



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 26, 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 LePage was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor:

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to address the City Council regarding continuing State Aid to meet the largest municipal debt in the history of the Commonwealth – the Hale Hospital debt
MAYOR FIORENTINI GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION*. HE INFORMED THAT FORMER REPRESENTATIVE CHAIRMAN DEMPSEY SECURED \$19M TO HELP PAY FOR THE DEBT AND LAST YEAR REP. VARGAS SECURED \$250K. HE EXPRESSED THAT OTHER COMMUNITIES SHOULD HELP PAY FOR THE DEBT. THE MAYOR ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR & STATE DELEGATION ASKING FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF SEEKING STATE RELIEF FOR THE HOSPITAL DEBT. PRESIDENT MICHITSON QUESTIONED THE USE OF THE MONIES. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE GROWING HOSPITAL DEBT IN LIGHT OF TAXING TO THE LEVY OR BELOW AND ITS IMPACT ON THE DEBT
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR REQUESTING THE CITY UNDERTAKE AN ACTUARY STUDY.

On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas-Councillors Barrett, LePage, Jordan, McGonagle, Michitson & Acting President Sullivan 6

Nays-Councillors Bevilacqua, Macek and Daly O’Brien 3

LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING ACTUARY STUDY

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO SUPPORT THE MAYOR’S REQUEST TO SEND

LETTER TO GOVERNOR & STATE DELEGATION Yeas 9, Nays 0 20C

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)* between *City of Haverhill* and the *Teamsters Inspectional & Nursing Services Group* and related *Salary Ordinance* (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 52

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE
An Ordinance Relating to Salaries
(See document for complete text)

CHAPTER
Inspectional & Nursing Services Group

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 1B

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:

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

8. Hearings and Related Orders

Petition from Attorney Michael Migliori requesting a Special Permit be granted to Johnson Construction Management for property located on 121-123 Portland st; Assessors Map 610, Block 490, Lots 21-22 to construct a three-family residential building; located in the “RU” (Residential Urban Density) zoning district
Favorable conditional recommendation from Planning Board & Planning Director
PRESIDENT MICHITSON OPENED THE HEARING.

ATTORNEY MICHAEL MIGLIORI REPRESENTED THE APPLICANT, JOHNSON CONSTRUCTION. MR. ROBERT JOHNSON WAS IN ATTENDANCE. ATTORNEY MIGLIORI INFORMED THAT THEY MEET THE SETBACKS AND THAT THE UNITS WILL BE SOLD AS CONDOS.*
HEARING CLOSED.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL PERMIT WITH DEPT. HEAD CONDITIONS

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0

PASSED AS AMENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 15

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments:

Rocks Village Historic District Commission

Reappointments

Dr. Ray Arsenault, 22 Wharf Lane

Michael Forehand, 28 River rd

Christine Kwitchoff, 14 Colby’s Lane

Tom Beers, 26 Elliot st

<u>New:</u>		
Steve Merrill, 9 Wharf Lane		
Brad Gardner, 47 East Main st		
Jen & Peter Dryden, 40 East Main st		
CONFIRMED – appointments to expire March 26 2022	Yeas 9, Nays 0	3B
<u>Non-Confirming Appointments:</u>		
<u>Master Plan Committee:</u>		
Stephen Gullo, 196 Chadwick Road		
PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	4G
<u>Complete Streets Advisory Committee:</u>		
David Lefcourt, 86 Bradford av		
PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	4H

11. Petitions:

Petition from Melissa Seavey, Events Director of Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce to address Council regarding Kids FEST, being held on Saturday, May 4, 11AM to 4PM with a rain date of Sunday, May 5 2019 along with several related requests and requests that the event fee of \$500.00 be waived
Favorable recommendation from City Departments with conditions

MS. SEAVEY INFORMED THAT KIDSFEST WILL BE HELD IN THE SPACE BETWEEN THE CASABLANCA AND THE TAP ON WASHINGTON ST. THE DOWNTOWN PARKING LOTS WILL NOT NEED TO BE CLOSED. THE BUS STATION LOT WILL REMAIN OPEN.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE THE REQUESTS & WAIVE EVENT FEE
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 42

Applications/Handicap Parking Sign

Richard F Hartford Jr for 455 Washington st, apt 1 – *new*

REFER TO PLANNING Yeas 9, Nays 0 16J

Kimberly Bradley for 13 Highland st – *renewal*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 16K

Tag Days:

HHS Boys & Girls Tennis, April 13 & 14

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 53

HHS Girls Volleyball Team, October 19 & 20

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 53B

Taxi Driver Licenses for 2019:

Peter Loring Jr., 235A River st – *renewal*

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 27

12. Motions and Orders:

13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

14. Monthly Report

15. Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to discuss the status of Haverhill's large retirement debt and associated action plan

POSTPONED TO APRIL 2 2019 Yeas 9, Nays 0 38L

Communication was received from Councillors LePage and Sullivan requesting to introduce School Committee members Gail Sullivan and Richard Rosa for a discussion on a Resolution urging legislature to approve and fully fund a new foundation budget formula by May 1 2019

MS. SULLIVAN READ INTO THE RECORD THE RESOLUTION THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTED ON AT THEIR MEETING IN NOV. 2018. SHE INFORMED THAT THE STATE'S FOUNDATION BUDGET FORMULA HASN'T CHANGED SINCE 1993. MAYOR FIORENTINI INFORMED THAT HE SPOKE AT THE STATEHOUSE LAST WEEK REGARDING SCHOOL FUNDING FOR GATEWAY CITIES AND THAT HAVERHILL RECEIVES LESS CHAPTER 70 MONIES THAN OTHER GATEWAY CITIES BUT THAT WE DO BETTER THAN THOSE WHO RECEIVE MORE FUNDS. HE SUPPORTS THE NEW FORMULA FOR GATEWAY CITIES.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO SEND LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR & STATE DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION Yeas 9, Nays 0 38M

Haverhill City Council Resolution – a Resolution in Support of Full funding of our Public Schools
PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 39B

Communication was received from Councillors Jordan and LePage requesting to introduce School Committee members Gail Sullivan and Richard Rosa to give an update on the Haverhill Promise grade level reading program

MS. SULLIVAN INFORMED THAT THE GOAL OF HAVERHILL PROMISE IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN READING AT GRADE LEVEL AT THE END OF THIRD GRADE. HAVERHILL PROMISE & MADDOX FOUNDATION HAVE GIVEN BOOKS TO BARBER SHOPS, DOCTOR'S OFFICES & LAUNDROMATS, TO ENCOURAGE READING. THEY ARE SEEKING HELP & SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY TO FOSTER INTEREST IN READING

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38N

Communication was received from Councillor Jordan requesting to introduce Janice Anton of West Lowell av and Vanessa Johnson of Essex County Greenbelt Association to discuss Janice's plan to donate a portion of her property to Essex County Greenbelt and place a conservation restriction on this property
MR. CHRIS LAPOINTE, GREENBELT DIRECTOR OF LAND CONSERVATION, INFORMED THAT A CONSERVATION RESTRICTION PROHIBITS THE LAND FROM BEING CONVERTED TO OTHER USES; IT PRESERVES THE LAND. SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF THE RESTRICTION WERE

JIM PARKER, LISA MARZILLI AND JOHN NICOLETTI. MAYOR FIORENTINI SUPPORTED THE RESTRICTION.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO ACCEPT THE CONSERVATION RESTRICTION Yeas 9, Nays 0 38O

Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting an update on the status of the Haverhill Public Library

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO LIBRARY DIRECTOR/BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ATTEND A COUNCIL MEETING IN APRIL TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION Yeas 9, Nays 0 38P

Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting a discussion regarding the need to clean up debris from a traffic incident in late November in the area of Blossom st and Laurel av
COUNCILLOR BARRETT INFORMED THAT THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY A CAR ACCIDENT LAST YEAR HAS NOT BEEN REPAIRED AND THAT THE DEBRIS IS ON THE GROUND.

LETTER TO MAYOR & DPW DIRECTOR TO REMOVE DEBRIS AND INCLUDE THE REPAIR OF THE WALL ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN Yeas 9, Nays 0 38Q

Communication was received from Councillor William Macek requesting a discussion on the impending Comcast Cable contract

COUNCILLOR MACEK INFORMED THAT THE CABLE COMMITTEE IS REVIEWING THE CONTRACT

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR SEEKING AN INCREASE IN DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS ON THE BASIC PACKAGE AND TO OFFER BETTER SELECTIVITY OF SMALLER PREMIUM PACKAGES Yeas 9, Nays 0 38R

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

Document 29-H:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
342 Washington St. Establish – Handicapped Parking
An Ordinance Relating to Parking

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

LOCATION	REGULATION	HOURS/DAYS
342 Washington Street	No Parking	24 Hours

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29H

Document 29-I:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
88 Margin St. Establish – Handicapped Parking
An Ordinance Relating to Parking

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

LOCATION	REGULATION	HOURS/DAYS
88 Margin Street	No Parking	24 Hours

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29I

Document 29-J:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
136 High St. Establish – Handicapped Parking
An Ordinance Relating to Parking

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

LOCATION	REGULATION	HOURS/DAYS
136 High Street	No Parking	24 Hours

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29J

Document 29-K:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
6 John St. DELETE – Handicapped Parking
An Ordinance Relating to Parking

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

LOCATION	REGULATION	HOURS/DAYS
6 John Street	No Parking	24 Hours

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29K

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Bevilacqua announced that the Planning & Development Committee will meet on Weds, March 27 at 8:30AM in the Council office to discuss broadband. and the Haverhill Public Library Parking Study report.

Councillor LePage announced there will be an Administration & Finance Committee meeting on Weds, April 3 at 7:00PM in the Council office to discuss the Council Rules & Regs and the Solar ordinance.

Councillor LePage announced that the Haverhill Police Department will hold a Vaping Seminar at Haverhill High School Auditorium on Weds evening, March 27th at 7PM.

Councillor LePage announced that on April 5th the City will be designated as a Green Community and ceremony will be held at the Haverhill Public Library at 10AM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 20-C – Handout from Chuck Benevento – Hale Hospital Discharges by Community

*Doc. 15 – Handout from Atty. Migliori - photo