



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, Daly O’Brien, Macek and Sullivan.

Absent – Councillor 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.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO HAVE THE MAYOR AND POLICE DEPARTMENT GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SWASEY PARK INCIDENT ON 5/14.

RULES SUSPENDED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

The Mayor spoke about the efforts by the Police Department to apprehend the shooting suspect. An alleged suspect was taken into custody. He is a juvenile. Chief DeNaro spoke about the increased police patrols at the park and collaboration with federal and state agencies.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA THAT THE HAVERHILL CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS AND ENDORSES THE ACTIONS/PLAN OF THE MAYOR AND THE POLICE DEPT. T ADDRESS CONCERNS AT SWASEY’S & OTHER PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Yeas 8, Absent 1

3. Communications from the Mayor:

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

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

6. Appointments

No Schedule

7. Petitions

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

10. Applications for Permit

11. Tag Days

Knights of Columbus, July 16 & 17

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

31I

Mass Alzheimer’s Assoc, August 5 & 6

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

31J

Haverhill Elite Track Club, May 22

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

31K

Italian Club-HHS, June 12

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

31L

12. Annual License Renewals:

Bowling

Academy Lanes, 725 South Main st – 48 Lanes

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

60

Sunday Bowling

Academy Lanes, 725 South Main st- 48 Lanes

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

4L

Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles

VID Comp, 163 Washington st

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

50B

Shopee at the Village, 1454 Broadway

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

50C

House of Pawn, 24 Emerson st

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

50D

Junk Dealer

Buy & Sell Old Gold

House of Pawn, 24 Emerson st

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

50E

Limousines

Haverhill Fire Department, 131 Water st - Ambulance

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

50F

13. Hawker/Peddler

No Schedule

14. Drainlayer 2016 License

No Schedule

15. Hearings & Related Orders

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Document 34, Petition was received from Attorney Robert Harb for applicant, Haverhill Realty, LLC, requesting a Special Permit to expand an existing Auto Dealership at 501-503 Broadway . Conditional favorable recommendation from Planning Board; Related communication from William Pillsbury, Economic Development and Planning Director.

HEARING OPENED. ATTORNEY ROBERT HARB REPRESENTED THE APPLICANT WITH HILLARY HOLMES, CIVIL ENGINEER, SPEAKING IN FAVOR. ATTORNEY HARB STATED THAT ANDY CRUZ OF AUTOFAIR BOUGHT THE FORD DEALERSHIP AND WANTED TO CONVERT THE COLLISION CENTER INTO A SUBARU DEALERSHIP. MS HOLMES DESCRIBED THE ON SITE CHANGES. TWO OF THE BUILDINGS WILL HAVE ADDITIONS. THERE WILL BE ADDED GREEN SPACE.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL PERMIT WITH CONDITIONS FROM THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENT PASSED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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16. New business/orders

No Schedule

17. Ordinances (File 10 days)

No Schedule

18. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings

19. Monthly Reports

Assessor's report for April 2016

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Absent 1

13E

20. Communications from Councillors

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SUPPEND THE RULES TO INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE FOR BACK LANE

RULES SUSPENDED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

Councillor McGonagle asked that the Ordinance for No Parking on Back Lane be placed on file for 10 days.

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 8, Absent 1

21C

Communication was received from President Michitson to introduce Richard Smyth to seek City Council support for Massachusetts House Bill, (H.2871), "An Act Relative to Gas Leak Repairs During Road Projects" which would require all gas leaks under a road to be repaired when it is opened up for a construction project. Resolution from City of Boston Concerning Lost and Unaccounted for Gas

MR. SMYTH SPOKE ABOUT THE EXISTING GAS LEAKS DATA REPORT FOR HAVERHILL. HE URGED THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE PENDING HOUSE BILLS AND DRAFT A RESOLUTION FROM HAVERHILL CITY COUNCIL.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND A LETTER TO OUR STATE DELEGATION IN SUPPORT OF H. 2871 & H.2870 AND TO SUBMIT A HAVERHILL RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.*

LETTER TO STATE DELEGATION

Yeas 8, Absent 1

51X

RESOLUTION PASSED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

51X

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting a follow up regarding the recommendations from the Traffic and Safety Committee concerning Mill Street.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR ASKING FOR CONSIDERATION OF FLASHING LIGHTS &

SIGNAGE ON MILL STREET

Yeas 8, Absent 1

51Y

Communication was received from Councillors McGonagle, Barrett and Sullivan requesting the Mayor purchase enough cameras to install at all our major parks and recreational area as well as other areas of the City as needed to combat illegal dumping in the City and other illegal activity.

COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE RECENT SHOOTING @ SWASEY PARK AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CAMERAS ALTHOUGH THIS ITEM WAS ON THE AGENDA BEFORE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 8, Absent 1

51Z

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion regarding the City deploying recycling containers throughout the City.

COUNCILLOR MACEK STATED THAT THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH RECYCLING CONTAINERS AT CITY OWNED BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS & PARKS. NEW CONTAINERS ARE DUAL PURPOSE

LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the intersection and travel lanes of Salem Street and South Main Street STREET WILL BE STRIPED IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS.

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PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Absent 1

61B

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding crosswalk at Shepherd and Washington Streets.

LETTER TO PUBLIC WORKS TO INQUIRE ABOUT RESTRIPIING OF CROSSWALK & LETTER TO POLICE CHIEF ABOUT PARKING IN CROSSWALKS Yeas 8, Absent 1 61C

21. Resolutions and Proclamations

Proclamation – Haitian Flag Day, May 18, 2016

ADOPTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

44I

22. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Sullivan announced a fundraiser at Winnekenni Park on Thursday, 5/1, to dedicate park to Dorothy McClennan for her generous donation of \$900,000 for restoration at the castle and continued improvements to the park.

23. Documents referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

*Doc. 21-C– Ordinance for Back Lane – No Parking

*Doc. 51-X– Handout from Richard Smyth – Haverhill Gas Leaks – Reported Data

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk