



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes  
Tuesday, March 24, 2020  
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202  
4 Summer Street

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Present – President Barrett, Councillors LePage, Bevilacqua, Michitson, Sullivan, Jordan, McGonagle, Daly O’Brien and Macek.  
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of minutes of prior meeting  
The minutes were approved Yeas 9, Nays 0
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting  
Councillor Jordan was assigned the minutes

President Barrett announced that Governor Baker issued a temporary order suspending the Open Meeting Law and that Mayor Fiorentini will give an update on the Coronavirus. He will be streaming live from his home.

Mayor Fiorentini urged residents to stay home and practice social distancing. As of 4PM today, there were 8 confirmed cases in Haverhill, 7 are at home and 1 is hospitalized for underlying reasons. Governor Baker issued an emergency order to close all non-essential businesses. The Mayor suggested checking the state website for further information. City Hall is closed to the public but skeleton crew is at city hall. He urged the public to pay bills online, use drop off lock box at city hall or call 311. The fees for online bill payment with credit card will be reimbursed. Additional time will be given to pay tax and water bills. Testing is being done at Holy Family, both campuses and Lawrence General Hospital. Call in advance.

Councillor Bevilacqua suggested a temporary ban on reusable bags, i.e., carrying reusable bags into the store in the interest of the general public until restrictions are lifted concerning COVID-19. He recommended using plastic bags. The Mayor informed that he had spoken to Market Basket and that they do not have plastic bags. Councillors wanted to see data that reflect how long the virus can live on fabric surface. Governor Baker has not issued guidelines about the use of reusable bags.

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR JORDAN TO SEND LETTER TO THE MAYOR ASKING HIM TO HAVE THE BOARD OF HEALTH REVIEW THE MATTER AND ADVISE BY NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.**

**LETTER TO MAYOR** Yeas 9, Nays 0

Councillor Jordan asked the Mayor about what measures are being taken to address the homeless should they contract the virus. The Mayor informed that the state is working on it with the shelters. There is consideration of using schools and vacant manufacturing buildings.

5. Communications from the Mayor
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:  
Communication from William Pillsbury, Economic Development & Planning Director requesting approval for documents related to redevelopment of market rate/mixed use project at 21-27 Washington Street, previously granted approval for this project and asking Council to approve the related Resolution  
**SINCE WILLIAM PILLSBURY OR ANDREW HERLIHY WERE NOT PRESENT THE ITEM WAS TABLED TO MARCH 31 2020** Yeas 9, Nays 0      52

**CITY OF HAVERHILL RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE City Council of the City of Haverhill:**

- (a) Authorizes the Mayor to approve and execute a TIF agreement, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws HDIP Program between 27 Washington Street LLC and the City of Haverhill on the basis of the development of the 21-27 Washington Street parcel, number map 301, block 53 lot 5 and 6; and
- (b) Authorized the Mayor or his designee to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this resolution, or take any other action relative thereto

TABLED TO MARCH 31 2020

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communication from John Pettis, City Engineer requesting to postpone indefinitely the Street Acceptance Hearings scheduled for April 28 2020; said streets are Ahern Circle, Baileys Court, Coachmans Lane, Masys Way and Piper Glen Lane

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Yeas 9, Nays 0

49B

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

Document 41; Petition from Mass Electric Co d/b/a National Grid of North Andover, MA requesting to construct a line of underground electric conduits for Park st and Park pl; Plan 29010579 REPRESENTATIVE FROM NATIONAL GRID NOT PRESENT

POSTPONED TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Document 41-B; Order-grant permission to Mass Electric Co for electric conduit location at intersection of Park st and Park pl

POSTPONED TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41B

Document 42; Petition from Mass Electric Co d/b/a National Grid of North Andover, MA and Verizon NE requesting joint pole locations for Park st and Park pl; Plan 29010579 REPRESENTATIVE FROM NATIONAL GRID NOT PRESENT

POSTPONED TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Document 42-B; Order-grant permission to Mass Electric Co and Verizon NE for joint pole locations at intersection of Park st and Park pl

POSTPONED TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

42B

**10. Hearings and Related Orders:**

**11. Appointments:**

Confirming Appointments

Non-Confirming Appointments

**12. Petitions:**

Petition from Thomas Hodgson, Livingstone Dev. Corp. requesting to postpone indefinitely the Street Acceptance Hearing for South Pearson, scheduled for April 28 2020

POSTPONED INDEFININTELY

Yeas 9, Nays 0

43B

Petition from Attorney Russell Channen, representing Jonathan Cody, Manager of Atlantis Development, LLC, requesting Special Permit for the former St Joseph School, 26 Broadway, to create a multi-family use consisting of 36 residential units within the RH Zone

REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING JUNE 16 2020

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Drainlayer License for 2020; renewals

Brett Berube

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

46H

Jay Davidowicz

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

46I

Bill Hall

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

46J

**13. Motions and Orders**

ORDERED: To see it the city will authorize, under General Laws Chapter 44, Section 21C, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, a **lease purchase financing agreement** for the acquisition of 10 Police vehicles, may be acquired through the issuance of debt under G.L. C. 44 the term of such agreement not to exceed 10 years, the useful life of the equipment as determined by the Mayor and the Chief of Police shall be authorized to enter into such agreement on behalf of the city, and that the payments are to come from the existing Police budget.

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

38B

ORDERED: That the City transfer \$8,900 from the Capital Budget to the Capital account:

Operations Booth

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua) 18I

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

**15. Monthly Report**

Preliminary financial reports from City Auditor, Charles Benevento, for the month of December 2019		
PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	19B
Preliminary financial reports from City Auditor, Charles Benevento, for the month of January 2020		
PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	19C
Preliminary financial reports from City Auditor, Charles Benevento, for the month of February 2020		
PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	19D

**16. Communications from Councillors:**

Communication was received from President Barrett requesting to introduce Jason Petrou from the Haverhill Restaurant Community Group  
 MR. JASON PETROU, WHOSE FAMILY OWNS KRUEGER’S/OLIVIA’S RESTAURANTS INFORMED THAT HE WAS REPRESENTING MOST OF THE RESTAURANT COMMUNITY IN HAVERHILL. PER GOVERNOR BAKER’S DIRECTIVE, RESTAURANTS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO OFFER TAKE OUT MEALS. HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH DOUGAN SHERWOOD OF THE GR. HAVERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON A MATCHING GIFT CARD PROGRAM AND GO FUND ME CAMPAIGN THAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. OUR LOCAL DELEGATION, SEN. DIZOGLIO AND REP. VARGAS HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL. HE THANKED THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGED THE PUBLIC TO CHECK OUT THE GR. HAVERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEBPAGE. MAYOR FIORENTINI PLEDGED A \$5K DONATION FROM THE CDBG FUND.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 34R

Communication was received from President Barrett requesting to introduce Anthony Parolisi from MASHaverhill (Municipal Aid Society Haverhill)  
 PRESIDENT BARRETT READ A PREPARED STATEMENT FROM MR. PAROLISI. MASHaverhill IS A COALITION OF EDUCATORS, RESIDENTS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO ARE COMING TOGETHER TO HELP THE COMMUNITY IN THE TIME OF NEED. WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE MAYOR’S OFFICE TO DIRECT RESIDENTS TO CURATED RESOURCES THAT WILL BE HOSTED ON THE CITY OF HAVERHILL WEBSITE. MASHaverhill CONTACT NUMBER 978 228-5322 AND/OR CALL 311 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 34S

Communication was received from Councillor Thomas Sullivan requesting a discussion regarding a plan to make pedestrian and traffic safety improvements and aesthetic improvements to Currier Square in the Mt. Washington neighborhood  
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN INFORMED ABOUT THE WORK HE IS SPEARHEADING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CURRIER SQ. AREA WITH THE MAYOR, CITY DEPT. HEADS AND BRIGHTSIDE. WORK WILL ADDRESS MISSING SIGNAGE, STREET RESTRIPIING, CROSSWALK RELOCATION, CATCH BASIN POSSIBLE RELOCATION. HE IS SEEKING LANDSCAPERS AND SPONSORS TO ASSIST WITH BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS  
 LETTER TO MAYOR AND TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0 34T

Communication was received from Councillor Thomas Sullivan requesting to discuss stricter enforcement and compliance measures relative to the Ordinance prohibiting dog feces left on the ground in the downtown area  
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN DESCRIBED THE PROBLEM DOWNTOWN REGARDING DOG FECES NOT BEING REMOVED BY OWNERS AND HOW THE PROBLEM IS GETTTING WORSE. HE SUGGESTED STEPPED UP ENFORCEMENT BY THE POLICE DEPT, INCREASING FINES, HAVE THE CLERK’S OFFICE SEND OUT REMINDERS ABOUT THE DOG ORDINANCE WHEN LICENSES ARE RENEWED AND CONSIDERATION OF CITY PROVIDING DOG WASTE BAGS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 34U

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

**18. Resolutions and Proclamations**

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

President Barrett announced that they will be trying a “virtual” council meeting next week.

**20. Documents referred to committee study**

**21. Long term matters study list**

Meeting adjourned 8:56 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk