



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Macek and Sullivan.

Absent – Councillor Daly O’Brien

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

President Michitson asked Councillor Macek to read the August 22, 2017 minutes

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Macek was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Councillor Sullivan announced the passing of his uncle, Robert Sullivan, former Haverhill Police Officer, 28 years, with immediate funeral arrangements. Moment of silence.

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

8. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

9. Appointments:

No Schedule

10. Petitions:

Applications:

Application for Permit from Haverhill Firefighters Local 1011 for 5K Road Race to start and end in Lafayette sq; Sunday, September 10th; 12Noon to 1:30PM; *Has Police approval*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 16M

Drainlayer License 2017:

John L Enos – *renewal*

GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 37N

Buy & Sell Old Gold:

House of Pawn – 24 Emerson st; Aidria Torres; *Has Police approval*

GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 4X

11. Motions and Orders

Orders

ORDERED – Precinct Officers appointed by Mayor in the several wards of the City for the year 2017 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 18C

ORDERED – That Haverhill School Committee is authorized to execute a Lease Agreement with Haverhill Housing Authority for the lease of real property, including the buildings thereon, located at 60 Brown Street, formerly known as the Department of Public Property Barn; located on Assessors’ Map 423, Block 151, Lot 17, containing approximately 0.786 acres; Commencing on October 1 2017 and terminating on September 30, 2022; *Related communication from City Solicitor, William Cox*

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 104

ORDERED – That the Special State Primary Election to be held in the several wards in the City on Tuesday, October 10 2017; the polls to open at seven o’clock in the forenoon and to close at eight o’clock in the evening, and to be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of the General Laws and amendments thereto.

The voters of the Democratic and Republican are requested to meet in at their respective ward rooms, as designated, on the above date and give in their votes for the nomination of candidates of their respective parties for Representative in General Court – Third Essex Representative District
And be it further

ORDERED: That notice of the above meeting shall be posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and in the City Clerk’s Office

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 18D

ORDERED – That in accordance with the provisions of Section 63, Chapter 54 of the General Laws, notice is hereby given that Meetings of citizens of the City qualified to vote for City Officers will be held in the several polling places designated for that purpose by the Mayor on Tuesday, the Seventh day of November 2017 and all such citizens will, on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes on one ballot for not more than one candidate for the office of

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MAYOR for the term of two years, for not more than nine candidates for the office of CITY COUNCILLOR for the term of two years, and for not more than three candidates for the office of SCHOOL COMMITTEE for the term of four years.

The polls at said meeting shall be opened at seven o'clock in the forenoon and be kept open until eight o'clock in the evening, and be it further

....give in their votes on one ballot for One REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT for the Third Essex Representative District

And be it further

ORDERED: That notice of the above meeting shall be posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and in the City Clerk's Office (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 18E

ORDERED – That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds on of the City authorized by this Council as of the date hereof, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith; *Related communication from City Auditor, Charles Benevento*

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 105

Monthly Reports
No Schedule

12. Communications from Councillors

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INFORM ABOUT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR CUTTING OF PUBLIC SHADE TREES.

RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 93B

Councillor Barrett read the public hearing notice from the Tree Warden regarding an application from National Grid to remove or prune public shade trees. The hearing will be held on Weds, Sept 13, 2017, 7:00PM at City Hall, 4 Summer St, room 301. 93B

Communication was received from President Michitson and Councillor McGonagle requesting to introduce Police Chief Alan DeNaro to address City Council on recent shootings in Haverhill and associated action taken by Haverhill Police Department

Chief DeNaro's update included, since July 1st there have been 4 shootings in the acre area. Most of them gang related. They have expended extra manpower, bike patrols, officers walking beats, specialized unit in the target area. State and federal resources have been assigned to the city. There is an anonymous private TIPS line that goes directly to the Chief. The Sheriff's office will not work on private property to clean graffiti. The Chief would like to set up a summer hiring program.

Mayor Fiorentini spoke about setting up a Gang Task Force Committee with council representation, assigned by the President. The committee will explore the possibility of setting up an apprenticeship program with unions and city departments.

There was discussion and agreement that jobs, housing and education need to be addressed to help curb the violence.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 103E

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting a discussion regarding cleaning of trash on streets and the need for more frequent clean up days

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR AND MIKE STANKOVICH TO BRAINSTORM ABOUT WAYS TO CLEAN TRASH AND SAND FROM STREETS MORE OFTEN Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 103F

Communication was received from Councillor Vargas requesting to introduce Eridania Nieves and youth leaders of the Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) team to discuss the upcoming Walk for Peace

YOUTH LEADERS SAVANAGH CRAWF-LEVIN AND MAGDALENA WEFAS SHOWED VIDEO OF LAST YEAR'S WALK FOR PEACE. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SAT, SEPT 30, 1:00-3:30PM, STARTING AT SWASEY FIELD AND ENDING AT SILVER HILL SCHOOL. PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 103G

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding 20 Arlington Street

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA HAS SPOKEN TO RICHARD MACDONALD ABOUT THIS PROPERTY. THEY ARE WORKING WITH THE HOMEOWNER TO REMOVE THE BUILDING. ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO RICHARD

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MACDONALD INDICATING COUNCIL SUPPORT Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 103H

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding residential project signs

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA CITED THE LARGE CORDOVAN SIGN TO ADVERTISE AS BEING ON THE BUILDING FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS. THERE SHOULD BE A RESTRICTION AS TO LENGTH OF TIME. COUNCILLOR MACEK ADDED THAT THIS IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE CURRENT ZONING REGULATIONS. HE IS ON THE ZONING COMMITTEE TO UPDATE THE REGULATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR. HE COULD WORK ON IT IN HIS COMMITTEE.
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO REFER TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 103I

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting a discussion about school bus drop off/pick up safety at all public schools

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO POSTPONE TO SEPT 12 2017.
POSTPONED TO SEPT 12 2017 Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 103J

13. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

No Schedule

14. Resolutions And Proclamations

No Schedule

15. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

No Schedule

16. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 o'clock P.M. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 103-G – Handout of Flyer from Violence Prevention Team Leader