CITY OF NORTH ADAMS
City Clerk's Office
February 23, 2012

I hereby notify you that at twelve o'clock 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 February 28, 2012 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
February 28, 2012

Roll Call
Moment of silent prayer
The Pledge
Hearing of Visitors

Approval of the minutes of regular meeting held on February 14th.

11,168 Mayor's communication #32 recommending consideration of adopting a BYOB Policy or City Ordinance, which was postponed at the meeting of February 14th.

11,124-1 Communication submitted by Councilor Blackmer regarding reconsideration of re-zoning of property located at 420 Curran Highway, Curran Highway Development LLC, which was postponed at the meeting of February 14th.

11,211 Communication submitted by Councilor Bullett regarding handicapped parking in the downtown area, which was referred to the Traffic Commission and postponed to the meeting of February 28th.

11,217 Mayor's communication #5 recommending the re-appointment of Justyna Carlson and William Mahoney for a three year term to the North Adams Historical Commission.

11,218 Mayor's communication #6 recommending the re-appointment of Armand Boillat and James Neville for a five year term to the Airport Commission.

11,219 Mayor's communication #7 recommending the re-appointment of Phil Seller, Gail Sellers and Shirley Davis to the Mass MOCA Commission.

11,220 Mayor's communication #4 requesting permission to deliver the State of the City Address.

CORRESPONDENCE
COUNCILLOR'S CONCERNS
OPEN FORUM

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

July 12, 2011
#32

The North Adams City Council
Re: Request from Big Shirl's Restaurant

Dear Honorable Members:

The owners of Big Shirl's Kitchen have requested that the City adopt a BYOB policy or ordinance. This practice is becoming more popular around the state and would allow an establishment to have beer and wine on the premise that would be brought in by the customer....with certain levels of control.

The idea was forwarded first the City Solicitor and I have attached his opinion. While permitted, he indicated that the "City may choose to regulate to restrict the practice". The License Commission, upon receipt of the opinion decided that it was not in their purview to act and I have included their meeting minutes. I have been further asked by the owners to bring this to Council. I would ask that this be referred both to my office and the appropriate council committee as determined by the President for further discussion.

I do have policy and ordinance from several other places as well as a printout of communities in the Commonwealth that have taken action for and against and will provide to the appropriate committee chair.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

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City of North Adams

10 Main Street Room 109
North Adams, Massachusetts 01247
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January 18, 2012

Dear Fellow Councilors,

The owners of 420 Curran Highway have approached me regarding the re-zoning of their property. In looking at the opinion of the City Solicitor, I think now is the appropriate time to address this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Blackmer
Vice President

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Dear Fellow Councilors;

I have been asked by a community member to bring forward concerns regarding handicap parking in the city. Several areas have been mentioned and wanted to share them so these concerns could be brought to the appropriate committee.

1. 40 Main Street – The Holiday Inn though the address is Main St, the main entrance is accessed on American Legion Drive. Though handicap parking is available in the adjacent parking lot, the walk is substantial to gain access to the building. Is it possible to dedicate one metered space near the front entrance of hotel for handicap parking?

2. Location of handicap parking spaces in Steeple Plaza – location to park and walk required to get to ramp for retail is substantial.

3. Handicap parking for access to restaurant corner of Holden and Center St. No available handicap parking at that end of parking lot.

4. Eagle St. – I am wondering if handicap parking could be considered here as well.

These are a few areas of concern brought to my attention. I thank you for your assistance to bring the information provided to the appropriate committee.

Respectfully,

Nancy P. Bullett
City Councilor

CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

February 28, 2012
#04

The Honorable City Council
Re: State of the City

Dear Honorable Members:

I respectfully request that I be placed on the agenda for the February 28th meeting to deliver my State of the City Address.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

RJA/ll

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

February 28, 2012
#05

The Honorable City Council
Re: Re-Appointments to the North Adams Historical Commission

Honorable Members:

I am pleased to recommend Justyna Carlson and William Mahoney for re-appointment to the Historical Commission. Justyna and Bill will be appointed for a three year term to expire on January 2, 2015.

Justyna and Bill have been outstanding members and have proved themselves to be worthy of re-appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

February 28, 2012
#06

The Honorable City Council
Re: Re-Appointments to the North Adams Airport Commission

Honorable Members:

I am pleased to recommend Armand Boillat and James M. Neville for re-appointment to the Airport Commission. Armand and Matt will be appointed for a five year term to expire on February 1, 2017.

Armand and Matt have been outstanding members and have proved themselves to be worthy of re-appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Office of the Mayor
Richard J. Alcombright

February 28, 2012
#07

The Honorable City Council
Re: Re-Appointments to the Mass MoCA Commission

Honorable Members:

I am pleased to recommend Phil Sellers, Gail Sellers and Shirley Davis for re-appointment to the Mass MoCA Commission. Phil and Shirley will be appointed for a three year term to expire on February 1, 2015 and Gail a two year term to expire on February 1, 2014.

Phil, Gail and Shirley have been outstanding members and have proved themselves to be worthy of re-appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Alcombright
Mayor

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