

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
City Clerk's Office
July 20, 2016

I hereby notify that at twelve noon today the following items of business have been filed with this office and will be acted upon at the meeting in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, Tuesday evening July 26, 2016 at seven-thirty o'clock according to Section 8, Rules and Orders of the City Council.

Marilyn Gomeau
City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
July 26, 2016

Roll Call
Moment of silent remembrance
The Pledge
Hearing of Visitors
Approval of the minutes of *July 12, 2016*

- 11,388-2** An Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II of the Revised Ordinances, which was referred to the City Solicitor and Labor Attorney Fred Dupere at the meeting of July 12th.
- 10,731-1** An Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances entitled Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Section 13-61, subsection (d), relative to parking for Center Street Parking Lot, which was referred to the Public Safety Committee at the meeting of July 12th.
- 11,537** Communication submitted by Council President Lamb regarding a Resolution supporting a Cultural Council.
- 11537** A Resolution supporting a State-authorized Cultural Council.

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COUNCILOR & MAYOR'S CONCERNS



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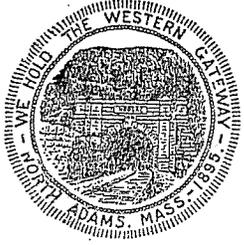
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July 26th, 2016

Dear Fellow Councilors,

I was recently sent the attached resolution in support of establishing a Cultural District in Downtown North Adams. The group leading this initiative has been working for several years now to develop a plan and community partnerships in this unified effort. Recently, other cultural districts have been developed in neighboring communities like Williamstown. With that, find the attached resolution for your consideration.

Sincerely
Council President Lamb



City of North Adams In City Council

July 26, 2016

Whereas:

The City of North Adams wishes to pursue a State-authorized Cultural District through legislation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in cohort with the Massachusetts Cultural Council, for at least five (5) years; and

WHEREAS: the City of North Adams has a mixed-use geographical mapped area that has a concentration of cultural facilities and assets; and

WHEREAS: North Adams has held public input meetings and as a result will adopt a Resolution proclaiming its interest in establishing a State-designated Cultural District; and

WHEREAS: the establishment of the North Adams Cultural District aligns itself with the City's Vision 2030 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS: the City of North Adams has created a broad and diverse partnership of stakeholders committed to cultural, community and economic development, who will provide oversight of the district; and

WHEREAS: the Massachusetts Cultural Council will be petitioned through this Resolution in accordance with its guidelines and criteria to designate the "North Adams Cultural District"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that North Adams City Council on this the 26th day of July, 2016 will:

- Endorse the North Adams Cultural District and agree to foster its development
- Endorse the State-sponsored Cultural District goals to attract artists and cultural enterprises, encourage business and job development, establish tourist destinations, preserve and reuse historic buildings, enhance property values and foster local cultural development.
- Through its Mayor, designate an employee of the City to be a partner to the Cultural District.
- Encourage all who own property or businesses within said Cultural District become involved and participate in the development of the Cultural District.
- Direct City agencies to identify programs and services that could support and enhance the development of the Cultural District and ensure that those programs and services are accessible to the Cultural District.