

# **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**January 16, 2024 6:00 pm**  
**City Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport**

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Zoom details for City Council Meeting:  
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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **3. ORDER**

- ORDR00531\_01\_18\_2024      Ward 1P Polling Location Change EP
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### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

# CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



## IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDERED:

January 18, 2024

### EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

Pursuant to Charter Section 2-9 (b) and as further defined in Section 1-7(7) an emergency exists due to the fact that the matter referenced in ORDR00531\_01\_18\_2024 is time sensitive due to the District-Wide election being held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 and the accessibility of the Ward 1P Polling Location.

Therefore, the City Council hereby affirmatively declares that an emergency exists such that ORDR00531\_01\_18\_2024 may be voted upon at its first introduction to this Council.

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Councillor Sharif I. Zeid

# CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



## IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDERED:

January 18, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the current Ward 1P Polling Place is located at the Plum Island Boat House, 300 Northern Boulevard, Newburyport, and

**WHEREAS**, said Plum Island Boat House is not accessible for use due to the recent weather conditions including the flooding of the parking lot rendering the building inaccessible as a polling place and creating a public safety concerning for potential voters, and

**WHEREAS**, the People's United Methodist Church located at 64 Purchase Street is within the boundaries of Ward 1 and is the current State approved Polling Location for Ward 1, and

**WHEREAS**, Amended Article 114 of the Massachusetts Constitution and 950 CMR § 51.00 encourages the fundamental right to vote by improving access for handicapped and elderly individuals to polling places and the voting process, and

**WHEREAS**, the People's Methodist Church has passed the State mandated Polling Place Site Access Survey and approved locally by the ADA Coordinator.

**Now, Therefore, the City Council of the City of Newburyport** hereby states that specifically for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> special election, public accessibility and public safety is better served by this change and such change would not have a disparate or adverse impact on access to the polls bases on race, national origin, disability, income or age and approves the relocation of the Ward 1P Polling Location from the Plum Island Boat House to the People's United Methodist Church, 64 Purchase Street for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> special election. Further changes to the polling location, temporary or permanent, would require a new City Council Order.

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Councillor Sharif I. Zeid