potential to build a new Public Safety building. Councilor Wilkinson noted this was an unrestricted industrial zone parcel, and may carry a higher value in the future. The buyer in a few years could easily sell this property for \$200,000.

Councilor Moulton agreed that it may be worth more, if Mr. Duquette wants to use the space for storage, then maybe the City can lease the space to him.

The Mayor said this parcel would not be up to the standards required for a Public Safety building. He noted he did not see a down side to selling this property.

Councilor Buddington agreed with the Mayor's philosophy of not holding onto property.

Marie Harpin, Ashland Street said the neighbors were not always pleased with this business. The owner has violations in the town of Adams.

The Order failed by yea and nay vote as follows; yea none, nay Councilor Blackmer, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Councilor Bona abstained from the vote.

- 11,615-1**       The President presented a report of the Public Service Committee submitted by Councilor Moran.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to accept the committee report as presented.

**11,615-1** The President presented a Resolution committing to achieve or exceed, at the municipal level, the goals established in the Paris Climate Accord.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Resolution.

Councilors had a lengthy discussion regarding this Resolution. Councilor Buddington said he feels the City has a very small part in addressing this monumental problem. It is hard to figure out the right perspective because we are such a small part of the world but what we do matters just as much as anybody else.

Councilor Bona was against this Resolution because it is not specific regarding North Adams.

The Mayor said because North Adams is designated as a Green Community, and our commitment to the Complete Streets Program, plus our Municipal Solar Array, Green Buildings has made it a good fit.

Several residents spoke in favor of the Resolution.

Councilor Blackmer moved the question seconded by Councilor Merrigan. Councilor Buddington opposed.

The Resolution was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay Councilor Bona.

**11,624** The President presented an Order calling the City Preliminary Election for September 19, 2017 from 9:00 am to 7:00pm.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

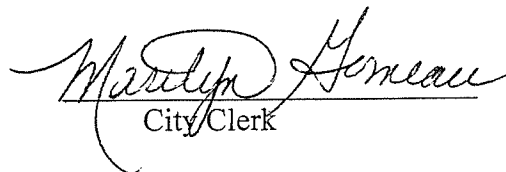
Councilor Blackmer made a motion to amend the hours to **7:00am**, seconded by Councilor Moulton.

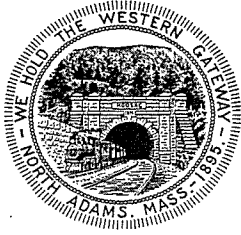
The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Buddington noted that political criticism should not be confused with personal attacks.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL September 12, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Moulton, Wilkinson. Councilor Bona, Merrigan, Moran absent.

A moment of silence was observed remembering Mary Boisvert, Librarian at the North Adams Public Library for many years, as well as librarian for the North Adams Public Schools. Dr. Peter Wright former Vice Principal for Instruction at Drury High School, a position in which he planned the move from the downtown campus to new school at South Church Street. He later became Vice Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, followed by becoming Director of Pupil Services, overseeing the City's guidance and special education services.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, hearing none the President called for the approval of the minutes from August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Boucher abstained since he was not present for that meeting.

**11,627** The President presented Mayor's communication #56 regarding the swearing in of three Permanent Police Officers and the promotion of a Firefighter.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said he could not be more pleased for all on behalf of the City of North Adams I thank them for their courage and commitment.

City Clerk Marilyn Gomeau swore in officers Stephanie Mirante, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Nicholas Felix and Firefighter Brent Lefebvre as a Lieutenant.

**11,592-1c** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 13, Sections 13-49, 13-50 and 13-58. Parking on American Legion Drive, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as amended, was ordained by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

**11,625** The President presented Mayor's communication #54 recommending the appointments of the Election Officers beginning September 1, 2017.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED; to confirm the appointments.

**11,626** The President presented Mayor's communication #55 presenting a Proclamation for Childhood Cancer Awareness.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor presented the Proclamation to Joe and Kathy Arabia.

Kathy Arabia thanked the community for their support of their efforts noting that awareness is so important because from awareness comes the funding and from funding comes effective treatments and safe treatments for the children with cancer. She said children are different than adults who are diagnosed with cancer.

**11,628** The President presented a request from National Grid to hold a Public Hearing regarding moving a pole south down Protection Avenue and install an anchor where the pole was.

Without objection the president set the Public Hearing for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

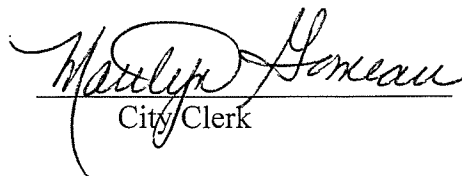
The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, The Mayor noted this week-end was Fresh Grass, and September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the walk for opioid awareness. Councilor Buddington noted Tuesday was Election Day from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

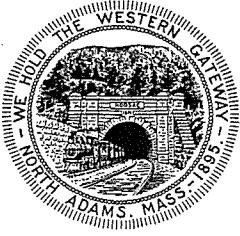
With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Boucher, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL September 26, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Moulton, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson. Councilor Bona absent.

A moment of silence was observed.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Brian Sapienza o Pleasant Street was concerned about the signage going under the tresses 'on Church and Ashland Street. Roger Eurbín of Ashland Street mentioned there was going to be a dedication at Hillside Cemetery on Saturday.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented. Councilor Merrigan and Moran abstained since they were not present for that meeting.

The President declared the **PUBLIC HEARING OPEN**

**11,628** The President presented a request from National Grid regarding moving a pole south down Protection Avenue and install an anchor where the pole was.

Bonnie Brown from National Grid explained that the pole would be moved 7'.

With no further discussion the President declared the **PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED**

**11,628** The Presented an Order granting National Grid permission to move a pole on Protection Avenue.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED to grant.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

- 11,615 The President presented a communication submitted by Council President regarding the Paris Climate Agreement, which was referred to the Public Services Committee and postpone to the meeting of September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

- 11,629 The President presented an Order calling the Special State Primary for October 10, 2017 from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

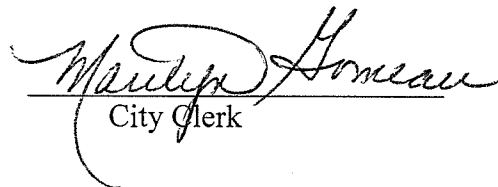
On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

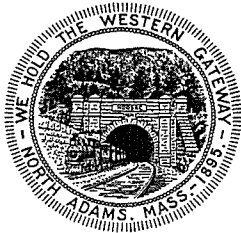
The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Boucher, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson. Nay none.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, hearing none a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Boucher it was VOTED: to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL October 11, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moulton, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson. Councilor Boucher absent.

A moment of silence was observed, remembering the victims of the Las Vegas shootings. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street was concerned about the water issue and then he began to attack the Mayor and other Councilors. Council President asked Mr. Cardimino four times to refrain from personal attacks. Mr. Cardimino continued, so the President asked the Police Officer that was present to remove him from Council Chambers.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**11,630** The President presented Mayor's communication #57 recommending the appointment of Colin Todd to the North Adams Housing Authority for a term to expire July 1, 2022.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

**11,569-a** The President presented Mayor's communication #58 requesting permission to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Cumberland Farms for the DPW parcel.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said after many weeks of discussion and negotiations he was pleased to be bringing this forward. Cumberland Farms has agreed with the price of \$575,000. They have been a strong partner in the community, building two new stores on Route 2 and Route 8.

**11,569-a** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase and sale agreement with Cumberland Farms for the Public Works Facility and City Yard.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Merrigan it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Mayor noted it was \$475,000 above the appraisal, the City share of the cleanup is 50%, leaving the City with \$287,000. The Mayor said the DEP could only find 2 reportable issues; diesel spill and gas spill. Worse case is they look at it and it is a hot spot, Cumberland Farms could back away. Cumberland Farms is responsible to pay for the environmental test. The Mayor also noted we are talking about a tax sealing in a few years and the need for new growth is an opportunity for the City.

Councilor Buddington thought there might be a better use of the property, rather than another gas station that would add a strip mall. Councilor Moulton would prefer an agreement that would put less liability on the City. He would be more comfortable getting less and not be responsible for it. Councilor Wilkinson agrees with the Mayor and we should just get rid of it to relieve the liability. I don't believe anyone else is going to come along and buy it.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay Councilor Buddington, Moulton.

**11,631** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Buddington regarding the water treatment and monitoring procedures.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to file the communication.

Councilor Buddington would like to get a more regular report on the water testing.

The Mayor said the water coming out of the plant is extremely safe. If the PH falls below 7 the DEP requires the City to treat it. The water did pose a health hazard and we did not do the right thing and we are doing it right now.

