



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 6, 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, and McGonagle

Absent – Councillor Daly O’Brien

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting
The minutes were approved Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1
4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Jordan was assigned the minutes
5. Communications from the Mayor
No Schedule
6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
No Schedule
7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
No Schedule
8. Hearings and Related Orders
No Schedule
9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
No Schedule
10. Appointments:
Resignations
J. Jesse Medley, Haverhill Community Affairs Advisory Board,
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 31
11. Petitions:
Applications:
Tag Days:
Relay for Life, May 18
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 13Z
Riverside/Bradford Baseball, June 9 & 10
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 32

Coin-Op License Renewals 2018
Redbox Automated Retail Locations - Movies (Renewals)
The following were all granted: Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1
Market Basket, 2 Water st 33
CVS Pharmacy, 425 Lowell av 33B
Walgreens, 800 River st 33C
Market Basket, 400 Lowell av 33D
Market Basket, 285 Lincoln av 33E
Market Basket (B), 2 Water st 33F
Walgreens, 800 River st (A) 33G
CVS Pharmacy, 150 Lafayette sq 33H
All applications have Department approvals

Taxi Driver Licenses for 2018:
Lynn M Lassar, 4 F st, Merrimac, MA– *renewal; Has police approval*
GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 18F
12. Motions and Orders
ORDERED: That \$76,000 be appropriated to fund the “Cashman Skate Park” Capital Account from the following sources:
\$68,123.55 Free Cash
\$ 4,064.05 Stadium Furnace Abatement Capital Account (close out old account)
\$ 3,812.40 City Hall Signage Capital Account #3417197 (close out old account)
Vin Ouellette, Human Services Director, updated the Council on the improvements to the park. He informed that new playground equipment will be installed with an ADA compliant walking path, bathroom and park entrance. The skate park will be updated. Planned completion date is scheduled for June 30, 2018. President Michitson informed that the park will be dedicated to Mike Rowinski.
PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 34
13. Ordinances (File 10 days)
14. Monthly Reports
Abatement report for month of February 2018 from Board of Assessors
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 19C

15. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Council President Michitson announcing that the City Council meeting scheduled for September 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Theodore Pelosi Jr, City Council Chambers has been cancelled due to the State Primary Election

PASSED & SEPT 4 2018 MEETING CANCELLED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 35

Communication was received from Councillor Thomas Sullivan and Council President Michitson requesting to discuss sending a letter to Governor Baker and the Chairperson of Ways & Means and legislative delegation in support of State funding to help alleviate the Hale debt in FY19

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN READ A LETTER ADDRESSED TO GOVERNOR BAKER ASKING FOR HIS ASSISTANCE WITH PROVIDING FUNDING FOR HALE DEBT.

PASSED & LETTER SIGNED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7V

Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting to discuss the possible need for painting or no parking sign and enforcement on Merrimack st from #1 to #44

COUNCILLOR BARRETT INFORMED THAT DELIVERY TRUCKS PARK IN FRONT OF PENTUCKET BANK ON THE SIDEWALK. IT WAS NOTED THAT UMASS POLICE CARS AND VENDORS PARK IN FRONT OF HARBOR PLACE.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO REFER TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATION(S) HOW TO PREVENT IN FUTURE. ALSO, ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND LETTER TO MANAGEMENT AT HARBOR PLACE AND PENTUCKET BANK TO NOTIFY VENDORS NOT TO PARK IN FRONT OF THEIR BUSINESSES Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7W

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting recognition of International Women's Day on March 8, 2018

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SPOKE ABOUT WOMEN'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, FAMILY LIFE AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY/STATE

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR ASKING HIM TO RECOGNIZE WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7X

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting recognition of significant decrease in Haverhill's Public Schools drop-out rate

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INFORMED THAT HAVERHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS WERE RECOGNIZED BY STATE FOR DECREASING NUMBER OF DROPOUTS BY 60%. ONLY 5 URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN STATE ACHIEVED SUCH SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO SUPERINTENDENT COMMENDING HIM FOR THIS RECOGNITION Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7Y

16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

17. Resolutions And Proclamation

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor/Chairperson Colin LePage read Minutes and Recommendations for discussion and acceptance of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held on February 15, 2018.

1. Document 103-E/2017 - Discussion regarding shootings in Haverhill and action taken by HPD specifically **graffiti**. Chief DeNaro attended the meeting and informed that the Police Department has had meetings with gang leaders to dissuade them of this practice. Richard MacDonald, Director, Inspectional Services informed that city has utilized Sheriff's Anti-Graffiti unit to clean public property and has requested waivers from private property owners. This matter has been tabled to the next Administration & Finance Committee to review examples of ordinances from other communities provided by Chief of Staff Heartquist. Graffiti can be reported through 311 Constituent Services.

2. Document 103-Q/2017 - Discussion about receipt of City Council meeting minutes. Meeting minutes are being provided to all Councillors prior to meeting. Committee voted to remove this item from Committee Study list, passed unanimously.

3. Document 110-U/2017 - Discussion regarding Citizen Inquiry/request referral system. In order to answer citizen requests in timely manner it was suggested the 311 Constituent Services be utilized or an intern be hired for the City Council office. This item will stay on the Committee Study list for future review.

4. Document 7-H - Discussion regarding Rules and Regulations of the City Council. The Rules and Regulations have been referred to City Solicitor for review. On motion of Councillor LePage to table to March 13 City Council meeting. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 7H

5. Document 26-E/2017 - Discussion regarding Updates/Capital Project Requests from Police & Fire Departments. Deputy Chief informed that 44 window replacements at Police Station will begin in spring with estimated 2 year completion; contract for replacement of radio dispatch system for public safety should be signed shortly; police station generator does not power the entire building and replacement is estimated at \$185,000 and that funding allocation occur in fy2018-2019; Chief Laliberty informed that replacement fire truck is scheduled to be delivered to city by end of March; replacement back-up power generators are needed at all fire stations. This item will be stay on the Committee Study list for future review.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO ACCEPT MINUTES & PLACE ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 8E

Councillor LePage announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 22 has been rescheduled to March 29, at 7:00PM in the City Council office, Room 204. Agenda items to be discussed are city's control, oversight, and education related to underage and/or illegal use of marijuana and other controlled substances and paraphernalia in the city; the State Cannabis Control Commission's marijuana guidelines; Graffiti; Storm Water Management and communication from Robert Ward submitting proposed amendment to Ch. 219 of city code.

19. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 o'clock P.M.
Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1