



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM  
Theodore A Pelosi, Jr. 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 Daly O’Brien was assigned the minutes.
5. Communications from the Mayor
6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees  
Communication from Council President Michitson announcing cancellation of City Council meeting scheduled for October 10 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Theodore Pelosi Jr City Council Chambers due to the Special Election for the 3rd Essex State Representative Seat  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 99
7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)  
Hearing was held on Document 88, a petition from National Grid of North Andover requesting permission to construct line of underground electric conduits on Washington st; to provide larger electrical service to 118-122 Washington st; Plan 23234263. With Paulo Sackler from National Grid appearing in favor. No one was opposed. Councillor Bevilacqua requested that residents and businesses be notified prior to installation.  
Hearing closed. 88  
ORDERED: –Grant electric conduit locations on Washington st (see document for complete text)  
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 88B
8. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28  
Communication from Ron MacLeod, 162 North av, requesting to discuss traffic safety on North av  
MR. MACLEOD INQUIRED AS TO WHY THE EDGE STRIPING WASN’T COMPLETED ON NORTH AVE TO NH BORDER. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY GPI THAT PORTION OF NORTH AVE IS IN NH AND CAN NOT HAVE TRUCK EXCLUSION. HE IS REQUESTING THAT CITY LOOK INTO HAVING TRUCK EXCLUSIONS FOR MARSH AVE, CONCORD AND GILE STREETS  
LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 36F
9. Appointments:  
Resignations  
Peter Richardson, 352 Chadwick rd has resigned from the Haverhill Conservation Commission  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 100
10. Petitions:  
Petition from Russell Walker, Vice President Common Ground Ministries; requesting permission to use a portion of the City-owned parking lot (part of the upper portion so-called Locke st Lot) through November 1 2017, along with the exterior of our property at 194 Winter st; to sell furniture or other wares on Saturdays to raise funds for the renovation of their new location; *Related communication from Mayor Fiorentini*  
MR. RON MILLS, DIRECTOR OF COMMON GROUNDS, STATED THAT THEY PURCHASED BUILDING AND ARE REQUIRED TO INSTALL SPRINKLER SYSTEM.  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 101  
Applications  
Application for Permit from Gail Sullivan/Team Haverhill to hold River Ruckus; Saturday, September 23; in parking lot behind the Tap Restaurant; 12 Noon to 9:00 PM and also requests to have fees waived;  
*Has police approval*  
GRANTED & FEES WAIVED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1(LePage) 102  
Annual License Renewals:  
Pool Tables:  
Kelly’s Restaurant, 75 South Main st, 2 Pool Tables  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 75D  
Sunday Pool: Kelly’s Restaurant, 2 Sunday Pool Tables  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 6N
11. Motions and Orders  
Orders  
ORDERD: That the sum of \$9,182 be transferred from the Capital Budget to the Capital Account: Treasurer’s Office Security; (to fund purchase of security cameras)  
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29W  
ORDERED: That the sum of \$799 be transferred from *Salary Reserve* and transfer to *Constituent Services – Salary*  
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29X

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ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize payment of bills of the previous years and to further authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed below:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
Bond Auto	\$19.63	Insp/Health	
Bradford Towing	\$75.00	Insp/Health	
Dell Computer	\$106.38	School Dept	
Marcum Advisors	\$6,500.00	Information Technology	
Nutter McClennen & Fish	\$4,512.00	Wastewater	
Nutter McClennen & Fish	\$1,232.50	Wastewater	
Nutter McClennen & Fish	\$340.00	Wastewater	
Springfield Label	\$111.07	Insp/Health	
Yellow Dog Environmental	\$580.00	Insp/Health	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	17H
Monthly Reports			
Abatement report from board of Assessors for month of July 2017			
PLACED ON FILE		Yeas 9, Nays 0	22H

## 12. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to give an update on the implementation of the free parking program for veterans.

MIKE INGHAM DESCRIBED THE PLACARD SYSTEM FOR THE FREE PARKING PROGRAM FOR VETERANS. PRESIDENT MICHITSON PRESENTED A CITATION TO TED GAIERO FOR HIS SUGGESTION AND READ A CITATION FOR MEREDITH WARREN, CHAIR OF DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMISSION, FOR HER LEADERSHIP. CITATION WILL BE MAILED TO HER. TED GAIERO THANKED COUNCILLORS AND OFFERED SUGGESTIONS TO PROMOTE HAVERHILL. PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0 74Z

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Lou Fossarelli to discuss City Hall parking.

MR. FOSSARELLI DESCRIBED PROBLEMS WITH PARKING AT CITY HALL. SUGGESTED REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES MOVE ELSEWHERE IN CITY. MR. VAN DAM, CHIEF OF STAFF, STATED THAT THE RMV DOES NOT PAY RENT. THEY HAVE GONE OUT TO BID FOR OTHER LOCATIONS BUT RESPONSES WERE VERY HIGH.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 9, Nays 0 103

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua to introduce Salvatore DeFranco, Battle Grounds Coffee Company to discuss parking.

MR. DEFRANCO REQUESTED AN EASEMENT BEHIND 39 WASHINGTON ST. TO ALLOW HIM TO PARK THERE DURING BUSINESS HOURS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SEND LETTER TO CITY ENGINEER, SOLICITOR COX, AND WILLIAM PILLSBURY FOR OPINION ON EASEMENT AND BACK IN 2 WEEKS ON COUNCIL AGENDA

Yeas 9, Nays 0 103B

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien and Councillor Macek requesting a discussion regarding street openings, sunken roadway repair and replacing pavement.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SEND LETTER TO CITY ENGINEER & MIKE STANKOVICH REGARDING TRENCHING. REQUEST TO REVIEW CURRENT TRENCH PERMITTING PROCEDURES & OVERSIGHT & REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0 103C

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to discuss smoking near outdoor Dining.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO REFER TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0 103D

## Councillor McGonagle left the chambers

### 13. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

#### Document 39

#### 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 removing the current parking space just to the west of Porter Place, on Washington Street, south side.

*Related communication from Engineer John Pettis, dated August 18, 2017, with amendments to Parking Map*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO REPLACE DOC. 39 WITH AMENDED DOC. 39B SUBMITTED BY JOHN PETTIS, DATED AUG 18 2017

PASSED AS AMENDED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (McGonagle) 39B

### 14. Resolutions And Proclamations

### 15. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett, Chair, presented minutes of the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting held

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on August 15 2017. Items discussed were status of facility improvements to public buildings and parks to comply with American with Disabilities Act, comprehensive long range plan for Haverhill, neighborhood issues at Bradfields Drive and East Broadway.

MINUTES ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(McGonagle) 23M

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS BASILIERE BRIDGE.

On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, Bevilacqua, LePage, Sullivan, President Michitson	6
Nays,-Councillors Daly O'Brien and Macek	2
Absent,-Councillor McGonagle	1

RULES SUSPENDED

Councillor Bevilacqua said that he had received a photo that showed a gap in foundation support and motioned to have the City Engineer get a formal statement from MA DOT about safety of bridge. Councillor Barrett read into the record an email from Paul Stedman of MA DOT, dated 8/22/17, stating that they have been monitoring the bridge and it is safe. Chief of Staff David Van Dam also stated that the bridge is safe. Motion withdrawn.

**16. Documents Referred To Committee Study**

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk