



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

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

Absent – Councillors LePage and Macek

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The April 18 2017 minutes were approved.

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

The April 25 2017 minutes were approved.

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Barrett was assigned the minutes.

5. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Fiorentini submits letter of recommendation from City of Haverhill’s Energy Manager, Orlando Pacheco and a contract for a *Power Purchase Agreement* between Vanguard Renewables (Haverhill AD1, LLC) and City of Haverhill. The project is a 1 megawatt(MW) anaerobic digester located at Crescent Farms. The agreement calls for City to purchase Net Metering Credits (NMC) for \$0.13/KWH

ORLANDO PACHECO ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT. THE TRUCK ROUTES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH

PASSED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

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6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from William Pillsbury, Jr, Community Development Director, requesting approval of Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the City

MR. PILLSBURY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT BUDGET REDUCTION AND FUTURE OF CDBG FUNDING. EXPECT TO RECEIVE \$788,000 THIS YEAR.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR VARGAS TO SEND LETTER TO FEDERAL DELEGATION URGING THEM NOT TO CUT PROGRAM

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

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RESOLUTION

Resolution of the City Council of Haverhill, Massachusetts, authorizing the Mayor to submit the amended Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program, including all understandings and assurances contained therein (see document for complete text)

RESOLUTION PASSED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

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

Petition from National Grid requesting pole & wire locations on Harding Avenue; Plan 19374186
COUNCIL HEARING MAY 16, 2017

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

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8. Hearings and Related Orders

Document 43; Petition from Attorney Vincent C Manzi Jr for Winn Development Company; requesting Special Permit for Mixed-Use Development in a 40-R District; for redevelopment of the Mill property located at 14 Stevens st; Map 307, Block 2, Lot 9 – 82 apartment units with a small street level restaurant; *Favorable conditional recommendation from Planning Board & Planning Director*

LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY MANZI REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT TO MAY 16
POSTPONED TO MAY 16, 2017

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

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9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Michael Maroney, 423 East Broadway to discuss lost revenue for the City of Haverhill
PRESIDENT MICHITSON READ STATEMENT TO MR. MARONEY ABOUT ITEM(S) THAT HE SHOULD NOT DISCUSS DUE TO PENDING LAWSUIT WHICH HE VERBALLY AGREED TO
MR. MARONEY VIOLATED AGREEMENT

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

36B

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments

Eric Sanders, 185 Crosby Street, Haverhill Historic Commission, effective immediately with appointment to expire May 2 2018.

MR. SANDERS INTRODUCED HIMSELF. HE IS THE GREAT-GREAT GRANDSON OF THOMAS SANDERS WHO WORKED WITH ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

CONFIRMED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

1D

Non-Confirming Appointments; Reappointments: All appointments effective immediately and to expire December 31, 2017

Alicia McOsker, *Treasurer & Collector of Taxes*

Michael Stankovich, *Tree Warden & Gypsy Moth Control Superintendent*

William Cox, *City Solicitor*

Richard Osborne, *Fence Viewer*

David Van Dam, *Mayor’s Chief of Staff*

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Lisa Yarid Ferry, *Mayor's Secretary*

Alan DeNaro, *Lock-Up Keeper*

Michael Ingham, *Soldiers Relief & Burial Agent*

Michelle Hamel, *Poundkeeper*

Karin Devlin, *Inspector of Animals*

Richard Mac Donald, *Inspector of Buildings*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SUBSTITUTE DOCUMENT 20 WITH DOCUMENT 2P
TO REFLECT CORRECTION OF MICHAEL STANKOVICH AS FENCE VIEWER AND RICHARD
OSBORNE AS INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
PASSED AND PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

2P

11. Petitions:

Petition from Sanders Currier Realty Trust/ Trustee – Phil Rice for Special Permit to build 4 residential units within the WD Zone(Waterfront District); on the upper 2 vacant floors of an existing building at 116-122 Washington st

