



City of Haverhill
 City Council Minutes
 Tuesday, December 17, 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.
 Assistant City Clerk – Laura Angus

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
 President Michitson 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:
9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
10. Appointments:
 - Confirming Appointments
 - No Schedule
 - Non-Confirming Appointments
11. Petitions:
 - Applications Handicap Parking Sign
 - Giselle Melendez for 459 Washington st – *new*
 REFERRED TO PLANNING DEPT. Yeas 9, Nays 0 115C
 - John Dalton for 59 Hancock st – *new*
 REFERRED TO PLANNING DEPT. Yeas 9, Nays 0 115D
12. Motions and Orders:
13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE	CHAPTER 255
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, Article V, Use Regulations, as amended, be and is hereby further amended by adding the following:

“18.1 Sober Homes

The purpose of this ordinance is to address issues relating to sober homes in Haverhill. Structured sober houses provide housing for individuals in recovery from addiction to drugs and/or alcohol, including people who may have co-occurring mental health issues, as they transition from the treatment setting to life in the community. This housing assists individuals to return to the community through support in an alcohol-and drug-free, home-like environment.

This ordinance is intended to protect the residents of sober houses from operators, who engage in abuse, neglect, mistreatment, fraud, and/or inadequate supervision of this vulnerable population as well as to protect the residents of structured sober living homes and the neighboring community from operators who fail to provide a supportive, residential family-like living environment necessary for the residents to achieve and maintain sobriety, in a manner consistent with the reasonable expectations of residents living where sober houses are located in regard to their quality of life. (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 122B
14. Monthly Report
15. Resolutions and Proclamations
16. Communications from Councillors:
 - Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting to discuss the increased traffic backups on South Main st
 COUNCILLOR BARRETT SPOKE ABOUT THE TRAFFIC BACKUP FROM THE BASILIERE BRIDGE TO THE WARD HILL CONNECTOR AND SUGGESTED A LETTER BE SENT TO MASS DOT TO HAVE THEM REVIEW THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF LIGHTS. ALSO REFER MATTER TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE TO SEE IF THEY CAN MITIGATE ANY ISSUES.
Yeas 9, Nays 0 112Z

Communication was received from Councillors Barrett, Sullivan, and Bevilacqua requesting to introduce

Ralph Basiliere, Chair of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Commission to give an update on the Commission Efforts.

MR. BASILIERE INFORMED THAT THEY HAVE INSTALLED 465 FEET OF GRANITTE CURBING; DONE SOME TREE PLANTINGS & LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AND SEASONAL PLANTING. THEY HAVE RAISED \$95K IN FUNDRAISING, \$65K IN KIND SERVICES. THEY HAVE A BALANCE OF \$65,000 TO RAISE. ON MAY 1, 2020 THEY WILL BE BREAKING GROUND FOR THE NEW MEMORIAL.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 124

Communication was received from Councillors William Macek and Joseph Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Ted Xenakis, President of the Haverhill High School Class of 1969 to present a donation from the class to Ralph Basiliere, Chairman of Haverhill's new Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Mill Brook Park
MR. XENAKIS INFORMED THAT THEY RAISED \$2,110 AT THEIR CLASS REUNION IN SEPT 2019 FOR THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL & PRESENTED THE DONATION TO RALPH BASILIERE.
CITATION WAS PRESENTED TO MR. XENAKIS FROM COUNCILLORS MACEK AND BEVILACQUA

Yeas 9, Nays 0 124B

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a proposal to reduce the Council President's Annual Compensation to the same amount as all Councillors
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO REDUCE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL COMPENSATION TO THE SAME AMOUNT AS ALL COUNCILLORS
NO SECOND

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 124C

17. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting:

Document 106-C:

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
200 Wilson Street	No Parking	24 Hours
In front of No. 200 Wilson Street		
Except for one 24 Hour		
Handicap parking space		

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 106C

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements:

Councillors recognized President Michitson's years of leadership as President of the City Council and praised his dedication, service and integrity. President Michitson also thanked the Councillors.

Meeting adjourned 7:31 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Laura Angus
Assistant City Clerk