



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting

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

Absent – Councillor McGonagle

City Clerk – Kaitlin Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

*Motion to accept January 10th minutes by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Placed on File All in Favor*

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Minutes assigned to Councillor Sullivan

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

5.1. Mayor Fiorentini submits Project Scope and Budget Agreement regarding Consentino School Building Project for approval

Mayor Fiorentini addressed the Council stating MSBA giving an additional \$11M for project. Vote is for project scope and budge with new amount, loan stays the same.

Councillor Sullivan stated he will still pursue state to get actual cost of project and later will send letter to Governor, 78% should be 78%.

Councillor Barrett agrees, 50% is not 78%; deserve full amount.

Councillor Bevilacqua believes state should honor original opportunity and doesn't believe city needs debt exclusion.

President Jordan also appreciates money but also wishes it was more.

*Motion to suspend rules by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Bevilacqua
PASSED rules suspended Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1*

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*Motion to accept order by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Toohey
PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1*

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

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

8.1. John Pettis, City Engineer requests City Ordinance be changed to simplify the approval and renewal of Drainlayers who do work with the City associated with sewer and drain; so that all approvals are handled by the City Engineer's Office

To come back with ordinances February 7, 2023

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8.1.1. Ordinance Relating to Drainlayers – Amend Chapter 240-46

File 10 days

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- 8.1.2. Ordinance Relating to Building Sewers & Connections - Amend Chapter 208-14 File 10 days 5-L
- 8.1.3. Ordinance Relating to Building Sewers & Connections - Amend Chapter 208-19 File 10 days 5-M
- 8.1.4. Ordinance Relating to Excavations In Streets – Amend Chapter 222-12 File 10 days 5-N
- 8.1.5. Ordinance Relating to Excavations In Streets - Amend Chapter 222-13 thru 18 File 10 days 5-N

Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Lewandowski
PASSED Placed on File Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

President Jordan announced the virtual public hearing Wednesday, January 25, 2023 and link can be found on city website.

Mayor Fiorentini stated North Avenue is part of redoing gateways into city, and confirmed link can be found on city website, and Mayor’s official page.

Councillor Barrett stated link can also be found on the City Council page.

8.2.Christine Webb, *City Assessor*, submits Abatement report for the month of December 2022.

Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Placed on File All in Favor 11

8.3.Robert E Ward, DPW Director, submits Loan Order for the purchase of Land Adjacent to Brandy Brow Road for Water Protection

8.3.1. Loan Order - \$780,141.00 - Land Acquisition Bonds – purchase Land off of Brandy Brow rd File 10 days 10-B

Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED Placed on File All in Favor 12

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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

- 10.1. Document 122/2022; Guy Bresnahan for Broco Oil, requests to Discontinue Hale st from Burke and Norfolk Streets *Tabled from January 10th Favorable conditional recommendation from Planning Board and Director*
 - 10.1.1. Document 122-B/2022; Order – Discontinue a portion of Hale st as a public way

President Jordan opened the hearing.



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Guy Bresnahan presenting on behalf of Broco Energy. Here in regard to petition that has been pending for some time. Last meeting was postponed due to needing a water/wastewater easement. Easement drafted and submitted and assume it is correct and looking to move along if possible.

Solicitor Cox appearing remotely. When last before the Council was a recommendation from Paul Jessell of Wastewater regarding piping located in the street. In order to preserve the city's right to maintain and repair that line and service it going forward, he recommended an easement be granted. In the interim period from last hearing, we worked with the petitioner. They paid to have a plan prepared which shows the easement area, also before you is a grant of easement. We would ask, if you act favorably, that you condition on the favorable approval of the granted easement also on the agenda.

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 Barrett with conditions, second Councillor Sullivan

Councillor Sullivan thank Mr. Bresnahan stating been put though a lot to get to this point but it is done right. Looking forward to improvements to neighborhood and area and thanked for working with the city on the easement. Will support.

*President Jordan: Motion with conditions by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Sullivan
Madam Clerk please call the roll.*

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

President Jordan: PASSED with Conditions

- 10.2. Order – Authorize Mayor to accept a 20' WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT for the premises located at 168 Hale st from BEEHIVE REALTY, LLC, a copy of which is included *Related communication from Paul Jessell, Haverhill Water Collection System Supervisor*

Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Barrett

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President Jordan: PASSED



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11. APPOINTMENTS:

11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**

11.2. **Non-Confirming:**

11.2.1. *City Clerk, Kaitlin Wright, 17 Belvidere rd expires December 31 2023*
Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Rogers
PASSED All in Favor 1-B

11.2.2. *Mayor's Chief of Staff, Christine Lindberg, 9 Lake st, Middleton*
expires December 31 2023
Motion by Councillor Barrett, second Councillor Rogers
PASSED All in Favor 1-C

11.3. **Resignations:**

12. PETITIONS:

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

12.2. **Amusement/Event Application** - *with Police approval*

12.3. **Auctioneer License:**

12.4. **Tag Days:** *with Police approval*

12.5. **One Day Liquor License:**

12.6. **Annual License Renewals:**

12.6.1. **Hawker Peddlers License 2023 - Fixed location** – *with approvals*

12.6.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals** - *pending Police approval*

12.6.2.1. *Academy Lanes, 725 So Main st, 12 Coin-ops*
Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Lewandowski
PASSED Pending Police Approval All in Favor 13

12.6.3. **Drainlayer License Renewals** -*with City Engineer approval*

12.6.3.1. Peter Carlson 5-N

12.6.3.2. Steve Caruso 5-O

12.6.3.3. Jay Davidowicz 5-P

12.6.3.4. Richard Early Jr 5-Q

12.6.3.5. Robert Frye 5-R

12.6.3.6. Scott Karpinski 5-S

12.6.3.7. John Grasso 5-T

12.6.3.8. Peter Norman 5-U

12.6.3.9. Mark Viens 5-V



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12.6.3.10.	Joseph Watson	5-W
12.6.3.11.	James Graham	5-X
12.6.3.12.	Zachary Jablonski	5-Y

*Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett
PASSED All in Favor*

- 12.6.4. **Christmas Tree Vendor** – *with Police approval*
- 12.6.5. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2022:** *with Police approval*
- 12.6.6. **Taxi/Limousine License** *with Police approval:*
- 12.6.7. **Junk Dealer License** *with Police approval*
- 12.6.8. **Pool Tables**
- 12.6.9. **Sunday Pool**
- 12.6.10. **Bowling**
- 12.6.11. **Sunday Bowling**
- 12.6.12. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles** *with Police approval*
- 12.6.13. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing**
- 12.6.14. **Pawnbroker license**
- 12.6.15. **Fortune Teller** - *pending Police approval*
- 12.6.16. **Buy & Sell Old Gold**
- 12.6.17. **Roller Skating Rink**
- 12.6.18. **Sunday Skating**
- 12.6.19. **Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC**
- 12.6.20. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars** *with Police approval*

13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 13.1. Order – Document 131 Of 2022 is hereby amended by deleting the words and numbers “the 2nd day of May”, and, by inserting in place thereof the words and numbers “the 6th day of June”. *Related communication from City Solicitor, William Cox Jr.*

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Motion to amend to November 7, 2023, second Councillor Toohey

Councillor Bevilacqua suggested this date so the widest possible participation of the citizens of Haverhill and will save the City money.

Councillor Toohey also supports moving to the general election of November 7th.

Mayor Fiorentini stated that MCAS is taking place on May 2, 2023 so will not be able to use the schools for voting.

President Jordan feels the November 7th ballot will be confusing with additional ward and district added for citizens.

FAILED *Yeas 4, Nays 4, Absent 1*

Motion by Councillor Michitson for original order, second Councillor Barrett

PASSED *Yeas 7, Nays 1, Absent 1*



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13.2. Order – Transfer \$45,886.88 from FY 2023 Salary Reserve to Police Salaries and \$18,264.748 from FY 23 Salary Reserve to Police Night Differential in order to fund the Superior Officers collective bargaining agreement

Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7-G

13.3. Order – Transfer \$8,000 from Youth Activities & Mental Health Stabilization Fund to the School Department to fund a speaking program presented by Chris Herren to promote education and awareness in Haverhill surrounding the dangers of substance abuse

Motion by Councillor Bevilacqua, second Councillor Barrett

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7-H

Councillor Lewandowski asked if amount is just for speaking or if it includes the other programs offered by Herren. Solicitor Cox confirmed that the fee is for the presentation portion only. Councillor Bevilacqua stated should have outline of goals and objectives. Councillor Barrett stated when Mr. Herren spoke approximately six years ago, teachers said there was a lack of preparedness on city and school side after speech. Suggested President Jordan speak with Dr. Maddox about, which he agreed to do.

14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

14.1. Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic - Add Handicap parking at 56 Bellevue av File 10 days

Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Rogers

PASSED Placed on File All in Favor 15

14.2. Ordinance re: Playgrounds, Parks & Recreation Areas File 10 days
Amend Chapter 193-17

Motion by Councillor Sullivan, second Councillor Rogers

PASSED Placed on File All in Favor 16

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

15.1. Councillor Vice President Michitson requests to address safety concerns for pedestrians on Lincoln av, particularly in the vicinity of RiversEdge Plaza

Vice President Michitson attended Water Street public hearing. Resident asked about sidewalks in Rivers Edge Plaza. There are no sidewalks either side of Lincoln Ave, can be dangerous area.



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Motion by Councillor Michitson, second Councillor Barrett to request sidewalks along Lincoln Avenue from stadium to plaza and appropriate crosswalks and city to communicate with Plaza owners to request clear lanes be identified for pedestrians.

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

8-C

15.2. Council Vice President Michitson requests to provide status on early-planning to develop a Smart Manufacturing regional hub for Haverhill's (future) new Advanced Manufacturing Business Park

President Michitson gave presentation on advanced manufacturing business park at old Dutton airport location. Has been working with Rep. Vargas on concepts and funding for a regional smart manufacturing hub. 8-D

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 Sullivan, second Councillor Lewandowski

PASSED

All in Favor

Adjourned 20:15