



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 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, Macek, Daly O’Brien, and 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 9, Nays 0
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting  
Councillor Daly O’Brien was assigned the minutes

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O’BRIEN AND SECOND BY COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INTRODUCE PROCLAMATION REGARDING DR. CARL F. ROSENBLOOM DAY

RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 39B

Councillor Daly O’Brien read the Proclamation honoring Dr. Rosenbloom’s service to the City for over 30 years and proclaiming March 29, 2018 as Dr. Carl F. Rosenbloom Day

ADOPTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 39B

5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting Statement of Interest from the Superintendent of Schools and the Mayor to the Mass School Building Authority requesting state funding for the Consentino School and requests that School Superintendent James Scully be allowed to address the City Council concerning this matter

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN AND SECOND BY COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR CONSENTINO SCHOOL

RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 39C

Councillor Sullivan read the following resolution into the record;

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 27, 2018, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the City Council of Haverhill, in accordance with its charter and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 13, 2018 for the Consentino School located at 685 Washington Street, Haverhill, MA 01832, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to eliminate existing severe overcrowding; and, replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this State of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Haverhill School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.\*

SUPERINTENDENT SCULLY INFORMED THAT HE HAS MET WITH THE STATE SEVERAL TIMES. THE REALITY IS THAT ONLY ONE SCHOOL PROJECT WILL BE APPROVED. HE AGREED THAT THERE IS OVERCROWDING AT J.G. WHITTIER SCHOOL AND THAT OTHER SCHOOLS (TILTON) ARE IN NEED BUT THAT CONSENTINO SCHOOL IS A PRIORITY. HE SUGGESTED THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO LOOK AT FINANCES TO JUSTIFY A WAY TO PAY FOR OTHER SCHOOLS. COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE SOI IS THE SAME ONE THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AND REJECTED AND THAT THE CITY HAS TO START LONG RANGE PLANNING TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES/NEEDS OF AGING SCHOOLS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN AND SECOND BY COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST (SOI) FOR THE CONSENTINO SCHOOL

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT AND SECOND BY COUNCILLOR DALY O’BRIEN TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT THE MAYOR FORM A SMALL SUB-COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MAYOR, SUPERINTENDENT, 2 CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, 2 SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES AND FACILITY MANAGER FOR THE SCHOOLS TO MEET AND PLAN FOR NEEDS OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR THE NEXT 5-10 YEARS AND THAT THE MOTION ON THE SOI IS CONTINGENT ON PASSING OF THIS AMENDMENT.

On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Barrett, LePage, Jordan and President Michitson 4

Nays,-Councillors Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Macek, Daly O’Brien, McGonagle 5

AMENDMENT FAILED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR JORDAN AND SECOND BY COUNCILLOR MACEK TO HAVE JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS JOINT PLANNING FOR ALL SCHOOL BUILDINGS

MOTION PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 1(Sullivan)

CHIEF OF STAFF ALLISON HEARTQUIST INFORMED THAT THE MAYOR GUARANTEED THAT A MEETING WILL BE CONVENED WITHIN A WEEK

PRESIDENT MICHITSON ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO BE RECORDED: "THE CITY OF HAVERHILL IS SMART AND WE TAKE STRATEGIC PLANNING SERIOUSLY AND WE MOVE FORWARD AS OF TONIGHT WITH A PLAN TO SIT DOWN TO HAVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL START WORKING TOGETHER ON A LONG RANG PLAN FOR FACILITIES IN THE CITY"

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MAIN MOTION, TO APPROVE THE SOI FOR THE CONSENTINO SCHOOL

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 1(LePage) 40

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT AND SECOND BY COUNCILLOR MACEK TO HAVE MAYOR CONVENE SMALL SUB-COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF 2 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS, 2 CITY COUNCILLORS, SUPERINTENDENT, SCHOOL FACILITY MANAGER AND WHOEVER ELSE IS DECIDED ON TO FACILITATE MEETING ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS NEEDS

On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Sullivan, Barrett, LePage, Jordan, Macek and President Michitson 6

Nays,-Councillors Bevilacqua, Daly O'Brien, McGonagle 3

MOTION PASSED

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees  
No Schedule

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

Petition from National Grid & Verizon New England for joint pole locations on *Lake st*; Plan 19764667-0

COUNCIL HEARING APRIL 24, 2018 Yeas 9, Nays 0 41

Petition from National Grid & Verizon New England for joint pole locations on *Coolidge av*; Plan 19764667-1

COUNCIL HEARING APRIL 24, 2018 Yeas 9, Nays 0 42

Petition from National Grid & Verizon New England for joint pole locations on *Broadway*; Plan 19764667-2 COUNCIL HEARING APRIL 24, 2018

Yeas 9, Nays 43

Petition from National Grid & Verizon New England for joint pole locations on *Thornton av*; Plan 25421712

COUNCIL HEARING APRIL 24, 2018 Yeas 9, Nays 0 44

8. Hearings and Related Orders  
No Schedule

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28  
No Schedule

10. Appointments:  
No Schedule

11. Petitions:

Petition from Joan Parah, Program Director announcing annual *Rebuilding Together Day*, Saturday, April 28th with following requests: 1.) Endorsement of their 26th year event 2.) Invite all elected City officials and community members to participate 3.)Waiving of permit & dumping fees for disposal of white goods (appliances) tires& leaves, relative to program 4.) City yard remain open beyond regular hours for delivery of yard waste and 5.) if approved, notify City's Public Works & Health & Inspectional Departments of the Council's action to ensure full cooperation

**COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE RECUSED HIMSELF AND LEFT CHAMBERS**

JOAN PARAH INFORMED THAT THEY WOULD BE WORKING ON APPROXIMATELY 10 HOUSES. NEED SKILLED AND UNSKILLED VOLUNTEERS. HAVERHILL ELKS LODGE IS THE COMMAND CENTER, NEWCOMB ST, AND WILL SERVE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH. SHE REQUESTED THE ABOVE ITEMS. CONTACT 978 469-0800 or [WWW.REBUILDINGTOGETHER.ORG](http://WWW.REBUILDINGTOGETHER.ORG)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO GRANT APPROVALS AS REQUESTED

ALL REQUESTS GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(McGonagle) 45

**COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE RETURNED TO CHAMBERS**

Applications:

Application from Melissa Seavey, *Events Director of Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce*, who will be here to address the Council, requesting to hold *KidsFEST* Saturday, May 5th, on Merrimack st, Harbor Place area and Boardwalk with following requests: 1.) Merrimack st from Main st to How st including lower deck of the Goecke Parking area be closed for event May 5th from 11 am to 4 pm; with Rain Date of May 6th allowing 2 hours before event and 1 hour after for setup and cleanup of the area 2.) Permission to place signs at intersections throughout the City to promote the event 3.)Waiver of City vendor fees for this event 4.)Permission to use the City stage during the event 5.) Permission to use the electricity from the Goecke Park outlet

MELISSA SEAVEY INFORMED THAT THEY WILL BE SHUTTING DOWN MERRIMACK ST. BETWEEN WHITE'S CORNER AND HOW STREET. SHE HAS MET WITH CAPT. WRENN (HPD) SO THAT THE LEAST AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE STREET CLOSURE. EVENTS WILL BE PLANNED TO HIGHLIGHT THE BOARDWALK.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO GRANT APPROVALS OF ITEMS REQUESTED IN LETTER DATED MARCH 1, 2018

ALL REQUESTS GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 46

Applications/Handicap Parking Signs:

William Belkus 2 Irving av (renewal)  
RENEWAL PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 47

Drainlayer License *Renewal* for 2018:

Fred Ramey  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 100

Taxi Driver License *Renewals* for 2018:

Cheryl Zuccola, 13 South Elm st  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 18G

David McLaughlin, 15 Grand View rd  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 18H

Rafael Lebron, 25 High st  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 18I

**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 further authorize the payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed below:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
Ethan Zimmer-Legal Consultant	\$15,075.00	Law Department	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	36B

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

No Schedule

**14. Monthly Reports**

Financial Reports for the month of February 2018 from City Auditor Charles Benevento  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 48

**15. Communications from Councillors**

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to introduce Melissa Seavey, Events Coordinator, *Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce* to discuss upcoming KidsFEST event and to request license approval and waiver of fees

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN INTRODUCED MS. SEAVEY TO FORMALLY REQUEST WAIVERS  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38F

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to introduce John Parah, Program Director, *Rebuilding Together Greater Haverhill*, to discuss annual event scheduled for April 28th including several related requests relative to the program

COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN INTRODUCED MS. PARAH TO FORMALLY REQUEST WAIVERS  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38G

Communication was received from Councillor Jordan requesting to introduce Joanna Dix from the *Haverhill Education Coalition (HEC)* to brief the Council on the upcoming *Haverhill Reads* event being held on April 4th at 7:00PM at Consentino School

COUNCILLOR JORDAN INTRODUCED MS. DIX TO SPEAK ABOUT UPCOMING EVENT. THEY ARE COLLECTING NEW AND SLIGHTLY USED BOOKS FOR HEADSTART. TRANSPORTATION & TRANSLATION WILL BE PROVIDED. EVENT IS 7-9PM.  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38H

Communication was received from Councillor Jordan requesting to introduce Missy Reid and Brady Finney to promote two upcoming fundraisers to benefit the *Cystic Fibrosis Foundation*

COUNCILLOR JORDAN INTRODUCED BRAD FINNEY WHO WILL BE RUNNING IN THE BOSTON MARATHON. FUNDRAISERS FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AT PEDDLER'S DAUGHTER, 7-10PM; & MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> AT LASTING ROOM AT 10AM.  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38I

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding *Earth Day*, Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT THE CITY WILL BE HOLDING EVENTS ON APRIL 21ST IN RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY. THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO DO THEIR SHARE BY CLEANING UP AROUND THEIR PROPERTIES AND/OR JOINING A CLEAN UP EFFORT  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38J

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to discuss on street parking and the effects on plowing in neighborhoods

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO POSTPONE TO APRIL 3  
POSTPONED TO APRIL 3 Yeas 9, Nays 0 38K

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding crosswalk access after snow storms

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT CROSSING THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE LANDMARK BUILDING AND SIDEWALK ACCESS TO MARKET BASKET AFTER THE RECENT STORM. SIDEWALK HAD BEEN PLOWED/CLEANED BUT MARKET BASKET SNOW REMOVAL CAUSED SNOW TO OBSTRUCT SIDEWALK AT ENTRYWAY  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT CHECKING SIDEWALK ACCESS IN AND AROUND THE DOWNTOWN AREA AFTER SNOW STORMS  
Yeas 9, Nays 0 38L

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding notification to citizens before storms

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STRESSED THE NEED FOR CITY TO BE BETTER PREPARED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR & APPROPRIATE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO DO A ROBO CALL INFORMING PEOPLE WHERE TO GO IF THEY ARE IN NEED OF HEAT, SHELTER, MEDICAL ATTENTION; AND FOR CITY TO DEVELOP REGISTRY THAT IF POWER IS OFF FOR EXTENDED TIME THOSE WITH CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS WOULD BE IDENTIFIED, I.E, THOSE WHO USE OXYGEN TANKS; SEND LETTER TO HOUSING AUTHORITY ASKING THAT DURING PERIODS OF STORMS, EITHER BEFORE/DURING, THAT ELDERLY HOUSING MANAGEMENT WOULD CHECK ON RESIDENTS TO SEE IF THEY ARE PREPARED. COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN INFORMED THAT OXYGEN COMPANIES KEEP TABS ON USERS AND THAT VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION (VNA) STILL GOES OUT IN INCLEMENT WEATHER TO CHECK ON CLIENTS; ALSO, ELDER SERVICES OF MERRIMACK VALLEY KEEPS A LIST OF CLIENTS AND THAT WE SHOULD WORK WITH THESE GROUPS.

LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

**16. Resolutions And Proclamation**

**17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements**

Councillor LePage announced there will be an Administration & Finance Committee meeting on March 29 at 7:00PM in the City Council office, Room 204. Agenda items to be discussed are city's control, oversight, and education related to underage and/or illegal use of marijuana and other controlled substances and paraphernalia in the city; the State Cannabis Control Commission's marijuana guidelines; Graffiti; Storm Water Management and communication from Robert Ward submitting proposed amendment to Ch. 219 of city code.

**18. Documents Referred To Committee Study**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk

\*Doc. 39-C – Resolution