



**CITY OF HAVERHILL  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

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

**In-Person/Remote Meeting**

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Present – President Jordan, Councillors, Michitson, Barrett, Bevilacqua, Sullivan, Lewandowski, McGonagle and Rogers

Absent – Councillor Toohey

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

Minute approval postponed to next week.

**4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Councillor Bevilacqua assigned the minutes.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

5.1. Mayor Fiorentini requests approval for \$1,200,000 bond authorization for the City Hall Parking Lot Retaining Wall Replacement Project

*Related communication from Steven Bucuzzo, City Purchaser* 4-F

5.1.1. Bond Order - \$1,200,000 pay costs of City Hall retaining wall replacement and exterior repairs **File 10 days**

*Motion by Councillor McGonagle, second by Councillor Barrett*

*PASSED Placed on File Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Toohey) 42*

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

6.1. Council President Jordan requests to introduce Steve Costa who wishes to recognize David Habib for his many years of service as a coach and board member of the *Haverhill Girls Softball League*

Steve Costa spoke about the dedication of David Habib coaching the girl's high school softball league and introduced him to the Council.

President Joran commented had the pleasure of coaching with Dave and read the citations from the City Council and the Mayor's office.

Dave thanked the Council for the recognition and accepted his citations. 10-G

6.2. Councillor Bevilacqua welcomes and requests to introduce Nomsa Ncube, recipient of the *Black Excellence on the Hill Award* for community service in Haverhill

Councillor Bevilacqua spoke of all the community service Nomsa has done for the City of Haverhill and presented her with a citation from the Council and Mayor

Nomsa stated she was extremely honored for the awards. 10-H

6.3. Council President Jordan, Council Vice President Michitson and Councillor Lewandowski request to introduce Steve Dorrance, Facilities Director, to provide an update on school facilities including the latest on a new or renovated Consentino School



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Councillor Lewandowski invited Steve Dorrance to provide an update on school facilities, upcoming needs and concerns relevant now with budget time and asked what expenses he sees forthcoming.

Steve Dorrance stated ahead of mechanical issues. Summarized upcoming issues including roof replacements, painting of ceilings, tile replacement, removal of oil tank - long term projects. Also listed several issues needing attention now.

Gave pros and cons on replacement vs fixing Consentino School.

Councillor McGonagle asked if he can make a list of needs for the 17 schools.

Councillor Michitson asked what tool is needed to make a 20-year plan to make facilities acceptable and maintain baseline.

Mr. Dorrance stated a 5-year plan makes more sense and has some time now to work on a plan.

*Motion by Councillor Michitson requesting Mayor for a meeting of Joint Facilities Committee, Second Councillor Lewandowski*

*PASSED send letter to Mayor Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Toohey) 10-I*

**7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28**

**8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

8.1.Linda Koutoulas, Haverhill City Clerk, requests to present the names of the winners of Haverhill's very first *Top Dog Contest*

City Clerk Koutoulas announced the winners of the Top Dog Contest:

#1 Mitzi female Labrador Retriever mix owned by Terry Kenny

#2 Maddie female King Charles Cavalier Spaniel owned by Judy DeMillia

#3 Rigby male Hound owned by Nancy Beirne

*Placed on File*

11-C

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

9.1.Document 20: Petition from Verizon NE Inc requesting permission for underground conduits on Washington st – Plan 1AEOQD

9.1.1. Document 20-B: Order grant conduit location on Washington st to Verizon NE Inc

**President Jordan opened the hearing.**

Bill Wallace representing Verizon on the petition. Petition is to run two conduits out of manhole 154A (at intersection of Essex and Phoenix Row) and need is for Verizon to remove current cables from historic building and replace with conduit for new handhole on Washington Street.

**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.**



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*Motion by Councillor Sullivan for approval, second by Councillor Barrett*

Councillor Bevilacqua asked what type of excavation would take place on Washington Street to put conduit in?

Bill Wallace stated a trench would be dug from manhole up Washington Street to in front of 14 Washington Street where handhole will be placed and under sidewalk into the building.

Councillor Bevilacqua asked how it would be patched, concerned about the restoration of the street.

Bill Wallace personally couldn't answer but stated whatever requirements are put on Verizon as part of approval they will abide by those.

Councillor Bevilacqua asked as part of approval to send communication to the DPW Director to make sure the street is properly repaired.

*Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Barrett agreed with condition.*

*PASSED with condition Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 (McGonagle, Toohey)*

9.2. Document 21: Petition from Mass Electric Co d/b/a National Grid of North Andover requesting underground electric conduits at intersection of Shelley rd and Neck rd – Plan 30455963

9.2.1. Document 21-B: Order grant conduit location at intersection of Shelley rd and Neck rd

**President Jordan opened the hearing.**

Alec Birdsong attending remotely representing National Grid. Petition to install 100 feet of conduit from Pole 33 to Pad-1 which crosses 293 Neck Road.

**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 McGonagle for approval, second by Councillor Barrett*

*PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Toohey)*

**10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:**

10.1. **Document 39; Petition 91046**: of Robert Johnson for applicant/owner Water Landing, LLC for *Special Permit Modification* for 229 Water St. – Special Permit approved by City Council Oct 27 2020

*Comments and recommendations from City Economic Development and Planning Director William Pillsbury and City Departments are included*

**President Jordan opened the hearing.**



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Michael Migliori, Attorney, located at 18 Essex Street, representing Robert Johnson of Johnson Construction Company. Represented original applicant in 2020 for special permit to construct nine residential units at 229 Water Street. Shortly after the approval by council, the property was sold to Mr. Johnson. He started the site plan process through the city. It was determined the design of the building originally submitted was conceptual in nature and failed to be able to accommodate a number of life safety code requirements in order to comply with state and local codes. Changes include minor exterior façade and roof line. Footprint and number of units remain the same.

Robert Johnson, Johnson Construction, explained the changes needed to be made to comply with code. Those changes were two staircases moved to front of building, roof line change on the fifth floor, windows, removal of dormers to maintain elevator, and breakaway louvers. Code review was completed and sent to Mr. Bridgewater.

Mr. Migliori in closing stated Mr. Bridgewater commented he has no objections to the changes. Mr. Johnson would like to start construction in April/May. There are no changes in parking; everything else is the same.

Councillor Bevilacqua questioned how an applicant can submit a design not to code. Mr. Migliori stated it is not part of the process at that point and confirms the design submitted before council now is code compliant.

**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 McGonagle for approval, second by Councillor Sullivan*

Madam Clerk please call the roll.

City Clerk Koutoulas: Councillor Michitson-yes, Councillor Barrett-yes, Councillor Bevilacqua-yes, Councillor Sullivan-yes, Councillor Lewandowski-yes, Councillor McGonagle-yes, Councillor Rogers-yes, President Jordan-yes, 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Toohey)

**President Jordan: Passed**

**11. APPOINTMENTS:**

11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**

11.2. **Non-Confirming:**

11.2.1. **Constable** – Torry Sciacca, 5 Leah cir, Methuen expires December 1 2022



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*Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett*

*PASSED Placed on File Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Toohey)*

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### Resignations:

#### 12. PETITIONS:

12.1. Applications Handicap Parking Sign: with Police Dept approval

12.2. Amusement/Event Application:

12.3. Auctioneer License:

12.4. Tag Days:

One Day Liquor License:

12.5. Annual License Renewals:

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

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

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

12.5.4. **Christmas Tree Vendor:**

12.5.5. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2022:**

12.5.6. **Taxi License**

12.5.7. **Junk Dealer License with HPD approval:**

12.5.7.1. Junk 22-1 Jarrod Billingsley, 81 Hale st

*Motion by Councillor McGonagle, second Councillor Rogers*

*PASSED*

*All in Favor*

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12.5.8. **Pool Tables**

12.5.9. **Sunday Pool**

12.5.10. **Bowling**

12.5.11. **Sunday Bowling**

12.5.12. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles with HPD approval:**

