

# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Scatamacchia, Barrett, Macek, Ryan, Sullivan, McGonagle and LePage.

Absent - Councillor Daly O'Brien 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 Scatamacchia was assigned the minutes

3. Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

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

No Schedule

5. Appointments

**Confirming Appointments:** 

William Evans was appointed to the Haverhill Planning Board effective immediately and commission expires April 1 2019.

CONFIRMED Yeas 8, Absent 1 1Q

Ronald Laplume was appointed to the Board of Appeals as a Full Member from Associate member, effective immediately and commission expires April 1 2019.

CONFIRMED Yeas 8, Absent 1 1R

**Non-Confirming Appointments:** 

No Schedule

Resignations:

No Schedule

6. Petitions

Petitions:

Petition was received from Gina Tomacchio requesting a Special Permit be granted by the City Council to allow a Used Car Dealership at 251 Winter st; Assessor's Map 306, Block 76, Lot Number 2; with a request for 25 spaces

HEÂRING SCHÊDULED FOR APRIL 29, 2014

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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:

Glenn Daigle

GRANTED Yeas 8, Absent 1 6U

Joseph Watson

GRANTED Yeas 8, Absent 1 6V

7. Hearings and Related Orders:

No Schedule

8. Motions and Orders

ORDERED: That Document 60 of 1981, Document 209 of 1989, Document 50 of 1995, Document 55 of 2003, and Document 70 of 2008, as amended, be further amended to increase the following fee, effective upon passage:

Street listing book, received in person \$45

Street listing book, mailed \$50

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 41

ORDERED: That Document 35 of 2014; Hunking School Debt Exclusion Ballot Question; passed March 25 2014; be amended by deleting the word "bonds" and inserting in place thereof the word "bond" There was a related communication from City Solicitor, William Cox Jr

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 35A

### Ordinances (File 10 Days)

No Schedule

9. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

No Schedule

10. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Monthly Reports:

No Schedule

## Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from President Michitson cancelling City Council meeting scheduled for June 10, 2014 to be rescheduled to June 17, 2014. Also, City Council meeting scheduled for September 9,2014 be cancelled due to the State Election and be rescheduled to September 16, 2014. MEETING DATE CHANGES PASSED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle submitting recommendations and report on items 1 & 8 discussed at the Traffic & Safety meeting held March 12 2014 COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE REPORTED THAT THE TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT (Item 1)THE AVCO ROAD TRAFFIC GATE REMAIN CLOSED. ALSO, TRAFFIC STUDY (Item 8) FOR THE INTERSECTION OF S. ELM, S. PLEASANT AND S. PROSPECT STREETS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IS AWAITING FUNDING. LETTER TO CITY ENGINEER TO DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR AVCO ROAD GATE & LETTER TO CITY ENGINEER REQUESTING COST ANALYSIS TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC ENHANCEMENTS 39B

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Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting Council follow up on the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Committee regarding Document 51-B/2013; and Order to increase the cost of living adjustment base as proposed by the Haverhill Retirement Board PLACED ON FILE

51A

#### Document 51-B

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Haverhill accept the provisions of Chapter 188, Section 19, of the Acts of 2010 which would increase the Cost of living adjustment base in \$1,000 increments each for FY 14, FY 15, and FY 16 such that any cost of living adjustment granted by the Haverhill Retirement Board will be based upon \$13,000 for FY 14, \$14,000 for FY 15 and \$15,000 for FY 16

# COUNCILLOR RYAN RECUSED HIMSELF AND LEFT THE CHAMBERS

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO AMEND THE ORDER BY STRIKING THE CURRENT LANGUAGE AND INSERTING IN PLACE: "AN ANNUAL \$30 PER RETIREE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT SHALL BE FUNDED IN THE FY'15 BUDGET, AN ANNUAL \$60 PER RETIREE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT SHALL BE FUNDED IN THE FY'16 BUDGET, AND, AN ANNUAL \$90 PER RETIREE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT SHALL BE FUNDED IN THE FY'17 BUDGET."

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT BY INSERTING "\$30 PER RETIREE IN THE FY'15 BUDGET AND \$45 PER RETIREE IN THE FY'16 BUDGET."

PASSED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Ryan)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO PASS AS AMENDED

PASSED AS AMENDED Yeas 7, Absent 2 (Ryan) 51B/2013

## COUNCILLOR RYAN RETURNED TO THE CHAMBERS

Communication was received from Councillor Ryan requesting the City establish a commission to oversee the Merrimack River Park area that will have nine members

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 8, Absent 1 90

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting a waiver of affordability restriction on behalf of Megan Biddle at 70 Washington st, Unit 102. There was a related communication from Andrew Herlihy, Community Development Division Director supporting the waiver.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO WAIVE AFFORDABILITY RESTRICTION ON

PROPERTY AT 79 WASHINGTON ST, UNIT 102

AFFORDABILITY RESTRICTION WAIVED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

9P

# Communications from City Employees:

Communication was received from City Clerk, Linda L Koutoulas, submitting copies of the certified mail receipts from the City Clerk's Office; regarding the upcoming debt exclusion ballot question PLACED ON FILE

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### 11. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

## 12. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Council Committee Reports

No Schedule

Documents referred to Committee Study

No Schedule

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

Attest: <u>Linda Koutoulas</u> City Clerk