



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. 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
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 22 & SEPT. 5, 2017 MINUTES.
Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua)

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Sullivan was assigned the minutes
5. Communications from the Mayor
6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

8. Hearings and Related Order

Document 95, Valentine Kong/*Dream Team Auto Group LLC*: requests a Special Permit to operate a used Car Dealership at 100 White st; with 9 spaces for car sale, 2 spaces for employees and 2 spaces for customers.

Hearing opened. Mr. Kong, Sr. represented himself. He described his intentions for the use of the property.

Mr. Michael Schroth spoke in favor.

Hearing closed.

On motion of Councillor Macek to approve special permit.

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

95

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Communication from Gary Ortiz requesting to discuss changing Franklin st, North st and Nichols st one-way; to reduce crime in the area and to help with winter parking

MR. ORTIZ SUGGESTED AS A WAY TO REDUCE TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY IN WINTER TIME, TO LOOK AT IDEA OF MAKING NICHOLS AND FRANKLIN STREETS ONE WAY GOING SOUTH TO NORTH AND MAKING CEDAR STREET ONE WAY NORTH TO SOUTH. HE HAS SPOKEN TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE AREA WHO SUPPORT THIS. ALSO, CITY CONSIDER AS PART OF NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET, TO HAVE A PROGRAM IN CDBG THAT WOULD HELP HOMEOWNERS PURCHASE SECURITY CAMERAS. ANOTHER IDEA WAS TO GIVE A 5 YEAR TAX BREAK FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS, TARGETED TO STATE POLICE AND HAVERHILL POLICE TO PURCHASE HOME IN THE ACRE AREA.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR TO HAVE CITY ENGINEER, PLANNING DIRECTOR AND TRAFFIC & SAFETY OFFICIALS GIVE INPUT. ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR VARGAS TO AMEND TO INCLUDE REFERRING MATTERS OF PURCHASING CAMERAS BY HOMEOWNERS AND INCENTIVE TO ENCOURGAE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PURCHASE HOMES IN THE AREA TO THE CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

MOTION APPROVED AS AMENDED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

36F

10. Appointments:

No Schedule

11. Petitions:

Councillor Bevilacqua left chambers

Petition from Attorney Michael Migliori for applicant *Common Ground Development* and owner *Storehouse Properties LLC*; requesting Special Permit to build 25 workforce rental units – 13 of the units will be located in the Saint Gregory’s a/k/a Saint James School building, and 12 units will be located in the new construction building – the property is located in the “RU” “Residential Urban” Zoning District at 108 Harrison Street
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING OCTOBER 31, 2017 Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 1(Macek), Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 106

Councillor Bevilacqua returned to chambers

Applications

Application for Amusement Permit from Tyler Kimball/*Kimball Farm* to hold “*Foam Fest*”; at 791 East Broadway; Saturday, September 16th; 8 am to 8 pm

Has conditional recommendation from Police, Fire, & Health & Approval from MDAR

MR. KIMBALL APOLOGIZED FOR THE LATENESS OF THE APPLICATION WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR WEEKS. HE RECENTLY RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM MDAR. COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED CONCERNS, BASED ON PREVIOUS EVENTS, ABOUT DUST CONTROL, PARKING, TRAFFIC CONTROL, SIZE OF EVENT AND BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

MR. KIMBALL STATED THERE WILL BE 2100 PARTICIPANTS, NO MUSIC, STAGGERED START TIMES, WILL HAVE 45 PORTAPOTTIES, HAS WATER TANKS FOR DUST CONTROL, 5 POLICE OFFICERS AND EVERYONE SHOULD BE OUT BETWEEN 4-6PM. UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION, MR TYLER AGREED TO 7 POLICE OFFICERS AS STATED IN APPROVAL FROM HAVERHILL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO POSSIBLY INCLUDE A POLICE BOAT IN RIVER, WILL PUT DOWN

WOOD CHIPS ON ROADWAY FOR DUST CONTROL
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE WITH NOTED CONDITIONS FROM
DEPT. HEADS

GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS Yeas 9, Nays 0 83C

Application for Block Party on Pamela Lane from Rebecca Azia-Donahue; September 16; 2:00PM to 6:00PM;*Has police approval*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 56E

Application for Neighborhood party to be held between 20, 23 & 24 18th Avenue; from Sharon Colby to be held Saturday, September 16; 1:00PM to 5:00PM;*Has conditional approval from Police Department*

GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS Yeas 9, Nays 0 56F

Application from Christina Bontempo for a One Day Liquor License for Beer and Wine at *Winnekenni Castle*, Wedding reception; Thursday, September 21, 5:30PM to 10:00PM; *Has License Commission approval*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 59J

HHS Rowing Parents' Association – Date change of preapproved dates from Nov 17,18,19 to Nov 3,4,5

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 46K

12. Motions and Orders

Orders:

ORDERED – That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute certain easements, attached hereto, relative to real property located on 90-98 and 100 Washington Street, Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts being further identified as Map 309, Block 1, Lot 9 and Map 309, Block 1, Lot 10 respectively, of the Board of Assessors, for the purpose of installing and attaching lighting to the side of the building to illuminate the passage ways between the building and adjacent buildings or structures.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 60C

ORDERED – That the sum of \$30,347 be transferred from the Capital Projects account to the following Capital Account: *Air Conditioner Police Computer Room* \$30,347

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29Y

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
Collins, Loughran & Peloquin	\$5,450.00	Law Department	
Kelley & Ryan Associates Inc	\$ 554.60	Treasurer	
Nutter McClennen & Fish	\$2,102.90	Wastewater	
Nutter McClennen & Fish	\$1,147.50	Wastewater	
PestEnd	\$ 85.00	Public Property	
Phenova	\$ 274.00	Water Department	
Wright-Pierce	\$1,902.42	Wastewater	
PASSED	Yeas 9, Nays 0		17I

Monthly Reports

Abatement report from Board of Assessors for month of August 2017

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 22I

13. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting to introduce Superintendent James Scully to give an update on this year's school opening

Superintendent Scully's overview included this is his 8th year as superintendent; in 2010 student enrollment was 7,451 students and as of today, 8,136 ; athletic department increase in students participating in sports has grown to 1,200 ; in 2010 low income students were 42.4%, today 67% ; the Greenleaf School was supposed to go off line. It's the School Committee decision to open or close it. The State said they would not give any funding for capital improvements there. Due to increasing population the school is being used. It's been clean and painted, roof leak has been rectified.

Hunking population is 1,024 today. Opening day traffic nightmare at Hunking adjustments have been made.

Baseball field won't be ready until the spring. The soccer field is being used and dogs are not allowed.

The MSBA is coming to Haverhill to look at Consentino issue. Haverhill High School has an I school.

The School Department is stressing the positives about the school system and a new esprit de corps is noticed.

He also noted the significant monetary contributions from Ernie DiBurro, the Fantini's, Dr. Maddox, business community and individuals.

Councillors comments included the leasing of St. Joseph's as an option, use of Greenleaf School – a solution has to be found for kindergarten as this is a one year solution, drop out issue needs to be addressed, 21st century technology needs to be made available at other schools, system-wide.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 103K

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion about the *Green Communities Program*.

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ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO TABLE TO SEPTEMBER 19
TABLED TO SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 103L

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding pavement striping and signage at South Main Street, Bradford Square
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO STRIPE CURBING TO INDICATE WHERE PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED AND INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE TO INDICATE WHERE PARKING IS/ISN'T ALLOWED
LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Yeas 9, Nays 0 103M

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Council actions
COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA QUESTIONED THE ACTION TAKEN ON HIS AUG. 22 AGENDA ITEM CONCERNING 39 WASHINGTON STREET EASEMENT FOR BATTLE GROUNDS COFFEE COMPANY TO ALLOW PARKING IN THE REAR OF THE BUSINESS ON CITY PROPERTY. HIS MOTION INCLUDED TH AT THE MATTER BE PLACED ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 5TH BUT THE COMMUNICATION THAT WENT OUT INDICATED A DATE OF SEPTEMBER 19TH. HE WANTED TO KNOW HOW A DATE COULD BE CHANGED ONCE THE COUNCIL VOTED ON IT SINCE THAT ISN'T ADDRESSED IN THE COUNCIL RULES & REGS. HE WAS NOT CONSULTED ABOUT THE DATE CHANGE AND HIS EMAIL WAS NOT WORKING. COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA WAS ENCOURGED TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS ITEMS AND THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AN HONEST MISTAKE.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 103N

14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 103-J – Communication from Councillor Sullivan requesting a discussion about school bus drop off/pick up safety at all public schools
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN SUGGESTED LOOKING AT AMOUNT OF SPACE AT SCHOOLS TO CREATE BETTER AND SAFER WAYS FOR BUS DROP OFF/PICK UP SUCH AS WIDENING ROADWAY AROUND THE SCHOOLS. ALSO INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNALS AROUND SCHOOL ZONES INDICATING 20 MPH ON CONGESTED MAIN ROADS WHEN SCHOOL IN SESSION AND POSTED SPEED LIMIT SIGNS WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION. EXPLORE PURCHASING A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN NEXT BUDGET.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 103J

Resolutions And Proclamations
No Schedule

15. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Mr. David Van Dam, Chief of Staff, announced that the RMV will be moving out of City Hall in Spring of 2018 but will remain in Haverhill and they are working on a lease agreement. Also, Haverhill District Courthouse renovation project is going according to schedule and that they should be moving in the spring.

16. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk