



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 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
4. The minutes were approved Yeas 9, Nays 0
5. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Macek was assigned the minutes
6. Communications from the Mayor
7. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
8. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
9. Hearings and Related Orders
10. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Jason Sidman, CEO of Sanctuary Medicinal’s Inc, requesting to present Sanctuary along with their intentions to locate a registered marijuana dispensary in Haverhill.

THE MAYOR MADE A STATEMENT ABOUT BEING IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPANIES THAT HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN COMING TO HAVERHILL. HE INVITED THE COUNCIL TO VISIT A MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY. HE WILL SEEK THE COUNCIL’S APPROVAL IN THE FUTURE FOR A HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT. THE MAYOR WILL RE-ESTABLISH THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

JASON SIDMAN AND JAMES ALEX GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. THEY EXPLORED OPPORTUNITIES AT THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA OVERLAY DISTRICT AND IT IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO THEIR OPERATION. THEY HAVE SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH A PROPERTY AT 39 SHELLEY RD, ADJACENT TO BJ’S. THEY ARE SEEKING A LETTER OF NON-OPPOSITION.*
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 77

11. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments

Rafael Marty Soriano, 35 Elmwood Ave, to the Cultural Council; appointment to expire Dec 31 2018
CONFIRMED Yeas 9, Nays 0 1G

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Haverhill Tree Advisory Committee:

David P. Labrode, 45 Highland Ave
Keith Boucher, 512 Washington St
Heather McMann, 34 Wharf Lane
Michael Schroth, 20 York St
Mike Stankovich or designee

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 2S

12. Petitions:

Applications

Application from Jillian Stira for *Crew Barre & Cycle*, to hold road race to start and end at the Lasting Room; Merrimack st; Sunday June 25, 9:30AM to 12:00 Noon; has Police Dept approval

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 16L

Application from Sohan Saini for One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for Graduation Party at Winnekenni Castle; Saturday, June 17, 5:00PM to 12: midnight; has License Commission & Police Dept approval

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 59D

Application from Patrick Houlihan for One Day All Alcohol Liquor License for Graduation Party at Winnekenni Castle; Saturday, July 8, 12 Noon to 10:00PM; has License Commission & Police Dept approval

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 59E

Application from Salvatore DeFranco for Battle Grounds Coffee Company requesting to use the sidewalk for chairs only at 39 Washington st for customers; from March 1 to October 1; has bond & Police Dept approval

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 78

13. Motions and Orders

Ordinances (File 10 days)

Loan Order

ORDERED: That \$8,340,000 is appropriated, for the purpose of financing study, engineering, planning and construction to complete odor control and heating, ventilating and air conditioning improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and South Mill Street Pumping Station and improvements to the North Avenue Pumping Station and Carleton Street Pumping Station including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended by St. 1998, c78; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Auditor is authorized to borrow \$8,340,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws (see document for complete text)

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AUTHORITY TO FILE

Whereas, City of Haverhill, (the “Applicant”), after thorough investigation, has determined that the work activity consisting of study, engineering, planning and construction to complete odor control and HVAC improvements to the wastewater treatment facility and South Mill Street Pumping Station and improvements to the North Avenue and Carleton Street Pumping Stations are both in the public interest and necessary to protect the public health, and that to undertake this activity, it is necessary to apply for assistance; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the “MassDEP”) and the Massachusetts Clean Water Pollution Abatement Trust (the “Trust”) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth (“Chapter 21” and “Chapter 29C”) are authorized to make loans to municipalities for the purpose of funding planning and construction activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects; (see document for complete text)

Related communication from Robert Ward; Deputy DPW Director

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Monthly Reports

14. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to present a citation to Brent Baeslack for his decades of selfless service to the City of Haverhill

COUNCILLORS PRAISED MR. BAESLACK FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY, HIS ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. MR. BAESLACK THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THE RECOGNITION.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting an update on the City’s “One Call to City Hall – 311” Constituent Services program for the benefit of the City and its residents

ALLISON HEARTQUIST, DIRECTOR OF 311, GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. THE 311 CENTER HANDLES CALLS TO THE HIGHWAY DEPT, INSPECTIONAL SERVICES AND ASSESSOR’S OFFICE WITH STAFF OF 2 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES AND 1 PART TIME EMPLOYEE. THE HARD LAUNCH WAS JAN 2017.*

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

74E

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall-THE WALL THAT HEALS* coming to Haverhill June 15 – 18

THE WALL WILL BE DISPLAYED AT HAVERHILL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD & VISITORS CAN VISIT THE WALL 24/7. RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO ATTEND

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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15. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings

Document 58-Z

Communication from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting to recognize Superintendent James Scully, building committee, parents, volunteers and the residents of Haverhill for their support of the new Hunking School

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Document 69

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 making the following change to §240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions:

Revise Central Business District Parking Map (Plan 2B/3418 in City Engineer’s Office) by adding two Service Zones to the south side of Merrimack st, in front of #20 to #44

Related communication from John Pettis; City Engineer

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO TABLE TO JUNE 20 TO ALLOW RON TROMBLEY TO MAKE PRESENTATION

TABLED TO JUNE 20 2017

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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16. Resolutions And Proclamations

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Sullivan announced Natural Resources & Public Property Committee meeting scheduled for June 15 at 7:00PM, room 204. Items to be discussed are ongoing tree problem on city property abutting Holland’s Flowers, proposed uses on Rep. Dempsey Boardwalk, establishment of Adult Fitness and Wellness Zone and Wood School Playground.

18. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 o’clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 77 – Handout from Jason Sidman, Sanctuary Medicinal’s presentation

*Doc. 74-E – Handout from Allison Heartquist – Constituent Services Update – June 2017

