



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

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.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Bevilacqua was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to address Council at 7:00 pm to present the State of the City to the citizens of Haverhill

MAYOR FIORENTINI’S ADDRESS INCLUDED THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER TED’S LEATHER AT 24 ESSEX ST AND THE FORMER STEVENS MILLS ON STEVENS STREET.

PLACED ON FILE 26B

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and the Water Group – Teamsters Local #170.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 42

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE	CHAPTER
An Ordinance Relating to Salaries	Water Group
(see document for complete text)	

PLACE ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 28B

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

No Schedule

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

No Schedule

6. Appointments

No Schedule

Resignations

No Schedule

7. Petitions:

No Schedule

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

Tag Days

No Schedule

11. Hawker/Peddler:

No Schedule

12. Drainlayer 2016 License:

John Ayer - new license

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 10L

13. Hearings & Related Orders

No Schedule

14. NEW BUSINESS/ORDERS

ORDERED: That the insurance proceeds relating to the flooding damage to AB Consentino School be appropriated and transferred to the capital project account Consentino Flood Repairs

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 11H

ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, authorize the payment of bills of the previous years and to further authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed below:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
Vertical Communications Inc	\$3,185.00	Water Department	
Vertical Communications Inc	\$ 110.00	Water Department	
KV Partners LLC	\$2,993.82	Engineering Department	
PASSED		Yeas 9, Nays 0	11I

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ORDERED: That the sum of \$31,478 be transferred from the Salary Reserve account in the amounts stated to the following General Fund Accounts in order to fund revised Salary Ordinance – Clerical Union:

Assessing Salary	3,046
Auditing Salary	1,585
Treasurer/Collector Salary	4,408
Human Resources Salary	2,139
City Clerk Salary	3,073
Econ Devel & Planning	2,246
Police Salary	6,445
Fire Salary	2,128
Highway Salary	2,984
Insp/Health Salary	3,424

PASSED Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 11J

15. Ordinances (File 10 days)
No Schedule

16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings:

Document 15-B

Loan Order - That \$2,000,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the engineering and construction to complete the combined sewer overflow (CSO) system improvements including without limitations all costs thereof as defined in Section I of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as amended; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$2,000,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws (see document for complete text)

MR. WARD STATED THAT THERE WERE TWO DOCUMENTS THAT REQUIRED COUNCIL APPROVAL, THE LOAN ORDER AND THE AUTHORITY TO FILE. HE SAID THE BIDS WERE IN FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS & SERVICES. COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA VOICED HIS CONCERN AND DISAPPROVAL OF THE UNFUNDED MANDATE. MR WARD STATED THAT COSTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SRF FUNDS FROM THE STATE.

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua) 15B
AUTHORITY TO FILE – PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua) 15B

Document 38-G

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss a tourism and business economic development opportunity

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO POSTPONE TO MAR 29 Yeas 9, Nays 0 38G

17. Monthly Reports
No Schedule

18. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson and Councillors LePage & McGonagle requesting a meeting with City Department Heads and City Auditor for preview of FY17 Budget and Department needs. ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS ABOUT THEIR BUDGETS

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 6, Nays 2 (Bevilacqua, Macek) Absent 1 (Daly O'Brien)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING MEETING WITH MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF BUDGET

Yeas 7, Nays 1 (Macek) Absent 1 (Daly O'Brien) 38J

Councillor Daly O'Brien left the meeting at 8:30PM

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to have the Mass Nurse's Association from Holy Family Hospital at Merrimack Valley to discuss services available for patients locally at the Haverhill campus. (This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.)

JANE EMERY, JULIA O'BRIEN AND LAURIE OPOLSKI STRESSED SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY SUCH AS WOUND CARE CENTER, PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER, INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, SURGICAL DEPT, ENDOSCOPY DEPT. THEY ENCOURAGED THE COMMUNITY TO USE THE HOSPITAL IF NEEDED
PLACED ON FILE 38K

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting a discussion regarding the traffic light at Bailey Boulevard and Emerson st. (This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.)

COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN STATED THAT THE LIGHT SIGNAL ON EMERSON ST AT BAILEY BLVD. TURNS RED WHEN THERE ARE NO VEHICLES ON WALNUT ST OR BAILEY BLVD.
REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38L

Communication was received from Councillors Sullivan and LePage requesting a discussion relative to the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN STATED THAT IT IS TIME TO UPDATE THE CITY'S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN AND THAT A NUMBER OF POSITIVE PROGRAMS WERE CREATED BECAUSE OF THE PRIOR PLAN. THE COMMUNITY IS ENCOURAGED TO COMPLETE THE ON

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LINE VISION SURVEY.
REFERRED TO NATURAL RESOURCES &
PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Washington Street stop sign at 2 Railroad sq.
COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED THAT DRIVERS TEND TO IGNORE THE POSTED SIGN AND DRIVE RIGHT UP TO THE CROSSWALK CAUSING PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN; SUGGESTED MOVING THE SIGN CLOSER TO THE CROSSWALK.
REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH MR. STANKOVICH TO DETERMINE IF ITEM SHOULD BE REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding Washington st parking space designations.
COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA INQUIRED ABOUT THE STRIPING OF WASHINGTON STREET TO ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM USAGE. COUNCILLOR BARRETT STATED THAT THE CITY'S PARKING CONSULTANT DID NOT RECOMMEND STRIPING. SHE SAID THAT THE CORNERS WILL BE STRIPED. COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE WILL DISCUSS "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" SIGNAGE AND STRIPING WITH MR. STANKOVICH.

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19. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

20. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage announced there will be an Administration & Finance Committee meeting on April 4th to discuss double poles.

Councillor LePage announced there will be a drug abuse presentation at the Nettle School on March 29, from 6-7PM, hosted by the Haverhill Public Schools. Councillor Vargas presented the information in Spanish.

Councillor Vargas announced the Haverhill Violence & Intervention Program will be doing a cleanup of the Merrimack River Park on Route 110 on March 26 from 10-2PM.

21. Documents referred to Committee Study

No Schedule

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

*Doc. 26-B – Handout from Mayor Fiorentini – State of the City 2016

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk