



City of Haverhill  
 City Council Minutes  
 Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Virtual

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

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

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.

**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  
 Councillor McGonagle motioned to have the minutes approved with the correction of the word “maintenance” in item 15.1. Yeas 9, Nays 0

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting  
 Councillor Daly O’Brien was assigned the minutes.

5. Communications from the Mayor  
 Mayor Fiorentini requests to give Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis update along with Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O’Brien.

Mayor Fiorentini informed that the numbers are down but we are still in the red zone and asked folks to stay vigilant. The city gets 100 vaccine doses a week allocated by the state. Trinity Ambulance is doing vaccines at DiBurro’s as well as Walgreens in Bradford. His office has been flooded with calls from seniors. The state helpline is 211. He hopes to have 75% of city vaccinated by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Today there was a robo call to all 75 and older residents. Those 75 and older can call the Haverhill senior center, 978 374-2390 for assistance.

Councillor Daly O’Brien informed that the Public Health Task Force met and they are making progress on communicating in Spanish to the right folks. There is a vaccine allocation problem and we need to be patient.

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Mayor Fiorentini submits Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between City of Haverhill and Teamsters Inspectional & Nursing Services Group and related Salary Ordinance  
 PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 20

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE	CHAPTER	
An Ordinance Relating to Salaries	Inspectional & Nursing Services Group	
(see document for complete text)		
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days	Yeas 9, Nays 0	21

6. Communications from Councillors to introduce an individual(s) to address the council:
7. Public Participation - Requests under Council Rule 28
8. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:

Abatement report for month of January 2021 from City Assessor, Christine Webb  
 PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 11B



ORDERED: That the sum of \$232,331 be transferred from the *Salary Reserve* account to the listed departments *Salaries & Overtime* accounts for the purpose of funding the remaining FY21 costs of the recently approved City contracts:

City Council		649
Mayor		2,507
Constituent Services		610
Auditing		3,169
Purchasing		1,255
Assessing		2,220
Treasurer		4,438
Law Department		833
Human Resources		3,377
Information Technology		1,050
City Clerk		2,086
Planning		2,347
Police -All Other		9,456
Fire Department		135,056
Fire Department-OT		39,642
Highway Department		2,900
Building Inspection Department		986
Inspection/Health Department		3,587
Citizen Center		5,792
Library		10,371
		232,331

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 10D

ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize payment of bills of previous/current year departmental appropriations as listed:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Durkin Company	\$ 240.66	City Hall Building Maint.
LBK Transportation (2)	\$ 1,800.00	School Department

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 18B

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

**15. Communications from Councillors:**

Communication was received from Council President Barrett and Councillor McGonagle requesting to discuss the need for an ordinance/guidelines regarding Caution Children signs  
 COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE INFORMED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF AND ASKED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE MAYOR TO HAVE THE ENGINEERING OFFICE, IN COLLABORATION WITH PUBLIC WORKS, COME UP WITH PARAMETERS FOR CAUTION CHILDREN SIGNS Yeas 9, Nays 0 4S

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss suggesting using the MBTA lot on Washington av for off street parking during the winter months; and use of neighborhood City school parking lots for off street parking during winter months when needed  
 COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED THAT HE WOULD ASK FOR 2 MOTIONS:  
 A) SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR ASKING HIM TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE MVRTA TO ASK THE MBTA IF HAVERHILL RESIDENTS COULD USE THE WASHINGTON AVE LOT WITH HOURS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE DURING WINTER MONTHS WHEN NEEDED Yeas 9, Nays 0  
 B) SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRPERSON OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR USE OF SCHOOL PARKING LOTS FOR OFF STREET PARKING DURING WINTER MONTHS WHEN NEEDED WITH A TIMELY RESPONSE Yeas 9, Nays 0 4T

Communication was received from Councillors LePage and Jordan requesting an update from the Mayor on the accounting of funds received from Licensed Marijuana Establishments and their allocation to mitigate costs and impacts to the City as previously discussed at the 10/27/2020, 9/24/2019 and 3/12/2019 Council meetings  
 COUNCILLOR LEPAGE GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION AND ASKED THE MAYOR TO DETAIL HOW LICENSED MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS (LME) MONEY IS BEING USED. SOLICITOR COX INFORMED THAT THE CITY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY HOST FUNDS FROM ANY OF THE OPERATORS YET. THE MAYOR INFORMED THAT NO DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE. COUNCILLOR LEPAGE STATED THAT THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIORIAL SURVEY WAS

DONE IN 2017 BUT THAT THE ANALYTICS WERE NOT DONE. COUNCILLOR JORDAN ASKED THE MAYOR TO TAKE ACTION SOON.

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4U

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting as update from the Mayor regarding Police Chief DeNaro's suggestion of contracting a licensed clinical social worker to assist the Police Department in public safety service calls

CHIEF DENARO INFORMED THAT HE HAS BEEN SPEAKING TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND IS PUTTING SOMETHING TOGETHER FOR THE CITY. IT WILL BE IN THE UPCOMING BUDGET. THE MAYOR INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE INCLINED TO SUPPORT THIS AND WILL LOOK AT IT.

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4V

Communication was received from Councillor Michitson requesting to address a scalable way to connect learners with industry professionals for career exploration for economic equality, economic development and to improve academic performance

COUNCILLOR MICHITSON GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. THE SCALABLE WAY TO CONNECT LEARNERS WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS IS VIRTUALLY; MATCH CAREER CHOICES WITH WORKFORCE TRAINING/CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS THE COLLEGE DIVIDE. HE INTRODUCED JIM CLORE FROM NEPRIS TO EXPLAIN/DESCRIBE THE NEPRIS PLATFORM. COUNCILLOR MICHITSON SUGGESTED PILOTING THE NEPRIS PLATFORM AT ONE SCHOOL FOR ONE MONTH.

PLACED ON FILE

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Communication was received from Councillor Michitson requesting to discuss cigarette butts littering downtown Haverhill

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MICHITSON TO PLACE ON FILE

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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

**17. RESOLUTIONS and PROCLAMATIONS:**

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

**19. Documents referred to committee study**

**20. Long term matters study list**

Meeting adjourned 9:40 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk