



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Macek and Sullivan.

Absent – Councillor Daly O’Brien

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Sullivan was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor:

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini announcing that Todd Gilbert of LAZ parking will be in attendance at the City Council meeting to discuss the new Passport Mobile Parking App that was implemented this past month

MR. GILBERT STATED THEY HAD MADE SOME REMEDIES TO EXISTING KIOSKS. HE EXPLAINED THE PAY BY CELL PHONE APP

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4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

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

6. Appointments

No Schedule

7. Petitions

No Schedule

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

No Schedule

11. Tag Days

No Schedule

12. Annual License Renewals:

Pool Tables

Smith’s Tavern , 124 Essex st, 1 pool table

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Fortune Teller

Priscilla Miller 21 Washington st

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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13. Hawker/Peddler

No Schedule

14. Drainlayer 2016 License

No Schedule

15. Hearings & related orders

Document 33, Petition was received from Attorney Michael Migliori for Winterville Realty Trust and Birches Development LLC, Owner/Applicant regarding the property on Sterling Lane; for Special Permit to construct 120 residential units in 4 buildings; located in the RH Zoning District. Conditional favorable recommendation from Planning Board & Planning Director

HEARING OPENED. ATTORNEY MICHAEL MIGLIORI REPRESENTED THE APPLICANT WITH STEVE STAPINSKI SPEAKING IN FAVOR. ATTORNEY MIGLIORI STATED THEY HAD MET NUMEROUS TIMES WITH THE FARRWOOD ASSOCIATIONS AND HAVE AGREED TO A NUMBER OF ITEMS AND DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY APPLICANT. ED STRAZINS STATED HE WAS MOSTLY IN FAVOR BUT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ROAD MAINTENANCE AND THAT THE CITY WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE ROADS. DONNA LEVIN WAS IN OPPOSITION.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS & STIPULATIONS IN LETTER DATED MAY 20, 2016 FROM MR. PILLSBURY; TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS AS STATED BY DEVELOPER IN JAN 15, 2016 LETTER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND VARIOUS LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Document 46, Petition was received from Matt Assia, Chinburg Properties on behalf of 16 Wingate st, LLC submitting Special Permit Application for multifamily/mixed use; for Factory Building Renovation & Conversion; to construct 56 apartment units and 6,000 square feet of 1st floor commercial space within the existing building at 24 Essex st; Assessors Map 301, Block 53, Lot 17. Conditional favorable recommendation from Planning Board & Planning Director

HEARING OPENED. ERIC CHINBURG SPOKE IN FAVOR WITH ANDREW HERLIHY AND WILLIAM PILLSBURY ANSWERING QUESTIONS. OPPOSED WERE JIM MAMONIS, LOUIS FOSSARELLI, CARL BRUNELLE. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERNS WITH PARKING, SIZE AND AMOUNT OF UNITS\*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS IN LETTER FROM WILLIAM PILLSBURY DATED MAY 20, 2016 AND TO INCLUDE LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS. ALSO, PERMITS NOT TO BE ISSUED FOR SURFACE LOTS TO THOSE RESIDING AT THIS ADDRESS Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 46

On motion of Councillor Bevilacqua to give Mr. Pillsbury comments from residents and to various departments Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

**16. New business/orders**

ORDER: That the real property located on Merrimack Street, known as the Riverfront Promenade Parking Lot and as shown on Assessors Map 102, Block 7, Lots 11, 16, 17 & 20, containing approximately 0.932 acres, being and is hereby declared surplus. The Mayor is hereby authorized to secure a real estate appraisal of the Lots, and, to issue a request for proposals for the sale and development of said real property. Related communication from Mayor Fiorentini

POSTPONED TO MAY 31 AT THE REQUEST OF WILLIAM PILLSBURY Yeas 6, Absent 1, Abstain 2 (McGonagle, Sullivan) 63

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

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating Vehicles and Traffic

Lawrence Road, Heavy Truck Exclusion (see document for complete text)

*Related communication from City Engineer John Pettis and Mass DOT*

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 64

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

52 High Street –rear of house ADD Handicap Parking (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 20D

ORDERED: That \$37,484,000.00 is appropriated to finance the engineering and construction of engineering and construction improvements to the Water Treatment Plant and Resolution Authorizing Officer to file Application with Mass Department of Environmental Protection for State Financial Assistance for Water Pollution Abatement Projects (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days 15C

**18. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings**

No Schedule

**19. Monthly Reports**

**20. Communications from Councillors**

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to address agreement between Greater Haverhill Foundation, Massachusetts Technology Collaborative and City of Haverhill for providing additional economic development consultants for the City of Haverhill

PRESIDENT MICHITSON ANNOUNCED THAT \$235,000 WILL BE DEDICATED THRU MARCH OF 2018 IN JOINT INITIATIVE BETWEEN THE GREATER HAVERHILL FOUNDATION, MASS.

TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE AND THE CITY TO FUND FULL TIME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT & PART TIME MARKETING CONSULTANT. WILL SEEK COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF \$47,000 AT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FY17 BUDGET HEARING 61E

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Joseph D'Amore of Common Ground Café ministry to speak about security measures at GAR Park

MR. D'AMORE SUGGESTED THAT VIDEO CAMERAS, SIGNAGE & FOOT PATROLS WOULD BE HELPFUL\*

On motion of Councillor Macek to send a letter to the Mayor asking him to recreate the Haverhill Housing Partnership. Yeas 8, Absent 1 61F

**COUNCILLOR VARGAS LEFT CHAMBERS**

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss the Bradford water park pond adjacent to Ferry rd

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED THAT THE AREA, KNOWN AS HASELTINE PARK NEEDED CLEANING AND ATTENTION. COUNCILLOR LEPAGE COMMENTED THAT THE PARK HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE ROGERS FAMILY. COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN ADDED THAT BRIGHTSIDE WAS INVOLVED & THEY ARE AWARE OF IT

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND A LETTER TO PUBLIC WORKS FOR CLEANING AND ATTENTION

Yeas 3 (McGonagle, Bevilacqua, Michitson)

FAILED

Nays 4, Absent 2

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## **COUNCILLOR VARGAS RETURNED TO CHAMBERS**

### **21. Resolutions and Proclamations**

### **22. Council Committee Reports and Announcements**

Councillor LePage presented Minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting held May 12 2016. The amendment to the exterior vending machine license was passed; Councillor Bevilacqua's items regarding economic development & business retention and industry recognition was removed from the committee study list because no additional information was presented. The rules and regulations of the City Council was discussed.

On motion of Councillor LePage to accept the recommendations and suggestions of the Administration & Finance Committee and place the Rules and Regulations on the 5/31 Council agenda for discussion to include Solicitor Cox's memo.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

### **23. Documents referred to Committee Study**

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

\*Doc. 46 – Handout from Jim Mamonis – HP Regulations; Handout from Louis Fossarelli – “Inbox” article; Handout from William Pillsbury – Parking utilization MVRTA parking lot

\*Doc. 61-F - Handout from Joseph D'Amore – Common Ground info

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk