



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting

Present – President Jordan, Councillors, Michitson, Barrett, Bevilacqua, Sullivan, Lewandowski, McGonagle, Rogers, and Toohey
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Bevilacqua to approve minutes from March 1, 2022

PASSED Accepted and Placed on File All in Favor

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Minutes assigned to Councillor Lewandowski.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

5.1.1. Mayor Fiorentini requests to address the City Council with regards to the status of ongoing opioid litigation and City Solicitor, William Cox will be in attendance to answer any questions

Attorney Cox gave an update on the settlement from several suits the city engaged in. Haverhill receiving \$1.712 million over 18 years. First payment this spring of \$192,539 (goes to separate fund). Smaller settlement of \$75,700 receiving now. Money can only be used for opioid treatment.

Councillor comments include asking where funds will be held, asked if could be used for second police social worker position, shared service agreement details, department of public health assistance, what are specific guidelines.

Colin LePage addressed the Council giving statistics on opioid prescriptions, Haverhill overdoses of 622 in last twelve months. Priority should go to the people.

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

6.1. Councillor Bevilacqua requests to introduce Bobby Brown, *Merrimack Valley Central Labor Council Secretary/Treasurer* to discuss the Upcoming Food and Diaper Drive sponsored by the *Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Merrimack Valley Central Labor Council* on March 26, 2022 at the Haverhill City Hall parking lot, 4 Summer st

Councillor Bevilacqua introduced Bobby Brown who spoke about the upcoming Food and Diaper drive Saturday, March 26, 2022. In need of larger size diapers and pullups. The homelessness issue in Haverhill has increased especially since the pandemic and now with inflation. All donations go to Haverhill pantries for Haverhill residents.

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7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:



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8.1. Abatement report from Christine Webb, *City Assessor* for month of February 2022
Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor McGonagle
PASSED Placed on File All in Favor 9-B

8.2. Linda Koutoulas, City Clerk submits current information and list of all the precincts/subprecincts following the 2020 census that was redistricted by the State Legislature and also an Order requesting City Council approve these changes
City Clerk Koutoulas went over polling locations. Map is listed on city website. Census going out soon will have polling locations, can also find online or scan QR code on phone. 11-D

8.2.1. Order – revised precincts and polling locations, reviewed and approved by the Board of Registrars on March 10, 2022, shall be approved and implemented for all future elections until otherwise revised
Motion by Councillor McGonagle, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 47

8.2.2. Andrew K Herlihy, *Community Development Division Director*, on behalf of Mayor Fiorentini, his *Haverhill Housing Task Force*, the *Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC)* and the *Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP)* is pleased to announce the date for a **Haverhill Housing Forum** being held on Wednesday, April 6 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at the *HC Media Center at Harbor Place, 2 Merrimack st, Haverhill, MA* which will also be videotaped by *HC Media* for future viewing as well
PLACED ON FILE 11-E

8.2.3. Andrew K Herlihy, *Community Development Division Director*, on behalf of the *Economic Development Department*, submits key documents to expand the HDIP Zone and requests approval of these items
Andrew Herlihy addressed Council stating in order to provide TIF agreement between State and City the project needs to be in the HDIP Zone so map needs to be amended to include Railroad Avenue
Motion by Councillor Sullivan to expand the HDIP Zone, second Councillor McGonagle
PASSED Yeas 6, Nays 2 (Barrett, Toohey), Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 11-F

8.2.3.1. Resolution – authorizing Mayor to approve and execute a TIF Agreement pursuant to Mass General Laws HDIP Program between the Railroad Avenue Owner, LLC and the City of Haverhill
Motion by Councillor Sullivan to approve pursuant to Mayor negotiating reasonable TIF no longer than 5 years and at small amount of money to city, second McGonagle
PASSED Yeas 5, Nays 3 (Michitson, Barrett, Toohey), Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 24-E



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8.2.3.2. Related communication from Andrew K Herlihy requesting to address Council separately to give an update on the status of the Mass Works grant providing traffic and safety improvements in the area of the previously approved Beck development along Railroad Avenue in the Bradford Station area

Andrew Herlihy updated the Council that MBTA Railroad bridge project found S. Elm Street Bridge needs replacement. Proposing to take entire bridge down in one weekend and new bridge up same time, 8 months planning, 4 months to build new bridge timeline 2024-2025 would directly affect Beck project; worked with MBTA and Legislators to find funds to move up project to coincide with Beck project. Mass Grant will include bridge work.

Michael Katsulis, 119 South Elm, spoke of concerns with traffic and safety.

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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

10.1. Document 28, #90840 - Hearing requested from John Pettis, City Engineer requesting that City of Haverhill accept **Fasulo Court** as a Public Way

10.1.1. Document 28-B – Order accept **Fasulo Court** as a Public Way

President Jordan opened the hearing.

John Pettis, City Engineer, explained all four streets for acceptance are older streets that have been treated as “public” even though private. Going through list of streets that need to be properly approved. Acceptance will also increase Chapter 90 funds. Fasulo Court is off Broadway.

President Jordan asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor McGonagle

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

10.2. Document 29, #90842 - Hearing requested from John Pettis, City Engineer requesting that City of Haverhill accept **Mariah Ridge rd** as a Public Way

10.2.1. Document 29-B – Order accept **Mariah Ridge rd** as a Public Way

President Jordan opened the hearing.

John Pettis, City Engineer, Mariah Ridge is off Broadway close to Fasulo Court.

President Jordan asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0



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- 10.3. Document 31, #90843 - Hearing requested from John Pettis, City Engineer requesting that City of Haverhill accept **Pamela Lane** as a Public Way
10.3.1. Document 31-B – Order accept **Pamela Lane** as a Pamela Lane
President Jordan opened the hearing.
John Pettis, City Engineer, Pamela Lane is off Lake Street.
President Jordan asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor. No one spoke.
President Jordan asked if anyone wanted to speak in opposition. No one spoke.
President Jordan closed the hearing.
Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Rogers
PASSED *Yeas 9, Nays 0*
- 10.4. Document 30, #90845 - Hearing requested from John Pettis, City Engineer requesting that City of Haverhill accept **Marina Drive** as a Public Way
10.4.1. Document 30-B- Order accept **Marina Drive** as a Public Way
All 4 streets have favorable recommendations from Planning Board & Planning Director
President Jordan opened the hearing.
John Pettis, City Engineer, Marina Drive is off East Broadway.
President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.
President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.
President Jordan closed the hearing.
Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Bevilacqua
PASSED *Yeas 9, Nays 0*
- 10.5. Document 33, #89830 – Hearing requested from Lawrence Palmisano for JR Builders requesting City accept **Emma Rose Circle** as a Public Way
10.5.1. Document 33 – Order accept **Emma Rose Circle** as a Public Way
Favorable recommendations with conditions from Planning Board & Planning Director
John Pettis requests this be delayed until April 5, 2022.
Motion by Councillor Barrett to postpone, second Councillor Bevilacqua
PASSED Postponed to April 5, 2022 *Yeas 9, Nays 0*

11. APPOINTMENTS:

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

12. PETITIONS:

- 12.1. Petition CCSP 22-2; from Jim Yartz, builder for applicant James Young, requesting Special Permit to add a 2 story 3-bedroom town house apartment on the left side of his building with a new 4 car garage to create 8 total parking spaces – the townhouse style is for himself and rent the other two apartments

Hearing April 12th



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Motion by Councillor Michitson, second Councillor Sullivan

PASSED to be heard April 12, 2022 Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Bevilacqua) 48

12.2. **Applications Handicap Parking Sign:** *with Police Dept approval*

12.3. **Amusement/Event Application:**

12.4. **Auctioneer License:**

12.5. **Tag Days:** *with Police Dept approval*

12.5.1. *HHS Model UN; March 19 & 20*

Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor McGonagle

GRANTED

All in Favor

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One Day Liquor License:

12.6. **Annual License Renewals:**

12.6.1. **Hawker Peddlers License 2022 - Fixed location** – *with approvals*

12.6.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals** - *with Police Dept approval*

12.6.3. **Drainlayer License Renewals for 2022** -*with City Engineer approval*

12.6.4. **Christmas Tree Vendor:**

12.6.5. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2022:** *with Police Dept approval*

12.6.5.1. William A House, 22 Justin st (renewals)49

12.6.5.2. Stephanie L Jutras, 32 Nichols st “49-B

12.6.5.3. Ann Marie Lindberg, 27 Observatory av “49-C

12.6.5.4. Peter Loring Jr., 235A River st “49-D

12.6.5.5. Lee McNulty, 31 Lincoln st, N Andover “49-E

12.6.5.6. Michael Shippee, 16 7th Avenue “49-F

12.6.5.7. Anthony Lopez, 12 Worcester st (new) 49-G

12.6.5.8. David McLaughlin, 15 Grandview rd “ 49-H

12.6.5.9. Matthew Paquette, 93 White st “ 49-I

12.6.5.10. Debra Ann Porter, 82 Union st, Methuen “ 49-J

Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua to approve all, second Councillor McGonagle

ALL GRANTED

All in Favor

12.6.6. **Taxi License**

12.6.7. **Junk Dealer License** *with Police Dept approval:*

12.6.8. **Pool Tables**

12.6.9. **Sunday Pool**

12.6.10. **Bowling**

12.6.11. **Sunday Bowling**

12.6.12. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles** *with Police Dept approval:*

12.6.13. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing**

12.6.14. **Pawnbroker license**

12.6.15. **Fortune Teller**



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- 12.6.16. **Buy & Sell Old Gold**
- 12.6.17. **Roller Skating Rink**
- 12.6.18. **Sunday Skating**
- 12.6.19. **Exterior Vending Machines**
- 12.6.20. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars**

13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 13.1. Order – \$152,500 be transferred from the *Reserve for Capital Projects Budget* to the Capital Account – *Upper Main Street Complete Streets Project*
Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Sullivan
PASSED *Yeas 9, Nays 0* 18-G

- 13.2. Order - \$188,000 be transferred from Free Cash and appropriated to complete the City Share (32%) of the Comm of MA PARC grant for Plug Pond Improvements
Motion by Councillor Michitson to withdraw, second Councillor Toohey
PASSED Withdrawn *Yeas 9, Nays 0* 18-H

- 13.3. Order – Transfer \$43,500.00 from Free Cash to DPW Account to replace an 11-year-old 4-Ton Falcon Hot Box which will assist the DPW with patching potholes and completing trench repairs
Councillor Barrett asked if this is typical to spend capital improvement money on. Mayor commented it’s a small amount allowed to use for equipment.
Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor McGonagle
PASSED *Yeas 9, Nays 0* 18-I

14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

- 14.1. Ordinance re: Vehicles & Traffic, Add Handicap parking, 45 Summer st
File 10 days
Motion by Councillor McGonagle, second Councillor Rogers
PASSED Placed on File *All in Favor* 19-C

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

- 15.1. Councillors Sullivan and Barrett request to discuss roadway improvements on Farwood Drive and traffic safety improvements entering said Drive from Rte 125
Councillor Sullivan requested to continue for 2 weeks, second Councillor Bevilacqua
PASSED Delayed to March 29, 2022 *All in Favor* 5-Q

- 15.2. Council Vice President Michitson requests to address recommendations to create an advanced smart-manufacturing hub in Haverhill
Councillor Michitson explained smart-manufacturing is connecting machines on a manufacturing floor to the internet to monitor and optimize the production process.



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Fiber optics is very important in manufacturing, it is the fastest. Showed slide presentation.

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16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jordan wished all a happy St. Patrick's Day.

19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Barrett

PASSED

All in Favor

Adjourned 9:00 PM