



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 7, 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 Vargas was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini announcing he will be giving the 2017 State of the City Address at the new Hunking Middle School Auditorium, 480 So Main st, Tuesday, March 14, at 7:00PM.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

11D

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting Order re: Disposition of Abandoned Funds

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

11E

ORDERED: That the City accept the provisions of Chapter 200A, Section 9A, to allow for disposition of abandoned funds

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

11EE

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

NO SCHEDULE

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

Hearing was held on Document 25, a petition from Verizon New England and Mass Electric Co requesting Joint pole Relocation on East Broadway Plan P2016-4AORT8J. With Everett Bryan from Verizon New England appearing in favor and Frank Moscuza expressing concern about pole removal and replacement to original location. Councillor Macek read the following statement into the record: “Temporarily relocate P 67 & P68 10-15’ +- as requested by the Town of Haverhill for bridge work. Poles to be relocated to their original location once the bridge work is complete” as stated on petition. *

Hearing closed.

25

ORDERED: Order granting Verizon NE & Mass Electric Co Joint Pole Relocation on East Broadway (see document for complete text)

PASSED WITH CONDITION

Yeas 9, Nays 0

25B

8. Hearings and Related Orders

Document 115/2016

Petition from James A Allen; Applicant/Owner; Trustee of J and J Realty Trust for hearing on Application for Major Site Plan Review for Multifamily Dwelling; in the Waterfront District; 0 and 2 South Grove st - for a multifamily housing development containing a total of 40 units- being 26 two bedroom and 14 one bedroom units to be rented as apartments; Assessor’s Map 702, Block 636, Lots 1 and 1A and also to waive the affordability requirement, if applicable.

HEARING OPENED

ATTORNEY ROBERT HARB REPRESENTED THE APPLICANT. CHRIS CRUMP AND JOHN SABA OF SABA ARCHITECTS, JAMES ALLEN, WILLARD WALKER, AND WILLIAM PILLSBURY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DIRECTOR ALL SPOKE IN FAVOR. THIS IS THE FIRST PROJECT UNDER THE NEW WATERFRONT OVERLAY DISTRICT. THERE WILL BE 40 UNITS, 26 TWO BEDROOMS AND 14 ONE BEDROOMS IN 5 BUILDINGS. MAJORITY OF PARKING WILL BE UNDERNEATH BUILDING. ALL PARKING WILL BE ON SITE. WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED MR. ALLEN WILL RESIDE THERE. MR. ALLEN PURCHASED EASEMENT TO RAIL TRAIL IN BACK OF THIS PROJECT AND WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE \$60,000 TO CITY TOWARDS RAIL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS UPON ISSUANCE OF 20TH OCCUPANCY PERMIT. THE AFFORDABILITY REQUIREMENT IS NOT APPLICABLE SINCE THE CITY IS OVER 10%. HEARING CLOSED.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE THE MAJOR SITE PLAN REVIEW TO INCLUDE ALL LETTERS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS AND CONDITIONED UPON THE NEW CONDITION FOR THE RAIL TRAIL, UPON ISSUANCE OF 20TH OCCUPANCY PERMIT, APPLICANT WILL CONTRIBUTE \$60,000 TO CITY TOWARDS RAIL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS.

PASSED WITH CONDITIONS

Yeas 9, Nays 0

115/2016

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

10. Appointments

Confirming Appointments:

Non-Confirming Appointments:

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William Macek to the Bike Committee
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0

11. Petitions

Applications/Handicap Parking Signs - New:

Cynthia Mills/Robert Mears at 24 5th av
REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 9, Nays 0 3G

Richard McRobbie at 17 Vine st, Apt 1
REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 9, Nays 0 3H

Tag Days:

HHS Boys & Girls Soccer, October 13, 14, 15
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 20W

Taxi Driver License:

Taxi License:

Haverhill Taxi, 127 White st – Add 1 Vehicle
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 4H

12. Motions and Orders

No Schedule

Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

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.

SEND LETTER TO CITY ENGINEER REQUESTING ATTENDANCE AT 3/21 COUNCIL MEETING &
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 39

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)

Related communication from City Solicitor, William Cox

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 40

12B. MONTHLY REPORTS

No Schedule

13. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize March as Women's History month.

MOTION TO ADOPT MARCH AS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 41

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)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9F

Document 9-G

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

110 BLAISDELL STREET #1 – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9G

Document 9-H

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

11 PILGRIM ROAD– DELETE HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9H

Document 23-E

Councillor LePage presented Minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held February 22, 2017. The draft Municipal Ordinance relating to amusements, specifically Street Performers, was reviewed/ amended and passed unanimously. Councillor Vargas' request to review a proposal from the City of Boston regarding acoustic performances in small businesses was reviewed. It was determined that Haverhill's Ordinances and License requirements sufficiently addressed the matter. On motion of Councillor

LePage to accept the minutes as presented. Yeas 9, Nays 0 23E

Document 31-O

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. PRESIDENT MICHITSON SPOKE ABOUT INTENT OF WORKSHOP: IDENTIFY NEEDS FOR POLICE SERVICES, IDENTIFY RESOURCES, IDENTIFY GAPS & ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS GAP AND ASSOCIATED FY '18 FUNDING; ALSO WANTS TO DO THIS WITH PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. MOTION TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR INVITING HIM AND POLICE CHIEF TO A PUBLIC WORKSHOP, OR ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING , OR 4 COUNCILLORS MEET WITH MAYOR Yeas 7, Nays 1(Macek) Abstain 1(Bevilacqua) 31O

Document 31-T; Communication from Councillor McGonagle requesting a discussion about Tag Days on public streets COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE STATED IT WAS DISCUSSED LAST YEAR & CHIEF DENARO AND DEPUTY CHIEF RECOMMENDED TO ELIMINATE TAG DAYS ON PUBLIC STREETS LETTER TO SOLICITOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 31T

Document 31-U; 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 COUNCILLOR BARRETT STATED THAT ATTENDEES AT CITZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION. DAVID VAN DAM, CHIEF OF STAFF REPLIED THAT MAYOR HAS OPEN OFFICE HOURS ON TUESDAYS, 3-4PM, HAS COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR FORUMS LETTER TO MAYOR INVITING HIM TO ATTEND NEXT CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING Yeas 9, Nays 0 31U

Document 31-V

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting that budget meetings be held in each quadrant of the City ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO HOLD BUGET MEETINGS IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES IN EACH QUADRANT OF CITY Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Daly) 31V

Document 31-W; Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to propose a new Haverhill economic development identity POSTPONED TO MARCH 14 AT COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA 'S REQUEST Yeas 9, Nays 0 31W

Document 31-X; Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Earth Day Postponed from February 28, 2017 to March 14 Yeas 9, Nays 0 31X

Document 31-Y; Communication from Councillor Sullivan requesting to discuss a Safer Bus Stops program in the City COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN STATED THERE ARE 1,977 BUS STOPS; 987 SMALL BUSSES & 890 LARGE BUSSES AND IS CONCERNED ABOUT LARGE BUS STOPS. NEED FOR BETTER SIGNAGE FOR SCHOOL BUS ZONES AND PAVEMENT IDENTIFICATION. SEEKING FUNDING FOR THIS. LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 31Y

Document 31-Z; Communication from Councillor Sullivan requesting the Mayor or his appointee speak to the Council regarding the status of sidewalk repairs in 2016 and 2017 DAVID VAN DAM, CHIEF OF STAFF, SUGGESTED THAT MR. STANKOVICH, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS, PREPARE INFORMATION TO PRESENT TO CITY COUNCIL LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 31Z

14 RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

15 Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett presented Minutes of the *Citizen Outreach Committee* meeting held on February 21. Councillor Barrett corrected the location of the meeting to the Council Chambers and read the extensive minutes into the record. The agenda item was to capture citizens ideas and concerns for current budget and future planning. On motion of Councillor Barrett to accept the minutes as presented. Yeas 9, Nays 0 23F

President Michitson announced the next City Council meeting will be held at Hunking Middle School following the Mayor's State of the City address.

Councillor LePage announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting on March 15 at 7:00PM in the Council office, room 204, to discuss the downtown parking program.

16 Documents Referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc.25/2016 – Handout from Frank Moscuza – photos