



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 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 of the May 1 and May 8 meetings were approved Yeas 9, Nays 0

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Macek was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

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

8. Hearings and Related Orders

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

John D Gardner, 219 Western av No. 5522, Allston, MA requests to address Council on a program to maximize the number of Haverhill students that transition to a living wage job.

MR.GARDNER PRESENTED HIS CONCEPT, THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY JOB SKILLS PROJECT. HE WANTS TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY. HE WAS REFERRED BY MASS DEVELOPMENT. HE IS LOOKING TO FORM A COMMUNITY PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.\*

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

16D

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR HAWKER/PEDDLER APPLICATION FROM THOMAS CLARK

RULES SUSPENDED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Hawker/Peddler application, Thomas Clark, renewal, at Columbus Park, to sell hot dogs, sausage, tonic, water, hamburgers, 12 months, 7 days week, 2:00PM to 12:00AM; approval by police department & health dept

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua)

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ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR JORDAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR HAVERHILL FARMERS MARKET, TO GRANT PERMISSION TO MOVE LOCATION TO MERRIMACK STREET, IN FRONT OF GOECKE PARKING GARAGE, WAIVE EVENT FEE AND BLANKET VENDOR FEE. AMENDED REQUEST TO PAINT MURAL ON FAÇADE OF GOECKE PARKING GARAGE

RULES SUSPENDED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF PAINTING 75 FOOT MURAL IN MIDDLE OF FAÇADE INSTEAD OF USING A BANNER SO THAT IT COULD BE CHANGED FOR SPECIFIC EVENTS. MR GRASSIE INFORMED THAT EITHER SIDE OF THE MURAL COULD BE USED TO HANG A BANNER AND/OR A BANNER COULD BE PLACED OVER THE MURAL DURING OFF SEASON

On motion of Councillor Bevilacqua to paint the mural on removable wood panel

No second. Motion failed.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR JORDAN TO APPROVE REQUEST TO INSTALL MURAL ON FRONT FAÇADE OF GOECKE PARKING GARAGE, TO WAIVE FEES AS REQUESTED, MOVE LOCATION TO FRONT OF PARKING GARAGE ON MERRIMACK STREET

ALL REQUESTS GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua)

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10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments :

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Constables – Reappointments –

Ronald Bertheim, 116 Lenox av, Methuen

Steven Ring, 90 Linwood st, Haverhill

David E Hall, 73 East Broadway, Haverhill

Walter Sorenson, Jr., 11 Rocky Woods rd, Groveland

James Ford, 40 Locke st, Apt 319, Haverhill

Christian Sewell, 61 South Central st, Apt. 2, Haverhill

Gerald A Sewell, 264 Broadway, Haverhill

New Appointments

Rey Cabrera, 41 Hall st, Haverhill

Roberto Rivera, 59 L Street, Haverhill

The above were all placed on file. Appointments to expire May 1 2019 Yeas 9, Nays 0

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11. Petitions:

Petition from Joy Hooper, Sr. Work Coordinator for *National Grid* requesting permission to open the following streets as listed:

- 1.) 75-77 River st to install a new gas service
- 2.) 41 Riverview st to relay the gas service

- 3.) 292 Concord st to relay approximately 4' of gas transmission line
- 4.) 20 Burnham st to repair a gas leak
- 5.) 34 East Main st to install a new gas service

NO REPRESENTATIVE WAS PRESENT FROM NATIONAL GRID

POSTPONED TO MAY 22 2018

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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ORDERED: That the City Council approve the request of National Grid to excavate at the streets listed below at the locations specified. Each street has been rebuilt within the last 5 years and in accordance with Chapter 222, Section 11, Restrictions on future paving of the Municipal Ordinances, Council approval is necessary. 20 Burnham, 292 Concord, 41 Riverview, 75-77 Riverview and 34 East Main

*Related communication with condition from John Pettis, City Engineer*

NO REPRESENTATIVE WAS PRESENT FROM NATIONAL GRID

POSTPONED TO MAY 22 2018

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Applications:

Application from Kevin Dorr from Crescent Yacht Club requesting Annual Charity Canoe Race at the Crescent Yacht Club; 30 Ferry St; being held Saturday, June 2nd; 9:00AM to 3:00PM and also requests that \$50.00 fee be waived; approvals/comments are included from City Departments

GRANTED & EVENT FEE WAIVED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Tag Days:

Boys & Girls Club, July 7 2018

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Annual License Renewals:

Junk Dealer License *renewal*:

*TR Salvage Inc, 99 Newark st; John Gouldsbrough*

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

53B

**12. Motions and Orders**

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

**14. Monthly Reports**

**15. Communications from Councillors**

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Mill Street traffic matters

SPEEDING CARS AND NEED FOR REPAVING WAS DISCUSSED

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the re-purpose of Washington Square

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED THAT THE COMFORT STATION BE RELOCATED SO THAT THE BUILDING COULD BE USED FOR POSSIBLE RETAIL SPACE; THE POST OFFICE BE USED FOR MAIL PICKUP AND DROP OFF BUT THAT THE DISTRIBUTION CENTER BE RELOCATED; PRESIDENT MICHITSON SUGGESTED THIS SHOULD BE IN THE MASTER PLAN

REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR, W. PILLSBURY, MVRTA, & CONG. TSONGAS ABOUT RE-PURPOSE OF WASHINGTON SQ.

TO BE RETAIL CENTER

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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**16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings**

Document 38-V

Communication from Councillor Jordan requesting to introduce Bill McArthur to discuss his frustrations with Comcast's pricing, monopoly and lack of discounts for veterans and disabled veterans MR. MCARTHUR SPOKE ABOUT COMCAST MONOPOLY, SPEEDING ON FOREST STREET AND TRUCKS PARKING AT HAVERHILL COMMONS ALL NIGHT

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE; ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR TO CONSIDER MR. MCARTHUR FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Document 34-D

ORDERED: That the sum of \$9,950.00 be transferred from the General Fund, *Reserve for Capital Projects* to Capital Account- *Safety Camera Nichols Street*

COUNCILLOR BARRETT SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED TO HAVE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR SMALLER BIDS IN PLACE TO ENSURE PROPER LICENSING AND PERMITS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW PERMIT PROCEDURES

Yeas 8, Nays 1(Bevilacqua)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO APPROVE ORDER WITH CONDITION THAT THE INSTALLER BE PROPERLY LICENSED AND PERMIT OBTAINED

PASSED WITH CONDITIONS

Yeas 9, Nays 0

34D

Document 1-F

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

NATE ROBERTSON, PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT PARKLET LOCATIONS, APPLICANT EXPENSES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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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)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO AMEND SECTION 222-86 (A) FIRST LINE BY STRIKING “OR ANY OTHER COMMERCIAL PURPOSE”

No second – Motion failed

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO AMEND SECTION 222-93, PARAGRAPH 9, SECOND LINE BY STRIKING “ITS” AND REPLACING WITH THE WORDS “THE APPLICANTS”

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

PASSED AS AMENDED

Yeas 8, Nays 1(Bevilacqua)

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17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation – *Kids to Parks Day - Saturday, May 19 2018*

ADOPTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett presented the minutes and recommendations of the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting held April 26th for acceptance and discussion of Document 10-X/2017: Senior citizen needs in Haverhill. The wait list for single units with the Haverhill Housing Authority is 2 years. The wait list for families is considered closed because the wait list is over 5 years. A motion was made to send a letter to the Mayor recommending that Andrew Herlihy and the city work with Haverhill Housing Authority to expand availability of senior housing

Document 36-F/2017 – First homebuyers program, purchase of cameras in acre area and incentives for police to move into area. Gary Ortiz spoke of need for more cameras and security systems in the acre and other areas that are struggling with crime. Mr. Ortiz also discussed using CDBG funds to create program to encourage police, fire and other city workers to live in acre area. These funds would be for rehabbing and living in a home in struggling area of city. A motion was made to send a letter to the Mayor asking if CDBG monies could be made available for funding of security systems and cameras. Also, request that Andrew Herlihy explore tax credits for rehabilitation of homes in struggling areas with focus on relocating first responders to these areas.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTERS TO MAYOR AS RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO ACCEPT MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED & PLACE ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

8H

Councillor Sullivan announced an open house at Hannah Dustin Garrison House on Weds, May 16, sponsored by Essex Heritage National Commission from 6-8:00PM. Murphy’s Golf is hosting a reception as part of event. Public is welcome to attend event. Also, the Rocks Village Historic District is holding walking tours of the district on Sat, May 19, at 10am and 12:30pm. The Toll House Museum will be open. Public is welcome.

19. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 o’clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk

\*Doc. 16-D– Handout from Mr. Gardner – Concept paper summary