



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 PM

Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, 4 Summer St., Room 202

In-Person/Remote Meeting

Present – President Barrett, Councillors LePage, Bevilacqua, Michitson, Sullivan, Jordan, McGonagle, and Macek. Absent – Daly O’Brien

City Council Administrative Assistant – Laurie A. Brown

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Baker issued an Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 18. Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means."

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

HOLD TO OCTOBER 19, 2021 MEETING

PASSED PLACED ON FILE

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

MINUTES ASSIGNED TO COUNCILLOR LEPAGE

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO INTRODUCE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

6.1. Council President Barrett requests to introduce Joseph Benedetti and Mark DeLuca to speak for October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month and about *Mishstrong* event at the Haverhill Police Station, 40 Bailey Blvd to celebrate the life of Michelle Benedetti and all those impacted by this disease on Sunday, October 17th from 8 am to 12 noon
Neither party was able to attend so President Barrett gave information on upcoming event and donations can be made online at www.mishstrong.org
PLACED ON FILE 92-B

6.2. Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requests to introduce Eva Rajczyk, Board Secretary, to discuss *Asperger Works* non-profit programs and their upcoming Annual Dinner to be held October 8th
Eva Rajczyk gave presentation on Asperger works and information on how to purchase tickets for upcoming Annual Dinner and how to make donations
Eva Rajczyk, Board Secretary, spoke about Asperger Works. Their mission is to educate employers about the positive side of hiring people with Asperger’s. Fundraiser dinner on Friday, October 8th, theme is Dinner of Hope. Donations welcome.
PLACED ON FILE 92-C

6.3. Councillor Jordan requests to introduce Noah Berger, the Administrator of the MVRTA, to provide an update on the MVRTA in Haverhill
Councillor Jordan thanked Mr. Berger and MVRTA for free parking during River Ruckus and introduced Noah Berger to speak.
Noah Berger introduced himself and gave update on MVRTA including community relationships, driver shortage, garage expansion, bus stop locations, number of parking spots available vs number of parking spots leased.
Motion by Councillor McGonagle to clarify leased parking commitments



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- 6.4. Councillors Jordan, McGonagle and Council Vice President LePage request to introduce Firefighter Tim Carroll to discuss staffing levels of the Haverhill Fire Dept
Councillor Jordan following up on last weeks meeting with plan for infrastructure to support projects approved in the city
Tim Carroll, Haverhill Fire Local 1011. We don't make any of the standards for NFPA for the city of Haverhill; no staffing increase; population is approx. 67K; 1 firefighter on duty per 3800 residents; lowest national average per capita, would need 8 to be in the average; only get worse with new construction
Motion by Councillor McGonagle to send letter to Mayor to address Carroll's plan and respond to Council and Union, second by Jordan
Councillor Michitson asked to include Public and Safety Committee in letter
PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 92-E

- 6.5. Councillor Michitson requests to introduce Rich Breault, President of *Lightspeed Manufacturing*, to discuss recent business success of Lightspeed Manufacturing and Bounce Imaging resulting from Haverhill's "Shark Tank" Startup competition
Rich Breault unable to attend so Councillor Michitson gave presentation about Lightspeed and their products
PLACED ON FILE 92-F

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

- 8.1. Preliminary financial reports from City Auditor, Charles Benevento for month of June 2021
Motion by Councillor Macek, Second Sullivan
PASSED PLACED ON FILE All in Favor 12-D
- 8.2. Preliminary financial reports from City Auditor, Charles Benevento for month of July 2021
Motion by Councillor Macek, Second Sullivan
PASSED PLACED ON FILE All in Favor 12-E
- 8.3. Communication from City Clerk, Linda Koutoulas announcing Early Voting in person in Haverhill starting October 23rd thru the 29th at various locations
Motion by Councillor McGonagle, Second Macek
PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 82-H

9. UTILITY HEARING(S) AND RELATED ORDER(S):

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

11. APPOINTMENTS:

- 11.1. Confirming Appointments:
11.2. Non-Confirming Appointments :
11.3. Resignations:

12. PETITIONS:

- 12.1. Applications Handicap Parking Sign: with police approval
12.1.1. Jorge and Luisa Ruiz for 60 High st, 1st floor
Motion by Councillor Michitson, second Macek



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PASSED All in Favor 2-R

- 12.2. **Amusement/Event Applications:**
- 12.3. **Tag Days:**
- 12.4. **One Day Liquor License:**
- 12.5. **Annual License Renewals:**
 - 12.5.1. **Hawker Peddlers License 2021 - Fixed location**
 - 12.5.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals 2021**
 - 12.5.3. **Drainlayer License for 2021 -with City Engineer approval**
 - 12.5.4. **Christmas Tree Vendor**
 - 12.5.5. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2021**
 - 12.5.6. **Taxi License**
 - 12.5.7. **Junk Dealer License**
 - 12.5.8. **Pool Tables**
 - 12.5.9. **Sunday Pool**
 - 12.5.10. **Bowling**
 - 12.5.11. **Sunday Bowling**
 - 12.5.12. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles**
 - 12.5.13. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing**
 - 12.5.14. **Pawnbroker license**
 - 12.5.15. **Fortune Teller**
 - 12.5.16. **Buy & Sell Old Gold**
 - 12.5.17. **Roller Skating Rink**
 - 12.5.18. **Sunday Skating**
 - 12.5.19. **Exterior Vending Machines**
 - 12.5.20. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars:**

13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

13.1. Order – Election Warrant for Tuesday, November 2, 2021 to elect 1 candidate for Mayor, 9 candidates for City Council and 3 candidates for School Committee and also 2 non-binding questions

Motion by Councillor Macek, Second Jordan

PASSED Yeas 7, Nays 1, Absent 1 82-I

13.2. Order –authorize pay bills of previous years and authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Professional Drafting Inc	\$653.50	Highway Dept
Fidelity House CRC	326.70	Mayor’s Office
Greater Haverhill Chamber	90.00	“ “
Total:	\$1,070.20	

Motion by Councillor Macek, Second Jordan

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 18-H

14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)



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15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

- 15.1. Councillor Daly O'Brien requests a discussion regarding providing shaded areas in our City playgrounds
Motion by Councillor Macek to move to 10/19/21 meeting, Second McGonagle
PASSED All in Favor 92-G
- 15.2. Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requests a discussion regarding public attendance and their recognition at City Council meetings/hearings
Councillor Bevilacqua motions to ask before the start of a meeting which items members of the audience are here for to be called first.
Councillor McGonagle spoke stating last meeting the young lady did not identify herself before the meeting as instructed beforehand, so council did not know she was present.
Councillor Macek states rule changes need to be referred to Administration and Finance. 92-H
- 15.3. Councillors LePage, Jordan and Michitson request status updates on the Consentino School Building project, the SOI submission for the JG Whittier School and request for Mayor to reconvene the Joint Facilities Committee (last meeting held April 28, 2020)
Michael Pfifferling gave update on schools, website has updates, school committee meeting this week, Visioning session scheduled Oct. 12th, Visioning session 3 is Oct. 26th. Important upcoming dates: Dec. 8th public meeting for Preliminary design due Jan 6; March 9 public meeting for preferred schematic design report due April 14th, August 24th public meeting for schematic design due Sept. 7, vote in November 2022
Motion by Councillor Jordan to send Mayor a letter requesting a Joint Facilities Committee meeting with Steve Dorrance present, second LePage
PASSED All in Favor 92-I
- 15.4. Councillors LePage and Barrett request a discussion on the effects of the Hale debt along with existing and pending school buildings capital budget debt on the FY22 and future budgets
Councillor LePage gave presentation on history of hospital deficit, debt exclusion with Hunking, how to manage going forward with schools, infrastructure, etc. 92-J
- 15.5. Councillor Macek requests to discuss the overall positive experience during a visit to Haverhill High School on Friday, October 1st along with Councillors LePage, Bevilacqua, Michitson and Jordan
Councillor Macek spoke of his positive visit to the High School, quality school operation, clean and well maintained, students minding their best behavior. Councillors agreed on positive visit, understand students have an adjustment returning full time, teachers doing a great job, discussed classroom size. Principal Jason Meland gave update on how school was dealing with recent events, shifted lunches, more teachers in hallways, held meetings, introduced disciplinary consequences, had UTEC visit with students
Councillor President Barrett stated the city has money set aside for diversionary programs to help kids, Citizen's Outreach meeting soon to address how to access funds 92-K



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16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING

16.1. Document 83; Mayor Fiorentini submits Salary Ordinance and 1st Contract for Dispatchers Group

16.1.1. Document 21-D; Ordinance re: Salaries – Dispatchers Group *filed*
September 22nd

Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Macek

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 83-B

16.2. Document 90; Ordinance re: Departments – Amend Chapter 32 Article XI. Health Department
filed September 22nd

Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Macek

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21. ADJOURN

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN, SECOND JORDAN

ALL IN FAVOR ADJOURNED AT 10:10 PM