**11,632** The President presented a Resolution submitted by Councilor Buddington declaring North Adams as a Pollinator Friendly Community.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddingotn it was VOTED: to refer to the Public Service Committee and postpone to the meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Wilkinson commented that the Clerk and her staff did a fine job on the elections. He also questioned why the liaison reports are not done. He would like Council to think about bringing them back.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

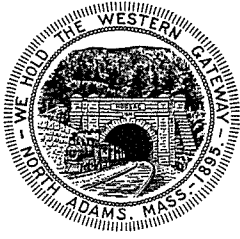
On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL October 24, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moulton, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson. Councilor Boucher absent.

A moment of silence was observed, remembering Gary Janulewicz former North Adams School teacher, Sylvia Kipp, former teacher's aide in the North Adams School system and Maryanne Kenney former secretary in the Mayor's office.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Bryan Sapienza of Pleasant Street was concerned about the speed of traffic when it merges in front of KM motors, and he thought there could be better signage.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**11,609-1** The President presented Mayor's communication #59 regarding accepting a gift to the North Adams Library from Gailanne Cariddi.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said the Trustees of the Library voted to accept the proceeds and other cash benefits as a gift and to expend such funds to be used for the Library, its maintenance, operations and programs. A separate account will be established for the Library in the amount gifted. This gift further ensures Gail's legacy of generosity and goodwill.

**11,609-1** An Order authorizing the Mayor to accept a gift for the North Adams Library from Gailanne Cariddi.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson.

- 8717-36** The President Mayor's communication #60 requesting Council to set a Public Hearing for the tax classification for November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Without objection the President set the Public Hearing for November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

- 11,631-1** The President presented Mayor's communication #61 regarding the Water treatment and regulatory reporting.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor noted that all reporting done at the plant is submitted to the DEP and findings are logged and captured in the water report sent annually to residents. The plant operates with two water technicians one having a level 3 license and one with a level 2 license. Both employees have credentials that are up to date and the management structure at the plant is determined and approved by the DEP.

- 11,633** The President presented an Order calling the City and Special State Election for November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

Councilor Buddington made a motion to amend the order to read the seventh instead of the tenth, seconded by Councilor Blackmer.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton, Wilkinson.

- 11,634** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Buddington regarding the state of the internet in North Adams.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to file the communication.

Councilor Buddington gave a brief presentation on internet access in the City.

The President read a communication submitted by Councilor Boucher, "Please accept my resignation from my seat on the North Adams City Council effective October 23, 2017. As you know my wife and I purchased a home in Clarksburg MA and I will not be able to serve out the remainder of my term. It has been an honor to serve the residents of the City of North Adams and to have been a part of our Government process over the past 14 years, and to have served with many talented individuals over the past years who truly care about the City they live in and the people they represent. GO NORTH ADAMS!!!!"

The President called for any Councilor Concerns, Councilor Blackmer noted that December 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup> there will be workshops for new Councilors, who may be interested.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL November 14, 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moulton, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson.

A moment of silence was observed, remembering Clark Billings, former City Councilor who also served as Council President. He served on the North Adams Redevelopment Committee. James Gazzaniga who served on the McCann School Committee.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Michael Chalifoux, Monroe Street said it was time to do something about the heroin problem in the City. Louis Chalifoux, Maple Street was concerned about the property taxes.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

On motion of Councilor Moulton, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

The President declared the Public Hearing Open.

**8717-36a** The President presented Mayor's communication #60-a regarding the Tax Classification for FY'18.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to file the communication.

The Mayor said he was recommending a shift from the current 1.73 to 1.71. Residential from \$17.67 to \$18.38, which would mean an increase on a single family home valued at \$138,000 approximately \$133.00. CIP from \$38.54 to \$40.32. He said this would assure the community that we will be able to provide service at acceptable levels.

Councilors Buddington and Moulton were in agreement that the tax rate should stay the same. Several Councilors had questions for the Mayor and the City Assessor Ross Vivori.

Bryan Sapineza, 113 Pleasant Street questioned what was being done is collecting back taxes. Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street was concerned about the increase in the tax rate, stating elderly home owners cannot afford the increase.

The President declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:10pm.

**8717-36a** The President presented an Order establishing the percentages of tax levy for the various classes of property for FY'18.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

Councilor Buddington attempted to amend the motion to revert to the 1.73 shift but he was unsuccessful.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay Councilor Buddington and Moulton.

**11,632** The President presented a Resolution declaring North Adams as a Pollinator Friendly Community, which was referred to the Public Services Committee and postponed at the meeting of October 11<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to postpone to the meeting of December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**11,635** The President presented Mayor's communication #62 recommending the re-appointment of James Morocco to the Mobile Home Rent Control Board for a term to expire October 1, 2022.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to confirm the appointment.

