



# Haverhill

Office of the Mayor, Room 100  
Phone: 978-374-2300 Fax: 978-373-7544  
Mayor@cityofhaverhill.com

***For Immediate Release:***  
November 19, 2015

## **Mayor Calls on Council to Hold Special Meeting on Tax Classification**

### **Three City Councilors Officially Request Meeting**

Today, Mayor James J. Fiorentini requested that the Haverhill City Council request a special meeting for next week to reconsider their vote on all of the documents under the tax classification. At the most recent city council meeting, there was a discussion regarding taxes, the Mayor asked the council to support a city payment of \$500,000 to help minimize the increase of taxes for residents, the council voted it down. The Mayor also asked the council to increase the shift of the CIP (commercial, industrial, personal property) for businesses from 156% to 158%, the city council voted it down. These votes meant residents in the city would have to pay higher taxes for their properties as a result of the city council votes. The Mayor advocated at the meeting to decrease the taxes paid by residents.

Next week, on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM in the Haverhill City Council Chambers on the second floor of Haverhill City Hall, the city council will hold a special meeting to reconsider their tax votes from the previous meeting. This special meeting will allow city councilors and the Mayor to continue their dialog on taxes and it will also give councilors and opportunity to look at this information again and potentially reconsider their vote.

Mayor Fiorentini stated:

“Our job is to represent the residents and do what is in their best interest. I want to thank the three city councilors for supporting this special meeting.

“I believe that we should give the residents a tax break whenever possible, we are currently in the position to do just that.”

Councilor Ryan stated:

“The residents work hard for their money and the city needs to give it back to them whenever possible, I support the Mayor on this vote.”

Councilor Sullivan stated:

I support the homeowners and I was outraged by the comments that night.”