



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020  
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202  
4 Summer Street

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Present – President Barrett, Councillors LePage, Bevilacqua, Michitson, Sullivan, Jordan, McGonagle, Daly O’Brien and Macek.  
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting  
The minutes were approved Yeas 9, Nays 0
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting  
Vice President LePage was assigned the minutes
5. Communications from the Mayor
6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:  
Communication from City Engineer, John Pettis announcing Public Hearing for the MassDOT Intersection Reconstruction Project 608761-Route 108 (Newton Road) at Route 110 (Kenoza Avenue and Amesbury Road) on January 16th; 7:00PM in the City Council Chambers  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 12

7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
8. Hearings and Related Orders:

Document 121/2019 – Petition from Phil Rice – *Kruegar LLP* requesting to build within the Waterfront District – 5 residential units within the existing brick structure on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors; to be used as rentals; at 4 Batchelder’s Court – Map 304, block 56, Lot 1. *Favorable Recommendation with Conditions from the Planning Director to approve the Special Permit with the inclusion of any and all City department comments and stipulations.*

HEARING OPENED

Mr. Phil Rice informed that the building has been underutilized for 4 years. It houses Oliva’s/Krueger’s restaurants. He will use 100 % of the existing footprint. New utilities were installed when the building was rehabbed for the restaurants. There will be no outside excavation. New windows were also installed. The parking spaces will be in a vacant parking lot that he owns on Locke Street. There will be 8 leased spaces available. The project requires 6 spaces. Entry into the units will be from the rear. The building does not have an elevator and that heavy equipment was brought up using the stairs. He stated the city endorsed the mixed use of the building. The next step, if approved, would be site plan and permitting by the city departments. No one spoke in favor or against the petition.

HEARING CLOSED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL PERMIT AS RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING DIRECTOR PILLSBURY’S LETTER DATED JANUARY 10, 2020. ALSO, TO APPROVE A WAIVER FROM THE AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENT AND INCLUSION OF ALL LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS.

PASSED WITH CONDITIONS Yeas 9, Nays 0 121/2019

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments:

Marissa Ostrovitz, 4 Muriel ter to the Cultural Council, effective immediately. Appointment to expire Dec 31 2021

CONFIRMED Yeas 9, Nays 0 1B

11. Petitions:

Document 13 – Petition from Attorney Robert Harb representing 27 Washington st, LLC; requesting Special Permit/Major Plan Approval; to convert 3 floors in the existing building at 21-27 Washington st; in the Waterfront District WD-A; to 9 residential units while maintaining 2 Commercial/Retail Units on the first floor for the mixed-use project; to be used as rentals.

COUNCIL HEARING FEB 25 2020 Yeas 9, Nays 0 13

Petition from several City Councillors consenting to the resubmission of Document 21-F from the December 3, 2019 agenda for further action by the City Council

**COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE RECUSED HIMSELF AND LEFT THE CHAMBERS**

President Barrett ruled that sufficient signatures were submitted in writing in accordance with Council Rule 19 and that Document 21-F was properly before the Council for action.

Document 21-F/2019; Order – authorize Mayor to execute a Parking License Agreement with *Haverhill Stem LLC* for 2 parking spaces in the Phoenix Row Parking Lot abutting their property at 124 Washington st as stated

SOLICITOR COX CLARIFIED THAT THE 2 SPACES ARE MISNUMBERED ON THE PARKING LICENSE AGREEMENT, EXHIBIT “A”, SPACES SHOULD BE NUMBERS 5 & 6 INSTEAD OF 6 & 7  
 PASSED

Yeas 7, Nays 1(Bevilacqua), Abstain 1 21F/2019

**COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE RETURNED TO CHAMBERS**

<u>Tag Days:</u>	The following were all Granted:	Yeas 9, Nays 0	
	HHS Swim, January 24, 25 & 26		14
	HHS Girls Basketball, February 1 & 2		14B
	HHS Boys Basketball, February 8 & 9		14C
	HHS Indoor Track Boosters, March 21 & 22		14D
	HHS Tennis Teams, March 28 & 29		14E
	HHS Boys Baseball, April 3,4, & 5		14F
	HHS Girls Volleyball, April 10 & 11		14G
	HHS Girls Crew Team, April 17, 18 & 19		14H
	HHS Boys Volleyball, April 24 & 25		14I
	HHS Girls Lacrosse, May 1,2 & 3		14J
	HHS Class of 2021, May 9 & 10		14K
	VFW Post #29, May 15 & 16		14L
	HHS Boys Crew, September 11, 12 & 13		14M

Annual License Renewals:

	Hawker Peddlers License 2020 - Fixed locations; renewals		
	Wade Dempsey to sell hot dogs at Bradford Common, Monday-Sunday, year-round, 10AM to 5PM		
GRANTED		Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Barrett)	15
	Lisa Wright to sell hot dogs, soda and chips outside Haverhill Stadium @ Lincoln/Nettleton av; starting in March/April (weather permitting); Monday – Friday; 10:30AM to 4PM		
GRANTED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	15B
	<i>Above Applications have Police Department approval</i>		

Coin-Op License Renewals 2020

Redbox Automated Retail Locations – Movies (renewals)

	The following were all Granted:	Yeas 9, Nays 0	
	Market Basket, 285 Lincoln av		16
	Market Basket, 400 Lowell av		16B
	Walgreens, 800 River st		16C
	CVS Pharmacy, 425 Lowell av		16D
	Market Basket, 2 Water st		16E
	Walgreens, 800 River st		16F
	Market Basket (B), 2 Water st		16G
	CVS Pharmacy, 150 Lafayette sq		16H

*Applications have Department approvals*

Drainlayer License for 2020

	John Enos		
GRANTED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	5V
	Richard Peters		
GRANTED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	5W
	John Sullivan		
GRANTED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	5X

**12. Motions and Orders:**

ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize the payment of bills of the previous years and to further authorize the payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed below:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Lakeside Motors	\$ 897.11	School Department
Quinn’s Locksmith	110.00	Wastewater Dept
Fidelity House CRC	264.00	Mayor’s Office
Sunwealth Project Pool 2	5,139.84	Wastewater
Reimbursement-Plumbing	70.00	Insp/Health Dept
Inspector		
TOTAL	\$6,474.95	

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 17

ORDERED: That the City transfer amounts from the following Capital Accounts

Façade Repairs 16th av	\$ 3,400.00
High st Station Electrical	205.51
High st Station Wiring	530.78
Ayer's Village Station Heating	850.90
Rocks Village Station Heating	275.00
Fire Inspection Vehicle	6,266.00
Fire Vehicle Replacement	6,620.00

And transferred into the following Capital Account:

PASSED	Ayer's Village Station Repairs	\$18,148.19	Yeas 9, Nays 0	18
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**13. Ordinances (File 10 days)**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking  
461 Washington St. – Establish Handicapped Parking

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Article XIII, Section 240-1302 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions of the Haverhill City Code, as amended be further amended by Establishing the following:

Location	Regulation	Hours/Days		
461 Washington Street In front of No. 461 Washington Street Except for one 24 Hour Handicap parking space	No Parking	24 Hours		
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days			Yeas 9, Nays 0	9C

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking  
24 Essex St. – Establish Handicapped Parking

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Article XIII, Section 240-1302 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions of the Haverhill City Code, as amended be further amended by Establishing the following:

Location	Regulation	Hours/Days		
24 Essex Street In front of No. 24 Essex Street Except for one 24 Hour Handicap parking space	No Parking	24 Hours		
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days			Yeas 9, Nays 0	9D

**14. Monthly Report**

Preliminary financial reports from City Auditor, Charles Benevento, for the month of November 2019				
PLACED ON FILE		Yeas 9, Nays 0		19
Abatement report from City Assessor, Christine Webb, for the month of December 2019				
PLACED ON FILE		Yeas 9, Nays 0		20

**15. Resolutions and Proclamations**

**16. Communications from Councillors:**

Communication was received from Councillor John Michitson requesting to discuss innovative budgeting strategies for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget process.  
COUNCILLOR MICHITSON GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION\* ON COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIC BUDGETING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FY 2021.  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MICHITSON TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING WORKSHOP TO IDENTIFY TOP 3/4 TOPICS FOR FY21 BUDGET Yeas 9, Nays 0 11G

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion about complimentary bus service/routes by the MVRTA to work destinations in Haverhill  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND A LETTER TO MAYOR TO SET UP MEETING WITH JOSEPH COSTANZO, MVRTA, AND HAVERHILL TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE TO EXPLORE RIDES TO WORK DESTINATIONS IN HAVERHILL Yeas 9, Nays 0 11H

- 17. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting:**  
**18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements:**  
DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

Meeting adjourned 8:16 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk

\*Doc. 11-G – Handout from Councillor Michitson – Collaborative Strategic Budgeting in Haverhill