

1. Regular City Council Meeting New Business Items Only

2. TR-2022-30

- A Resolution to appropriate and authorize borrowing in the amount of Eleven Million Six Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (**\$11,629,000**) for the purchase of 1070 Suffield Street and the construction/reconstruction of the building and site for a police station (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)

Documents:

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3. TR-2022-31

- A Resolution preventing and opposing the closing of the Northampton VA Medical Center located in Leeds, Massachusetts (Sponsored by Councilors Bitzas and Rossi)

Documents:

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**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE BORROWING IN
THE AMOUNT OF ELEVEN MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY NINE
THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,629,000) FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1070
SUFFIELD STREET AND THE CONSTRUCTION/RECONSTRUCTION OF
THE BUILDING AND SITE FOR A POLICE STATION**

(Sponsored by Mayor William P. Sapelli)

WHEREAS, the City known as the Town of Agawam is in need of a new police station and the town has identified the land and building at 1070 Suffield Street as an appropriate location for the construction and reconstruction project as many of the existing office spaces, core facilities, entrances and utility spaces may be maintained, along with the site configuration, driveways, utilities and parking, while accommodating the Police Department's programmatic needs, and

WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing the land and building at 1070 Sheffield Street and the reconstruction and construction of such site and building into a police station, including design, engineering, construction, reconstruction, site work, drainage, paving and all other costs incidental or related thereto, is Eleven Million Six Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$11,629,000),

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL
HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING:**

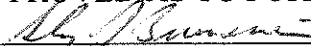
Eleven Million Six Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$11,629,000) is appropriated to pay costs of the purchase of the land and building at 1070 Suffield Street and to pay costs of the construction and reconstruction of such site and buildings for use as a police station, including design, engineering, construction, reconstruction, site work, drainage, paving and all other costs incidental or related thereto; and further, that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow Eleven Million Six Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$11,629,000) to pay costs of this project under M.G.L. c. 44, §7 or any other enabling legislation, and issue bonds and notes of the City therefor, and the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2022

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, Solicitor

**A RESOLUTION PREVENTING AND OPPOSING THE CLOSING OF THE NORTHAMPTON
VA MEDICAL CENTER LOCATED IN LEEDS, MASSACHUSETTS**

(Sponsored by Agawam City Councilors George Bitzas and Robert Rossi)

WHEREAS, nearly 21,000 male and female veterans including veterans from the Town of Agawam rely on the Northampton VA Medical Center for care; and

WHEREAS, if the Northampton VA Medical Center closes it will be very difficult and costly for veterans to travel to another facility in Massachusetts and/or Connecticut for their medical needs; and

WHEREAS, many veterans struggle with Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and anxiety that require immediate services; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Dennis McDonough recommended the closing of the Northampton VA Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs plans to relocate rehabilitation programs and nursing home care to a VA hospital in Newington, Connecticut; as well as other outpatient and mental health services to a clinic in Springfield, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, our veterans have protected us and served our country, and returned home with mental and physical war wounds and need our help; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has already spent \$108 million to renovate and modernize this facility.

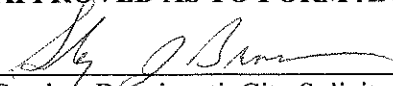
NOW, THEREFORE, THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL hereby protests and opposes the closing of the Northampton VA Medical Center in Leeds, Massachusetts and hereby resolves to ask United States Representative Richard Neal, United States Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey along with our state congressional delegation to oppose the closing and ask United States Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Dennis McDonough reverse his recommendation; and the Agawam City Council further resolves to ask Governor Charles Baker, State Senator John Velis and State Representative Nicholas Boldyga to also oppose the closing of the VA Medical Center and leave this facility open for our veterans who deserve our help.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, City Council President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen Buoniconti, City Solicitor