



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 10, 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, Daly O’Brien, and McGonagle.
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting
The minutes of June 19 and June 26 meetings were approved Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua)
 4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Barrett was assigned the minutes.
 5. Communications from the Mayor:
Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting a letter from Greg Deschenes, President of Riverside Bradford Baseball League who is gifting a scoreboard to City of Haverhill to be installed at Riverside Park and recommends approval
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT SCOREBOARD TO THE CITY OF HAVERHILL TO BE INSTALLED AT RIVERSIDE PARK Yeas 9, Nays 0 1K
 6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
 7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
 8. Hearings and Related Orders
 9. Public Participation - Requests under Council Rule 28
 10. Appointments:
No Schedule
 11. Petitions:
Applications:
Application from The Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce requesting permit for Summer Music and Entertainment series to be held at Harbor Place Plaza, 2-44 Merrimack st; on July 14 & 21 and August 4 & 25, from 6 to 8 pm and July 28 and August 18, from 1-3 pm and requests event fees be waived *
Has All City Dept approvals
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO GRANT APPLICATION AND WAIVE FEES
GRANTED & FEES WAIVED Yeas 9, Nays 0 88

Tag Days:
Ozzie’s Kids, August 4
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 32H
HHS Crew (rowing), November 2,3,4
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 32I
Annual License Renewals
Drainlayer License for 2018:
Robert Pondelli - *renewal*
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 10S
Pool Tables – *renewal*
Upscale Cutz Barber Shop, 98 River st, 1 Table - Cindy Marte
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 72D
Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles – *renewal*
Vintage View Inc, 371 River st – Elaine Drinkwater
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 53L
Buy & Sell Old Gold – *renewal*
Vintage View Inc, 371 River st – Elaine Drinkwater
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 53M
 12. Motions and Orders
ORDERED: That the sum of \$2,038,123 be transferred to/from the following accounts as stated below to close out FY2018:
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| Council Salary | 11,400 | |
| Council Expenses | | 4,700 |
| Mayor Salaries | 17,800 | |
| Constituent Services Salaries | | 24,500 |
| Assessor Salaries | 50,285 | |
| Assessor Expenses | | 2,000 |
| North Shore/Essex Regional School | | 48,285 |
| Treasurer Salaries | 828 | |
| Treasurer Expenses | | 828 |
| Legal Salaries | 1,000 | |

Legal Expenses		1,000
MIS Salaries	1,000	
MIS Expenses	8,000	
North Shore/Essex Regional School		9,000
Conservation Comm Expenses	1,000	
North Shore/Essex Regional School		1,000
Economic Development Expenses	14,250	
North Shore/Essex Regional School		14,250
DPW Admin Expenses	1,400	
Snow & Ice Expenses	691,900	
Snow & Ice Salaries		95,900
Budget Reserve (snow/ice)		596,000
DPW Vehicle Maint. Expenses	10,213	
DPW Vehicle Maint. Salaries		3,813
DPW Highway Expenses		7,800
Parks Salaries	2,194	
Parks Expenses		2,194
Inspection Salaries	1,364	
Inspection Expenses		1,364
Senior Ctr. Salaries	8,256	
Senior Ctr. Expenses		2,800
Veterans Expenses		40,000
Citizen Ctr. Salaries	29,785	
Citizen Ctr. Expenses		10,000
Rec Salaries	19,000	
North Shore/Essex Regional School		4,241
Employee Benefits sick leave	5,600	
Employee Benefits injured on duty	39,000	
Employee Benefits Medicare	137,000	
Employee Benefits workers comp school	43,000	
Employee Benefits group insurance school		43,000
Liability ins		181,600
Street Lights	169,618	
Street Lights	625,000	
Refuse Salaries	13,659	
Police Salaries	20,000	
Refuse Expenses	115,571	
Employee Benefits group insurance city		943,848
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	2,038,123	2,038,123

- PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 34J
- ORDERED: That the sum of \$188,000 be transferred from the Capital Projects account to the following capital account: Capital Projects \$188,000
- PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 34K
- ORDERED: That the sum of \$116,994 be transferred from General Fund Capital Projects account to the following Capital Fund Accounts: Rail Trail \$69,697 Merrimack Parking Garage \$47,297
- PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 34L
- ORDERED: That the City transfer the sum of \$46,000 from the Capital Budget to the Capital account: City Hall Boiler Repairs
- PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 34M
- ORDERED: That the City transfer \$30,000 from the Capital Budget to the Capital account: City Hall A/C Repairs
- PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 34N
- ORDERED: That the sum of \$177,000 be transferred from Wastewater accounts as listed below and be transferred to Capital Fund account Sewer Rehab and Repair (3211015)
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| Wastewater Salaries | \$80,000 | Wastewater Expense | \$11,000 |
| Stormwater Salaries | \$50,000 | Wastewater Int & Maturities | \$10,000 |
| Wastewater Capital | \$ 6,000 | Wastewater Employee Benefits | \$20,000 |
- PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 34O

13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

Loan Order

ORDERED: That \$9,500,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the engineering and construction of improvements to water transmission and distribution mains 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, c.78; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Auditor is authorized to borrow \$9,500,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws (see document for complete text)

Related communication from Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO REPLACE THE ORDER, DOCUMENT 24-C, WITH NEW DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY ROBERT WARD DATED JULY 10, 2018.

REPLACED & PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 24C

14. Monthly Reports:

Abatement report from Christine Webb, Assessor, for month of June 2018

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 19G

15. Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting recognition of Captain Robert Pistone, Haverhill Police Department

CAPT. PISTONE WAS RECOGNIZED FOR BEING SELECTED TO ATTEND THE FBI NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN QUANTICO, VA. AND FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION. CAPT. PISTONE BRIEFLY SPOKE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE. A CITATION WAS PRESENTED TO HIM FROM COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 63T

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and to introduce Louis Fossarelli, a Vietnam Veteran to speak
MR. FOSSARELLI INFORMED THAT THE LOCATION OF THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL, AT THE CORNER OF THE BASILIERE BRIDGE, IS DIFFICULT TO VISIT AND IS OBSCURED BY THE VEGETATION AND LACK OF MAINTENANCE. HE WANTED TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ASKED THAT THE CITY START BRAINSTORMING ABOUT POSSIBLY RELOCATING AND/OR RECREATING A NEW MEMORIAL. HE SUGGESTED MOVING MEMORIAL TO GINTY BLVD/MAIN ST. COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TO PAY PROPER TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS & POSSIBILITY OF OTHER LOCATIONS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR AND REFER TO NATURAL RESOURCES & PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 63U

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to introduce Melissa Seavey and Jenny Arndt to announce the Harbor Place Summer Series

MS MELISSA SEAVEY INTRODUCED MR DOUGAN SHERWOOD, THE NEW PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE GR. HAVERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MR. SHERWOOD GAVE A SUMMARY OF HIS BACKGROUND AND HIGHLIGHTED THE SUMMER EVENTS ON THE BOARDWALK*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 63V

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion on the creation of a comprehensive City-wide plan for the establishment of 55+ housing overlay zoning districts
AFTER DISCUSSION WITH COUNCILLORS AND MAYOR, WHO RECOMMENDED THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILLOR MACEK TO REFER TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE & LETTER TO THE MAYOR REQUESTING THAT THIS BE INCLUDED IN THE MASTER PLAN Yeas 9, Nays 0 63W

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting a discussion regarding the National Grid lockout.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT INTRODUCED KEITH RICE TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LOCKOUT. MR. RICE, LOCAL REP. FOR 12012-4, INFORMED THAT THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE HAD BEEN CUT AND HAD ISSUES WITH WORK BEING DONE ON WINTER ST AND HILLDALE AVE. HE ASKED THE CITY TO JOIN IN ON MORATORIUM, LIKE OTHER TOWNS, FOR NATIONAL GRID SERVICES UNTIL THE LOCKOUT IS OVER. HE PROVIDED A RESOLUTION FROM BRAINTREE. MAYOR FIORENTINI INFORMED THAT HE SUPPORTS THE MORATORIUM AND HAD BEEN OUT ON PICKET LINE WITH THEM. *

