



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Daly O’Brien, and Sullivan.
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas
Absent – Councillor Macek
Councillor Vargas participated remotely due to geographic distance.

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved. 7 yeas, Absent 2 (Macek, LePage)

- 4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Barrett was assigned the minutes

- 5. Communications from the Mayor
Mayor Fiorentini requests to have Mike Stankovich, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director and/or Franco Cordano, Recycling Coordinator, give an update on our trash removal and recycling programs

Councillor LePage arrived

MIKE STANKOVICH GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. MAJOR GOAL WAS TO REDUCE TRASH AND INCREASE RECYCLING. ALSO, IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY. APRIL 2016, 21,000 WHEELED TRASH CARTS WERE DEPLOYED, 188 SIGNED UP FOR ADDITIONAL CARTS, 192 EXCHANGED 64 GAL.FOR 32 GAL, 38 CARTS NEEDED REPAIRS. NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANLINESS IMPROVED. YEAR TO DATE, 17% IN TRASH REDUCTION & 20% INCREASE IN RECYCLING. ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$220-\$240,000. NEW OFFERING WAS TO HAVE CHRISTMAS TREES RECYCLED INSTEAD OF INCINERATED. NEW OFFERING TO HAVE LEAF AND GRASS COLLECTION CURBSIDE ON APRIL 15 & JUNE 10. MR. STANKOVICH IS STILL EXPLORING HAVING A LOCAL TRASH STATION. OVERALL, THE PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 11C

- 6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
- 7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

Document 25; petition from Verizon New England and Mass Electric Co requesting Joint pole Relocation on East Broadway (plan P2016-4AORT8J)
Document 25-B; Order – grant Verizon NE & Mass Electric Co Joint Pole Relocation on East Broadway
DOC. 25 & 25B WERE POSTPONED – NO REPRESENTATIVE Yeas 8, Absent 1 25 & 25B

- 8. Hearings and Related Orders

Document 53-BBB/2016; Petition from George J Zambouras for Shawqi A Alsarabi, Trustee of Bradford Green Condominium Trust requesting acceptance of a portion of South Cogswell st as a Public Way
favorable recommendation from Planning Board & Planning Director as proposed
HEARING OPENED
GEORGE ZAMBOURAS REPRESENTED THE PETITIONER.
HEARING CLOSED 53BBB/2016

ORDERED: That the following street herein described be accepted as a public way – South Cogswell
(see document for complete text)
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO ACCEPT A PORTION OF SOUTH COGSWELL STREET WITH THE ORDER OF CONDITIONS FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 53BBB/2016

- 9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Ron MacLeod, 162 North av requests to discuss traffic safety on City Streets, specifically but not limited to “stop signs”, the criteria for such and speed limit posting.
RON MACLEOD WAS LOOKING FOR ANSWERS. SAYS NOTHING IS BEING DONE. EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NORTH AVE, SO PROSPECT, SO. ELM AND SO PLEASANT STREETS. HE WAS TOLD THAT JOHN PETTIS IS REVIEWING THE REPORT FOR NORTH AVE AND WILL GET ANSWERS TO HIM BY THE END OF THE WEEK.
PLACED ON FILE 36

- 10. Appointments

Confirming Appointments:

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Mayor’s Representative on the *Haverhill Community Television Board of Directors - Reappointment*;
Stanley Colten, 62 Upland av; Appointment expires February 24 2018
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 2H
Thomas Sullivan, 77 Longview st Bike Committee -
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 2I

11. Petitions

Petitions:

Applications:

Haverhill Exchange Club, “Child Abuse Walk”, Saturday, April 8; 8 am – 2 pm; at parking lot next to Haverhill Police Station; Bailey Blvd; has Police Dept approval
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2(Macek,Vargas) 16C

Applications/Handicap Parking Signs - New:

Kimberly Bradley at 13 Highland st
 REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 3E

Sandra Valenkas at 19 Arch av
 REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 3F

Annual License Renewals:

Drainlayer Renewals 2017:

David Deloury
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 7Z
 Kenneth M Pierce Jr
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 37

Taxi Driver License:

Jose R Morales – 7 Central st ;New, *Haverhill Taxi*
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 38

Michael Shippee – 16 7th av; Renewal, *A Family Cab*
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 38B

Kenneth J Robinson – 214 Winter st;; “ “ “ “
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 38C

Shawn Noel – 8 Shepherd st; Renewal, *Haverhill Taxi*
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 38D

Richard L Gerrish Jr – 187 Main st “ “ “
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 38E

David McLaughlin – 15 Grandview rd Renewal, *A Family Cab*
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 38F

Lynn Lassor – 4 F st “ “ “ “
 GRANTED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 38G

12. Motions and Orders

No Schedule

12A. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
 95 Blaisdell Street – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
 (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9I

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
 102 Blaisdell Street – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
 (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9J

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
 104 Blaisdell Street – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
 (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9K

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
 Corner of Blaisdell St.and Marshall St– DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
 (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9L

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
 93 Bellevue Avenue – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
 (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9M

12B. MONTHLY REPORTS

Abatement report from Board of Assessors for month of January 2017

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 22B

13. Communications from Councillors

Communication from President Michitson requesting to introduce Noah Koretz of MassDevelopment to describe the Better Block initiative slated for this Spring

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NOAH KORETZ STATED THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD ON MAY 6TH AND THIS THURSDAY EVENING THE BETTER BLOCK TEAM FROM TEXAS WILL MEET AT THE GR. HAVERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE EVENT WILL BUILD A PROTOTYPE MODULAR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CITY TO USE. IT WILL INCLUDE POPUPS, RETAIL, FOOD, AND RETAIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH HAVERHILL O+ EVENT.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 31N

Communication from President Michitson and Councillor Vargas requesting to propose a workshop with Haverhill Police Dept to identify gaps in police coverage and to address solutions
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek, Vargas) 31O

Communication from Councillor Vargas requesting to introduce Haley Moschella to discuss the Haverhill O+ festival occurring May 6th
HALEY MOSCHELLA DESCRIBED THE HAVERHILL O+ EVENT WHICH CONNECTS UNINSURED/ UNDERINSURED WITH WELLNESS COMMUNITY. MUSICIANS, ARTISTS & VOLUNTEERS EXCHANGE THEIR SERVICES AND RECEIVE WELLNESS SERVICES. EVENT WILL BE HELD ON MAY 6TH AT LOCATIONS ON MERRIMACK ST, WASHINGTON ST. AND WINGATE STREET. MURALS WILL BE ON DISPLAY. POPUP CLINIC WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE REGISTERED.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 31P

Communication from Councillor Barrett requesting to have a representative of *Team Haverhill* to speak about the *Possible Dreams* event on March 6th
KEVIN BURKE FROM TEAM HAVERHILL STATED THIS WILL BE THE 9TH EVENT AT AND GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE EVENT. TEAM HAVERHILL IS A VOLUNTTER ACTION GROUP. POSSIBLE DREAMS EVENT WILL BE MARCH 6TH FROM 7-9PM AT NECC. PUBLIC WELCOME.
PLACED ON FILE 31Q

Communication from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion on the detrimental effects of the opioid epidemic on our community and potential strategies to address it
COUNCILLOR LEPAGE GAVE A PRESENTATION. IN 2016 THERE WERE 302 OVERDOSES IN HAVERHILL. IN 2013 – 192 OVERDOSES; 2014 – 275 OVERDOSES. HAVERHILL RANKS #6 IN STATE FOR OPIOID DEATHS PER CAPITA. IN 2014 MAYOR APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS TO HAVERHILL DRUG TASK FORCE LATER RENAMED TO HAVERHILL OVERDOSE PREVENTION & EDUCATION (HOPE) TASKFORCE. MIDDLE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM IS OFFERED TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS HAVE ONE HEALTH CARE TEACHER ASSIGNED TO EACH MIDDLE SCHOOL.THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SPOKE ABOUT THE OPIOID CRISIS: KEVIN COPPINGER, ESSEX COUNTY SHERRIFF; KATE MARCHETTE FROM SENATOR MARKEY’S OFFICE; REP. DIANA DIZOGGIO, TATUM MORTIMER FROM REP. DEMPSEY’S OFFICE, PHIL LAHEY FROM MERRIMACK VALLEY PREVENTION & SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROJECT (MVPASAP), KURT BRIGHAM – TRINITY AMBULANCE, PIERCE CELEBRATI – RECOVERING ADDICT, TINA CROTO – PASTOR, GRANITE UNITED CHURCH IN HAVERHILL, KIM BOISELLE – HOPE TASK FORCE & KATIE RYAN – HOPE TASK FORCE WHO GOES OUT WITH POLICE WHEN THERE IS AN OVERDOSE. OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS SUPPORT THE PROPOSED LAW “No Wrong Door”. IN 2016 THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 2,000 OVERDOSE DEATHS, 1, 500 CASES WERE DUE TO FENTANYL. THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE AWARENESS AND PUBLIC CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS PANDEMIC. RATES ARE INCREASING.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 31R

Communication from Councillor LePage requesting an update on the economic environmental benefits of the automated trash collection and recycling programs
MIKE STANKOVICH, DPW DIRECTOR STATED THERE WAS A 17-20% REDUCTION IN TRASH TONNAGE GOING TO COVANTA WITH AN ESTIMATED \$220-\$240,000 YEAR COST SAVINGS.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 31S

Communication from Councillor McGonagle requesting a discussion about Tag Days on public streets
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 31T

Communication from Councillor Barrett requesting to recommend a pre-Budget conference in March with Mayor, City Council and residents for preview of FY18 budget and Mayor’s priorities, to solicit feedback from citizens
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 31U

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting that budget meetings be held in each quadrant of the City
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 31V

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to propose a new Haverhill economic development identity
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 31W

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding *Earth Day*
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 31X

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Communication from Councillor Sullivan requesting to discuss a Safer Bus Stops program in the City
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 31Y

Communication from Councillor Sullivan requesting the Mayor or his appointee speak to the Council
regarding the status of sidewalk repairs in 2016 and 2017
POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 31Z

14. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings

Document 9-F

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
11 NORFOLK STREET – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text)

POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9F

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
110 BLAISDELL STREET #1 – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text)

POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9G

Document 9-H

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
11 PILGRIM ROAD– DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text)

POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 9H

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 208
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SEWERS AND DRAINS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 208, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

By deleting the title of Chapter 208 and inserting the following in place thereof: “Chapter 208. Sewers and Drains”

By deleting the title of Article I and inserting the following in place thereof: “Article I. General Provisions and Definitions”

By deleting the title of § 208.1 and inserting the following in place thereof: “§ 208-1.1. Administration”

By inserting the following in Article 1: “§208-1.2. Purpose” (see document for complete text)

ROBERT WARD, DEPUTY DPW DIRECTOR, STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENTS TO CH. 208 OF THE CITY CODE ARE TO PROHIBIT DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS (ILLICIT DISCHARGES) TO THE CITY’S STORM WATER SYSTEM.

PASSED Yeas 7, Absent 2(Macek,Vargas) 35

15. Resolutions and Proclamations

16. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage submits Minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held February 22nd 2017

POSTPONED TO MARCH 7, 2017 Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas) 23F

17. Documents Referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 o’clock P.M. Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Macek,Vargas)

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc.31-R – Handout from Councillor LePage – Presentation – 2016 Haverhill MA Opiate Overdoses