



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, Jordan, Macek, and Daly O’Brien
Councillor LePage participated remotely due to geographic distance.

Absent – Councillor McGonagle
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting
The minutes were approved Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Sullivan was assigned the minutes.
5. Communications from the Mayor:
Mayor Fiorentini submits Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between City of Haverhill and AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO, Local 939, Wastewater Treatment Plant Group (New England Water Resource Professionals) and related salary ordinance for approval (see document for complete text)
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 94B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER

An Ordinance Relating to Salaries

AFSCME GROUP

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Document 28-G of 2016 is hereby amended.

(see document for complete text

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 51C

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
Communication from City Engineer John Pettis offering no objection to Council allowing for Permit to be issued for gas service to 14-16 Nichols st
MR. JOSE MARINE INFORMED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED PROPERTY FROM SOMEONE WHO PURCHASED IT FROM THE CITY. HE PLANS ON RENTING IT OUT BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO CONTINUE ITEMS 6 AND 9 TO DATE TO BE DETERMINED Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Bevilacqua) Absent 1 102

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

8. Hearings and Related Orders

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Request from Joe Urszinyi to address Council in regards to allowing his builder a gas permit needed to proceed with the gas connection work at his new home at 14 Robert rd currently under construction
MR. URSZINYI DID NOT ATTEND.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO CONTINUE ITEMS 6 AND 9 TO DATE TO BE DETERMINED Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Bevilacqua) Absent 1 16G

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Gabriela Peixoto Twaalfhoven , 438 Farrwood dr , to Community Affairs Advisory Board;
appointment to expire Dec 31 2019

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 17R

11. Petitions:

Petition from City Solicitor, William Cox submitting Ordinance to allow for establishment of a Licensed Marijuana Establishments Overlay Zone as previously discussed with the Council’s Administration and Finance Committee with Zoning Hearing set for November 13

REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING NOV 13 2018 Yeas 7, Nays 1(Bevilacqua) Absent 1 103

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 255

An Ordinance Relating to Adult Use of Marijuana and Marijuana Establishments

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Chapter 255, of the Code of the City of Haverhill, as amended, being and is hereby further amended by deleting Article XIX in its entirety and inserting in its place the following:

Article XIX – Licensed Marijuana Establishments Overlay Zone

A. Purposes.

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Bishop Hobbs Park
COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT THE ORDER TO DEDICATE THE PARK TO BISHOP HOBBS WAS VOTED ON AT THE MAY 17, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE. HE SUGGESTED WHEN A PARK IS NAMED, THE CITY SHOULD PLACE A BENCH & PLAQUE AND PAY FOR IT
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR AND HIGHWAY
Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 107E

Councillor Daly O'Brien left the chambers

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding vandalism at City park in Railroad Square
THE DISCUSSION WAS ABOUT VANDALISM AT RIVERFRONT PARK. COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SHOWED PHOTOS OF THE VANDALIZED GAZEBOS AND THE BROKEN COVER TO THE CITY ELECTRICAL UNIT. HE INFORMED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 35 CALLS TO THE POLICE REGARDING NOISE AND DISORDERLY ISSUES.
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR/HIGHWAY DEPT/POLICE ABOUT THE NEED FOR REPAIRS TO GAZEBO, FIX THE COVER ON THE ELECTRICAL UNIT AND TO CONSIDER REGULATING THE TIME FOR ACTIVITY IN THE PARK
Chief of Staff Allison Heartquist informed that the Mayor already has a quote for the repairs. Temporary repairs to the gazebos will be done by Brian Zaniboni, Highway Superintendent, prior to the River Ruckus event this weekend. She will look into curfew signage at the park.#

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 108F

Communication was received from Councillor Michael McGonagle requesting removal of handicap parking spaces at 25 Currier av, 187 Grove st- Apt 2 and 69 Harrison st that are no longer needed
REFERRED TO PLANNING
Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 107G

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion concerning the audio and video broadcast quality from the Theodore A Pelosi Jr. City Council Chambers
COUNCILLOR LEPAGE SPOKE ABOUT VIDEO QUALITY OF TONIGHT'S MEETING AS HE WAS LIVE STREAMING COUNCIL MEETING AND COLORS CHANGED. ALSO, PROBLEM WITH BROADCAST OF LAST WEEK'S SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING WITH LACK OF SOUND FOR HALF HOUR AND THE MEETING WAS DROPPED. MATT BELFIORE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS- HC MEDIA, INFORMED THAT THEY HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE AMPLIFIER AND WENT INTO TECHNICAL DETAIL ABOUT THE SYSTEM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE CHANNEL 9 OUTPUT ORIGINATES FROM CITY HALL USING COMCAST. THERE ARE NUMEROUS ISSUES WITH COMCAST THAT THEY ARE WORKING ON. ALSO, THE ENTIRE SYSTEM IN THE CHAMBER NEEDS A TOTAL UPGRADE.
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO CONTINUE ITEM TO NEXT WEEK'S COUNCIL MEETING AND REQUEST HC MEDIA BOARD MEMBER TO ATTEND.
HE SUGGESTED THE UPGRADE SHOULD BE PAID FOR BY HC MEDIA. MR. DANA LOVELL URGED THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CAPTIONING USE IN THE FUTURE. MR. TIM COCO, PRESIDENT/ GENERAL MANAGER WHAV, OFFERED HIS OPINION THAT ANY UPGRADE SHOULD BE PAID BY THE CITY. HE WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSULTED WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR UPGRADE.
CONTINUED TO SEPT 25
Yeas 7, Nays 1(Macek) Absent 1 107H

15. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings :

16. Resolutions And Proclamations

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcement

City Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua presented the Minutes and Recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee meeting that was held on September 5 2018 for acceptance and discussion of items Doc. 63W – creation of comprehensive City-wide plan for establishment of 55+ housing overlay zoning districts and Doc. 93-I – discussion regarding possible relocation of Water Street Fire Station to create a waterfront development site opportunity
COUNCILLOR BARRETT NOTED THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS ARE REVERSED AND SHOULD BE CORRECTED. ALSO, THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO INVITED TO FUTURE MEETINGS
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PRESENTED, WITH CORRECTION AS NOTED, &
PLACE ON FILE (see document for complete text) Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 8M

Councillor Macek announced that there will be an Administration & Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, Sept.19 at 7:00PM in the City Council office.

Councillor Jordan announced the River Ruckus event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22, being sponsored by Team Haverhill. Washington Street will be closed 10AM to 3:00PM. \$1 parking will be available at the MVRTA parking lot with ticket validation.

18. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk