



**CITY OF HAVERHILL  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 PM**

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

**In-Person/Remote Meeting**

Present – President Barrett, Councillors LePage, Bevilacqua, Michitson, Sullivan, Jordan, McGonagle, Daly O’Brien and Macek.

City Council Administrative Assistant – Laurie A. Brown

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

**Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Baker issued an Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 18. Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means."**

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING (AUGUST 24, 2021)**

**MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE , SECOND DALY O’BRIEN**

**PASSED**

**YEAS 9, NAYS 0**

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

**MINUTES ASSIGNED TO COUNCILLOR MACEK**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

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

6.1. Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requests to introduce Tim Coco of *WHAV* on the five-year anniversary of providing local news to Greater Haverhill

Tim Coco spoke on how *WHAV* is Greater Haverhill’s only news source and member supported. Please consider when fall membership comes.

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6.2. Councillors Jordan and Michitson and Council Vice President LePage request to introduce Erin Padilla of Creative Haverhill to address the Council seeking funding for Cogswell Artspace from the \$500K account dedicated to youth and mental health services

Erin Padilla gave introduction to the Cogswell Artspace, ongoing fundraising renovations, building registered as an historic building; still need \$700K to finish; \$125K would help with reaching goal. Can make donations at [creativehaverhill.org/cogswell](http://creativehaverhill.org/cogswell)

Motion by Councillor Jordan for \$125K and refer to A&F, second Michitson

PASSED Refer to Administration & Finance Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua) 92

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

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

8.1. Abatement report from Board of Assessors for month of August 2021

Motion by Councillor Macek, second Daly O’Brien

PASSED PLACE ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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

**10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:**

10.1. Document 79: Water Street Redevelopment LLC requests Special Permit, CCSP-21-12, for redevelopment of Property at 85 Water st. consisting of 113 rental units on 1.19 acres+. This property is within the Waterfront Zoning District ,Sub-Zone D.

*Comments from Planning Director, William Pillsbury and City Depts are included*

**Council President Barrett opened the special permit hearing.**

Attending the hearing in person to give the presentation and overview of the project is John McCarthy, Minco Development Corp., North Andover, for the applicant. Also in attendance are Louis Minicucci, Eric Loth, Robert Lavoie, Scott Cameron, Michael Radner, Gregory Smith, Christopher Wilson, Karen Pollastrino and Frank Franzone.

**Council President Barrett asked if anyone wanted to speak in favor.**

Mike Harrington, 640 Boxford Rd., believe it's a good project, lot has been vacant for over 15 years and if isn't approved afraid will stay vacant; no impact on school with studios; housing for young adults is important.

Reginald King, grew up in Haverhill, not happy citizens can't be on the water, likes the building but the park is too small.

**Council President Barrett asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition.**

Tim Carroll, Union President Local 1011 Fire Fighters spoke not in either opposition or favor but more indifference. Concerned about the number of approved units with no increase in staffing for public safety, firefighters, and police.

Angelo Petrozzelli, 85 Brockton Ave. called in opposition stating he thinks the building should be rethought out, it's a barrier to the river view, and the density is too dense.

**Council President Barrett closed the hearing.**

***Motion by Councillor McGonagle to move for passage and second by Councillor Macek***

Councillors made comments, suggestions and asked questions including reducing size of units to 83, maintenance of park, parking, handicap accessibility, trash location, rental prices of units, size of development, density, and infrastructure.

***Councillor Sullivan motions to reduce the number of units to 83.***



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Council President Barrett: We have a motion already on the floor to pass as it is presented.

Councillor McGonagle: I would like to have that in my motion as part of the motion that you would accept the maintenance of the facility.

Councillor Macek: And also, the design and construction as presented.

Councillor McGonagle amends motion to also include all the conditions of the city departments be included, second by Councillor Macek.

Councillor McGonagle: If it's appropriate, I will rescind my motion and make a motion to table the vote for two weeks, or postpone, or continue the discussion, whatever works and wording that fits.

Councillor Macek: I will withdraw my second

***Councillor Bevilacqua motions to continue this for two months to November 30, 2021, second by Councillor LePage.***

Councillor Michitson: I do support the motion to continue this for two months.

Councillor Daly O'Brien: I agree with Councillor Michitson.

**Madam Clerk please call the roll.**

City Clerk Koutoulas: Councillor LePage-yes, Councillor Bevilacqua-yes, Councillor Michitson-yes, Councillor Sullivan-no, Councillor Jordan-yes, Councillor McGonagle-yes, Councillor Daly O'Brien-yes, Councillor Macek-yes, President Barrett-no, 7 Yeas, 2 Nays

**Council President Barrett: PASSED CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

**11. APPOINTMENTS:**

11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**

11.2. **Non-Confirming Appointments :**

*Merrimack St Redevelopment Project Advisory Committee, Angelo Petrozzelli from "Design Partnership Architects Inc" – to replace Matt Juros who resigned*

Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Daly O'Brien

PASSED PLACED ON FILE

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11.3. **Resignations:**

**12. PETITIONS:**

12.1. **Applications Handicap Parking Sign**

12.2. **Amusement/Event Applications:**

12.3. **Tag Days:**

12.4. **One Day Liquor License:**

12.5. **Annual License Renewals:**

12.5.1. **Hawker Peddlers License 2021 - Fixed location**

12.5.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals 2021**

12.5.3. **Drainlayer License for 2021 -with City Engineer approval**

12.5.3.1. Peter Holland – *renewal*



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PASSED (9/21/21) PLACED ON FILE      Yeas 9, Nays 0      81-C

- 12.5.4. **Christmas Tree Vendor**
- 12.5.5. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2021**
- 12.5.6. **Taxi License**
- 12.5.7. **Junk Dealer License**
- 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**
- 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 – transfer \$17,424 from Capital Budget to: *Assessor's Digital Aerial Photography Fly Over*

Motion by Councillor Macek, second Daly O'Brien  
PASSED      Yeas 9, Nays 0      10-O

13.2. Order - authorize payment of bills from the previous fiscal years and authorize payment from current year department appropriations as listed:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Sherwin Williams Co.	\$ 88.41	School Department
LAZ Parking Associates	\$13,333.00	Highway Department
John M Burke	\$ 652.50	Highway Department
New England Gang School	\$ 500.00	Police Department
Demers Plate Glass Co.	\$ 4,280.00	Police Department
CN Wood	\$ 5,500.39	Highway Department
Shoe City Hardware	\$ 20.97	School Department
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 24,375.27</b>	

Motion by Councillor McGonagle, second Jordan  
PASSED      Yeas 9, Nays 0      18-G



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

**15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:**

15.1. Councillor McGonagle requests to discuss the safety concerns with the intersection of Carleton and Broadway (Rte. 97) and refer to the Traffic and Safety Committee to address at the next meeting

Rachel Cohen: I live at 365 Broadway and my driveway goes into this intersection on Carleton. It is a huge safety concern. There previously was a right turn only sign not sure where it went. Two lanes merge into one, there is no signage and constant accidents. I have already been in touch with MassDot and the Haverhill Police Dept and have not been satisfied.

Motion by Councillor McGonagle to refer to Traffic & Safety, second Daly O'Brien Also notify Ms. Cohen when T&S meeting will be so she can attend.

Councillor Michitson asks if could consider including intersection of North Broadway and Monument Street.

PASSED REFER TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY                      Yeas 9, Nays 0                      91-E

15.2. Council President Barrett requests to recognize October as *Breast Cancer Awareness Month* and submits Proclamation for October 15 *National Mammography Day*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, Proclamation read

Motion by Councillor Macek, second LePage

ADOPTED    All in favor    91-F

15.3. City Councillor William J Macek and City Council Vice President Colin LePage request to discuss and move to correct a procedural error that occurred at last week's City Council meeting on September 21, 2021. The item to be discussed involved proposed additional language to be added to the Council's Rules and Regulations to direct how to handle an agenda item that prior to the close of an agenda deadline has multiple Councillors seeking to file the same or similar item for the next meeting's agenda. Note: See attached Page 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the City Council, Organization, Rule 1, paragraph 5, second sentence

Councillor Macek: I was not able to attend the last meeting when this item was presented. I never have seen the councilor propose a rule change without the correct process. The process was not followed and request this item as proposed be sent to the Administration & Finance committee

Motion by Councillor Macek, second Daly O'Brien

PASSED REFER TO A&F    Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua)    91-G

15.4. Councillor LePage is requesting a progress update on the City's efforts of promoting the MassSaves Energy efficiency program for the benefits of residents, a progress update on the Green Communities grant application and follow up on the City Council request of re-establishing the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Committee

Chief of Staff Allison Heartquist: Green Communities update, completed round 1, had green communities visit to inspect projects which included energy efficient led lights at multiple



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schools and city buildings, kitchens upgrades at Haverhill High School, two electricity transformers at city hall, an electric vehicle or inspections office and an e-bike for the Police dept. Now moved to round 2, grant applicant is due October 8<sup>th</sup> very competitive round, not automatic funding and worth up to \$200K. Our energy manager is working on the application which is mainly weatherization project such as heaters, boilers, more electric vehicles, etc.

LePage: Update on MassSaves Efficiency program. For those who don't know, this program is part of your electric bill

Heartquist: The city has partnered with All In Energy. The city can earn up to grant funding up to 20K if we can achieve 10-15% increase over our 2017-2019 participation rates.

Feedback on Goals: August 31 residential energy assessments 27% towards goal would like 271 only have 74. Small business: have 91 goal was 26 - 350% on way to goal. Heating and cooling goal is 542 we are 54% there. Weatherization: want 839 only 31% way there.

Information can be found for Haverhill energy campaign at Masssave.com. Closes in December

No movement on Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Committee, I will remind him 91-H

- 15.5. Councillor Sullivan requests that *Pentucket Players* be granted a waiver for rental fees associated with using the City's Auditorium from 8/28 to 9/5/2021 for their show "*Into the Woods*"

*Related communication from Mayor Fiorentini recommending approval to waive the auditorium rental fee of \$860.00 according to Chapter 36, Section 7 of City Code*

Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Jordan

PASSED FEE WAIVER GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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**16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING**

**17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY**

**20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST**

**21. ADJOURN**

**MOTION BY COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN , SECOND JORDAN**

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**ADJOURNED 10:27 PM**

Councillor Jordan wanted to thank everyone for coming to river ruckus and a special thank you to Cassie and Will of HC Media.