



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 2, 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, and Daly O’Brien

Absent – Councillor McGonagle

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes were approved

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Barrett was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Fiorentini presents Official Citation to Haverhill Garden Club in recognition of their 50th Anniversary

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GARDEN CLUB WAS NOT AVAILABLE. PRESIDENT MICHITSON READ THE CITATION FROM THE HAVERHILL CITY COUNCIL. CITATIONS WILL BE MAILED. PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

Petition from National Grid and Verizon New England for Joint Pole Location on Orchard st; Plan 26590153/26946146

COUNCIL HEARING OCT 23, 2018

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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8. Hearings and Related Orders

Hearing was held on Document 89, petition for Special Permit from Attorney Michael Migliori for owner/applicant, Bread & Roses Housing Inc. requesting to construct 10 residential units to be owner-occupied located on 432 Washington st/0 Gilbert av; Assessor’s Map 503-236-6, 7,8,8A and 12A – which is located in the “RU” District. Favorable conditional recommendation was received from Planning Board & Planning Director.

President Michitson opened the hearing. Attorney Migliori informed that the site is the vacant St. George’s Church. Bread & Roses purchased the site last year. The site has become a blight in the Mt. Washington neighborhood. The proposal is for the construction of 10 residential units to be owner-occupied. The units will have an affordability restriction on them in perpetuity. Yessenia Gil, Bread & Roses Executive Director spoke about their mission and how it relates to the neighborhood. The building will be torn down because of its deteriorated state. A parcel was purchased at 0 Gilbert Ave. to be used as green space. Units will be townhouse style, which are targeted to first time home buyers. They have done extensive outreach working with the Mt. Washington Alliance and Urban Kindness. Ms. Gil also spoke about the selection process.

Speaking in favor were Christine Soundara, Director, Mt. Washington Alliance, Keith Boucher, Chair, Urban Kindness, John Cuneo, Director, Community Action and resident Nick Golden. Andrew Herlihy, CDBG Director, informed that a special focus will be made for local Haverhill residents. Joseph Levis and Matt Provencher from the development team answered questions.

Hearing closed.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK FOR PASSAGE AND THE PROPOSED CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS FROM BILL PILLSBURY’S LETTER OF SEPT. 28, 2018, ALL CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS BE INCLUDED WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS.

PASSED WITH CONDITIONS

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Linda Baxter, 15 Stanley dr, Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial Ad Hoc Commission , effective immediately

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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11. Petitions:

Petition for Special Permit from Law Office of E. Pamela Salpoglou, Inc representing applicant Edgar Arias, requesting to operate a Class II used automobile dealership, with open-lot sales and storage at 7-11 Kenoza av which is located in a Commercial CC Zone – Assessor’s Map 248, Block 48, Lot 1- to have 5 parking spaces for customers, 1 of which will be handicap accessible, 2 spaces for employees and 16 spaces for display

COUNCIL HEARING OCT 23 2018

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Applications:

Application from Trustees of J. G. Whittier Birthplace, to hold wet paint auction/fundraiser at 305 Whittier rd, October 13 – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and also requests event fee be waived; *Approval from Police & Fire Depts with conditions. Pending Health Dept approval*

APPLICATION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Hawker/Peddler: *Seasonal – Fixed Location*

Charles W. Hibbert to sell Christmas trees, Kissing balls, wreaths, baskets & decorations at 297 Lincoln av; November 23 to December 24; Sunday – Saturday, 9:00AM – 9:00PM

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Theater - renewal:

Chunky's Cinema Pub, 3 Screens, 371 Lowell av

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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12. Motions and Orders:

Ordinances (File 10 days)

An Ordinance

Relating to Zoning

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 255, §8 – Zoning Map, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Property on Emma Rose Circle, City of Haverhill Assessors Map 539, Block 43, Lots 10E & 10E-4 as shown on a certain plan filed with a petition from JR Builders, Inc., shall be re-zoned from Rural Residential (RR) to Residential Medium (RM)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

COUNCIL HEARING OCT 16 2018

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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13. Monthly Reports:

No Schedule

14. Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Council President Michitson and Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion about the intersection of Liberty and Crystal Streets

PRESIDENT MICHITSON INFORMED THAT THE TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE MET THIS MORNING AND THAT COUNCILLOR BARRETT WOULD GIVE AN UPDATE. COUNCILLOR BARRETT REPORTED THAT STEPS HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN TO ADD WARNING SIGN ALERTING MOTORISTS TO SLOW DOWN DUE TO CURVE AHEAD, MOVE STOP SIGN ON CRYSTAL AT LIBERTY CLOSER TO CURB, INSTALL CAUTION SIGNS FOR "STOP AHEAD", REPAINT STOP LINES AND PAINT WORD STOP ONPAVEMENT & THAT A TRAFFIC STUDY BE DONE FOR CRYSTAL AND LIBERTY STREETS FOR SPEEDING VOLUME AND FOR ALL WAY STOP SIGNS. SUZANNE XYDIAS SHARED HER EXPERIENCES OF LIVING THERE AND MARK ROOPE OFFERED A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF SUGGESTIONS/EHANCEMENTS TO IMPROVE THE AREA.* COUNCILLOR MACEK ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF JORDAN RANKIN. ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR, POLICE, DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, CITY ENGINEER TO IMPROVE SITE VISIBILITY, PROVIDE STOP SIGN AT EACH INTERSECTION (4 WAY) WITH PAVEMENT LINE MARKINGS, STOP SIGN BEFORE THE STOP SIGN AT INTERSECTION FOR ADVANCED NOTICE, BLINKING STOP SIGN, BLINKING RED LIGHT, REDUCE SPEED AT INTERSECITON & INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS SUGGESTED BY MR. ROOPE.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the filing of minutes

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES BE FILED ALONG WITH ALL COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS BY DEADLINE, 11:00AM ON FRIDAYS, OR BY 11:00AM ON THURSDAYS WHEN THERE IS A HOLIDAY, IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH FILING REQUIREMENTS.

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NO SECOND

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

107P

Communication was received from Councillors LePage and Barrett requesting to discuss the City's purchase of streetlights, electric rates, and update on the landfill solar project and other current and potential energy cost-saving measures for the benefit of the City and its residents

ORLANDO PACHECO, ENERGY CONSULTANT, INFORMED THAT THE CITY HALL BOILER WILL BE REPLACED WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT BOILER; STREETLIGHTS – ROUGHLY 3,500 LIGHTS WILL BE CITY-OWNED AND 1,500 UNDERGROUND WIRED WILL REMAIN WITH NATIONAL GRID; ELECTRIC RATES WILL INCREASE BY 30% STARTING IN NOVEMBER. MR. PACHECO URGED RESIDENTS TO CONSERVE. HANDOUT- ENERY REDUCTION COMPREHENSIVE REPORT* LANDFILL SOLAR PROJECT – WAITING ON SIGN OFF FROM AGGREGATE. CONSTRUCTION PERIOD WILL BE 4 MONTHS. ACCESS ROUTE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.*

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

107Q

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting removal of handicap spaces at 21 Cedar st; 120 Primrose st and 491 Washington st #1 as they are no longer needed

15. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings :

Document 16-H: Request from Ron MacLeod to address Council in regards to traffic safety on streets
Postponed from September 25th

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

16H

Document 24-E

Bond

ORDERED: That the City appropriates Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to pay costs of replacing the City Hall boiler, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. C. 44, §7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Document 24-F

Bond

ORDERED: That the City appropriates Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$764,925) to pay costs of replacing streetlights, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. C. 44, §7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Document 94-B

Mayor Fiorentini submits Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between City of Haverhill and AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO, Local 939, Wastewater Treatment Plant Group (New England Water Resource Professionals) and related salary ordinance for approval (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Document 51-C

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Relating to Salaries

CHAPTER

AFSCME GROUP

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Document 28-G of 2016 is hereby amended.
(see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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16. Resolutions And Proclamations

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcement

Councillor LePage announced there will be an Administration & Finance Committee meeting on Oct.3 at 7:00pm in room 204 to discuss citizen inquiry/referral system and the review of procurement procedures for small bids.

18. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 107-0 – Handout from Mark Roope – Commentary and diagrams of Broadway, Crystal, N. Broadway

*Doc. 107-Q – Handout from Orlando Pacheco – Energy Reduction Comprehensive Report and Ground Mount system for solar landfill