



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 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 Daly O’Brien was assigned the minutes

- 5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini announcing Michael Stankovich, Haverhill DPW Director and Patrick Roche of the *Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)* will be at the City Council meeting tonight to provide an update on the possibility of the City purchasing street lights from *National Grid*
MR. ROCHE GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. HE SPOKE ABOUT THE COST SAVINGS TO RETROFIT TO LEDS. ANNUAL SAVINGS POTENTIAL \$409,000. RETROFIT COST \$1.45 MILLION, \$937,000 NET AFTER UTILITY INCENTIVE AND DOER GRANT. TAKE OWNERSHIP OF 3,791 LIGHTS & 52 POLES FROM NATIONAL GRID.*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 11P

- 6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Demolitions: Richard Osborne, Building Inspector for City of Haverhill requests Hearing for approval of Demolition Orders for the following properties: 20 Arlington Street and 21 Dustin Ave
HEARING OPENED. RICHARD MACDONALD, DIRECTOR, INSPECTIONAL SERVICES, INFORMED THAT STRUCTURE WAS INSPECTED AND STRUCTURAL SURVEYS WERE DONE. TITLE SEARCHES COMPLETED AND NOTIFICATIONS SENT TO OWNERS OF RECORD. THIS IS A 4 UNIT BUILDING AND 3 OF OWNERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE BUILDNG WAS GUTTED BY A FIRE.THE OWNERS ARE CLOSE TO GETTING A DEMOTION PERMIT FROM HIS OFFICE AND HE SUPPORTS IT. STILL NEED TO GET ORDER FROM COUNCIL. ANTICIPATED BUILDING WILL BE DEMOLISHED WITHIN 2 WEEKS. OPPOSED – ATTORNEY DAVID ROSEN, COUNSEL FOR MTLGQ INVESTORS WHO OWNS ONE UNIT THRU FORECLOSURE SALE, INFORMED THAT HE IS WORKING WITH UNIT OWNERS JOSEPH AND DAVID MAFFEE FOR PRIVATE DEMOLITION.

HEARING CLOSED 107A

ORDERED: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 139, Section 1, after hearing, it is hereby adjudged that the building (s) at 20 Arlington Street, Assessor’s Map 204, Block 47, Lot 32-2 in Haverhill MA, is a nuisance to the neighborhood and is dangerous, in accordance with the authority bestowed upon us by said Chapter, it is hereby ordered that said Building (s) be demolished or repaired.

In the event the owner fails to take steps to rehabilitate or remove said building (s) within 30 days, the Mayor or his agent is authorized to proceed with demolition of said building (s) and may place a lien, suit and/or attachment on the owner or properties you own t the extent of damage incurred.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO MOVE THE ORDER TO DEMOLISH WITHIN 30 DAYS
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 107A

HEARING OPENED. RICHARD MACDONALD, DIRECTOR, INSPECTIONAL SERVICES, INFORMED THAT STRUCTURE WAS INSPECTED AND STRUCTURAL SURVEYS WERE DONE. TITLE SEARCHES COMPLETED AND NOTIFICATIONS SENT TO OWNER OF RECORD. THE PROPERTY WAS ABANDONED. THE OWNER PASSED AWAY. AN ATTORNEY CALLED AND SAID HE WAS GOING TO TRYAND SELL THE PROPERTY. NEVER HEARD FROM HIM AGAIN. PROPERTY IS IN EXTREMELY BAD CONDITION

ORDERED: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 139, Section 1, after hearing, it is hereby adjudged that the building (s) at 21 Dustin Ave, Assessor’s Map 524, Block 327, Lot 20 in Haverhill MA, is a nuisance to the neighborhood and is dangerous, in accordance with the authority bestowed upon us by said Chapter, it is hereby ordered that said Building (s) be demolished or repaired.

In the event the owner fails to take steps to rehabilitate or remove said building (s) within 30 days, the Mayor or his agent is authorized to proceed with demolition of said building (s) and may place a lien, suit and/or attachment on the owner or properties you own t the extent of damage incurred.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO MOVE THE ORDER TO DEMOLISH
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 107B

Communication from Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director submitting Ordinance for proposed amendment to Chapter 219 of City Code
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 121

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 219
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 219, As amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

By Deleting Chapter 219 in its entirety and inserting the following in place thereof:

Chapter 219. Storm Water Management (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

121B

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

8. Hearings and Related Order

Document 118; Tax Classification – FY 2018, from Stephen Gullo, Tax Assessor for Board of Assessors

HEARING OPENED.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO POSTPONE TO NOVEMBER 28, 2017

POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 28, 2017

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 118- 118G

Document 118-B; Order that the residential factor for fiscal year 2018 be adopted as:

Document 118-C; Order that the City shall adopt a commercial exemption

Document 118-D; Order that the City shall adopt a residential exemption

Document 118-E; Order that the City shall adopt an open space discount factor

Document 118-F; Order that the City Council of Haverhill hereby accepts the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 17E and 41D with respect to Permanent acceptance of the annual C.P.I. index increase to the tax exemptions for the elderly.

Document 118-G; Order the City Council accept 100% of C.P.I. (Consumer Price Index)

increase reported by the State for F.Y. 2018 Exemptions. The 2018 C.P.I. amount is 1.48%.

Document 106

Petition from Attorney Michael Migliori for applicant *Common Ground Development* and owner Storehouse Properties LLC: requesting Special Permit to build 25 workforce rental units at 108 Harrison st – 13 of the units will be located in the Saint Gregory’s a/k/a Saint James School building and 12 units will be located in the new construction building ; *Favorable recommendation with conditions from Planning Board & Planning Director*

COUNCILLOR MACEK ANNOUNCED HE HAD A CONFLICT DUE TO REPRESENTATION OF SELLER AND WILL RETURN AFTER CONCLUSION OF HEARING

Councillor Macek left the chambers

HEARING OPENED

ATTORNEY MIGLIORI REPRESENTED THE APPLICANT WITH STEVEN JONCAS FROM COMMON GROUND AND BRIAN MILISCI FROM WHITMAN & BINGHAM, PROJECT ENGINEER. THE UNITS IN THE PROPOSED NEW BUILDING HAS BEEN RECONFIGURED FROM 12 TWO BEDROOM UNITS TO 6 TWO BEDROOMS AND 6 STUDIOS. THIS PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST \$8.9MILLION. FINANCING WILL BE FROM A FEDERAL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AND HISTORIC CREDITS. OPPOSED WERE MICHAEL SCHROTH, MARIA DIMAKIS, THOMAS MCNEIL, REGGIE KING, AND LLOYD JENNINGS. MR. KING GAVE CITY CLERK PETITION SIGNED BY 66 RESIDENTS WHO OPPOSED THE NEW BUILDING. RESIDENTS SITED DENSITY ISSUES, CONGESTION, TRAFFIC, PARKING, SCREENING TO SHIELD AGAINST PARKING LOT LIGHTS, SNOW REMOVAL, HOME VALUE DEPRECIATION AS REASONS WHY THEY WERE OPPOSED TO PROJECT. *

HEARING CLOSED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE WITH SECOND.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO CONTINUE TO A SPECIAL MEETING ON NOV. 21. THIS WILL ALLOW APPLICANT AND NEIGHBORS TO DISCUSSION ISSUES OF CONCERN.

CONTINUED TO NOV 21 AT 6:00PM

Yeas 5(Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage & Daly O’Brien)

Nays 3 (Barrett, Sullivan, Michitson)

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9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

No Schedule

10. Appointments

No Schedule

Councillor Macek returned to chambers

11. Petitions:

Notice of Hearing from Department of Public Utilities on a petition from Mass and Nantucket Electric Companies each doing business as National Grid for approval by Dept of Public Utilities of ten long-term contracts for procurement of renewable energy and renewable energy certificates from ten individual renewable energy projects to be held on Wednesday, November 29th at 2:00 pm at the Department’s offices One South Station, 5th floor, Boston, MA.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

123

Application from Daniel Plourde Sr. of Lorraine Post 29 VFW to close streets along Route 125 for *53rd Annual VFW Santa Parade*; Sunday, November 19 at 1:00PM; Bradford to Haverhill; *Has approvals from Police, Fire & DPW*

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Tag Days:

Shoemaker’s Baseball, December 9 & 10

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

46M

Annual License Renewals:

Hawker/Peddler:

Paul Abare - to sell Christmas trees, wreaths, baskets, kissing balls & decorations at 403 River st;
 November 18 to December 24, Monday – Sunday 8:00AM to 9:30PM
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 97D

Milton Russell – to sell Christmas trees & wreaths at 24 Summer st; November 25 to December 23,
 Monday – Friday 3:00PM – 8:00PM; Saturday & Sunday 10:00AM – 6:00PM
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 97E

Drew Patuto – to sell Christmas trees, wreaths & decorations at 97 Locust st; November 22 to December 26,
 Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 9:00PM
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 97F

12. Motions and Orders

ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize payment of bills of previous years and to further authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
Grainger	\$171.40	Public Property	
Pest-End	\$120.00	Public Property	
2-Way Communications	\$568.70	Police Department	
Black Box Resale Service	\$105.00	Wastewater	
Francis H Maroney Inc	\$81.79	Police Department	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	17M

13. ORDINANCES (File 10 days)

No Schedule
 Monthly Reports
 Abatement report from Board of Assessors for month of October 2017
 PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 22K

14. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett inquiring on *National Grid's* preparedness for the recent storm of October 29

COUNCILLOR BARRETT REMARKED THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE WITHOUT POWER 5 DAYS AFTER THE STORM. SHE WOULD LIKE THE MAYOR TO REQUEST FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES A COPY OF THE REPORT THAT NATIONAL GRID WILL BE FILING WITH THEM
 LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 120E

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion on FY'18 free cash, the tax rate and the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program
 ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO TABLE TO 11/28 Yeas 9, Nays 0 120F

Communication was received from Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien requesting a discussion about a crosswalk on Washington st in front of *Wang's Table*
 ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO TABLE TO EITHER 11/28 OR 12/5 MEETING
 TABLED TO EITHER 11/28 OR 12/5 Yeas 9, Nays 0 120G

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting a discussion about a crosswalk on Carleton st in front of the entrance to Casablanca condominiums
 ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO TABLE TO EITHER 11/28 OR 12/5 MEETING
 TABLED TO EITHER 11/28 OR 12/5 Yeas 9, Nays 0 120H

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting a discussion about a traffic pattern change at Saltonstall Square
 COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE INFORMED THAT THE TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE IS ALREADY WORKING ON THIS ISSUE
 PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 120I

15. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 114-B
 MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 An Ordinance Relating to Parking
 13 ½ Grove st – Delete Handicapped Parking (see document for complete text)
 PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 114B

Document 114-C
 MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 An Ordinance Relating to Parking
 6 John Street – Establish Handicap Parking (see document for complete text)
 PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 114C

16. Resolutions And Proclamation

No Schedule

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

President Michitson announced the Haverhill Housing Production Plan meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 20, 6:00PM at City Hall, room 301.

Councillor McGonagle announced that Councillor Vargas will be sworn in tomorrow, Nov. 15 at the State House as State Representative.

18. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 11-P – Handout from Patrick Roche, Haverhill Streetlight Purchase & LED Retrofit Opportunity
*Doc.106 – Petition from Reggie King, opposition to building of new building at 108 Harrison St.