



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the City Clerk

**North Adams City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

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

I hereby notify that at twelve noon today, August 19, 2020, the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the regular meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday Evening August 25, 2020 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Deborah M. Pedercini
City Clerk

AGENDA

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
August 25, 2020**

Roll Call
Moment of silent remembrance
The Pledge
Approval of the minutes of July 28, 2020
Hearing of Visitors on Agenda

- 11,790** Communication submitted by Councilor Bona regarding short term rentals and the requirements of the City, which was postponed at the meeting of July 28, 2020.
- 11,859** Communication submitted by Councilor Lamb addressing various safety issues regarding sidewalk ordinances which was postponed at the meeting of July 14, 2020.
- 11,860** Communication from the North Adams Traffic Commission recommending stop signs at the intersection of East Main, Pleasant and Miner Streets which was referred to the Mayor's Office and postponed at the meeting of July 14, 2020.

- 11,811-1** Communication submitted by Councilor Blackmer regarding changes to the Council Rules of Order and Ordinance change to Chapter 2, Article V, Sec. 2-37, legal opinions which was postponed at the meeting of August 11, 2020.
- 11,811-1** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V, Section 2-37, entitled “Duty to furnish legal opinions”, which was postponed at the meeting of August 11, 2020.
- 11,811-1** Communication submitted by Councilor Blackmer recommending an additional rule to the North Adams City Council Rules of Order regarding legal opinions.
- 11,862** Communication from Councilor Bona regarding the North Adams Youth Commission which was postponed at the meeting of May 26, 2020.
- 11,891** Communication submitted by Councilor Harpin regarding parking concerns on Protection Avenue which was postponed at the meeting of July 28, 2020.
- 11,883-d** Mayor’s communication #45 presenting the spending plan for September 2020.
- 11,883-d** An Order authorizing the Mayor under MGL Chapter 44, Section 32 to submit a continuing appropriation budget commencing September 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2020.
- 11,897** Communication submitted by Council President Hopkins recommending Ashley Shade to fill a vacancy on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group.

LICENSES
 OPEN FORUM
 MAYOR’S CONCERNS
 COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MINUTES
 LIAISON UPDATES AND COUNCILOR CONCERNS
 CORRESPONDENCE
 ADJOURNMENT

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
 When: Aug 25, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 Aug 25, 2020 07:30 PM

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August 19, 2020

Dear Councilors,

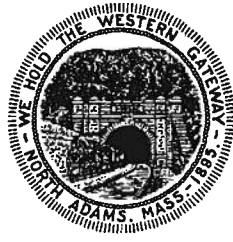
The General Government Committee voted to recommend the addition of language to the North Adams City Council Rules and Regulations by adding Rule #27 to state the process by requiring an affirmative Council vote to submit a question to the Solicitor.

The Committee thinks this is a fiscally responsible way to spend budgeted funds and to ensure that all other avenues for information are exercised, but does allow the Council as a whole to seek out expertise when needed.

Lisa Blackmer
Chairperson, General Government Committee

Add: Rule #27

If a Councilor or Councilors want a legal opinion from the City Solicitor, they must put the request on the agenda with an explanation of what they are looking for and what they have done to date to take advantage of freely available information. The Council will then discuss and vote. A simple majority will decide the questions.



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Office of the Mayor
Thomas W. Bernard

Communication #	Subject	Date
45	City of North Adams Spending Plan for September 2020	August 25, 2020

Honorable Members of the City Council
North Adams, Massachusetts

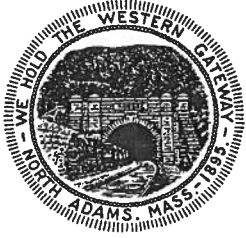
Dear Honorable Councilors:

Enclosed with this communication is an Order presenting the spending plan for September 2020. I request City Council approval of this order as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Bernard
Mayor

TWB/me



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Dear Councilors,

I am recommending to the City Council the appointment of Ashley Shade to fill a vacancy on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group.

Paul J. Hopkins
Council President