COUNCIL HEARING JULY 11, 2017

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

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Applications

Application for Permit from Gina Miranda, 66 Pecker st; to hold son's birthday party in the field at the corner of Welcome & Pecker st; Saturday, May 6; has Police Dept approval

GRANTED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

56B

Tag Days:

Ozzie's Kids, August 19 2017

GRANTED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

46C

12. Motions and Orders

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into and execute an "License Agreement", A copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, on behalf of City with Mass Electric Co for use of a 10' x 20' wide portion of the Licensor's premises located at Water Street for purposes of construction and maintenance of a concrete pedestrian walkway for pedestrian and bicycle use

SOLICITOR COX MADE AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE 10' X 20' TO REFLECT "10' TO 20' "

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO AMEND DOCUMENT TO REFLECT LANGUAGE AS STATED BY SOLICITOR COX

AMENDMENT PASSED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

PASSED AS AMENDED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

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Ordinances (File 10 days)

Monthly Reports

13. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to present an update on the meeting with Group Homes stakeholders to address severe problems in Haverhill.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON STATED THEY WERE LOOKING AT POSSIBLY HAVING THE MEETING WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON MAY 8. MOTION TO REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

58G

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to propose a Comprehensive Plan for Haverhill based on community support at Reach Higher School Success Forum last Thursday at Hunking School.
POSTPONED TO MAY 16 2017

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

58H

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding assistance to new businesses.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED SUSPENDING NON STRUCTURAL FEES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES FOR 3-6 MONTHS & TO REVIEW ASSOCIATED FEES.

REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Yeas 6, Abstain 1(Barrett), Absent 2 58I

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding new street light locations not on the edge of the street

SEND IDEA OF PLACIING LIGHTS AWAY FROM EDGE OF SIDEWALK TO CITY DEPARTMENTS

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

58J

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting to discuss the need for no passing signs on 125 in the vicinity of Jaffarian rd

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

58K

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding bike sharing opportunity.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED USE OF BIKE RACKS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA THAT COULD BE RENTED

REFERRED TO MAYOR

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

58L

14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 13-B

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

May 2, 2017

COUNCILLORS (S) \$8,000.00*, and,

By inserting in place thereof the following:

“CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT \$14,384.00**
COUNCILLORS (8) \$12,884.00**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEMBER \$8,250.00**

**Members of the City Council and School Committee shall not be paid any monies for expenses, except for documented reimbursable expenses as appropriated from time to time.”

*Note: Councillors currently receive compensation for salary and expenses in the amount of \$12,884.00 per year. School Committee Members currently receive an annual salary of \$8,250.00

Related Communication from City Solicitor, William Cox, Jr.

POSTPONED TO MAY 16, 2017

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

13B

Document 60

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a certain Easement from the City to G & C Construction, Inc., attached hereto and incorporated herein, relative to real property located on Stevens Street, Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts, for the purpose of granting a right of way and access to abutting property owned by the grantees. Said real property located on Stevens Street as described in the Easement is hereby declared surplus (see document for complete text)

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POSTPONED TO MAY 16, 2017 Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 60

Document 60-B

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to accept a certain Easement from G & C Concrete Construction, Inc. to the City, attached hereto and incorporated herein, relative to real property located adjacent to Little River, Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts, for the purpose of construction and maintenance of a pedestrian walkway for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Haverhill and the general public.
(see document for complete text)

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POSTPONED TO MAY 16, 2017 Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 60B

15. Resolutions And Proclamations

Proclamation – Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day; Saturday May 13
(see document for complete text)

ADOPTED Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 14F

Proclamation – Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week; May 7-13
(see document for complete text)

ADOPTED Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 14G

PRESIDENT MICHITSON REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PASSING OF FORMER MAYOR AND FIRE CHIEF LEWIS BURTON.

16. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett announced the Administration & Finance Committee scheduled for May 11, at 7:00PM in the City Council office, room 204.

17. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 o’clock P.M.

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk