



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 22, 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 and Daly O’Brien
Absent – Councillor McGonagle
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting
Councillor Bevilacqua amended the May 15 minutes, Doc. 67, Thomas Cook -Hawker/Peddler application to reflect the hours of 2:00PM to 12:00AM. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Daly O’Brien was assigned the minutes

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INTRODUCE ORDER TO TRANSFER \$20,000 FROM GENERAL FUND, RESERVE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT – FACILITY STUDY & MAINTENANCE NEEDS FOR CONSENTINO SCHOOL
RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Councillor LePage read into the record Mayor Fiorentini’s recommendation supporting the transfer to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the general and specific structural and maintenance conditions of the building and grounds

ORDERED: That \$20,000 be transferred from General Fund, *Reserve for Capital Projects* to Capital account – *Facility Study & Maintenance Needs for Consentino School*
PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 34E

5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to address the Council to give his annual budget message concerning the FY2019 Haverhill City Budget

THE MAYOR’S BRIEF BUDGET MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTED SCHOOL BUDGET INCREASE OF \$5M A 6.3% INCREASE; HE WILL NOT SUPPORT AN OVERRIDE. POLICE BUDGET WILL ADD A NEW POLICE LIEUTENANT WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF NEW GANG UNIT. THIS IS TOP BUDGET PRIORITY. WILL ALSO FORM PARTNERSHIP WITH UTEC TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 68

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting the new Complete Streets policy for the City of Haverhill recommending support and endorsement for this policy.

MS. BETSY GOODRICH, MERRIMACK VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION, GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMPLETE STREET PROGRAM. COMPLETE STREETS ARE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED TO CREATE AN INTEGRATED NETWORK OF SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS THAT CONSIDER USERS OF ALL AGES, ABILITIES AND INCOME LEVELS AND IN ALL WAYS. THE MAYOR INTENDS TO FILE THE APPLICATION BY JUNE 1ST TO BE APPROVED AND SCORED BY THE STATE. IF APPROVED, CITY WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$400,000 PER YEAR IN STATE FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT SUPPORT COMPLETE STREETS GOALS AND POLICY.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 1H

ORDERED: That the City Council hereby approves and adopts the Complete Streets Administrative Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Further, the Mayor being and is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Haverhill to execute any documents necessary to seek funding for the implementation of said Complete Streets Administrative Policy

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO AMEND THE POLICY, PAGE 3, #4 IMPLEMENTATION, PARAGRAPH B, TO CHANGE TWO PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES TO THREE.

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1
PASSED AS AMENDED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 69

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

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

Hearing was held on Document 60, a petition from National Grid requesting underground electric conduits on Essex st; Plan 25004561. With David Boucher from National Grid appearing in favor and no one was opposed. Councillor Barrett spoke of a power loss last year that impacted police station for 24 hours. Stressed importance of notifying the Engineering Department in advance

Hearing closed. Placed on file 60

ORDERED: Grant National Grid permission for underground electric conduits on Essex st to provide electric service to affordable housing at 98-112 Essex st (see document for complete text)

GRANTED WITH CONDITION THAT NATIONAL GRID NOTIFIES ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 60B

8. Hearings and Related Orders

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Ron MacLeod, 162 North av, requests to discuss the speed radar units located on North av, specifically, but not limited to, the report from Haverhill Police Officer Powell in regards to data collection
MR. MACLEOD QUESTIONED THE INTEGRITY OF THE VOLUME BY SPEED REPORTS GIVEN TO HIM CITING ALLEGED EXAMPLES OF DISCREPANCIES
REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 16E

10. Appointments:
 No Schedule

11. Petitions:
 Petition from Ronald G Mills, President, Common Ground Ministries requests permission to use a portion of City-owned parking lot (part of the upper portion of the Locke st Lot) beginning Saturday, May 26 through Saturday, October 6, along with the exterior of their property at 194 Winter st; to sell furniture or other wares on Saturdays, through Saturday, October 6; to help raise funds for renovation of their new location
GRANTED pending receipt of updated bond indemnifying City Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 70

Applications:

Application from Ann Jones from Greater Haverhill Arts Association requesting permission for Art Festival (outdoor exhibit and sale of art) on Bradford Common, Saturday, September 8, 10AM – 4PM and requests fees be waived; *Approvals are included from City Departments*
GRANTED and FEES WAIVED Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Barrett), Absent 1 71

Drainlayer License *new* for 2018
 Richard Peters
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 10Q

Junk Dealer *renewal* License:
TJS Metals, Sandy Foley & James Smith, 43 Hale st
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 53C

Pool Tables *renewals*:
Smith's Tavern – 1 table, David Langlois, 124 Essex st
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 72

Sunday Pool:
Smith's Tavern – 1 Sunday table
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 6N

Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles:
VID Comp, 163 Washington st
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 53D

Doris's Attic, 121 B Lafayette sq
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 53E

12. Motions and Orders

13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE **CHAPTER 120**
An Ordinance Relating to Building Construction

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Chapter 120, of the Code of the City of Haverhill, as amended, being and is hereby further amended by inserting the following:

§120-16. Residential or Nonresidential Accessory Uses – PODS, Metal Framed Trailers or Containers and Membrane Structures (see document for complete text)

Related communication from Mayor Fiorentini & City Solicitor William Cox

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 73

14. Monthly Reports

15. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to introduce Dr. John Maddox to discuss education funding

DR. JOHN MADDUX GAVE A BRIEF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. HE VOICED HIS CONCERN ABOUT ADEQUATE FUNDING TO ADDRESS GROWING HIGH NEEDS OF FAMILIES AND INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITH 3RD GRADE READING LEVEL*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 63E

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to discuss traffic and safety issues regarding Rocks Village Bridge including speeding and trucks not meeting weight and height restriction (hit top of bridge)

PRESIDENT MICHITSON INFORMED THAT A RESIDENT SHARED CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE WEIGHT AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR THE BRIDGE, LOWERING SPEED LIMIT AND PAINTING OF LINES ON EAST MAIN STREET.

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 63F

Communication was received from Councillors LePage, Barrett and Daly O'Brien requesting a discussion regarding the proposed Haverhill girls' softball facility

COUNCILLOR BARRETT INFORMED THAT GREEN INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES HAD BEEN SELECTED TO DESIGN THE SOFTBALL AND MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS AT HAVERHILL HIGH SCHOOL. COUNCILLOR LEPAGE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT EXECUTING THE CONTRACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MOVE PROCESS ALONG.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR FOR AN UPDATE AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN UPDATE TO PARENTS. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 63G

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding electric powered vehicles and charging stations

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA URGED CITY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING ELECTRIC POWERED CHARGING STATIONS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE NEW RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO LOCATE IN HAVERHILL. COUNCILLOR LEPAGE WANTED THE LETTER TO THE MAYOR TO INCLUDE A REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON THE GREEN COMMUNITIES EFFORTS. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 63H

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the intersection of Kenoza av and Rt. 108

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SPOKE ABOUT THE DANGEROUS FLOW OF TRAFFIC APPROACHING RTE. 110 FROM RTE 108. COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN SUGGESTED CHECKING WITH CITY ENGINEER ABOUT RTE 108 DESIGN PROJECT AND REQUEST AN UPDATE BEFORE ITEM IS REFERRED TO TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 63I

Communication was received from Councillor Jordan requesting to introduce Virginia Salem of Northern Essex Elder Transport (NEET), to give seniors free rides to doctor appointments and is also seeking additional volunteer drivers

MS. VIRGINIA SALEM INFORMED THAT VOLUNTEER DRIVERS ARE NEEDED TO TAKE SENIORS TO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS IN BOSTON, LAHEY CLINIC, LOCALLY AND PROVIDE COMPANIONSHIP. CONTACT INFO – NEETdriverinfo@gmail.com.

Local office is in Amesbury, 978-388-7474.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO PUT A LINK ON CITY WEBSITE TO PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 63J

Councillor Daly O'Brien left the chambers

16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings

Document 2-B

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”

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THE “first”

SATURDAY OF JUNE NOT THE fourth

PASSED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 (Daly O'Brien, McGonagle)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO PASS AMENDED ORDINANCE

PASSED AS AMENDED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 (Daly O'Brien, McGonagle) 2B

Document 65 - 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

MR. JOE MOROCCO, NATIONAL GRID, INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS COMMUNITY CUSTOMER MANAGER TO THE CITY OF HAVERHILL AND MIKE HANEY AND TANYA FREEDMAN FROM THE PERMIT COORDINATION GROUP

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 (Daly O'Brien, McGonagle) 65

ORDERED: Grant request of National Grid to excavate at the following streets: 20 Burnham, 292 Concord, 41 Riverview, 75-77 Riverview and 34 East Main (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2 (Daly O'Brien, McGonagle) 65B

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

18. Documents Referred To Committee Study

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

Yeas 7, Nays 0, Absent 2

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk