



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 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, 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 Bevilacqua was assigned the minutes.

5. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Fiorentini submits vote required by Mass School Building Authority for Statement of Interest to start the process for Haverhill to request funding support for the renovation of the Consentino School. MAYOR FIORENTINI AND SUPERINTENDENT SCULLY GAVE INTRODUCTORY STATEMENTS. COUNCILLOR LEPAGE STATED THAT THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST DEADLINE IS APRIL 7. COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA REFERENCED THE RESOLUTION VOTE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF INTEREST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY AND MOTIONED TO SUBMIT STATEMENT OF INTEREST

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

11F

Mayor Fiorentini submits Right of First Refusal Under M.G.L. Chapter 61 A, Section 14, 66 Merrimac rd – to not exercise City’s option to Purchase the property at 66 Merrimac rd, Haverhill; Related communication from Stephen Gullo, Tax Assessor; Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director; and Robert Moore Jr, Environmental Health Technician

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O’BRIEN TO WAIVE CITY’S RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

32B

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from Denise McClanahan, HR Director submitting Memorandum of Agreement and Ordinance for the Teamsters Conservation Officers, Animal Control Officers, Police Mechanics, Police Building Maintenance Craftsmen/Custodians and Public Property Building Custodian Group as a result of their recent negotiations

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

12B

Memorandum of Agreement Between City of Haverhill and the Conservation Officers, Animal Control Officers, Police Mechanics (Motor Equipment Repairmen), Police Building Maintenance Craftsmen/ Custodians and Public Property Building Custodian Group – Teamsters Local #170

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

12B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE
An Ordinance Relating to Salaries

CHAPTER
Conservation Officers, Dog Officers
Police Mechanics (ME Repairmen) Police
Building Maintenance Craftsmen/Custodian
Public Property Building Custodian Group

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

12BB

Side Letter Agreement – for Teamster Local #170 as listed - Re: Building Custodian
Related communication from Mayor Fiorentini(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

12BBB

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

No Schedule

8. Hearings and Related Orders

Document 33; Petition from Attorney Robert Harb for applicants Lloyd Jennings and J Bradford Brooks for Special Permit for a Mixed Use – 2 commercial and 2 residential condominiums on the top 2 floors at 128 Washington st; Assessors Map 310, Block 1, Lot 17 and also to erect, construct and maintain and place on and over Phoenix Row a Deck and to Maintain a Dumpster in said Phoenix Row – the first floor is to remain a restaurant ; *Planning Board motioned to withdraw the application and Recommendation from William Pillsbury, Planning Director is to Approve the permit to utilize the alley area to construct a rear deck*

CLERK KOUTOULAS READ INTO THE RECORD WILLIAM PILLSBURY’S LETTER DATED MAR 24 2017 WHICH STATED THAT SPECIAL PERMIT IS NOT REQUIRED. THEY NEED PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT REAR DECK. ATTORNEY HARB REQUESTED 2 WEEK POSTPONEMENT. HE WILL

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RETURN WITH NEW PLANS AS THE VICTOR EMMANUEL LODGE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN A REAR DECK.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO POSTPONE TO APRIL 11 2017.

POSTPONED TO APRIL 11 2017

Yeas 9, Nays 0

33

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

10. Appointments:

No Schedule

11. Petitions:

No Schedule

Applications

Applications/Handicap Parking Signs - New:

No Schedule

Tag Days:

Riverside-Bradford Baseball, June 24

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

46

Annual License Renewals:

Hawker Peddlers License Renewals 2017:

Coin-Op License Renewals 2017:

Sunday Coin-Op License Renewals 2017:

Drainlayer license 2017: Michael McCarthy - renewal

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

37D

Taxi Driver License: Renewals

Monique Lefebvre, 43 Nichols st for A Family Cab

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

38J

Taxi License:

No Schedule

12 Motions and Orders

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
James Page Insurance Agency, Inc	482.44	Liability Ins
W B Mason	404.83	City Clerk
W B Mason	5.06	Assessor
W B Mason	14.78	Treasurer/Collector

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

17C

12A Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 227

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TAG DAYS

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 227, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

§227-7. Soliciting on public ways.

By deleting the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

“No solicitation on or in a public way shall be allowed”

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

47

12B MONTHLY REPORTS

No Schedule

13 Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to introduce Tracy Fuller, Regional Executive Director of the Haverhill YMCA who would like to announce the Y's largest fundraiser, the second annual Legacy event honoring Mary and Ted Murphy.

TRACY FULLER & DIANNE CONNOLLY, YMCA BOARD PRESIDENT, GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE YMCA AND HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAM RESULTS.

FUNDRAISING EVENT WILL BE HELD MAY 6 AT BRADFORD COUNTRY CLUB.*

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41K

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the closing of the Comcast Haverhill office.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO HAVE MAYOR CONTACT COMCAST URGING THEM TO REMAIN IN HAVERHILL & CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41L

Communication from Councillor LePage requesting a status update from Mayor Fiorentini on the School Department's submittal of a Statement of Interest (SOI) for the Consentino School with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to assist the "elimination of existing severe overcrowding and how the problem prevents the district from delivering the educational program it is required to deliver".

THIS ITEM WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE EARLIER DISCUSSION (DOC#11-F)

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41M

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14 Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 31-X; Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Earth Day

EARTH DAY WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 22. COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA URGED RESIDENTS TO GET INVOLVED WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CITY & TO CLEAN UP IN FRONT OF AND AROUND THEIR PROPERTY.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

31X

Document 41-C; Communication from President Michitson requesting to provide status on free parking on Merrimack st to attend Veterans' Clinic

PRESIDENT MICHITSON GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE REQUEST TO PROVIDE FREE PARKING FOR VETERANS TO ATTEND VA CLINICS. THE MAYOR HAS ASKED THE PARKING COMMISSION TO REVIEW. THE PARKING COMMISSION IS RESEARCHING & GATHERING INFORMATION.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41C

Document 41-D; Communication 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 NOAH KORETZ OF MASS DEVELOPMENT GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF SMART CITIES INITIATIVE. THEY ARE WORKING TO ATTRACT MORE BUSINESS INTO THE CITY, ESPECIALLY DOWNTOWN. COUNCILLOR VARGAS REVIEWED POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULED AT UMASS/LOWELL ON MAY 17, WITH A SUMMIT PLANNED FOR FALL AT HARBOR PLACE. PRESIDENT MICHITSON EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT OF SMART CITIES AND WILL WORK TO MAKE IHUB A SUCCESS WITH UMASS AT HARBOR PLACE.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41D

Document 41-H; Communication 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 COUNCILLOR LEPAGE GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. CHUCK BENEVENTO, CITY AUDITOR, ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT DEBT ACTUARIAL TABLES AND PROJECTED CITY DEBT. LAST TIME ACTUARIAL STUDY WAS DONE WAS IN 2002.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO ASK MAYOR TO UPDATE THE ACTUARIAL STUDY

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

Yeas,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, LePage 3

Nays,-Councillors McGonagle, Bevilacqua, Daly O'Brien, Macek, Sullivan and President Michitson 6
MOTION FAILED

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE \$300,000 THAT WAS CHARGED TO THE HUNKING SCHOOL PROJECT FOR BUILDING PERMIT FEES & THE \$14,000 THAT WAS CHARGED FOR ELECTRICAL FEES. THE ELECTRICAL FEE CHARGES HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE HUNKING PROJECT.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE THAT THE CITY RETURN THE \$300,000 TO LOWER THE COST, THE TOTAL COST OF THE HUNKING SCHOOL PROJECT.

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41H

15 RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

16 Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett announced the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting on April 5 at the Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, 409 Washington Street at 7:00PM. Discussion will be with citizens regarding upcoming FY'18 budget hearings and associated neighborhood concerns.

17 DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 41-K – Handout from Tracy Fuller - brochure and flyer for Legacy Event, May 6