**11,636** The President presented Mayor's communication #63 regarding a Proclamation for Lights on Afterschool.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

Superintendent Malkas and Noella Carlow spoke on what the program has to offer to the students as well as support to the parents.

**11,596-1** The President presented Mayor's communication #64 recommending the Compensation Plan for Fire, Police and Non-union personnel.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said he was pleased with the settlement with the Police and Fire and now all City and School bargaining units are settled, with multiple year agreements.

**11,596-1** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-28(a) of the Revised Ordinances, Schedule B the Compensation Plan for FY'18.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to pass to a second reading and publish as a municipal bulletin. Councilor Bona and Wilkinson abstained.

**11,637** The President presented Mayor's communication #65 regarding a gift of land for the Bike path.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor said the City has been pursuing the bike path with neighboring Williamstown for several years and with the acceptance of this gift of land, we will be able to move this project side-by-side with Williamstown and take advantage of this funded MADOT project. This will give the City a bike path destination, the Cariddi Mile, from the Airport to the Spruces.

Councilor Moran said this was a great opportunity to connect Williamstown to North Adams.

**11,637** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to accept a gift of land from Bay Colony, LLC.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Buddington it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Blackmer, Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Merrigan, Moran, Moulton. Nay none. Councilor Wilkinson abstained.

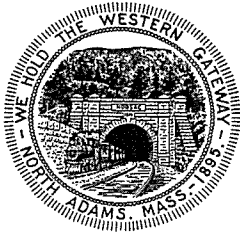
The President noted a correspondence from the Planning Board for a Joint Public Hearing regarding the marijuana moratorium to be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, hearing none a motion to adjourn was in order.

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Moulton it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:55PM.

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL November 28 2017

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Councilor Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moran, Wilkinson. Absent Councilors Blackmer, Merrigan, Moulton.

A moment of silence was observed, remembering Dennis Whitney, member of the North Adams School Committee and Carol Swain, first grade teacher at Greylock Elementary School for many years and a long time Election Worker.

The President called for Hearing of Visitors, Justyna Carlson from the Historical Society noted the City had received money from the Mass Historic Grant and they would be touring the West End of the City looking at Historic houses. Julia Dixon, 243 Union Street felt strongly about Councilor Lamb's involvement with the TEDx, which is being held at the Mohawk Theater. TEDx involves speakers, authors, professors, and financial planners. The cost is \$45 and she said Councilor Lamb was in violation of the Ethics Law.

The President called for the approval of the minutes from the November 14th meeting.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to accept the minutes as presented.

**11,596-1** The President presented an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 2-28(a) of the Revised Ordinances, Schedule B the Compensation Plan for FY'18, which was passed to a second reading and published as a municipal bulletin at the meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Moran it was VOTED: to adopt the Ordinance.

The Ordinance was adopted by ye and nay vote as follows: ye Councilor Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay none.

**11,638** The President presented Mayor's communication #66 regarding accepting the Fort Massachusetts site as a gift from the Golub Family-Price Chopper.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor read his communication and noted that Wendy Champney from the Historic Commission has been working with me and the Golub Family to secure the Fort site. The Mayor hopes that in the next year the site will be put under the control of the Historic Commission, with oversight by the Friends of the Fort.

Wendy Champney said this is very important since this is our heritage and we should be proud of it.

**11,638** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to accept a gift of land from the Golub Family-Price Chopper, the site of Fort Massachusetts.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows: yea Councilor Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay none.

**11,564-1** The President presented Mayor's communication #67 regarding an easement with Greylock Mill-MassWorks Grant.

Without objection the President placed the communication on file.

The Mayor read his communication and said this grant will cover Phase 2 lot improvements. The City will have access to the parking but there is no obligation towards the maintenance of what will be constructed at the Greylock Mill.

**11,564-1** The President presented an Order authorizing the Mayor to enter into an easement and agreement with Greylock Mill- MassWorks Grant.

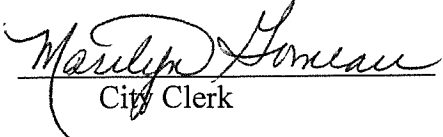
On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Bona, Buddington, Lamb, Moran, Wilkinson. Nay none.

The President called for any Councilor or Mayor's concerns, Councilor Moran said he really appreciated the work that was being done to preserve our historic landmarks in the City.

On motion of Councilor Buddington, duly seconded by Councilor Wilkinson it was VOTED: to adjourn at 8:00PM.

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