



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, LePage, Jordan, Macek, Daly O’Brien, and 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 9, Nays 0
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Jordan was assigned the minutes.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS HOME RULE PETITION FOR BRIAN BELFIORE.
SUSPENSION PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 7J

Councillor Sullivan introduced a Home Rule Petition on behalf of Brian M. Belfiore.
MR. BELFIORE INTRODUCED HIMSELF.

ORDERED: That the following Home Rule Petition be adopted by the City Council and forwarded to the General Court.

HOME RULE PETITION

An Act authorizing Brian M. Belfiore to take the Civil Service Examination for the position of firefighter in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. (see document for complete text)
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO ADOPT HOME RULE PETITION AND FORWARD TO THE GENERAL COURT
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 11

5. Communications from the Mayor
Mayor Fiorentini requests to amend the Zoning Code which will allow City to review the final rules and regulations of the Cannabis Control Commission and enact superseding zoning regulations and also submitting the Ordinance relating to Zoning
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD
COUNCIL HEARING JAN 30 2018 Yeas 9, Nays 0 9
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 255
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 255, Zoning, as amended, be and is hereby further amended by adding the following:

“Article XXIV Temporary Moratorium on Marijuana Establishments, Marijuana Retailers and other Sale or Distribution of Marijuana and Marijuana Products which are not included in the Definition of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and the Medical Marijuana Overlay District.
(see document for complete text)
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9B

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
No schedule
7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
No Schedule
8. Hearings and Related Order
No Schedule
9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
No Schedule
10. Appointments:
Confirming Appointments :
No Schedule
Non-Confirming Appointments:
No Schedule

11. Petitions:
Drainlayer License renewals for 2018:
The following were all granted Yeas 9, Nays 0
Brett Berube 10
David Crook (*new*) 10B
David DeLoury 10C
Jason Dixey 10D
David Giroux 10E
Richard Golen 10F
James M Mahoney 10G
Kenneth M Pierce Jr. 10H

12. Motions and Orders

No Schedule

13. ORDINANCES (File 10 days)

No Schedule

14. Monthly Reports

No Schedule

15. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting to discuss the need for a full time Purchasing Agent for the City.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT INFORMED THAT CURRENT PURCHASING AGENT POSITION IS 25 HOURS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR URGING HIM TO CONSIDER MAKING POSITION FULL TIME

Yeas 9, Nays 0

7E

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting to discuss the need for a Facilities Manager for the City.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT INFORMED THAT THE CITY DOES NOT HAVE A FACILITIES MANAGER FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTIES. NO ONE IS DEDICATED TO FOLLOW UP ON PROJECTS. COUNCILLORS FELT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED EARLY ON IN THE BUDGET PROCESS AND POSSIBLY HAVE A MEETING WITH MAYOR/SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL TO DISCUSS MATTER.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR ASKING HIM TO HIRE FULL TIME FACILITIES MANAGER IN FY19 BUDGET

Yeas 9, Nays 0

7F

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting to discuss the need for a blank out sign at Laurel av and South Main st.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT DESCRIBED DANGEROUS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN FOR PEDESTRIANS TRYING TO USE CROSSWALK WHEN MOTORISTS TURN RIGHT ONTO S. MAIN STREET FROM LAUREL AVE WITHOUT YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALK REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

7G

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion regarding the Rules and Regulations of the City Council

REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

7H

Communication was received from Councillors LePage and Sullivan requesting to introduce Danielle Smida and Tina Fuller to give a progress update on the *Cogswell Art Center* project and their request for a letter of support from the City Council.

TINA FULLER INFORMED THAT A SURVEY WAS SENT OUT BY THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SEEKING FEEDBACK TO GAUGE SUPPORT OF THE COGSWELL ART CENTER. 733 REPLIES WERE RECEIVED. THEY RECEIVED A \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE METHUEN FESTIVAL OF TREES TO WORK ON THE HALLWAY. RECEIVED \$1,500 FROM THE OCTOBER DOG SHOW IN BRADFORD COMMON.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO ENDORSE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL FOR CREATIVE HAVERHILL/REINVENT COGSWELL ART CENTER.

LETTER OF SUPPORT SIGNED BY ALL

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

No Schedule

17. Resolutions And Proclamation

No Schedule

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

No Schedule

19. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk