



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes  
Tuesday, December 3, 2019  
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202  
4 Summer Street

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Present – Councillors Sullivan, Barrett, LePage, Jordan, and McGonagle.  
Councillor Bevilacqua participated remotely due to geographic location.  
Absent – President Michitson, Councillors Daly O’Brien and Macek.  
Assistant City Clerk – Laura Angus

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Acting President Sullivan asked for a moment of silence in memory of Councillor Daly O’Brien’s sister, Cindy Daly.

3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes were postponed to the Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting      Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Barrett was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Fiorentini requests to introduce Tom Wylie and Harmony Wilson to recognize and thank them for their dedication to Haverhill’s Conservation Commission

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO POSTPONE BECAUSE ONE OF THE MEMBERS  
COULD NOT ATTEND

POSTPONED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

20P

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:

7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

8. Hearings and Related Orders:

Hearing was opened on Document 105 - Petition from Lawrence Palmisano, President of JR Builders, Inc. requesting City accept Delray Drive as a public way; Favorable recommendation from Planning Board and Director. Mr. Palmisano informed that the homes were sold out last December and the remaining items were finished. No one else spoke in favor or against the street acceptance.

HEARING CLOSED

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ORDERED: It appearing that the common convenience and necessity require it, It is hereby ordered that the following street herein described be accepted as a Public Way - Delray Drive (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

105B

Hearing was opened on Document 107 - Petition from Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director for City of Haverhill, requesting Zoning Hearing for Council to approve amendment to Section 255-19 Watershed Protection District of the City Code and submitting related Ordinance; Favorable recommendation from Planning Board and Director

HEARING CLOSED

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 255

An Ordinance Relating to Watershed Protection

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Chapter 255 of the Code of the City of Haverhill, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting the following in the beginning of §255-19 D(2) (i) “Uncovered or uncontained”

BASED ON THE PETITION AND WRITTEN SUBMISSION OF MR. WARD THE COUNCIL VOTED  
FAVORABLY ON THE PETITION

PASSED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

107B

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Joy Smith, 923 Amesbury rd, requests to discuss Fire Department concerns; regarding their repair or rebuilding and the need for generators and the need for repair or rebuilding the Animal Shelter  
MS. SMITH EXPRESSED HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF FIRE SERVICES FOR ROCKS VILLAGE, 16<sup>TH</sup> AVE STATION ROOF LEAKS, WATER ST. STATION ISSUES, FIRE DEPT. STAFFING LEVELS AND EQUIPMENT. SHE ALSO QUESTIONED STATUS OF REPAIRS/ REPLACEMENT OF ANIMAL SHELTER. COUNCILLORS ADDRESSED HER CONCERNS. COUNCILLOR LEPAGE SUGGESTED UPDATES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

2D

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments

Non-Confirming Appointments

Resignations:

Amanda Buckley – from City’s Historic Commission

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

69H

**11. Petitions:**

Petition from Steve and Caprice Pascoe; Capri Realty and Management LLC; requesting Special Permit to construct multifamily rental property at 235 Essex st ; currently a vacant lot adjacent to O’Reilly Auto Parts Store; Assessor’s Map 515, Block 296, Lot 9.; with 27 rental units mostly one-bedroom units averaging 550sf with shared work and entertaining space in the common areas as well as shared roof deck/green space  
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING FEB 4 2020

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

119

**12. Motions and Orders**

ORDERED: That the Mayor is authorized 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, a copy which is attached and incorporated herein. (see document for complete text); Related communication from William Cox, City Solicitor

Councillor McGonagle informed that he would be abstaining from the vote.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO PASS THE ORDER

Yeas 4, Nays 1(Bevilacqua), Abstain 1(McGonagle) Absent 3

NOT PASSED

21F

**13. Ordinances (File 10 days)**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to 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
200 Wilson Street In front of No. 200 Wilson Street Except for one 24 Hour Handicap parking space	No Parking	24 Hours
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days		

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

106C

**14. Monthly Report**

**15. Resolutions and Proclamations**

**16. Communications from Councillors:**

Communication was received from Council President John Michitson cancelling the City Council meeting scheduled for December 31st at 7:00 PM in the Theodore Pelosi Jr. City Council Chambers  
DEC. 31, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

112S

Communication was received from Councillor Michael McGonagle requesting to discuss a request for No Parking sign between 92-94 Fountain st and 98 Fountain st

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

112T

Communication was received from Councillor Michael McGonagle requesting to discuss a request for a No Parking sign on the north side of William st from the intersection of White st to 125’ west

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

112U

Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting a discussion regarding the Betsy Conte food drive

COUNCILLOR BARRETT INFORMED THAT THE FOOD COLLECTION DURING THE SANTA PARADE WAS IMPACTED BY THE WEATHER. FOOD PANTRIES ARE IN NEED OF ITEMS. FOR THOSE WHO STILL WANT TO DONATE, ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE FOLLOWING FOOD PANTRIES: SACRED HEARTS CHURCH, ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH, UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH, CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, EMMAUS AND COMMON GROUND

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

112V

**17. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting:**

Document 28-B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating Vehicles and Traffic

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 adding the following to § 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions:

Mill Street Along the north and east sides of the Vietnam Veterans’ Park at 111Mill Street	Time limited 30 min	24 hrs
Mill Street	No Parking	24 hrs

Along the west side of the Vietnam  
Veterans' Park at 111 Mill Street  
PASSED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

28B

Document 54-G

Bond Order: That the City appropriates \$500,000 to pay costs of repairing the Water Street Fire Station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriate, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. C 44, §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)

TABLED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

54G

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR JORDAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES\* AT THE REQUEST OF  
MAYOR FIORENTINI TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM FREE CASH TO REPAIR THE WATER  
STREET FIRE STATION

SUSPENSION PASSED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

COUNCILLOR JORDAN INFORMED THAT THIS ORDER WOULD REPLACE THE ORDER TO  
BOND THE \$500,000 FOR THE WATER STREET FIRE STATION

ORDERED: That the City appropriate the sum of \$500,000 from Free Cash and transfer said amount to the  
following capital project account: Water Street Fire Station Repairs

PASSED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

54GG

Document 106-B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

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Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions of the Haverhill City Code, as amended be further amended by  
Establishing the following:

Location	Regulation	Hours/Days
103 Summer St. In front of No. 103 Summer Street Except for one 24 Hour Handicap parking space	No Parking	24 Hours

PASSED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

106B

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

Councillor Michael McGonagle presented the minutes and recommendation of the Public Safety  
Committee meeting that was held on November 13,2019 for acceptance and discussion of item Doc. 79-T –  
20 Westland Terrace group home.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND A LETTER TO SOLICITOR COX TO  
REVIEW ORDINANCE FROM THE CITY OF QUINCY REGARDING REGISTERING SOBER HOMES  
WITH CITY DEPARTMENTS &

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

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Councillor Melinda Barrett presented the minutes and recommendations of the Citizen Outreach  
Committee meeting that was held on November 14, 2019 for acceptance and discussion of items  
Doc. 7-M/18 – winter parking ordinance and Doc. 100-J Broadcast networks for Haverhill.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND A LETTER TO MAYOR AND DPW TO  
REMOVE SNOW FROM IDENTIFIED STREETS ON AD HOC BASIS AND A LETTER TO MAYOR  
REGARDING A SURVEY AND WEBSITE TO DETERMINE BROADBAND NEEDS &

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

30P

Meeting adjourned 7:57 o'clock P.M. Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

Attest: Laura Angus  
Assistant City Clerk

\*Doc. 54GG - Suspension of Rules Request with Order