



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM
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 Macek was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting the Haverhill Municipal Aggregation Plan Proposal – Colonial Power Group Inc.

MARK CAPPADONA OF COLONIAL POWER GROUP EXPLAINED THAT THIS PLAN IS THE SAME THAT THE CITY APPROVED MARCH 10, 2015. THE BASIC CUSTOMERS WOULD BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE PLAN. THIRD PARTY CUSTOMERS WILL STAY WITH THEIR PROVIDER. CUSTOMERS CAN OPT OUT OF THIS PLAN.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO ACCEPT PLAN AS PRESENTED
PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0 1E

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employee

No Schedule

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

Hearing was held on Document 27, a petition from National Grid & Verizon New England requesting joint pole locations on Homestead st – Plan 25223204. With Dave Agular from National Grid appearing in favor and neighbor Dennis McCracken seeking clarification. No one was opposed.

Hearing closed

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 27

ORDERED: Order granting National Grid & Verizon NE joint pole locations on Homestead st (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 27B

8. Hearings and Related Orders

No Schedule

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

No Schedule

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments :

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Hartell Johnson, 215 Wilson st, to the Community Affairs Advisory Board, effective immediately-fills vacancy

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 17E

11. Petitions:

No Schedule

12. Motions and Orders

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

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Account</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Parent Travel reimbursement (2) | \$712.98 | School Dept |
| Barcodes Inc | \$102.40 | School Dept |
| Greenman-Pedersen Inc | \$14,460.00 | Park Dept |
| Riverside Veterinary Clinic | \$118.00 | Health Dept |

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 36

13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Sandler Terrace **No Parking** (West Side)

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 (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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14. Monthly Reports

No Schedule

15. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to discuss security (physical) audits at all public buildings and school facilities in Haverhill

PRESIDENT MICHITSON APPLAUDED STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN MARCH AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE. HE RECOMMENDED THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE MAYOR AND SUPERINTENDENT TO PERFORM SECURITY AUDITS AT ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES. COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE ASKED TO INCLUDE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. PRESIDENT MICHITSON SPELLED OUT QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED AND NEXT STEPS. COUNCILLOR MACEK SUGGESTED SENDING LETTER TO LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED INCLUDING ALL DEPARTMETNS AS A PHASED IN APPROACH.

ON MOTION OF PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR, SUPERINTEN-
DENT TO INCLUDE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting to introduce Kim Boisselle and Katherine Ryan for an update on the activities of the HOPE Task Force

MS. BOISSELLE AND MS. RYAN INFORMED THAT OPIOID DEATHS IN HAVERHILL HAS DOUBLED. IN 2016 THERE WERE 2,000 DEATHS STATEWIDE WITH 37 DEATHS IN HAVERHILL. SINCE JAN 2018 THEY HAVE HAD 48 REFERRALS, 5 DEATHS AND 19 ENROLLED IN SOME KIND OF TREATMENT. THEY ARE DOING COMMUNITY EVENTS IN SCHOOLS. THEY ARE SEEKING A GRANT FOR NARCAN. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR CITY TO HELP WITH PRINTING COSTS FOR THEIR MATERIALS AND ASSISTANCE WITH GETTING PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA) ON BILLBOARDS
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR ASKING FOR \$1,000 TO HELP WITH HOPE MISSION AND AWARENESS OF OPIOID CRISIS.

LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 9, Nays 0

38B

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion on the detrimental effects of the opioid epidemic on our community and potential strategies to address it.

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE INVITED THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, SHERIFF COPPINGER, SEN. MARKEY, TRINITY AMBULANCE, HEALTH EDUCATOR/HUNKNG SCHOOL AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC IN HAVERHILL. Lori Curry, Health Educator/Hunking School spoke about prevention. She is an advisor to HHS VIP team. She thanked Councillor LePage for his work with the middle school students commending him for his commitment to speaking with the students to inform them about the perils/danger of drugs and smoking. Team members Cassandra Gaff and Grace Michitson shared their VIP class experiences. Kirk Graham, paramedic with Trinity, informed that in February there were 2 overdoses a day with average age 36 years old. He gave a slide presentation.

Rep. Vargas, Senator O'Connor Ives, Rep. Dean Campbell, Rep. Mirra offered their assistance.

Rep. Vargas is looking for \$50,000 in Community Outreach Funding for "Recovery Coaches".

Rep. Dean Campbell's handout summarized legislative substance abuse highlights from 2014 to present*. She stressed that mental illness needs to be addressed because "co-occurring" disorders are a problem. Jen MacCannen and Tina Croteau of Granite United Church announced the Jericho Walk scheduled for May 19th. Last year 900 people walked. Jimmy Bradley of Plymouth House, Plymouth, NH informed that they have family meetings at the YMCA on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30PM as a resource. Kate Michy read a letter from Sen. Markey highlighting legislation that he has introduced to address illicit fentanyl and opioids. Sheriff Cousins stressed the importance of prevention, intervention and rehabilitation. He spoke about the 2 jail programs that they have with success rate of 87% for men and 80% for women. Also, about "co-occurring" disorders being substance abuse and mental illness. They have a new re-entry services unit where they provide support services when inmates go back into the community.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN LEFT THE CHAMBERS

Communication was received from Councillors Sullivan and Barrett requesting an update on the City's emergency management plan and the status of working generators in all public buildings in the City

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN INFORMED ABOUT NEED TO REPLACE GENERATOR AT POLICE STATION AND NEED FOR PURCHASING GENERATORS AT FIRE STATIONS AND MAYBE CONSIDER CITY HALL, I.E., MAYOR'S OFFICE. THIS DISCUSSION WAS PROMPTED BECAUSE OF THE RECENT DEVASTATING STORMS AND ITS IMPACT ON CITY BUILDINGS. COUNCILLOR BARRETT SUGGESTED TAKING AN ACCOUNTING OF WARMING CENTERS, EVACUATION AREAS/SCHOOLS THAT WOULD PERFORM DUTY OF WARMING CENTERS. THIS WOULD BE IN LINE WITH GOVERNOR BAKER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT CITIES/TOWNS SHOULD ASSESS READINESS COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA MADE 3 OBSERVATIONS/SUGGESTIONS THAT: 1) 311 MUST BE OPERATIONAL; 2) NO ROBO CALLS WERE MADE BEFORE POWER WENT OUT; 3) LETTER SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT HOME FROM SCHOOLS; KENNETH QUIMBY JR URGED FUNDING FOR GENERATORS AT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 38D

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding federal designation as an Opportunity Zone

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT THIS DESIGNATION PROVIDES FOR INCENTIVES FOR LOWER INCOME ZONES/INCOME TRACTS . PRIVATE INVESTMENT WILL BE INCENTIVIZED TO MAKE INVESTMENT IN THESE LOWER INCOME ZONES. THE CITY SUBMITS PROPOSAL(S) TO GOVERNOR WHO WILL THEN SUBMIT TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. PRESIDENT MICHITSON STRESSED THE NEED FOR PROPOSALS TO INCLUDE TRAINING/JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 38E

16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 8-E

Councillor/Chairperson Colin LePage presented Minutes and Recommendations for Discussion and Acceptance of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held February 15 2018
PLACED ON FILE

Item 4. Document 7-H – Discussion regarding Rules and Regulations of the City Council (*Tabled from March 6th*); *New Amended Rules and Regulations submitted dated March 14th*
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO DISCARD RULES SUBMITTED AT MARCH 6TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND REPLACE THEM WITH AMENDED VERSION SUBMITTED MARCH 14.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

DURING DISCUSSION COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT HE OPPOSED RULES 11, 12, 33. RULES 12 & 33 CHANGES THE VOTE FROM 2/3 TO 3/4 AND HE FELT IT WAS TOO RESTRICTIVE. RULE 11 DISPOSES OF COUNCIL ITEM WITHOUT THE REFERRING COUNCILLOR IN ATTENDANCE.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO DENY RULES 11, 12 & 33. NO SECOND MOTION FAILED.

COUNCILLOR MACEK OFFERED CLARIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO ADD LANGUAGE TO RULE 11, 1ST PARAGRAPH ON PAGE 4, AT END OF SENTENCE “UNLESS OTHERWISE REQUESTED BY SUBMITTING COUNCILLOR NOT TO ACT”

MOTION FAILED

Yeas 1(Bevilacqua) Nays 7, Absent 1

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT

AMENDED RULES

Yeas 7, Nays 1(Bevilacqua) Absent 1 7H

17. Resolutions And Proclamation

Proclamation – Celebrating Women in Public Office Day, March 19th
ADOPTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0 39

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

19. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk