



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Scatamacchia, Barrett, Macek, Ryan, Sullivan, Daly O’Brien, McGonagle and LePage.
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Daly O’Brien was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

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

Hearing was held on Document 28, a petition from National Grid requesting pole location near 127 White st; Plan 12721270. With Dave Agular from National Grid appearing in favor and no one in opposition the hearing was closed. 28

ORDERED: Order granting of pole location near 127 White st; Plan 12721270 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 28B

5. Appointments

Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Non-Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Resignations:

No Schedule

6. Petitions

Petitions:

No Schedule

Applications:

No Schedule

Annual License Renewals:

Hawker Peddlers License Renewals 2014:

No Schedule

Coin-Op License Renewals 2014:

No Schedule

Sunday Coin-Op License Renewals 2014:

No Schedule

Drainlayer Renewals 2014:

No Schedule

7. Hearings and Related

No Schedule

8. Motions and Orders

ORDERED: Appropriate \$380,000 from Free Cash & transfer to Veterans Expenses for Veteran Benefits

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 31F

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ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize the payment of bills of the previous years and further authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed below:

PASSED	Northeast Fire System Inc	\$972.69	School Department	
		Yeas 9, Nays 0		31

Ordinances (File 10 Days)

No Schedule

9. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 10-C, Communication from Mary Carrington, Human Resources Director, submitting Memorandum of Agreement and Salary Ordinance for Haverhill Superior Officer's Group 10C

Document 11C

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER

An Ordinance Relating to Salaries

Haverhill Superior Officer's Group

(see document for complete text)

Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Haverhill and the Superior Officers Group. There was a related communication from Mayor Fiorentini.

PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0		11C
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Document 12-H

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Delete Handicap Parking Ordinance – 17 Arch av. (see document for complete text)

PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0		12H
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10. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Monthly Reports:

No Schedule

Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to discuss violent crime in Haverhill.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON STATED THAT THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE BOSTON GLOBE RECENTLY ABOUT FBI STATISTICS ON CRIME AND REPORTED THAT HAVERHILL WAS RANKED 15TH MOST VIOLENT COMMUNITY IN THE STATE IN 2012 AND WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MEASURES ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN TO REDUCE CRIME. CHIEF DENARO STATED THAT THEY ARE USING NEW SOFTWARE (PREDICTIVE POLICING) TO HELP IDENTIFY POTENTIAL AREAS OF CRIME AND THEY ARE USING FOOTPATROLS IN THE MT. WASHINGTON AREA AND THE ACRE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF GANG VIOLENCE. HE ALSO MENTIONED SEVERAL OTHER ONGOING INITIATIVES THAT THE POLICE HAVE IN PLACE TO WORK WITH STUDENTS. THE MAYOR ADDED THAT HE WILL BE HIRING MORE OFFICERS IN THE FY15 BUDGET.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO REFER ISSUE TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

9L

Communication was received from Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien requesting a discussion regarding Winnekenni Park forest thinning project.

COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN ASKED ROBERT MOORE, CONSERVATION AGENT, TO UPDATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WINNEKENNI PARK PROJECT. MR MOORE STATED THAT THIS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS A SALVAGE OPERATION AND THAT THE WOOLY ADELGIDS WOULD HAVE WIPED OUT THE HEMLOCK TREES IF THIS PROBLEM WASN'T ADDRESSED. BRENT BAESLACK AND CITY CONSULTANT GARY GOULDRUP EXPLAINED THE PROCESS. ANDY GONIOS WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT & BRIAN CUSCIA VOICED CONCERN. PLACED ON FILE

9M

Communication was received from Councillor Ryan requesting a discussion regarding the Route 110 rest area that was re-opened last year

COUNCILLOR RYAN INVITED RICHARD LEBLOND TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON THE RTE 110 REST AREA. MR. LEBLOND REQUESTED THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE PARK BE OPENED TO ALLOW MORE ACCESS TO THE PARK AND THAT PARKING IS VERY LIMITED. THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE OPENED AND CLOSED THE GATES WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS. ELAINE BARKER FROM BRIGHTSIDE SUPPORTED THE OPENING OF THE ENTIRE PARK AREA AND

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THAT VOLUNTEERS PLANTED DAFFODILS LAST YEAR AND WOULD LIKE THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY THE AREA. THE PARK WILL REOPEN IN APRIL.
LETTER TO MAYOR

9M

Communications from City Employees:

No Schedule

11. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

12. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage stated that there will be an Administration and Finance Committee meeting on March 20th at 7:00P, City Hall, room 204. Items on the agenda will be the cost of living increase as presented by the Haverhill Retirement Board and the zoning for medical marijuana.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk