



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Hunking School Auditorium – 480 South Main St, Bradford
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 Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved. Yeas 9, Nays 0
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor McGonagle was assigned the minutes.
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)

No Schedule
8. Hearings and Related Orders

No Schedule
9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
10. Appointments:
 - Confirming Appointments:

Kyle Guy, Washington st Historic District Commission, expires March 14 2018

CONFIRMED Yeas 8, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 1C
 - Non-Confirming Appointments:

Robert Pothier, Friends of the Bradford Rail Trail Advisory Committee

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 2K
 - AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS -

Robert Brancato, Selenni Garcia, Neftaly Lopez, Handry Mejia-Tejada, Linn Morten, Jamie Silverio, Emmanuel Terrero

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 2L
11. Petitions:
 - Meredith George for Essex National Heritage Commission requesting to hang a banner on Main st side of the Goecke Parking Deck from September 14-24, to highlight Essex Heritage’s signature regional event-Trails & Sails: Two Weekends of Walks and Water

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 42
 - Petition from Attorney Vincent C Manzi Jr for *Winn Development Company*; requesting Hearing for Special Permit for Mixed-Use Development in a 40-R District; for redevelopment of the Mill property located at 14 Stevens st – 82 apartment units with a small street level restaurant

REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING MAY 2, 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 43
 - Applications:
 - Diana Flahive for Neurofibromatosis Northeast, 7th Annual “Coast to the Cure” Bike Ride, to ride through Haverhill; September 9, 7:00AM to 3:00PM

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 16D
 - Jenn McAninch for *Granite United Church*, to hold 1 mile Jericho Walk for Hope and Healing; May 20; 10AM to 12NOON

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 16E
 - Tag Days:
 - Disabled American Veterans, June 1, 2, 3

POSTPONED TO APRIL 19 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 20X
 - Korean War Veterans , September 28, 29, 30

POSTPONED TO APRIL 19 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 20Y
 - Exchange Club, June 10

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 20Z

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Annual License Renewals:

Hawker Peddlers License Renewals 2017

Coin-Op License Renewals 2017:

Skateland, 19 Railroad av, 13 Machines – *new*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 5H

Sunday Coin-Op License Renewals 2017:

Skateland, 13 Sunday Machines – *new*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 6H

Drainlayer license 2017: William Stevenson – *new*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 37B

Michael W Reilly – renewal

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 37C

Taxi Driver License: Renewals

Irene Karantonis, 4 Carriage Hill rd, Amesbury

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 38H

Shannon Glazier, 59 Arch st

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 38I

Taxi License:

No Schedule

12 Motions and Orders

ORDERED: That the sum of \$76,895.00 be transferred to the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Capital Project account from Water Carbon Filters Capital Project account

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29E

ORDERED: That the sum of \$93,125 be transferred from the Salary Reserve account in the amounts stated to the following General Fund Accounts to fund Fire Safety Services Salary Ordinance dated January 24, 2017:

Fire Salaries \$69,475

Fire Overtime \$23,650

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29F

ORDERED: That the sum of \$8,160.53 be transferred to the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Capital Project account from Western Ave Water Main Betterment Capital Project account

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29G

12A. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

13 Highland St – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9N

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

19 Arch Av – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9O

ORDERED: That \$3,651,699.00 is appropriated in addition to the \$37,484,000.00 previously appropriated, for the purpose of financing the engineering and construction of improvements to the water treatment plant including without limitation all costs thereof; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$3,651,699.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; (see document for complete text)

Related communication from Robert Ward DPW Director

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 44

Further Ordered: That the second clause of the \$37,484.00 loan order (Document 15-C) of the City adopted by this Council on June 7, 2016 is hereby amended so as to read “that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$37,484,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C. (see document for complete text)

Related communication from Robert Ward DPW Director

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 44B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

17 Vine St. Apt.1 – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9P

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING 5 th Avenue No. 24 – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING (see document for complete text) PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days	CHAPTER 240	Yeas 9, Nays 0	9Q
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING (City Hall Parking) Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Chapter 240, of the Haverhill City Code, § 240-88. Schedule E: City Parking Lots, as amended, be further amended as follows: In the subsection entitled “City Hall Parking Lot” by deleting the date “4/4/2016”, and, by inserting in place thereof the date “03/15/2017”. <i>Related communication from William Cox, City Solicitor</i> PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days	CHAPTER 240	Yeas 9, Nays 0	45
12B. MONTHLY REPORTS Abatement report for the month of February 2017 PLACED ON FILE		Yeas 9, Nays 0	22C
13 Communications from Councillors Communication was received from President Michitson requesting Mayor Fiorentini and Deputy Director Robert Ward provide explanation of recent notification to residents about a malfunction at the water treatment plant in December – why weren’t citizens notified sooner and was there any risk to residents? MR. WARD REVIEWED THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ON DEC.11 TH WHICH LED TO THE VIOLATION RELATED TO THE DISENFECTING PROCESS. THE PLANT LOST POWER AND THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE WAS NOT FOLLOWED. THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WERE TOLD THERE WAS NO CONCERN. THE PUBLIC WAS NOT PUT AT RISK. THERE WERE NO EXCEEDANCE OF CONTAMINANTS IN THE WATER.SAFEGUARDS WERE IMMEDITATELY PUT IN PLACE TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE. ON FEB 7 TH THEY RECEIVED NOTIFICATION FROM DEP THAT THEY HAD TO GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE. COUNCIL EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED OF THIS ISSUE IN ADVANCE. PLACED ON FILE		Yeas 9, Nays 0	41B
Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to provide status on free parking on Merrimack st to attend Veterans’ Clinic POSTPONED TO MARCH 28 2017		Yeas 9, Nays 0	41C
Communication was received from President Michitson and Councillor Vargas requesting to introduce “The Prospect City Summit” being planned with UMass Lowell for smaller sized cities seeking to thrive in the next economy, and to recommend an associated “Smart Cities” initiative for Haverhill POSTPONED TO MARCH 28 2017		Yeas 9, Nays 0	41D
Communication was received from Councillor Daly O’Brien requesting to discuss an issue with a catch basin in the area of 49 Lowell av POSTPONED TO APRIL 4 2017		Yeas 9, Nays 0	41E
Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting to introduce Joanne Bissetta of Mass Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to inform on the benefits of Haverhill being designated a Green Community MS. BISSETTA GAVE A POWERPOINT OVERVIEW OF THE GREEN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM AND QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION. BENEFITS INCLUDE STREET LIGHT RETROFITS AND GRANT FUNDING. RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE 185 COMMUNITIES AND RECENTLY 30 COMMUNITIES WERE ADDED. THE PROGRAM WILL ALLOW A TWO YEAR LOOK BACK AT ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS THE CITY HAS IMPLEMENTED. ORLANDO PACHECO, HAVERHILL ENERGY MANAGER, ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS. LETTER TO MAYOR		Yeas 9, Nays 0	41F
Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion regarding Mass Save Energy Assessment Program and its benefits to residents and the City CHRISTINA ROBECKER GAVE A POWERPOINT OVERVIEW OF THE MASS SAVE PROGRAM. THE INTENT IS TO INCREASE ENERGY EFFICIENCY. MASSACHUSETTS IS RANKED #1 IN THE COUNTRY. THE CITY SELECTED HOME WORKS ENERGY TO DO THE HOME ASSESSMENTS BUT OTHER VENDORS CAN BE USED. THIS IS A FREE SERVICE. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY CHARGE IN THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRIC BILLS THAT EVERYONE ALREADY PAYS. HOME WORKS COMES INTO YOUR HOME AND CONDUCTS A SURVEY OF ENERGY USE AND WILL SWITCH OUT LIGHT BULBS, SHOWER HEAD(S). HAVERHILL WAS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL GRID COMMUNITY INITIATIVE GRANT. ONE OF THE GOALS IS TO HAVE 1143 HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS COMPLETED. PLACED ON FILE		Yeas 9, Nays 0	41G

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Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion on the effects of the Hale debt along with existing and pending school buildings capital budget debt on the FY18 and future budgets
POSTPONED TO MARCH 28 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 41H

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion relative to possible time and usage changes for the Downtown Business District Washington Street Loading zone
REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 41I

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting to discuss and have an update on street conditions after last Tuesday's storm
COUNCILLORS SPOKE ABOUT THE POOR CONDITIONS OF THE ROADWAYS. USUALLY ROADS ARE IN MUCH BETTER CONDITION AFTER STORMS. DAVE HALL EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT COMMENTS IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT THE POLICE DEPT. THEY RESPONDED TO 64 TREE LIMBS DOWN. KEITH BOUCHER OF URBAN KINDNESS URGED CITY TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR PLOWING SIDEWALKS. LARRY NEWMAN SUGGESTED THE USE OF ROBO CALLS TO ALERT PEOPLE OF POTENTIAL TICKETING/TOWING OF VEHICLES. STEPHANIE LESICZKA, PLOW DRIVER, SPOKE ABOUT THE INTENSITY OF THE STORM AND SUPPORT OF ALTERNATE STREET PARKING.
MIKE STANKOVICH, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GAVE AN EXPLANATION OF THE STORM/ DEVELOPMENT. 185 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT WERE DEPLOYED. THERE WAS 14" OF SNOW ENDING WITH FREEZING RAIN. ONE GRADER WENT DOWN. HE IS GETTING PRICING OF GRADERS AS ONE IS 27 YEARS OLD AND ANOTHER IS 23 YEARS OLD. CONSIDERING RENTING. SUGGESTED EDUCATING RESIDENTS ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL POLICY FOR SIDEWALKS.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 41J

14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 9-I
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
95 Blaisdell Street – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text)
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9I

Document 9-J
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
102 Blaisdell Street – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text) Document 9-K
Yeas 9, Nays 0 9J

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
104 Blaisdell Street – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text)
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9K

Document 9-L
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
Corner of Blaisdell St.and Marshall St– DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text)
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9L

Document 9-M
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
93 Bellevue Avenue – DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING
(see document for complete text)
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9M

Document 31-W
Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to propose a new Haverhill economic development identity.
POSTPONED TO APRIL 4 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 31W

Document 31-X; Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Earth Day.
POSTPONED TO MARCH 28 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 31X

Document 39
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

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Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, as amended, be further amended by making the following change to § 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions:

Revise Central Business District Parking Map (Plan 2B/3418 in City Engineer's Office) by removing the current parking space just to the west of Porter Place, on Washington Street, south side.

REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 39

Document 40

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 104

An Ordinance Relating to Amusements-Public Shows and Exhibitions

Amend City Code Chapter 104 Article IV; Street Performers (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 40

14 RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

15 Council Committee Reports and Announcements

16 Documents Referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk