



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202
4 Summer Street

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. Yeas 9, Nays 0
2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor McGonagle was assigned the minutes.
3. Communications from the Mayor:
No Schedule
4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
No Schedule

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ALLOW STREET
OPENINGS ON WASHINGTON STREET, WHITTIER ROAD AND MAIN STREET AS REQUESTED BY
CITY ENGINEER JOHN PETTIS
RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 72E

ORDERED: That the City Council approve the request of National Grid to excavate on Washington Street
at #2, #57 and #100; on Whittier Road at #153; and on Main Street at #396 and #454 for the purpose of
performing gas work. Each of these three streets has been rebuilt within the last 5 years and in accordance with
Chapter 222, Section 11, Restrictions on future paving of the Municipal Ordinances, Council approval is
necessary.
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 72EE
LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ASKING THEM TO NOTIFY UTILITIES

- 5. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
No Schedule
6. Appointments:
Confirming Appointments
No Schedules
Non-confirming Appointments: Cable TV Advisory Committee
David Spaulding, Kenneth Quimby Jr, William Gould-Chair, Leonard Desmarais, Colin O’Neil –all
appointments to expire December 31 2017
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 65F

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO REVIEW APPLICATION
FOR APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDRA SPIELMAN TO THE CULTURAL COUNCIL.
RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0
CONFIRMED, appointment to expire December 31, 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 9R

- 7. Petitions
Petition from James Michael Daggett for a Special Permit to build a single family, two story home; in the
Watershed Protection Overlay District; on Lot 3 East Broadway; Assessor’s Map 461, Block 3, Lot 13-3 for
owner occupancy not as rental property
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD
COUNCIL HEARING JAN 24 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 110

- 8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs:
No Schedule
9. One Day Liquor Licenses:
No Schedule
10. Applications for Permit
LOCO Sports Inc, Newmarket, NH; 5K road race to start/finish Atkinson NH; running through Haverhill
approximately 2.5 miles, Dec 4, 9:30AM - Noon; Has police approval
GRANTED WITH CONDITION THAT IF POLICE OFFICERS ARE NEEDED, IT BE INCLUDED IN
APPROVAL Yeas 9, Nays 0 17U

- 11. Tag Days
No Schedule
12. Annual License Renewals:
No Schedule

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Hawker/Peddler

Paul Abare to sell Christmas trees, kissing balls, baskets, wreaths & decorations at 403 River st; November 19 thru December 24; Saturday - Sunday, 7:00AM to 9:30PM

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 54D

13. Drainlayer 2016 License

No Schedule

14. Hearings & Related Orders:

Hearing was held on Document 109 – A communication from Stephen Gullo, Tax Assessor for Board of Assessors for Tax Classification Fiscal Year 2017. Speaking to the issue were Stephen Gullo, Mayor Fiorentini, Doug Edison, Jeff Linnehan and Attorney Paul Magliocchetti on behalf of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce

HEARING CLOSED 109

ORDERED: That the residential factor for fiscal year 2017 be adopted as:

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO ADOPT NUMBER 0.894495 (159)

On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors McGonagle, Daly O'Brien, Macek and Sullivan 4

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, Bevilacqua, LePage and President Michitson 5

NOT PASSED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO ADOPT NUMBER 0.896283 (158)

On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage and President Michitson 5

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Daly O'Brien, Macek and Sullivan 4

PASSED 109B

ORDERED: That the City shall adopt a commercial exemption

NOT PASSED Yeas 1(McGonagle), Nays 8 109C

ORDERED: That the City shall adopt a residential exemption

NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 109D

ORDERED: That the City shall select an open space discount factor

NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 109E

ORDERED: That the City Council of the City of Haverhill hereby accepts the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 17E and 41D with respect to Permanent acceptance of the annual C.P.I. index increase to the tax exemptions for the elderly.

NOT PASSED Yeas 0, Nays 9 109F

ORDERED: That the City Council accepts 100% of C.P.I. (Consumer Price Index) increase reported by the State for F.Y. 2016 Exemptions. The 2016 C.P.I. amount is .59%

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 109G

15. New Business/Orders:

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

	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
	Ready Refresh (2)	\$20.72	Economic Dev & Planning	
PASSED				Yeas 9, Nays 0 800

16. Ordinances (File 10 days):

No Schedule

17. Unfinished Business:

Document 20-K

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

5 Arch Ave – ADD HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 20K

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18. Monthly Reports

Abatement report from Board of Assessors for the month of October 2016

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 13K

19. Communication from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize the City of Haverhill Police Officers Firefighter Combat Challenge National Championship in Reno, Nevada
CITATIONS PRESENTED TO OFFICERS LITTLE, PAGLIUCA, MEARS, BRADY, DONNELLY, & O'BRIEN FOR THEIR GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE MEDALS

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 108G

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to introduce Melissa Seavey of the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce to request approvals for the 24th Annual Christmas Stroll

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 108H

Application for permit from Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce for Christmas Stroll to be held Saturday, December 3rd from 2:00PM to 6:00PM; also with request to waive Event Permit Fee of \$500.00; Has police approval

MS. SEAVEY STATED THAT STREETS WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN HOW ST. & 70 WASHINGTON ST; CLOSING NOTICES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE PERMIT & WAIVE \$500 EVENT FEE GRANTED & FEE WAIVED Yeas 9, Nays 0 111

Communication was received from Councillors Macek and Bevilacqua requesting a discussion relative to residential placement of "temporary storage structures and containers"

RESIDENTS OF HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMPLAINED ABOUT LARGE PODS/TENTS BEING STORED ON PROPERTY. CITY DOES NOT HAVE ZONING REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THESE CONTAINERS.*

REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 108I

Communication was received from Councillors Sullivan and Daly O'Brien requesting an update of the proposed Domino's Pizza plaza project at the site of the Armenian Church and a copy of the proponent's building design

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN STATED THAT HE HAD REVIEWED THE PROPOSED PLANS & THAT THE RENDERINGS SEEM TO BE IN LINE WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE HAVERHILL HISTORIC COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON NOV 21 AT 7:00PM TO REVIEW PLANS

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 108J

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting the removal of a handicap parking space at 49 Bellevue av

REFERRED TO PLANNING FOR ORDINANCE Yeas 9, Nays 0 108K

20. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

21. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage presented the minutes of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting held on Nov 3 2016. Items discussed were the Mayor's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – 2016-2020, local regulations of building permit fees and double poles in the City. The Committee requested an updated CIP from the Mayor; requested the City Solicitor to amend the Building Construction Ordinance, Chapter 120-11 to reflect no permit fee for work being done for the City; requested the City Solicitor to review the proposed Home Rule Petition and provide a draft petition for Council review.

MINUTES ACCEPTED & PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 190

Councillor Sullivan announced the Santa Parade will be held on November 6th. Determination will be made at 9:00AM if parade is to be rescheduled due to inclement weather.

President Michitson announced there will be no Council meeting on Nov. 22.

22. Documents referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

*Doc. 108-I – Handout from Councillor Macek – photo of storage tents on Arlington St.

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk