



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2019
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 were approved Yeas 9, Nays 0

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Bevilacqua 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 Orders

Hearing was held on Document 114 – A communication from Christine Webb, City Tax Assessor, for Tax Classification Fiscal Year 2020 with related information and Orders. Ms. Webb gave a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Webb informed that every Non-Evaluation year the Commonwealth requires all municipalities to perform a complete update of all real and personal property values based on the prior calendar year sales and overall market conditions. This year, FY 2020, Haverhill’s residential class has increased in value at a greater rate than the Commercial, Industrial & Personal Property (C.P.I.) class. Speaking to the issue were Christine Webb, Steve Gullo, Chuck Benevento, Dougan Sherwood, Tom Granneman, Joanna Dix, Gabriella Vargas and Dale Leone.

Councillor Bevilacqua inquired about changing the tax classification for large apartment complexes to commercial instead of residential. Ms. Webb will look into it.

HEARING CLOSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 114

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO ADOPT RESIDENTIAL FACTOR .9017 (163)
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 114B

ORDERED: That the City shall adopt a commercial exemption
NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 114C

ORDERED: That the City shall adopt a residential exemption
NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 114D

ORDERED: That the City shall select an open space discount factor
NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 114E

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Haverhill hereby accepts the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 17E and 41D with respect to Permanent acceptance of the annual C.P.I. index increase to the tax exemptions for the elderly.
NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 114F

ORDERED: That the City Council accepts 100% of C.P.I. (Consumer Price Index) increase reported by the State for F.Y. 2020 Exemptions. The 2020 C.P.I. amount is 3.3%
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 114G

ORDERED: That the City of Haverhill accepts Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5C1/2, which provides for an additional real estate exemption for taxpayers who are granted personal exemptions on their domiciles under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, including certain blind persons, veterans, surviving spouses and seniors, and to provide that the additional exemption shall be up to twenty (20%) percent of the personal exemption, to be effective for the exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2020

MAYOR FIORENTINI GAVE CREDIT TO NICK GOLDEN FOR ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE TO THE EXEMPTIONS.
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 114H

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Conservation Commission, Fred Clark IV, 15 Lincolnshire Dr; effective immediately. Appointment to expire December 31 2020

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 4R

11. Petitions:

Applications Handicap Parking Sign:

Rosa Martinez for 200 Wilson st – new

REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 9, Nays 0 115B

12. Motions and Orders:

ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize payment of bills 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>
Hach Company	\$ 18.59	Water Department
Derry Cooperative School District (3)	\$20,236.45	School Department

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 32F

13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Article XIII, Section 240-1302 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions of the Haverhill City Code, as amended be further amended by Establishing the following:

Location	Regulation	Hours/Days
103 Summer St. In front of No. 103 Summer Street Except for one 24 Hour Handicap parking space	No Parking	24 Hours

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 106B

Bond Order: That the City appropriates \$500,000 to pay costs of repairing the Water Street Fire Station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriate, the Treasure, 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)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 54G

14. Monthly Report

15. Resolutions and Proclamations:

Proclamation – *SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY*, November 30 2019

ADOPTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 39L

16. Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O’Brien requesting to introduce Tom Lussier to discuss Historic Preservation Grants offered by the Methuen Festival of Trees organization MR. LUSSIER, PRESIDENT OF METHUEN FESTIVAL OF TREES, INFORMED THAT THIS YEAR THEY ALLOCATED \$27,000 TO 3 PROJECTS – ROCKS VILLAGE HAND TUB HOUSE, TATTERSAL FARM AND POWERHOUSE. ANOTHER \$20,000 IS PENDING FOR FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN BRADFORD AND KIMBALL TAVERN. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS \$137,000 IN GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO HAVERHILL PROJECTS FROM THE FESTIVAL OF TREES. THIS FRIDAY, NOV. 22 THE METHUEN FESTIVAL OF TREES OPENS FOR 2 WEEKS. MAYOR FIORENTINI PRESENTED A CITATION TO MR. LUSSIER.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112P

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize Dana and Salvatore DeFranco who were inducted into the prestigious UMass Lowell Military Alumni Hall of Fame 2019 COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT MR. DEFRANCO, FORMER NAVY SEAL, WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE UMASS LOWELL MILITARY ALUMNI HALL OF FAME FOR HIS WORK WITH VETERANS TRANSITIONING BACK TO CIVILIAN LIFE AND HIS WIFE, DANA, WAS HONORED FOR BEING A MILITARY ADVOCATE. SHE IS NOT A VETERAN BUT HAS BEEN TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL TO MILITARY FAMILIES. THEY ARE THE FIRST INDUCTEES FROM HAVERHILL. CITATION PRESENTED.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112Q

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Letriah Masters to present an update of her work and programs MS. MASTERS INFORMED THAT SHE LAUNCHED THE MERRIMACK VALLEY MUSIC & ARTS STUDIO AT 145 ESSEX ST IN MARCH*. SHE IS SEEKING COMMUNITY FUNDING/SUPPORT. CONTACT INFO MVMUSIC-ARTS.COM, 978 377-0504. COUNCILLOR DALY O’BRIEN SUGGESTED SHE LOOK INTO GIVING TUESDAY ON DEC.3.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112R

17. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett announced the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting scheduled for Nov. 25 at 7:00 pm in the Council office to discuss forming an Agricultural Commission.

Councillor McGonagle announced the Mayor will be holding a Hunting Committee meeting on Nov. 20 at 6:00pm in room 301.

Councillor Sullivan announced the Santa Parade scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 24.

Meeting adjourned 8:47 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 112-R – Handout from Letriah Masters – Merrimack Valley Music & Arts flyer