



**City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes**

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers, Room 202  
4 Summer Street

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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 Macek was assigned the minutes.

Councillor Sullivan requested a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Mike V. Lyons, a dedicated community activist.

- 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)  
Petition from National Grid requesting pole and wire location on Emma Rose Circle; Plan 23364552  
COUNCIL HEARING MAY 9 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 55

- 8. Hearings and Related Orders  
No Schedule

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

- 10. Appointments:  
Non-Confirming Appointments:  
CONSTABLE; Christian Sewell – reappointment expires April 18 2018  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 52B

- 11. Petitions:  
Application  
Application for Permit from Andrew Howard, *Team Better Block* for the “*Haverhill Better Block*”, a one-time event on Saturday, May 6; 11 am to 7 pm; on Merrimack st, including the parking lot in front of the Goecke Deck – they will be constructing a temporary music venue with live music and art – and also requests vendor fees and sidewalk obstruction bond be waived; has Police Dept approval  
NOAH KORETZ OF MASS DEVELOPMENT SPOKE ABOUT THE EVENT. TEAM BETTER BLOCK IS WORKING WITH MASS DEVELOPMENT AND IS BASED IN DALLAS, TX. THE FOCUS WILL BE ON MERRIMACK STREET WITH GOAL TO PRESENT NEW CREATIVE WAY TO ENAGE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO PROTOTYPE SHORT-TERM INTERVENTIONS AND LONGER-TERM OPPORTUNITIES. THEY ARE WORKING WITH 0+.  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE APPLICATION AND WAIVE VENDOR FEES & SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTION BOND.  
GRANTED & FEES WAIVED Yeas 9, Nays 0 56

- Application for Permit from *Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce* to hold *Kidsfest*, downtown Haverhill; Saturday May 13th with rain date of May 20th; with several related requests; has Police Dept and other City approvals  
MELISSA SEAVEY GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SHE IS WORKING WITH MVRTA, PHOENIX ROW.  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE PERMIT WITH RELATED REQUESTS  
GRANTED & FEES WAIVED Yeas 9, Nays 0 57

- Annual License Renewals:  
Drainlayer license 2017: David Tebbetts – *renewal*  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 37E

- 12. Motions and Orders  
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER  
An Ordinance Relating to  
Salaries for Administrative & Professional Positions

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Document 40-B of 2011, and any subsequent amendments thereto, be and are hereby amended by deleting the following words and figures:  
“CITY COUNCIL                         PRESIDENT                         \$9,500.00  
  COUNCILLORS (S)                     \$8,000.00\*, and,



April 18, 2017

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to introduce Melissa Seavey, Event Coordinator, *Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce*, to discuss upcoming *Kidsfest* event; Saturday, May 13th from 11:00AM to 4:00PM with rain date of Saturday, May 20th and to request waiver of event permit fees. THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH ITEM 11.

GRANTED & FEES WAIVED Yeas 9, Nays 0 58B

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding crosswalk striping city-wide.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED THE USE OF GLASS BEADS IN THE PAINT TO MAKE CROSSWALKS REFLECTIVE. ALSO, INSTALLING CROSSWALK SIGNAGE IN CONGESTED AREAS. DPW DIRECTOR MIKE STANKOVICH STATED ANNUAL CROSSWALK PAINTING WILL START IN 3 WEEKS. 497 CROSSWALKS WILL BE PAINTED.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 58B

#### 14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

##### Document 20-X

Tag Day application; Disabled American Veterans; June 1, 2, 3 *Denied by Police Dept*

PRESIDENT MICHITSON STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY THE MAYOR THAT HE WILL BE VETOING THE TAG DAY ORDINANCE. RUSS CHAPUT SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED TO RAISE FUNDS AND APPEALED TO THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF VETERANS TAGGING IN THE STREET BECAUSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVERS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE OFF STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 20X

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE ON STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS

On the question of passage, the yeas and nays are as follows:

Yeas,- Councillors Bevilacqua and Macek 2

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, LePage, Daly O'Brien, Sullivan and President Michitson 7

ON STREET TAGGING FAILED 20X

**Councillor Bevilacqua left chambers**

##### Document 20-Y

Tag Day application; Korean War Veterans; September 28, 29, 30 *Denied by Police Dept*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE OFF STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS

GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Bevilacqua) 20Y

**Councillor Bevilacqua returned**

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO POSTPONE VOTE ON ON STREET TAGGING TO AUG 8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On the question of passage, the yeas and nays are as follows:

Yeas,- Councillors LePage, Daly O'Brien and Macek 3

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Sullivan and President Michitson 5

Abstain,-Councillor Bevilacqua 1

MOTION FAILED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO APPROVE ON STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS

On the question of passage, the yeas and nays are as follows:

Yeas,- Councillors Bevilacqua and Macek 2

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, LePage, Daly O'Brien, Sullivan and President Michitson 7

ON STREET TAGGING FAILED 20Y

#### 15. Resolutions And Proclamations

PROCLAMATION – ARMENIAN HOLY MARTYRS' DAY- April 24, 2017

ADOPTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 14E

#### 16. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett; Chair, presented minutes of the *Citizen Outreach Committee* meeting held on April 5 2017 at the Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church and read the extensive minutes into the record. 35 people attended the meeting. 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.

MINUTES ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 23H

#### 17. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk

\*Doc. 4Y – Handout from Keith Gopsill – The Wall that Heals Sponsorship Form