12.5.12.1. 91049 Marcus Bunch, 108 River st *KrispyCleanKicks LLC*

*Motion by Councillor McGonagle, second Councillor Barrett*

*PASSED*

*All in Favor*

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

12.5.14. **Pawnbroker license**

12.5.15. **Fortune Teller**

12.5.16. **Buy & Sell Old Gold**

12.5.17. **Roller Skating Rink**

12.5.18. **Sunday Skating**

12.5.19. **Exterior Vending Machines**

12.5.20. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars**

#### 13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

13.1. Order authorizing Mayor to accept two easements from Judith Elovitz and Linda Marshall as Trustees of 219 Lincoln ave, Trust relative to real property



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located at 219 Lincoln ave – to provide additional parking for Riverside Park and continuation of existing walking trail along the Merrimack River connecting Riverside Park with Riverside Avenue *Related communication from City Solicitor William Cox*

*Motion by Councillor Sullivan to accept two easements, second Councillor Barrett*  
**PASSED** *Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Toohey) 43*

- 13.2. Order – petition the General Court for approval of an Act relative to City of Haverhill Home Rule Chapter entitled “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF AT LARGE AND WARD COUNCILORS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN THE CITY OF HAVERHILL”, seeking to amend the existing Charter *Related communication from City Solicitor William Cox*

*Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Barrett*  
**PASSED** *Yeas 8, Nays 0, 1 Absent (Toohey) 44*

**14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)**

**15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:**

- 15.1. Councillor Barrett requests to recognize March as *Irish-American Heritage* month  
*Councillor Barrett recognized Irish families in Haverhill and read the Proclamation from the Mayor’s office (Item 17.1)*  
*Filed and Proclamation Adopted* 5-L

- 15.2. Councillor McGonagle requests the removal of a handicap parking space at 73 Hilldale, as it is no longer needed  
*Motion by Councillor McGonagle, second Councillor Bevilacqua*  
**PASSED** *All in Favor* 5-M

- 15.3. Councillor Bevilacqua requests to recognize March 8, 2022 as *International Women’s Day* celebrating the historical, cultural and political achievements of Women for our City, State and Country  
Councillor Bevilacqua recognized the contributions that women have made in our city, state and country and across the world and want to see the continued advancement of women in our community and read the Proclamation from the Mayor’s office.  
*Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua to accept and place on file, second Councillor Michitson* *All in Favor* 5-N

- 15.4. Council President Jordan and Council Vice President Michitson seek update on status of allocation of \$500K to non-profits for youth activities and



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mental health services to address leap in youth mental illness and substance abuse due to COVID

Councillor Sullivan stated that George Moriarty and Andrew Herlihy are creating an RFP for organizations seeking to address mental health in youth socialization post Covid. Will be released to public before end of month. All youth servicing organizations/programs welcome to apply. A Committee has been established. A meeting was held last week with two applications received at that time. Another meeting is scheduled for next week. Angel Wills confirmed with President Jordan only funds released so far was the \$41K for youth risk surveys. 5-O

- 15.5. Councillor Bevilacqua requests to recognize *National Read Across America Day* and the importance of reading to our kids and grandkids  
Councillor Bevilacqua recognized March 2<sup>nd</sup> as National Read Across America Day. 5-P

#### 16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

- 16.1. Document 5-H: Council Vice President Michitson requests update from City Information Technology Consultant on path forward to block future cyber attacks  
*Postponed from February 8 2022*  
Douglass Russell listed things done since ransom ware attack on schools, including server backups, segmented network out, worked with departments on data loss prevention, restructured IT department, cross training, and quarterly updates. Peter Karlson discussed city side of cyber security including review of network and users, training for all employees through the grant, and monitoring the network continually.

#### 17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- 17.1. PROCLAMATION – March 2022, *IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH* 24-C

#### 18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

#### 20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

#### 21. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Bevilacqua

PASSED

All in Favor

Adjourned 20:58 PM