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ORDERED

Pursuant to the provisions of §C-43 of the Charter of the City of Haverhill the following question shall be submitted to a vote of the registered voters of the City for adoption or rejection at a Special City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3 2020:

“Shall the City Council submit to a vote of the registered voters of the City at the 2021 biennial City election a question providing for the creation of a charter commission and, should the vote be in the affirmative, the election of members to such a charter commission?”

_____ Yes
_____ No”

On motion of Councillor Macek with second from Councillor Michitson that all Local Ballot Questions brought before the Haverhill City Council, during the COVID-19 Pandemic and its ongoing restriction phases, shall be postponed (tabled) until a date to be determined, but not before unrestricted public assembly is permitted, in order to assure that open and thorough discussions and input from the general public can be made to the City Council prior to any voting on any Ballot Question(s) and such voting shall only be for the inclusion of Local Ballot Question(s) on the November 2021 or later Local Election Ballot. Further, on motion of Councillor Michitson with second from Councillor Macek that the City Council’s Citizens Outreach Committee meet when people can attend in person to re-engage with the community to develop a plan to properly inform citizens of all the charter change options – pros and cons of each.

MOTION PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

6C

ORDER POSTPONED TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

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“Shall the following Home Rule Petition providing for the election of at large and ward Councillors be adopted and forwarded to the General Court for enactment?”

_____ Yes
_____ No

HOME RULE PETITION

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF AT LARGE AND WARD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN THE CITY OF HAVERHILL

(see document for complete text)

On motion of Councillor Bevilacqua with second from Councillor LePage to amend the document as follows by deleting the word “Councillors in the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the words “School Committee members

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

6D

ORDER POSTPONED TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED

Preliminary financial report from Charles Benevento, City Auditor, for the month of April 2020
 PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 19E

Communication from City Engineer, John Pettis, requesting that the City Accept as Public the following 3 ways: *Ahern Circle, Masys Way and Piper Glen Lane*
 REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD
 COUNCIL HEARINGS JULY 28 2020 Yeas 9, Nays 0 49

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

10. Hearings and Related Orders:

11. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments

Non-Confirming Appointments

12. Petitions:

13. Motions and Orders

14. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 An Ordinance Relating to Parking
 25 Vine Street – Delete Handicapped Parking

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Article XIII, Section 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions of the Haverhill City Code, as amended be further amended by Deleting the following:

Location	Regulation	Hours/Days
25 Vine Street	No PARKING	24 Hours

In front of No. 25 Vine Street
 Except for 1-24 Hour handicapped
 Parking space at No. 25

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9E

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 An Ordinance Relating to Parking
 30 Bellevue Avenue - Establish Handicapped Parking

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Article XIII, Section 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions of the Haverhill City Code, as amended be further amended by Establishing the following:

Location	Regulation	Hours/Days
30 Bellevue Avenue	No PARKING	24 Hours

In front of No. 30 Bellevue Avenue
 Except for 1-24 Hour handicap
 Parking space at No. 30 Bellevue Avenue

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9F

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 An Ordinance Relating to Parking
 24 Arch Street - Establish Handicapped Parking

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Article XIII, Section 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions of the Haverhill City Code, as amended be further amended by Establishing the following:

Location	Regulation	Hours/Days
24 Arch Street	No PARKING	24 Hours

In front of No. 24 Arch Street
 Except for 1-24 Hour handicap
 Parking space at No. 24 Arch Street

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9G

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, as amended, be further amended by adding the following to Section 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions:

How Street Two Temporary ADA only 24 Hrs.
West side, south of crosswalk Parking Spaces
At Winter Street

CLERK KOUTOULAS READ THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY PREAMBLE INTO THE RECORD:

Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, a special emergency involving the health and/or safety of the people exists within the City of Haverhill as a result of the grave threat that the spread of COVID-19 presents to the public health; WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Mayor of the City of Haverhill and in conjunction with the Haverhill Board of Health declared a State of Emergency to respond to the spread of COVID-19; WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 Governor Charles D. Baker issued an Order entitled “Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth Closing Certain Workplaces and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People.”; as well as additional supplemental orders; WHEREAS, Emmaus, Inc. provides housing and support services to people in need – the homeless, disadvantaged, disabled, unemployed, and oppressed in the City of Haverhill; WHEREAS, Emmaus and the City of Haverhill, working in partnership with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), have installed a temporary emergency tent at Emmaus, Inc. which will serve as a place to isolate and screen individuals for COVID-19 seeking emergency shelter.; WHERAS, the installation of the temporary emergency tent has caused the loss of two handicap parking spots, which parking is necessary to the efficient operation of regular and emergency services provided to Emmaus’ clients; therefore,”

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE THIS EVENING PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Michitson)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO AMEND ORDINANCE BY DELETING THE WORDS “TEMPORARY ADA ONLY PARKING SPACES AND INSERT IN PLACE THEREOF THE WORDS “HANDICAP SPACES” AND ADD THE FOLLOWING AT THE END OF THE ORDINANCE “EFFECTIVE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE AVAILABILITY OF TWO HANDICAP SPACES ARE RESTORED IN THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO EMMAUS HOLDINGS, INC. ACROSS THE STREET FROM THESE SPACES.” PASSED AS AMENDED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Michitson) 8B

Councillor Michitson re-joined the meeting

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Avco Road No Parking 24 hrs.
South side, from 10’ before
Mailbox for #110, For 80’
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 8C

15. Communications from Councillors:

Communication from Councillor Thomas Sullivan requesting a discussion regarding the use of drones to observe activities in public parks and public places
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN INFORMED ABOUT THE ON-GOING SERIOUS PROBLEM AT WINNEKINNI PARK WITH HOMELESS SETTING UP TENTS/CAMPS DEEP INTO THE WODDS WITH MANY TRASH BAGS AND DEBRIS CLOSE TO PLUG POND. HE SENT PHOTOS TO MAYOR, POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS. HE SUGGESTED THE USE OF DRONES FOR PERIODIC SURVEILLANCE TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES AROUND PARKS, LAKES AND FORESTS. ALSO, TO CONSIDER CONTRACTING WITH A COMPANY THAT PROVIDES THIS SERVICE IF CITY IS NOT ABLE TO DO THIS. COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA RAISED ISSUE OF PRIVACY.
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 63G

Communication from Councillors Jordan and Michitson requesting an update from the Mayor and School Department on status of providing all students with sufficient COMCAST broadband services to participate in remote learning.

COUNCILLOR MICHITSON INFORMED THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FAMILIES WITHOUT WI-FI WHICH IS A ROLLING PROBLEM. COMCAST HAS BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE AS THEY ARE PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. HE REQUESTED THAT THE MAYOR LOOK AT BROADBAND TO BUILD LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH NECC AND HOSPITALS 63H

Communication from Councillors Jordan, McGonagle and Michitson requesting an update on the status of the budget.

COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING THE CITY DEPARTMENT BUDGETS AS SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BEFORE HE PRESENTS THE BUDGET TO COUNCIL WITH HIS CUTS. MAYOR INFORMED THAT HIS BUDGET HAS TO BE SUBMITTED BY JUNE 24. SINCE STATE AID/CHAPTER 70 FUNDS ARE UNKNOWN HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DOESN'T KNOW IF THEY WILL CONTINUE WITH REMOTE LEARNING OR RETURN TO SCHOOL IN THE FALL AND THAT'S THE LARGEST PART OF THE BUDGET. COUNCILLORS PRESSED THE MAYOR TO START THE BUDGET PROCESS WITH USING DIFFERENT SCENARIOS INCLUDING 1/12 BUDGET. MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGREED TO SCHEDULE MAYOR/COUNCIL CONFERENCE ON MAY 26 AT 7PM TO DISCUSS REVENUES 63I

16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting:

Document 11-N: Communication from Councillor Colin LePage requesting a discussion regarding Central Business district Parking Program, including the financial solvency of the program, the existing and future parking space capacity and boundaries of the district and the disparate regulations regarding Merrimack st and Washington st

Councillors Bevilacqua and McGonagle recused themselves and left the meeting

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE INFORMED THAT THE PARKING CONTRACT ENDS ON 7/31/20 AND WAS CONCERNED ABOUT RENEWING A LONG-TERM CONTRACT AND QUESTIONED WHETHER A CONTRACT WAS NEEDED. MAYOR FIORENTINI STRESSED THE NEEDED FOR A CONTRACT TO HAVE A COMPANY MANAGE AND MAINTAIN THE MACHINES. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ONLY ISSUES TICKETS. THE MAYOR COMMITTED TO MEETING WITH THE PARKING COMMISSION AND THE CONTRACTOR. HE WILL REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL IN TWO WEEKS. 21J

Councillor Bevilacqua and McGonagle re-joined the meeting.

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Document 21-J: Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting proposed ballot question for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 Election as follows:

Document 27-E

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_____ Yes

_____ No

Home Rule Petition

An Act Providing for the Election of At Large and Ward Councilors in the City of Haverhill.
(see document for complete text)

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Yeas 9, Nays 0

27E

Document 63; Communication from Councillor Colin LePage requesting a discussion regarding the communities' general mental health coping strategies and supports during the COVID-19 Pandemic
COUNCILLOR LEPAGE GAVE A POWERPOINT MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION. MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. HE PROVIDED TOOLS FOR ASSISTANCE ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TRYING TIME WITH COVID-19. FOR TELEHEALTH CALL 508 532-2255 OR TEXT C2T TO 741741; REP. VARGAS INFORMED THAT THE YMCA/BOYS CLUB HAS ACCESS; ANTHONY PAROLISI, PRESIDENT OF HAVERHILL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, SPOKE ABOUT THE MUTUAL AID SOCIETY OF HAVERHILL AND THANKED THE CITY AND PARTNERS INVOLVED WITH THIS GROUP

PLACED ON FILE

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17. RESOLUTIONS and PROCLAMATIONS:

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements:

Councillor Thomas Sullivan presented the minutes and recommendations of the Natural Resources and Public Property Committee meeting held February 27 2020 regarding Document 11-S - request to purchase or lease City land abutting private property at 256 Whittier rd. Since the Health and Inspections/Conservation and Water Departments were opposed to leasing or selling the city land the petitioners withdrew their request. Updates were given on pending items Doc. 93-L/18-tree plantings; Doc. 38-J/19- RMV parking spaces at City Hall; and Doc. 79-F/19-Gale Park fountain.

On motion of Councillor Sullivan to accept the minutes and recommendations as presented.

MINUTES ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

48C

19. Documents referred to committee study

20. Long term matters study list

Meeting adjourned 10:00 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk