



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

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

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved. Yeas 9, Nays 0

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor McGonagle was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor:

No Schedule

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from Robert DesMarais, Chair - Board of Registrars of Voters, submitting polling location list in Haverhill for 2017 elections and also request change of Ward 2 Precinct 2 – Move existing polling place from Northpoint Bible College to Hunking Middle School and Ward 7, Precinct 2 – Move existing polling place from Bradford Elementary School to Hunking Middle School

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 18

ORDERED: That the following locations are hereby established as Polling Places for all Elections to be held during the year 2017, in accordance with Chapter 54, Section 24 or the Massachusetts General Laws: (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 18B

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

Petition from National Grid requesting Hearing for electric conduit location on East Broadway –
Plan 23189786 (Hearing Feb 28th)

HEARING SCHEDULED FOR FEB 28, 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 19

6. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments:

Karl Brunelle 52 Washington st, Unit 1-C, Central Business District Parking Commission, effective immediately with appointment to expire Dec 31, 2017

CONFIRMED Yeas 9, Nays 0 1B

7. Petitions

No Schedule

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs:

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses:

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

No Schedule

11. Tag Days

The following Tag Days were GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0

HHS Boys Swim & Dive - January 27, 28, 29 20

HHS Girls Basketball Boosters - February 3, 4, 5 20B

HHS Indoor Track - February 10, 11, 12 20C

HHS Classical Academy Parents Assoc - March 24, 25, 26 20D

HHS Lacrosse - March 31 & April 1, 2 20E

HHS Key Club - April 7, 8 20F

HHS Boys Volleyball - April 14, 15 20G

HHS Outdoor Track – April 21, 22, 23 20H

Haverhill Kiwanis – April 28, 29 20I

Haverhill Senior Baseball – May 5, 6 20J

Haverhill Elite Track – May 13, 14 20K

Haverhill Little League – May 19, 20 20L

Haverhill Girls Softball – May 26, 27, 28 20M

Haverhill Elite Cross Country – Sept 16, 17 20N

HHS Cross Country – Sept 22, 23, 24 20O

12. Annual License Renewals:

No Schedules

Taxis

Taxi Driver License

Peter Davis, 114 Pilling st, for Haverhill Taxi; has Police Dept approval
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 4B

Coin-Ops (Renewals)

RG's Pub, 242 Winter st, 1 Coin-op
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 5C

Papa Gino's, 3 Ferry st, 1 Coin-op
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 5D

RG's Pub, 1 Sunday Coin-op
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 6C

Papa Gino's, 1 Sunday Coin-op
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 6D

13. Drainlayer 2017 License – Renewals

Thomas Dube
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 7P

Richard Golen
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 7Q

Bruce Hoehn
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 7R

Mark Viens
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 7S

Charles Zaher
 GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 7T

14. Hearings & Related Orders:

Document 119/2016; Petition from Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director, on behalf of City of Haverhill; for Special Permit to build within 500' of water supply – being Kenoza Lake – in the Watershed Protection District, for construction of improvements to the City's existing Water Treatment Plant
 Communication from Robert Ward requesting postponement to January 17, 2017
 POSTPONED TO JAN 24 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 119/2016

15. New Business/Orders:

ORDERED: That the sum of \$22,180.00 be transferred from the General Fund, Reserve for Capital Projects to the following Capital Account: Speed Signs – Police Dept \$22,180.00
 PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 21

16. Ordinances (File 10 days):

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
 53 Bellevue Ave – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING
 (see document for complete text)
 PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 9D

17. Unfinished Business:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
 Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, as amended, be further amended by adding the following to § 240-98 Schedule P: Heavy Commercial Vehicles: Jordan Street, Spruce Street, Pine Street (see document for complete text)
 PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 8

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING
 14 Meagans Way – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING
 (see document for complete text)
 PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 9

18. Monthly Reports

Abatement report for month of December 2016 from Board of Assessors
 PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 22

19. Communication from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to introduce Ted Gaiero to propose free parking for Veterans on Merrimack st for trips to VA Hospital (for example) and better signage on Rt. 495 to promote tourism in Haverhill.
 MR. GAIERO RECOMMENDED FREE PARKING FOR VETERANS ON MERRIMACK ST. FROM 108 MERRIMACK ST TO RIGHT BEFORE GOECKE PARKING DECK WITH POSTED SIGNAGE.

HE ALSO SPOKE PASSIONATELY ABOUT HIGHWAY SIGNAGE PROMOTING HAVERHILL.
REFERRED TO THE PARKING COMMISSION Yeas 9, Nays 0 10N

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the intersection of Monument and Broadway.
COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA QUESTIONED WHETHER MONUMENT STREET COULD BE WIDENED TO ACCOMMODATE 3 LANES OF TRAFFIC APPROACHING BROADWAY (RTE 97) AND THE USE OF SIGNAGE INDICATING ARROWS FOR LEFT LANE/STRAIGHT AND RIGHT ARROW FOR RIGHT TURN. ALSO, WORK WITH MASS DOT FOR THEIR REVIEW
REFERRED TO CITY ENGINEER Yeas 9, Nays 0 10O

Communication was received from Councillors Sullivan, Daly O’Brien and Vargas requesting a discussion regarding the establishment of a Local Historic District Study Committee for the creation of a Main Street Historic District under the auspices of the Haverhill Historic Commission
KERRY FITZGERALD SPOKE ABOUT HER INVOLVMENT WITH THE HAVERHILL HISTORIC COMMISSION & THE PROCESS FOR CREATING A MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT.*
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION AS STEP 1 TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE:
There is hereby established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40C, General Laws, a Local Historic District Study Committee consisting of (3-7) members, which shall make an investigation and report on the historic significance of the buildings, structures, features, sites or surroundings included in such proposed local historic district or districts as the committee may recommend, and shall submit a final report with its recommendations after a public hearing, together with a map of the proposed district or districts and a draft of the proposed ordinance, to the City Council.
LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 10P

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting removal of a handicap parking space at 14 York st that is no longer needed
REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 9, Nays 0 10Q

20. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage requests to give an update on items referred to the Administration and Finance Committee
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 23

Councillor McGonagle requests to submit the recommendations of the Traffic & Safety Committee meeting held December 29 2016
COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON ITEMS THAT WERE REFERRED TO THE TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL, i.e. ITEMS 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13 (see document for complete text)
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 23B

Councillor Barrett announced the Citizen Outreach Committee scheduled for Jan. 23, 2017 at 7:00PM in the City Council office, room 204. The item to be discussed is facility improvements to public building and parks to comply with American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc.10-P – Handout from Kerry Fitzgerald, Flyer, Appointing a local historic district study committee