



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

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

Absent – Councillor LePage

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 McGonagle was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

No Schedule

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

No Schedule

6. Appointments

Confirming Appointments

No Schedule

Non-confirming Appointments

No Schedule

7. Petitions:

Petition from Attorney Michael Migliori representing the Applicant: Birches Development LLC; requesting that Special Permit Hearing – to construct 120 residential units in four buildings on Sterling Lane; previously scheduled for May 17 2016 be continued to May 24 2016

ATTORNEY MIGLIORI REQUESTED THE HEARING BE CONTINUED TO MAY 24 SINCE THERE WILL NOT BE A FULL BOARD

CONTINUED TO MAY 24, 2016

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, to hold Kids Arts Fest; Saturday, June 4, 11:00AM to 4:00PM with rain date of June 5; also requests waiving of City vendor fees along with several other related requests
MELISSA SEAVEY INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF OUTREACH EFFORTS TO DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS ABOUT THE EVENT

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE WITH OTHER RELATED REQUESTS (Has police approval)

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, to hold Healthy Living Expo; Saturday, August 13, 10:00AM to 2:00PM; with rain date of August 20; also requests waiving of City vendor fees along with several other related requests (Has police approval) Related communication from Linda Koutoulas, City Clerk

JOHN CHEMLAY, PRESIDENT OF TRINITY AMBULANCE & MELISSA SEAVEY SPOKE ABOUT THE EVENT WHICH IS BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH HAVERHILL FARMER’S MARKET ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE WITH OTHER RELATED REQUESTS

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Annual License Renewals:

No Schedule

11. Hawker/Peddler:

No Schedule

12. Drainlayer 2016 License:

George Charest, renewal

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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13. Hearings & Related Orders

No Schedule

14. NEW BUSINESS/ORDERS

No Schedule

15. Ordinances (File 10 days)

No Schedule

16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings:

No Schedule

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17. Monthly Reports
No Schedule

18. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to introduce John Cuneo to seek City Council support as a “Core Partner” to the Working Cities Grant”.

MR. CUNEO SPOKE STATED THAT THE FOCUS OF THIS GRANT WILL BE IN THE MT. WASHINGTON AREA AND WAS SEEKING COUNCIL SUPPORT

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO ENDORSE THE WORKING CITIES GRANT
GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to address Council regarding a Cyber Security Audit of the City and School Information Technology resources.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON HIGHLIGHTED THE AREAS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR VARGAS TO INCLUDE CYBER SECURITY IN 2017 BUDGET
AND TO FUND POTENTIAL IT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT &

CYBER SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to introduce representatives of NFI-Massachusetts, Christopher Tuttle, Director of Behavioral Health, and Lydia Todd, Deputy Director, to discuss group homes in Haverhill.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT EXCESSIVE CALLS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH LIMITED RESOURCES & NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT. MS. TODD GAVE AND OVERVIEW OF THE 3 GROUP HOMES IN HAVERHILL RUN BY HER AGENCY. CHANGES IN STATE LAW HAS IMPACTED HOW THEY DEAL WITH STUDENTS WHO RUN AWAY FROM THE GROUP HOMES. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RESTRAIN THEM FROM LEAVING AND POLICE CAN NOT ARREST THEM UNLESS THEY HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME. MR. TUTTLE STATED THAT THEY CHANGED THEIR POLICY 6 WKS AGO WHICH HAS REDUCED CALLS TO POLICE DEPT. THIS IS A STATE-WIDE ISSUE.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND A LETTER TO DCF INFORMING THEM OF OUR CONCERN; LETTER TO STATE DELEGATION ASKING THEM TO REVIEW THE LAW; IN 2/3 MONTHS HAVE NFI COME BACK WITH AN UPDATE
WITH HAVERHILL POLICE DEPT.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion on the recently proposed State plan for reconstruction of a portion of Route 97, Broadway, in Haverhill.

COUNCILLOR MACEK STATED THAT THE PLANS ARE 75% COMPLETED & THEY INCLUDE A TURNING LANE INTO THE WEST MEADOW HILL COMPLEX
PLACED ON FILE

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss the Ward Hill Industrial Park Sign.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED THAT THE BROKEN SIGN HAD BEEN FIXED.
PLACED ON FILE

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Communication from Councillors Vargas and Sullivan requesting to introduce a proposal to support Haverhill Arts, Culture, and Tourism as a source of economic development.

COUNCILLORS VARGAS & SULLIVAN GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION STRESSING THE NEED TO SUPPORT THE ARTS; THEY SUGGESTED USING A PERCENTAGE FROM THE MEALS TAX AND PARKING FINES TO SUPPORT ARTS, CULTURE AND TOURISM (ACT). JENNIFER ARNDT, CREATIVE HAVERHILL, SPOKE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS CREATIVE HAVERHILL IS RUNNING AND DANIELLE SMIDA SPOKE ABOUT A 2 YR ADAMS GRANT*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR URGING HIM TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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19. Resolutions and Proclamations

Proclamation – Letter Carriers’ Food Drive Day; Saturday, May 14 2016

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO OMIT PARAGRAPH 4, AND TO RE—READ
PROCLAMATION AT MAY 10 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

ADOPTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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20. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

21. Documents referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 o’clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

*Doc. 51-S – Handout from Councillors Vargas & Sullivan – ACT! Haverhill

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk