



# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202  
4 Summer Street

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

Absent – Councillor McGonagle

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

**1. Opening Prayer**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting**

Approval of minutes of December 5th & December 12th meetings

The minutes were approved

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

**4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting**

Councillor Barrett was assigned the minutes

**ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO SPEAK ABOUT FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR VICTIMS OF FIRE ON PHILIP STREET ON DEC 18**

**RULES SUSPENDED**

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Councillor Bevilacqua informed that Jim Castle will be coordinating efforts to help fundraise for victims of fire.

Checks can be made payable to Stephen Clark, owner of Lucky’s Pizza or dropped off there. Also, a GoFund Me Page has been set up. Phone contact 978 914-7777.

**5. Communications from the Mayor**

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini notifying Council that after review of City’s RFP, the City awards the solar contract on the landfill to Kearsarge Energy. Further details will be provided before the next Council meeting.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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**6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees**

Communication from Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director, submitting Order relating to Electric Easement at 131 Amesbury rd to supply power to water treatment plant

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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**ORDERED:** That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to grant on behalf of City of Haverhill a certain electric easement for the premises located at 131 Amesbury Road to Mass Electric Company (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

60DD

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

Hearing was held on Document 124, a petition for pole location and wire location from National Grid, North Andover for Jackson st; Plan 24806624. With Ken Doby from National Grid appearing in favor. No one was opposed.

Hearing closed.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

124

**ORDERED:** Order granting National Grid pole and wire location for Jackson st (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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**8. Hearings and Related Order**

No Schedule

**9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28**

No Schedule

**10. Appointments:**

Confirming Appointments :

Kaitlin Wright 17 Belvidere rd to the Cultural Council; appointment effective immediately and to expire Dec 31 2018

MS. WRIGHT INTRODUCED HERSELF

CONFIRMED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Non-Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

**11. Petitions:**

Notice of Filing, Public Hearings and Procedural Conference from *Department of Public Utilities* being a petition from *Boston Gas* and *Colonial Gas Companies* each doing business as *National Grid*, for approval of General Increases in Base Distribution Rates for Gas Service; listing public hearings - with Haverhill’s to be Wednesday, January 31st 2018; 6:00 pm; City Hall room 301 and the last meeting being on February 8 2018 at Lowell City Hall

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

131

Applications:

No Schedule

Drainlayer License Renewals 2018:

The following were all granted:

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Charles Beshara	129N
James Boraczek	129O
Paul D Busby	129P
Glenn Daigle	129Q
Rocci DeLucia Jr.	129R
Scott Falconer	129S
Thomas B Hodgson	129T
Scott Karpinski	129U
Douglas Robbins	129V
Ryan Scott	129W

**12. Motions and Orders**

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

	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
	Nutter, McClellan & Fish,LLP (9)	\$59,764.77	Recycling-Solid Waste	
PASSED				Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 17P

**13. ORDINANCES (File 10 days)**

No Schedule

Monthly Reports

Abatement report from Assessor for month of November 2017

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**14. Communications from Councillors**

Communication was received from Councillor Vargas requesting to introduce Derrick Heins to discuss an opportunity to support veterans and agriculture

MR. HEINS PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF TATTERSALL FARM, 542 NORTH BROADWAY, TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE FOR VETERANS. THEY WOULD ACQUIRE 85 ACRES OF LAND TO CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY GREENHOUSES, LIVESTOCK BARN AND EQUIPMENT SHEDS. THIS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE USE OF THE EXISTING HOUSE TO HOUSE VETERANS WHILE THEY WORK THE FARM. THE PROPOSAL WAS DENIED BY THE TATTERSALL FARM CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TRUST. MR. HEINS WAS SEEKING COUNCIL SUPPORT OF THEIR EFFORTS AND ASSIST WITH CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH THE BOARD.\*

REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Absent 1 120V

Communication was received from Councillor Vargas requesting a discussion on supporting new and early stage businesses in Haverhill

COUNCILLOR VARGAS HAD WILLIAM PILLSBURY GIVE A SUMMARY OF MARKETING TOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN CREATED DURING THE PAST YEAR TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES NAVIGATE CITY HALL. THE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT WAS SUPPORTED BY THE HAVERHILL FOUNDATION WITH ASSISTANCE OF HC MEDIA. CITY DEPARTMENTS WERE INVOLVED. NATE ROBERTSON SHOWED A VIDEO WITH PHOTOS TAKEN BY HIM WITH A DRONE. HAVERHILLBUSINESSPORTAL.COM CAN BE ACCESSED THRU THE CITY'S WEBSITE ECONOMIC & DEVELOPMENT WEB PAGE. PRESIDENT MICHITSON URGED THE CITY TO KEEP THE WEBSITE CURRENT.\*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 120W

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion on and to refer to committee for action, the topic of: Strengthening the City's control, oversight and education in all areas of concern that are either directly or indirectly related to underage and /or the illegal use of marijuana and other controlled substances and paraphernalia within the City

REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Absent 1 120X

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion on, and to refer to committee for further study and intervention, a chronic traffic issue and public safety concern on South Chestnut Street, in Bradford

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 7, Abstain 1(Barrett), Absent 1 120Y

Communication from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting to discuss the State Cannabis Panel actions last week regarding recreational marijuana guidelines

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT N. ANDOVER TOWN COUNSEL ADVISED BOARD MEMBERS THAT A ZONING MORATORIUM ON RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT PROTECTION AGAINST RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO CITY SOLICITOR ASKING HIM TO DEVELOP AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD BAN THE SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA IN HAVERHILL

MOTION FAILED Yeas 2 (Bevilacqua, LePage) Nays 6

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SEND LETTER TO CITY SOLICITOR ASKING HIS OPINION ON LEGALITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE OF MARIJUANA. ALSO, CAN THE CITY CREATE A ZONE TO CONTROL THE SALE OF AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA Yeas 7, Nays 1(Bevilacqua) Absent 1

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

**15. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings**Document 69-B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

Washington Street:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of Chapter 240, "Article XIII. Schedules," parking in the current two – two (2) hour spaces – in front of 170 Washington Street, south side, and nearest to the Comeau Bridge, shall be time limited to fifteen (15) minute spaces solely for the purpose of loading and unloading. These provisions shall be in force until June 19, 2018, at which time the above spaces shall revert to two (2) hour spaces.

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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**16. Resolutions And Proclamation****17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements**

Councillor LePage announced this was the last Council meeting for the year.

Councillors warmly praised Councillor Vargas on his completed term on the Council and wished him much success as he assumes his elected position to complete Rep. Dempsey's term for the Third Essex District representative.

**18. Documents Referred To Committee Study**

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk

\*Doc. 120V – Handout from Derrick Heins, New England Veterans Agriculture Resources, Tattersall Farm information booklet

\*Doc. 120W – Handout from William Pillsbury – Haverhill Promotional packet