



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020  
Virtual

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

Assistant City Clerk – James Blatchford

President Barrett read the following statement: This meeting of the Haverhill City Council is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus".

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible *physical* location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely and live so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. This meeting will not have public comment although people are on-line to speak on some items.

**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. 20. 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  
The minutes were approved Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Michitson)
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting  
Councillor Bevilacqua was assigned the minutes

**Councillor Michitson joined the meeting late due to technical difficulty.**

5. Communications from the Mayor  
Mayor Fiorentini requests to give (COVID-19) crisis update  
No update from Mayor as he was not available. 89Q

Mayor Fiorentini requests permission to allow AFC Urgent Care to use Highway Department yard and garage starting on Sat, Dec 19 to provide COVID-19 testing in Haverhill.  
Allison Heartquist, Chief of Staff, introduced AFC Urgent Care team members to explain the upcoming testing. Zaka Chafik informed that starting this Saturday there will be testing at 500 Primrose Street. Testing will be for first responders then open to the public. Next week will be on Wednesday and Saturday. Register on-line prior to coming in. Results will be available on-line within 12-24 hours. 89R

Mayor submits Resolution to file and accept grants with and from Commonwealth of MA EOEEA for PARC program for improvements to the Plug Pond Recreation Area (see document for complete text)  
ADOPTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 330

ORDERED: That Five Hundred Eight Six Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Five Dollars (\$586,555) is appropriated to fund the Plug Pond Public Enhancement Project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor (see document for complete text)  
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 26I

6. Communications from Councillors to introduce an individual(s) to address the council:

Communication from Council President Barrett and Councillor McGonagle requesting to introduce Don Jarvis, Keith Gopsill and Mike Ingham to discuss becoming a Purple Heart Community  
COMMANDER KEITH GOPSILL, VFW LORRAINE POST 29, INFORMED THAT OVER 105 COMMUNITIES HAVE THE PURPLE HEART DESIGNATION AND 7 ROADWAYS ARE DEEMED PRUPLE HEART TRAILS. HE HAS STARTED A PETITION TO HAVE HAVERHILL BECOME A PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY. COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE READ A PROCLAMATION INTO THE RECORD.\*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO REFER MATTER TO NRPP COMMITTEE. ALSO, SEND LETTER TO MAYOR EXPRESSING COUNCIL SUPPORT AND TAKING STEPS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH GOAL. Yeas 9, Nays 0 55I

7. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

8. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:

9. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s):

10. Hearings and Related Orders:

11. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments:

Non-Confirming Appointments:

12. Petitions

Petition for a special permit from Timothy Woodland for applicant Washington 149 LLC to build 5 residential units at 149 Washington st  
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD  
COUNCIL HEARING FEB 2 2021 Yeas 9, Nays 0 116

Petition for a special permit from Atty Donald Borenstein for applicant D & D Realty Trust to build 11 single family homes at 0 Brandy Brow Road.  
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD  
COUNCIL HEARING FEB 2 2021 Yeas 9, Nays 0 117

Petition of David Fletcher that the City Council authorize the Mayor to execute a waiver of rights of first refusal to purchase Assessor Parcel 572-2-1G, 136 Liberty Street, said property previously having been classified as agricultural land under the provisions of MGL c. 61A.  
SOLICITOR COX INFORMED THAT MATTER GOES BACK TO 1995. HE WAS NOT ABLE TO LOCATE AFFIDAVIT OF FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL AND IT HAS TO BE RECORDED AT THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS. HE ADVISED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE REQUEST  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A WAIVER OF RIGHTS OF FIRST REFUSAL ON PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED  
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 118

Petition of Michael DeLuca requesting to purchase surplus city land on River st. Map 538 Block 419B Lots 20, 21, 22, and 23.  
REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 91C

Annual License Renewals:

Hawker Peddlers License 2021 - Fixed location

Lisa Wright, Location outside Haverhill Stadium at Lincoln/Nettleton Ave. Hours 11-4PM Mon – Fri. To sell hotdogs, chips, soda and water. *Renewal; Has department approvals*  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 15D

Drainlayer License: The following licenses were all GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0

- Steve Caruso *renewal* 46T
- Stephen Doherty “ 46U
- Tom Dube “ 46V
- Robert Frye “ 46W
- Frank Gibbs “ 46X
- John Grasso “ 46Y
- Bruce Hoehn “ 46Z
- Michael Mazzotta “ 119
- Richard Peters “ 119B
- John Sullivan “ 119C
- Jay Davidowicz “ 119D
- Bill Hall “ 119E
- David Tebbetts “ 119F
- James Cavalieri Jr, *new All have department approvals* 119G

Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars

Callahan transportation – 1 vehicle – renewal; *Has Police approval*  
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 24F

- 13. Motions and Orders
- 14. Ordinances (File 10 days)
- 15. Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize Roz McKeon and Kalister Green-Byrd honored as "Formidable League Women" by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

MS. MCKEON AND MS. GREEN-BYRD THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THEM. CITATIONS WILL BE MAILED TO EACH  
 PLACED ON FILE 101P

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize Craig Jesiolowski, President and the Holy Family Hospital team for being named a 2020 "Top Hospital" by the Leapfrog Group. MR. JESIOLOWSKI WAS NOT ABLE TO JOIN THE MEETING. CITATION WILL BE MAILED TO HIM.  
 PLACED ON FILE 101Q

16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting:

Doc. 9-J:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240  
 An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, as amended, be further amended by DELETING the following in §240-85, Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions:

LOCATION	REGULATION	HOURS/DAY
Lawrence Street In front of No. 60 Lawrence St, Except for 1-24 hour handicap parking Space at No. 60 Lawrence Street	No Parking	24 hours

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9J

Doc 96-E

Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and  
 The Water Department Group – Teamsters Local #170  
 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0, 96E

Doc. 97-D

Municipal Ordinance Chapter  
 An Ordinance Relating to Salaries Water Department Group  
 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 97D

Doc. 96-F

Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and  
 The Library Group – Teamsters Local #170  
 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 96F

Doc. 97-E

Municipal Ordinance Chapter  
 An Ordinance Relating to Salaries Library Group  
 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 97E

Doc. 96-G

Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and  
 The City Hall Clerks Group – Teamsters Local #170  
 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Bevilacqua) 96G

Doc. 97-F

Municipal Ordinance Chapter  
 An Ordinance Relating to Salaries City Hall Clerks Group  
 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Bevilacqua) 97F

Doc. 96-H

Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and  
 The Water/Wastewater Office & Technical Group – Teamsters Local #170  
 (see document for complete text)

PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	96H
Doc. 97-G	Municipal Ordinance An Ordinance Relating to Salaries (see document for complete text)	Chapter Water/Wastewater Office & Technical Group	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	97G
Doc. 96-I	Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and The Engineering Group – Teamsters Local #170 (see document for complete text)		
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	96I
Doc. 97-H	Municipal Ordinance An Ordinance Relating to Salaries (see document for complete text)	Chapter Engineering Group	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	97H
Doc. 96-J	Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and The Citizen Center Group – Teamsters Local #170 (see document for complete text)		
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	96J
Doc. 97-I	Municipal Ordinance An Ordinance Relating to Salaries (see document for complete text)	Chapter Citizen Center Group	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	97I
Doc. 96-K	Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and The Animal Control Officers/Police Mechanics/Police Craftsman- Custodian/Building Custodian Group – Teamsters Local #170 (see document for complete text)		
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	96K
Doc. 97-J	Municipal Ordinance An Ordinance Relating to Salaries Mechanics/Police Building Craftsmen/Custodian and Public Property Building Custodian Group (see document for complete text)	Chapter Animal Control Officers/Police Mechanics/Police Building Craftsmen/Custodian and Public Property Building Custodian Group	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	97J
Doc. 97K	Municipal Ordinance An Ordinance Relating to Salaries	Chapter Non-Union Positions	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	97K
Doc. 97L	Municipal Ordinance An Ordinance Relating to Salaries	Chapter Administrative & Professional Positions	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	97L

Doc 101-O Communication from Councillor Michitson requesting to recognize the outstanding achievements of John Cuneo during his rewarding career at Community Action, Inc serving Haverhill's most vulnerable citizens

COUNCILLOR MICHITSON REVIEWED MR. CUNEO'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HIS 4 DECADES OF SERVICE AT COMMUNITY ACTION. MR. KEITH BOUCHER ALSO ADDED TO THE DISCUSSION. MR CUNEO THANKED THE CITY COUNCIL FOR RECOGNIZING HIM. CITATION WILL BE MAILED TO HIM.

PLACED ON FILE 101C

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PASSING OF GERRY SEWELL, LONG TIME LICENSE COMMISSIONER AND CONSTABLE.

PRESIDENT BARRETT ANNOUNCED THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON JAN. 5.

**16. RESOLUTIONS and PROCLAMATIONS:**

**17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements:**

**18. Documents referred to committee study**

**19. Long term matters study list**

Meeting adjourned 8:35 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: James Blatchford  
Assistant City Clerk

\*Doc 55-I – Purple Heart Proclamation