



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Daly O’Brien, Macek and Sullivan.
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved. Yeas 9, Nays 0

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor McGonagle was assigned the minutes.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON RREQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PASSING OF JEFFERSON DAVIS AND COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PASSING OF MAGGIE ROSINSKI. BOTH WERE STRONG COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS.

5. Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Fiorentini requests to update City Council on the completion of transition to the Group Insurance Commission (GIC). GIC is the agency that will be providing life, health, disability, dental and vision services to the City of Haverhill’s employees, retirees and their dependents.

MAYOR FIORENTINI GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF WHY THE CITY JOINED THE GIC PLAN. HE COMMENDED THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK TO ENSURE THAT ALL EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES WERE ENROLLED IN A PLAN. HE PRESENTED THE MAYOR’S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE TO DENISE MCCLANAHAN, HR DIRECTOR, AND SHEILA PELCZAR, HR TECHNICIAN.

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

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

Hearing was held on Document 55, a petition from National Grid requesting pole & wire location on Emma Rose Circle, Plan 2364552. With Ken Doby from National Grid appearing in favor. No one was opposed.

Hearing closed. 55

ORDERED: Order granting National Grid pole & wire location on Emma Rose Circle (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 55B

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.
HEARING OPENED.

ATTORNEY VINCENT MANZI JR. REPRESENTED THE PETITIONER WITH CONNOR NAGLE, ENGINEER, OF VHB AND STEVEN CASWELL OF THE ARCHITECTURAL TEAM DESCRIBING THE PROJECT. THERE WILL BE 69 ONE BEDROOM UNITS AND 13 TWO BEDROOM UNITS. A SMALL RESTAURANT, AN EASEMENT FOR PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY ALONG THE RIVER, PARKING. MAYOR FIORENTINI AND WILLIAM PILLSBURY SPOKE ABOUT THE PROJECT AND OFFERED THEIR SUPPORT.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO APPROVE THE PROJECT WITH CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE LETTER FROM THE PLANNING DIRECTOR TO INCLUDE DEPARTMENT HEAD LETTERS.

PASSED WITH CONDITIONS Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Barrett) 43

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

10. Appointments:
No Schedule

11. Petitions:

Applications

Application for Permit from Tara Greeley, American Diabetes Association for North Shore Tour – cycling event; bike route through Haverhill; Sunday, May 21, 7:00AM to 4:00PM

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 16H

Application for Permit from Haverhill YMCA for Dave Curley Memorial 5K road race – Friday, July 21, 6:30PM starting/ending at Pentucket Lake Elementary School; 252 Concord st

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 16I

Tag Days:

Knights of Columbus, June 17 & 18

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 46D

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Annual License Renewals:

Drainlayer License 2017: Robin Hicks – renewal
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 37F
Junk Dealer License: TJS Metals – renewal 43 Hale st, Sandy Foley & James Smith
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 4I

12. Motions and Orders - Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, as amended, be further amended by adding the following to § 240-95 Schedule L: Stop Streets:

<u>STOP STREET</u>	<u>DIRECTION OF TRAVEL</u>	<u>AT INTERSECTION OF</u>
Fourteenth av	East	Main st
Thirteenth av	“	“ “
Eleventh av	“	“ “
Tenth av	“	“ “
Ninth av	“	“ “
Elm st	West	“ “
Hamilton av	“	“ “
Brockton av	“	“ “
Sheridan st	“	“ “
Minot av	“	“ “

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 65

Monthly Reports
No Schedule

13. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to introduce Ronald MacLeod to speak regarding traffic safety on City streets; including but not limited to speed, repairs, stop signs and weight limits.

MR. MACLEOD COMPLAINED THAT NOTHING IS BEING DONE ON NORTH AVE TO SLOW DOWN TRAFFIC. WANTS SPEED LIMIT LOWERED TO 25MPH, WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS, RADAR PATROLS
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 58M

Communication was received from Councillors LePage and Barrett requesting to discuss the City’s purchase of street lights, electric rates, update on the landfill solar project and other current and potential energy cost-saving measures for the benefit of the City and its residents.

MR. ORLANDO PACHECO PRESENTED AN ENERGY UPDATE ON THE ENERGY SERVICES CONTRACT (ESCO), ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM, LED LIGHTING INITIATIVE, ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECTS, NET METERING AGREEMENTS, GREEN COMMUNITIES DESIGNATION, HAVERHILL SAVES! FUTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE STREETLIGHT PURCHAS/RETROFIT, GOECKE PARKING DECK, AND LANDFILL SOLAR ARRAY.*

MAYOR FIORENTINI COMMENDED MR. PACHECO’S SERVICE TO THE CITY AND COUNCILLORS PRAISED HIS OUTSTANDING ENERGY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY. MR. PACHECO RESIGNED TO TAKE ANOTHER POSITION AS TOWN MANAGER.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 58N

Councillor McGonagle left the Chambers

Communication was received from Councillor Vargas requesting to introduce Noah Koretz to discuss the next steps from Better Block.

NOAH KORETZ REVIEWED THE BETTER BLOCK EVENT HELD ON MAY 6. IT WAS A VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. THEY WANT TO EXPLORE WAYS TO KEEP EVENTS GOING ON MERRIMACK ST. THIS GENERATED INTEREST FROM COMPANIES/INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE OF HAVERHILL.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1(McGonagle) 58O

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the Welcome to Haverhill signs.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO TABLE TO 5/16 MEETING
Yeas 8, Absent 1 (McGonagle) 58P

14. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings

Document 9-S

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

11 Observatory Ave. – Establish Handicap Parking (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9S

Document 47-B

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini vetoing Document 47 Ordinance re: Tag Days and request Council accept new amendment – “No solicitation on or in a public way shall be allowed except that on Labor Day weekend firefighters shall be allowed to solicit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in front of the Water Street Fire Station”

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MAYOR FIORENTINI ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SUSTAIN HIS VETO AND THEN REVOTE THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED. THE FIREFIGHTERS HAVE BEEN DOING THE ANNUAL MDA BOOT DRIVE FOR 42 YEARS. MS. SARA MENDEZ, MDA REPRESENTATIVE, SPOKE ABOUT THE MDA PROGRAMS THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE DRIVE. COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SAFETY AND ALLOWING ONLY ONE GROUP TO TAG ON THE STREET. ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO TABLE VOTE ON VETO AND REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND ANALYSIS Yeas 8, Nays 1(Bevilacqua) 47B

Document 47

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 227
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TAG DAYS

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 227, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

§227-7. Soliciting on public ways.

By deleting the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

“No solicitation on or in a public way shall be allowed

Passed April 11 2017

Vetoed by Mayor April 18 2017

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO TABLE VOTE ON VETO AND REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND ANALYSIS Yeas 8, Nays 1(Bevilacqua) 47

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)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Barrett) 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)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Barrett) 60B

15. Resolutions And Proclamations

16. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for May 11, 7:00PM, in the City Council office, room 204. Items for discussion are double poles, Mayor’s recommendations, Capital Improvement Program 201602020, managing Mayor’s State of the City address.

17. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 o’clock P.M. Yeas 8, Absent 1(McGonagle)

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 58-N – Handout from Orlando Pacheco – Energy Update