



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 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, Daly O’Brien
Councillor Macek participated remotely due to geographic distance.
Absent – Councillor 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 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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

- 5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting permission for City Solicitor William D Cox Jr., to brief the City Council on the retention of legal counsel to commence suit against pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors for their responsibility in the ongoing opioid crisis
SOLICITOR COX INFORMED THAT THE CITY IS JOINING COUNTIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY FILING SUIT AGAINST THE NATION’S LARGEST PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN CAUSING OPIOID EPIDEMIC. OPIOD RELATED DEATHS ARE INCREASING ANNUALLY. THE CITY HAS RETAINED SERVICES OF SCOTT & SCOTT, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, LLP ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS. WE WILL FILE INITIALLY IN MASS. SUPERIOR COURT TO PRESERVE OUR CLAIM UNDER STATE LAW.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 1C

- 6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS THE WHITE BUILDING BEHIND THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT
RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Councillor Bevilacqua stated that he heard than an RFP had been issued for the white building. He requested to have letter sent to Mayor asking what his concept is for the building.

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

- 7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
No Schedule
- 8. Hearings and Related Orders
No Schedule
- 9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
No Schedule

- 10. Appointments:
No Schedule

- 11. Petitions:
No Schedule

- 12. Motions and Orders
No Schedule

- 13. ORDINANCES (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
An Ordinance Relating to Parking
9 Thorndike – Delete Handicap Parking (see document for complete text)
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 22

- 14. Monthly Reports
No Schedule

- 15. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting a discussion about the Goecke Parking Garage.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT REMARKED ABOUT THE FAILED SPRINKLER SYSTEM DUE TO BROKEN PIPES AND COSTS DURING PAST YEAR FOR LIGHTING REPAIRS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR INQUIRING ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS BY UTILE STUDY AND FUTURE PLANS FOR GOECKE GARAGE

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7Q

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding tree planting options.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED ESTABLISHING RULES ABOUT TREE PLANTING: PLANTING ACROSS THE STREET IF THERE ARE POWER LINES ON ONE SIDE, IF THERE ARE TELEPHONE POLES THEN TREES WOULD BE OFFSET FROM THE POLES. IN NEW SUB-DIVISIONS, WIRES WOULD BE UNDERGROUND. ALSO, PRIVATE PROPERTY CONSIDERATIONS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND CONCEPT LETTER TO ENGINEERING, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING DIRECTOR Yeas 7, Nays 1(Barrett) Absent 1 7R

Communication was received from Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the intersection of Carleton st at Broadway

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT DRIVERS DON'T STOP AT END OF 495 EXIT RAMP ONTO BROADWAY AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO TURN ONTO BROADWAY AT END OF CARLETON STREET.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO POLICE CHIEF ASKING FOR ELECTRONIC SPEED LIMIT UNIT BE PLACED NEAR EXIT RAMP. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7S
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO ENGINEERING, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & POLICE CHIEF SEEKING ADVICE ON HOW TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & TRAFFIC FLOW AT CARLETON/BROADWAY INTERSECTION

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7S

Communication was received from Councillor Timothy Jordan requesting to introduce Joe Kennedy from the L'Arche Irenicon Board of Directors, to provide brief update on their mission and invite public to attend their fundraiser on February 10 2018.

JOE KENNEDY ANNOUNCED THAT SACRED HEARTS IS SPONSORING A HAM & BEAN SUPPER FUNDRAISER FOR L'ARCHE ON FEB 10TH AT 5:00PM IN THE GYM. JENNIFER MATHEWS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR L'ARCHE BOSTON SPOKE ABOUT THE 4 HOMES IN HAVERHILL AND INTRODUCED CORE MEMBER JOHN ANTON. THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7T

16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

No Schedule

17. Resolutions And Proclamation

No Schedule

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Melinda Barrett, Chairperson, submits the Minutes of the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting held on January 29 2018

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO POSTPONE TO FEB 13 Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 8B

Councillor LePage announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Feb. 15 at 7:00PM in the City Council office, Room 204. Agenda items to be discussed are graffiti, city council meeting minutes, citizen inquiry/request referral system, city council rules and regulations and city's capital improvement program. He also announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:00PM in the City Council office, Room 204. Agenda items to be discussed are marijuana guidelines and President Michitson's request to establish city council goals for 2018-2020.

19. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk