



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 12, 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, Sullivan, Lewandowski, Rogers, and Toohey
Attending Remotely – Councillor Bevilacqua
Absent – Councillor McGonagle
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

*Motion by Councillor Toohey to approve minutes, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Placed on File All in Favor*

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councillor Barrett assigned minutes.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

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

6.1. Council President Jordan requests to introduce Don Jarvis of *Veterans Northeast Outreach Center (VNEOC)* who will announce the car show that they are hosting at *Northern Essex Community College* on Saturday, April 30th
Don Jarvis announced car show Saturday, April 30th at NECC from 10am -2pm fundraiser to help Veterans.
Placed on File 10-P

6.2. Councillors Barrett and Sullivan request to introduce George Moriarty from Mayor's *Youth Activity and Mental Health Advisory Committee* to discuss the first funding round and the availability of applications for other funds available in the next rounds
Councillor Barrett explained George Moriarty is working with the Advisory Committee, Mayor, Chief of Staff Heartquist and Andrew Herlihy in developing an application for entities who work in youth activities and mental health to receive funds.
George Moriarty talked about work being done now to get activities going now for young people especially since Covid and also working with families who don't have access for many reasons.
Filed 10-Q

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

8.1. Abatement report from Christine Webb, *Assessor*, for month of March 2022
Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Placed on File Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 9-C



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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

11. APPOINTMENTS:

11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**

11.2. **Non-Confirming:**

11.2.1. *Native American Commemoration Task Force, James Young, 45
Greenough st*

Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Toohey

PASSED Placed on File Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 1-L

Resignations:

12. PETITIONS:

12.1. Application from Attorney Robert Harb for owners/applicants Escipion Baez and Kenia Baez for Special Permit CCSP 22-6 for restoration of a protected status of a non-conforming three-family dwelling currently in use as a two-family dwelling Hearing May 10th

Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Sullivan

PASSED To be Heard May 10, 2022 Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 59

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

12.3. **Amusement/Event Application:**

12.4. **Auctioneer License:**

12.5. **Tag Days:**

12.6. **One Day Liquor License** – *with approvals*

12.7. **Annual License Renewals:**

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

12.7.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals** - *with Police approval*

12.7.2.1. *Market Basket, 285 Lincoln av, 3 Machines*

Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Toohey

GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 14-C

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

12.7.4. **Christmas Tree Vendor:**

12.7.5. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2022:** *with Police approval:*

12.7.6. **Taxi License**

12.7.7. **Junk Dealer License** *with Police approval:*

12.7.8. **Pool Tables**

12.7.9. **Sunday Pool**

12.7.10. **Bowling**

12.7.11. **Sunday Bowling**

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

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

12.7.14. **Pawnbroker license**

12.7.15. **Fortune Teller**

12.7.16. **Buy & Sell Old Gold**



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- 12.7.17. **Roller Skating Rink**
12.7.18. **Sunday Skating**
12.7.19. **Exterior Vending Machines**
12.7.20. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars with Police approval:**
12.7.20.1. Gretchen Meserve, 234 Water st, 2 Limousines
Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED *Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1* 60

13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 13.1. Order – transfer \$10,000 from *Highway Dept-Equipment Lease* to the department *Vehicle Maintenance – Electricity* to fund expected line item deficits
Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Sullivan
PASSED *Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1* 18-J

- 13.2. Bond Order - \$515,275 to fund purchase of a salting/snowplowing truck and a street sweeper File 10 days
Related communication from Robert Ward, Interim DPW Director
Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Placed on File *Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1* 42-B

14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

- 15.1. Councillor Michitson is recommending the establishment of a *City Council Chief of Staff* position
Motion by Councillor Michitson, second Councillor Lewandowski
PASSED Refer to A&F Committee *Yeas 7, Nays 1(Bevilacqua), Absent 1* 61

- 15.2. Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Barrett request to discuss downtown traffic and public safety issues
Councillor Sullivan increasingly dangerous situation on Washington Street for pedestrians downtown, need to look at speed limits, pedestrian crossings, signage, etc. Councillor Barrett agrees, speed is excessive, Newburyport has a “restaurant district” speed limit during the summer, perhaps pay for a traffic study based on the increased restaurant business and increased population, also suggest painting streets, lighting crosswalks, speed lights, etc. President Jordan agrees as well with statements made by Councillors.
Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Refer to Public Safety Committee *Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 1* 61-B

- 15.3. Councillor Bevilacqua requests to recognize *Earth Day*, April 22nd and its importance to all
Councillor Bevilacqua announced city wide clean up on April 23, 2022, meeting at the Citizens Center. Councillor Sullivan will be leading clean up at Winnekinni, volunteers are welcome. President Jordan announced Team Haverhill will be at Portland Street playground.
Placed on File 61-C



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16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

- 16.1. Document 5-Q: Councillors Sullivan and Barrett request to discuss roadway improvements on Farrwood Drive and traffic safety improvements entering said Drive from Route 125

Councillor Sullivan explained Farrwood Drive is a private road which was never accepted as a public way. Wants to start discussion to bring a realistic solution. Katie Pikus, Michael Clark, Jonathan Campbell, Kathy Bartlett, Darcy Margiotta all residents of Farrwood Drive spoke of their concerns.

Mayor Fiorentini stated it is a private road but has directed City Departments including Inspectional Services, Highway and legal department to look at what other cities do and come up with some sort of a solution. Would like to work with Councillors Barrett and Sullivan, meet with the owners, King Weinstein, and Steve Stapinski to come up with a solution whether voluntarily or with legal action.

Councillor Sullivan addressed the 125 traffic lights issue stating he is working on it, but it is controlled by the State. I want to see the state do an entire analysis on the entire strip and a new development is coming in the future also may help with traffic safety.

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jordan announced there is no meeting April 19, 2022, next meeting will be April 26, 2022

Councillor Michitson announced Citizen Outreach meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 in the Council Chambers to discuss closing Washington Street and providing shaded areas in playgrounds.

Councillor Sullivan announced the Consentino public building project presentation is April 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21. ADJOURN

Motion by Councillor Sullivan to adjourn, second Councillor Rogers

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Adjourned 20:42 PM