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO DEFER ALL PERMITTING OF NATIONAL GRID WORK UNTIL THE LOCKOUT IS RESOLVED, EXCEPT ON EMERGENCY BASIS, AND COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO BRAINTREE RESOLUTION AND FORWARD TO NATIONAL GRID AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 63X

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding public hearings in the Council Chambers

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED THAT WHEN A LARGE TURNOUT IS EXPECTED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING, ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR USE OF THE AUDITORIUM
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 63Y

16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings :

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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 240-108, Article XVI. Parking Fees, Rates and Terms is hereby amended as follows:

By deleting the figure “0.50” under the heading “Hourly Rate” on the Central Business District Parking Fees, Rates and Terms chart, and, by inserting the figure and words “\$1.00 for on-street and off-street parking” in place thereof.”

Councillors Bevilacqua, Barrett, Sullivan and McGonagle left the Chambers

The Mayor gave an overview of the paid parking program that went into effect August 2012 designed to move people along, rather than parking in front of businesses for the entire day. Pay for parking encourages business. He would like to expand the parking lots, signage, lighting and increase the cleaning person to full time. The Mayor wants to replace the meters with new smart technology. Haverhill still has the lowest parking rates in the region and one of the lowest rates in the state. Mike Stankovich, DPW Director, answered questions. Councillors spoke about the public misconception and confusion about the parking program. Speaking against the increase were Andrew Consoli, Ken Quimby, Jr. and Mirca Mejias. Making comments and suggestions about the parking program were Mike Middleton, Louis Fossarelli and Issa Zefta.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O’BRIEN TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Yeas 5, Nays 0, Abstain 4 (Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, McGonagle) 82

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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 240-108, Article XVI. Parking Fees, Rates and Terms is hereby amended as follows:

By deleting the figures and words “8.00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.”, “8.00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.” “3.00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.”, under the heading “Hours of Operation” on the Central Business District Parking Fees, Rates and Terms chart, and, by inserting the figures and words “10.00 a.m. to 8: p.m.” in place thereof.”

Councillors spoke about the public misconception and confusion about the parking program. Speaking against the change in hours of operation were Andrew Consoli, Ken Quimby, Jr. and Milka (?). Making comments and suggestions about the parking program were Mike Middleton, Louis Fossarelli and Issa Zefta.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O’BRIEN TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Yeas 5, Nays 0, Abstain 4 (Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, McGonagle) 82B

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Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240-108, Article XVI. Parking Fees, Rates and Terms is hereby amended as follows:

By deleting the figure “\$15.00****” under the heading “Monthly Rate” on the Central Business District Parking Fees, Rates and Terms chart, and, by inserting the figure “\$20.00” in place thereof; also, by deleting the footnote “****Parking Permits may be obtained for an annual fee of \$150 per year.”

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO MOVE MOTION
PASSED Yeas 5, Nays 0, Abstain 4 (Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, McGonagle) 82C

Councillor Barrett returned to Chambers

17. Resolutions and Proclamations

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage announced the scheduled Administration & Finance Committee meeting, July 17, at 7pm in the Council office, room 204. Discussion items are marijuana and plastic bags.

Councillor Macek announced the Planning & Development Committee meeting, July 19, at 7pm in the Council office, room 204. Discussion items are assistance to new businesses and the re-purpose of Washington Sq.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 o’clock P.M. Yeas 6, Nays 0, Absent 3

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 88 – Handout from Melissa Seavey – Harbor Place Summer Events flyer

*Doc. 88 – Handout from Keith Rice – Braintree Resolution

*Doc. 24C – Handout from Robert Ward, Proposed Loan Order and Authority to File – Revised, dated 7/10/18