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City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, Jordan, Macek, Daly O’Brien, and McGonagle.

Absent – Councillor LePage

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting
The minutes were not available
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Jordan was assigned the minutes

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR JORDAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE RELATING TO VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC – GOECKE DECK PARKING

RULES SUSPENDED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

COUNCILLOR JORDAN READ THE ORDINANCE INTO THE RECORD

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill and Chapter 240, Article XIII, Schedules, Section 240-88 – Schedule E: Parking Lots of the Haverhill City Code, as amended, be and is hereby further amended by adding the following to the existing ordinance”

“Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Code of the City of Haverhill

Location – Merrimack Street Parking Lot and Herbert H. Goecke, Jr. Parking Deck – lower level – 13 parking spaces on the westerly side with frontage along the eastern side of the Merrimack Street Parking lot.

Regulation – No parking

Hours/Day – 2AM-2-PM on the fourth Saturday of June and every Saturday thereafter thru the end of October”

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting an Ordinance related to Parklets in the downtown business/restaurant district and recommends approval

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 222

An Ordinance Relating to Streets and Sidewalks

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 222, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following at the end of the said Chapter:

“Article XIV Parklets

§222-84 Definitions

When used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, the following term shall have the following meaning:

Parklets shall mean private seating platforms paid for by the applicant that convert curbside parking spaces into vibrant community spaces. Also known as street seats or curbside seating, parklets are the product of a partnership between the city and local businesses. Parklets should encourage pedestrian activity and neighbourhood interaction, and, create a benefit for local businesses. Parklets prioritize people over automobiles facilitating the City’s vision of a “walkable city”, and, providing outdoor dining facilities without the need to permanently remove curbside parking

§222-85 Eligibility (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from John Pettis City Engineer requesting Council adopt revisions to the Floodplain District Ordinance; Chapter 255, Article V–18 and submits related Ordinance Relating to Zoning–Floodplain District

REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING JUNE 19 2018

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 255

An Ordinance Relating to Zoning – Floodplain District

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 255, Article V., as amended, be further amended in §255-18 to be as follows:

The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the City of Haverhill designated as Zones A and AE on the Essex County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Essex County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the City of Haverhill are panel numbers: (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

59B

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

Hearing was held on Document 49, a petition from National Grid for underground electric conduits on Seven Sister rd: Plan 25331195. With Ken Doby from National Grid appearing in favor and neighbor requesting clarification about placement.

Hearing closed. Placed on file

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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ORDERED: Grant National Grid electric conduits on Seven Sister rd

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

49B

8. Hearings and Related Orders

No Schedule

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Ron MacLeod, 162 North av, requests to discuss traffic safety on, but not limited to, North Avenue MR. MACLEOD STATED HIS CONCERNS ON NORTH AVE REGARDING SPEEDING, SAFETY ISSUES HAD NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE ADOPTED 25MPH ZONES.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

16C

10. Appointments:

No Schedule

11. Petitions:

Petition from National Grid requesting underground electric conduits on Essex st; Plan 25004561 COUNCIL HEARING MAY 22 2018

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Taxi Driver Licenses for 2018:

The following were all granted:

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Theresa Clifford, 29 Victor st #15– new

18U

Jo-Ellen Newman, 38 ½ Lindell st – new

18V

Debra Porter, 76 Union st, Methuen – renewal

18W

Robin Harriman, 3 17th av – renewal

18X

12. Motions and Orders

No Schedule

13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

No Schedule

14. Monthly Reports

No Schedule

15. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting a discussion regarding utilities impact on City Sidewalks after pole work

COUNCILLOR BARRETT SHOWED PHOTOS OF DAMAGED SIDEWALKS ON SO. MAIN ST AND OTHER STREETS AFTER UTILITY WORK. THERE SHOULD BE OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY. ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR & DPW TO INVESTIGATE SIDEWALK DAMAGES AND REPAIR ACCORDINGLY

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

38T

Communication was received from Councillor Jordan requesting that Jeff Grassie and Stephanie Lesiczka give an update on the *Haverhill Farmer's Market* proposed move onto Merrimack st next to Pentucket Bank in front of the Goecke Parking Deck

JEFF GRASSIE AND STEPHANIE LESICZKA GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE HAVERHILL FARMERS MARKET. THE LESICZKAS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED FOR 40 YEARS AND TEAM HAVERHILL FOR PAST 10 YRS. LOOKING TO MOVE EVENT TO MERRIMACK STREET TO CREATE MORE FOOT TRAFFIC THERE AND GENERATE MORE INTEREST. WOULD LIKE TO PAINT MURAL ON FRONT OF PARKING DECK. COUNCILLOR JORDAN PRESENTED CITATIONS FROM MAYOR TO WALLY AND STEPHANIE LESICZKA AND JEFF GRASSIE*

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

38U

Communication was received from Councillor Timothy Jordan requesting to introduce Bill McArthur to discuss his frustration with *Comcast's* pricing, monopoly and lack of discounts for veterans and disabled veterans ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR JORDAN TO POSTPONE TO MAY 15

POSTPONED TO MAY 15

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

38V

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding benches on Essex, Washington and Wingate Streets

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA REQUESTED TO HAVE HISTORIC PERIOD BENCHES INSTALLED ON THESE STREETS

LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

38W

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the proposed I-495 Bridge and Basiliere Bridge Reconstruction

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SCHEDULE FOR ABOVE PROJECTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY IMPACT TO COMMUNITY. 1)I-495 Communicate with state and get confirmation about schedule; 2) Allison Heartquist informed that the Basiliere project is on hold until after 2021. Send letter to Police, Fire, Engineering & DPW about state plans to reconstruct bridge;

Communication was received from Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien requesting to introduce Michelle Conceica to speak about neighborhood concerns regarding parking on Franklin Street sidewalks
MICHELLE AND ADAM CONCEICA INFORMED THAT CARS ARE PARKED ON SIDEWALKS. SOME HOMES HAVE DRIVEWAYS THAT ARE NOT BEING USED. CARS ARE PARKED AT CORNER OF FRANKLIN AND JOHN STREETS. WOULD LIKE CITY TO CONSIDER MAKING FRANKLIN STREET ONE WAY BETWEEN FRANKLIN AND JOHN ST AND NO PARKING SIGN INSTALLED AT THAT CORNER

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO REFER TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE
REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 38Y

Communication was received from Councillor William Macek requesting to discuss traffic on North Avenue
COUNCILLOR MACEK INFORMED THAT HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH CITY ENGINEER ABOUT HAVING STATE OFFICIALS RE-EVALUATE APPROPRIATE SPEED LIMITS ON NORTH AVE, CONCORD ST & MARSH AVE SINCE IT WAS LAST DONE IN 1978. TRAFFIC CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED AND IT'S TIME FOR AN ASSESSMENT BASED ON CURRENT USAGE
LETTER TO CITY ENGINEER Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 38Z

16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 34-C

ORDERED: That the sum of \$95,675.00 be transferred from the Police Salary account and transferred to The following *Police Department Expense* account: Police – Municipal Bldgs Maint Expense \$95,675.00
SOLICITOR COX ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ROOF RELATING TO SOLAR PANELS AND LEAKAGE

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 34C

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation – *Children's Mental Health Awareness Week* May 6-12th

ADOPTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 39H

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

No Schedule

19. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 o'clock P.M. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 38-U – Handout from Jeff Grassie – Haverhill Farmers Market overview