

In City Council March 19th, 2026

Upon recommendation of Councilors Meg Robbins and Christopher Stratton

O-26.021

An Order

To Require Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to Provide Information on the Downtown Complete Streets Project

Whereas, Section 2-7 [c] of the Northampton Charter provides that "The city council may request specific information from the mayor on any municipal matter and may request that the mayor be present to answer written questions relating to that information at a meeting to be held not earlier than 7 days from the date the mayor receives the questions. The mayor shall personally, or through a designated city employee, attend such meeting and respond to the questions. The mayor, or the person designated to attend, shall not be required to answer questions relating to any other matter."

Ordered, that, the Northampton City Council requires Northampton Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra to appear at the April 2, 2026 regular meeting of the Northampton City Council to answer the following questions about the "NORTHAMPTON- DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS CORRIDOR AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON MAIN STREET (ROUTE 9)" project, otherwise known as "Picture Main Street"

1. Currently expected design changes between the published 75% design and the upcoming 100% design submission to Massachusetts DOT
2. What Federal and State Funding is currently expected, by amount and date of availability, and if this funding has been fully appropriated, or is merely projected?
3. Projected expenditures of City funds by year on this project, indicating funding source
4. What current activities on the project or design are taking place?
5. All past city expenditures by year on this project including design services, marketing and public relations since its inception and planning "over two decades" including grants and ARPA monies, by funding source.
6. All currently identified and unresolved project challenges – including those relative to Vaults, EverSource distribution network locations, Right Of Way acquisition needs and costs
7. Projected increase in recurring expenses and staffing requirements for routine Downtown maintenance and snow removal, including snow removal from planned bike lanes
8. Specific plans to preserve downtown pedestrian and wheelchair mobility during construction