



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Daly O’Brien, Macek and Sullivan.
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes were approved Yeas 9, Nays 0
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Bevilacqua was assigned the minutes

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INTRODUCE ORDER TO TRANSFER \$5,000 FROM GENERAL FUND, RESERVE CAPITAL PROJECTS TO ROCKS VILLAGE HAND TUB HOUSE PAINTING CAPITAL ACCOUNT

RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 116

THE HAND TUB VOLUNTEERS HAVE RAISED \$100,000 FOR REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS
THE CITY’S CONTRIBUTION IS \$5,000

ORDERED: THAT \$5,000 BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL FUND, RESERVE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS TO THE ROCKS VILLAGE HAND TUB HOUSE PAINTING CAPITAL ACCOUNT
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 116

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS STRIPING OF LANES ON I-495, EXITS 48-52

RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 117

COUNCILLOR MACEK REVIEWED THE REQUEST BY A CONSTITUENT SEEKING THE CITY’S ASSISTANCE WITH RESTRIPIING OF LANES ON I-495 BETWEEN EXITS 48-52

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR WITH COPY TO STATE DELEGATION URGING HIS ASSISTANCE WITH MA HIGHWAY Yeas 9, Nays 0 117

5. Communications from the Mayor
No Schedule
6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
No Schedule
7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
8. Hearings and Related Order
No Schedule
9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
No Schedule

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments :

Amanda Buckley, 34 Westland ter to the Haverhill Historic Commission, effective immediately and commission to expire Dec. 31, 2018

CONFIRMED Yeas 9, Nays 0 1L

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Hillary Rogers, 135 Neck rd, to the Conservation Commission, effective immediately and commission to expire Dec. 31, 2018

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 2Z

11. Petitions:

Applications:

Handicap Parking Signs:

John Ohannesian, 7 South Summer st, *renewal; Has police approval*

RENEWAL GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 3P

Altgracia Aquino, 6 John st, *new; Has police approval*

REFERRED TO PLANNING FOR ORDINANCE Yeas 9, Nays 0 3Q

Annual License Renewals:

Limousine/Livery License:

Marcos Kordula, 18 Christian cir, *White Castle Transportation, 1 Vehicle – new; Has police approval*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 115

12. Motions and Orders

13. ORDINANCES (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

13 ½ Grove st – Delete Handicapped Parking (see document for complete text)

14. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to introduce a representative from the *Department of Children and Families* to discuss the *Foster Care Recruitment Program*.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO POSTPONE TO OCT 31

POSTPONED TO OCT 31 2017

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110M

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle to introduce Melissa Cerasuolo to speak about the *Veterans Day* breakfast on November 9th.

MS. CERASUOLO, PRESIDENT OF HAVERHILL ROTARY CLUB, GAVE DETAILS OF BREAKFAST ON NOV 9TH AT HAVERHILL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, 7:30-9:30AM*

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110N

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion on the need for additional outside lighting on the Wood School, So Spring st., Bradford and its parking area

COUNCILLOR MACEK REQUESTED TO HAVE LIGHT INSTALLED ON SCHOOL BUILDING AND PATROL AREA.

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110O

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting to give an update on items referred to the Administration & Finance Committee

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE'S UPDATE INCLUDED: Double poles-since May, reduced number from 287 to 134; Capital improvement plan-Council met with Mayor on Oct. 16th and he discussed girls' softball field as well as police station windows and emergency radio dispatch replacement plan; marijuana shop access and locations-Mayor has Marijuana Advisory Committee and comprehensive zoning package review; graffiti-received examples of other cities/towns from Mayor; City Council meeting minutes and performance based budgeting was referred recently

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110P

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting an update on the economic and environmental benefits of the automated trash collection and recycling programs

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE ANNOUNCED THAT THE CITY RECEIVED A \$35K GRANT TO IMPROVE RECYCLING. HE GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON HAVERHILL FY09-17 TRASH COSTS HIGHLIGHTING REDUCTION IN COSTS AND PARTICIPATION INCREASE FROM 8.82% TO 23.44%*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR VARGAS TO LOOK INTO WEEKLY RECYCLING AND CURBSIDE COMPOSTING & REFER TO CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE

REFERRED TO CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110Q

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion regarding the *Mass Save Energy Assessment Program* and its benefits to residents and the City of Haverhill.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HOMEWORKS ENERGY INC, APPROVED NATIONAL GRID VENDOR, EXPLAINED THE NATIONAL GRID INITIATIVE GRANT THAT HAVERHILL IS PARTICIPATING IN.

FREE HOME ENERGY AUDITS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN HOMES. FREE LED LIGHT BULBS, LOW FLOW SHOWERHEADS, THERMOSTATS, ARE EXAMPLES OF ITEMS INCLUDED IN AUDIT. JOE

DIPIETRO, A LOCAL VENDOR, SPOKE ABOUT THE AUDIT. THERE IS A CHARGE ON EVERYONES ELECTRIC BILL. CITY GOAL OF 1,143 HOMES DOING THE ASSESSMENT WILL EARN CITY \$45,000

TOWARDS A COMMUNITY PROJECT. WE ARE AT 82.5%. ASSESSMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.*

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110R

Communication was received from Council Vice President Barrett and Councillor Vargas requesting a discussion regarding local contractors and construction projects.

COUNCILLORS BARRETT & VARGAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ABILITY OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS TO BE MADE AWARE OF LARGE PROJECTS/DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CITY AND ABILITY TO BID ON PROJECTS

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR VARGAS TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR & REFER TO

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110S

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding street closing protocol

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SPOKE ABOUT RECENT STREET CLOSING AT RAILROAD SQ. AREA AND IMPACT TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS. ALLISON HEARTQUIST, CHIEF OF STAFF, INFORMED COUNCIL THAT THERE IS DIFFERENT PROTOCOL FOR STATE AND LOCAL STREET CLOSINGS. STATE WAS SUPPOSED TO NOTIFY THOSE IMPACTED BY STREET CLOSING.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO HAVE CITY DEVELOP PROTOCOL PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFYING APPROPRIATE PARTIES WHENEVER ROADS ARE CLOSED WITH EXCEPTION OF EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110T

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding *Citizen Inquiry/Request* referral system

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO DEVELOP PROTOCOL FOR RECALLING AND TRACKING CITIZEN INQUIRY

REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Sullivan)

110U

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110U

Councillor Bevilacqua left the chambers

15. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 23-N; Councillor McGonagle submits recommendations of *Traffic and Safety Committee* meeting held on October 11 2017 reporting on items 1, 2, 6, & 7.

Councillor McGonagle reported on item 1 – crosswalk signal at Carleton St.at Broadway – state will have to be involved; consultant will make recommendation soon and Council will be updated; item 2 – parking on Essex St sidewalk-curbing will be installed; item 6 – making Nicholas and Franklin Streets one way and making Cedar St one way north to south – streets will not be altered; item 7 – Willow Ave- police will continue with enforcement and tabled to next Traffic & Safety meeting.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PRESENTED

MINUTES ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

23N

Councillor Bevilacqua returned to chambers

Document 110; Communication from Councillors Barrett, LePage and Vargas requesting to introduce Chris Bullock of *Clear Gov* for a presentation on updated features to budget-data program

MR. BULLOCK WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND. COUNCILLORS LEPAGE AND VARGAS SPOKE ABOUT UPDATED FEATURES.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR ASKING HIM TO EXPLORE WHAT OPTIONS HE PREFERS AND OPTION(S) COUNCIL PREFER AND AVAILABLE PLATFORM & REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

110

16. Resolutions And Proclamations

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage announced that the proceeds from the dog show in Bradford Common went to the Cogswell Art Space. On Oct 28 there will be an open house for the public at the Cogswell Art Space from 9am -3pm.

18. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 110-N – Handout from Melissa Cerasuolo – Veterans Day Awards Breakfast flyer

*Doc. 110-Q– Handout from Councillor LePage – Haverhill FY09-17 Trash Costs chart

*Doc. 110-R– Handout from George, HomeWorks Energy info