



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

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

Councillor Bevilacqua participated remotely due to geographic distance

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 Vargas was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from Building Inspector submitting the following Orders to demolish buildings.

COMMUNICATION PLACED ON FILE

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ORDERED: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 139, Section 1, after hearing, it is hereby adjudged that the building (s) at 9 So. Lincoln Street, Assessor’s Map #720, Block #663, Lot 38A, in Haverhill MA, is a nuisance to the neighborhood and is dangerous, in accordance with the authority bestowed upon us by said Chapter, it is hereby ordered that said Building (s) be demolished or repaired.

In the event the owner fails to take steps to rehabilitate or remove said building (s) within 30 days, the Mayor or his agent is authorized to proceed with demolition of said building(s) and may place a lien, suit and/or attachment on the owner or properties you own to the extent of damage incurred.

HEARING TO BE HELD APRIL 5, 2016

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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COMMUNICATION PLACED ON FILE

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ORDERED: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 139, Section 1, after hearing, it is hereby adjudged that the building (s) at 251 South Main Street, Assessor’s Map #721, Block #651, Lot 1, in Haverhill MA, is a nuisance to the neighborhood and is dangerous, in accordance with the authority bestowed upon us by said Chapter, it is hereby ordered that said Building (s) be demolished or repaired.

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Yeas 9, Nays 0

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

No Schedule

6. Appointments

Confirming Appointments

Council On Youth Needs:

Reverend Frank Clarkson, Sergeant John Rosario, Daniel Faircloth, Robin Delnegro.

All appointments to expire March 4, 2017

CONFIRMED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Non-confirming Appointments

Neighborhood Advisory Board: Gary Ortiz & Keith Boucher, co-chairs;

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Stadium Committee: Shaun Toohey, appointment to expire March 4 2017

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee: Karen Peugh, Thomas Wylie, Peter Carbone

All appointments to expire March 4, 2017

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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AUXILIARY POLICE:

No Schedule

RESIGNATIONS

No Schedule

7. Petitions:

Petition from Attorney Michael Migliori for Wintervale Realty Trust and Birches Development LLC, Owner/Applicant regarding the property on Sterling Lane; for Special Permit to construct 120 residential units in 4 buildings; Assessors Map 770, Block 779, Lot 74; located in the RH Zoning District

REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING MAY 17, 2016

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Petition from Attorney Robert Harb for Haverhill Realty LLC for a Special Permit to expand an existing auto dealer, new and used, sales and/or rentals, including usual auto body & repair services at 501-503 Broadway; Assessor’s Map 548, Block 1, Lots 19, 10-1, & 41 in CH Zone

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REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD
COUNCIL HEARING MAY 17, 2016

Yeas 9, Nays 0 34

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

Application from Garibaldi Club to hold 19th Annual "Baldi 5-mile River Run", Sunday, May 29, starting and finishing at the Club, 86 Washington st; has police approval

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 17D

Tag Days

Ultimate Cheer, April 16, 17

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 31B

HHS Girls Field Hockey Oct 8, 9

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 31C

11. Annual License Renewals:

BUY & SELL SECOND HAND ARTICLES

STT Shop to Talk – Audio & Cell Phone accessories, 68 Lafayette sq Jeanine Maroun

APPLICANT NOT PRESENT. POSTPONED TO MAR 15 Yeas 9, Nays 0 35

12. Hawker/Peddler:

No Schedule

13. Drainlayer 2016 License:

No Schedule

14. Hearings & RELATED ORDERS

No Schedule

15. NEW BUSINESS/ORDERS

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a certain agreement entitled "AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN AND CITY OF HAVERHILL FOR EXCHANGE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT" on behalf of the City of Haverhill with the Town of Georgetown relative to the transfer of a fire rescue vehicle to Haverhill in return for the purchase of certain fire equipment by Haverhill to be provided to Georgetown, all pursuant to the attached Agreement which is incorporated herein.

Chief Parow stated that the Rescue Truck is a 2003 Horton/ International with 20,299 miles and is in very good condition, appraised at \$100,000. and will replace the old Rescue Truck that has been out of service for over a year. Turn out gear will be declared surplus and will be exchanged.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 36

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to enter into and execute a certain agreement entitled "SOLID WASTE & HOST AGREEMENT" on behalf of the City of Haverhill with Covanta Haverhill Associates relative to the disposal of solid waste and the provision of certain host community benefits for a period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020, with one five (5) year extension which would conclude on June 30, 2025, all pursuant to the attached Agreement which is incorporated herein. *Full agreement on file in City Clerk's office.*

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 37

16. Ordinances (File 10 days)

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)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 15B

17. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings:

Document 20-B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

(2 Irving Ave - ADD Handicap Parking) (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 20B

Document 21

Councillor LePage submits Minutes of Administration & Finance Committee meeting held on February 17 including the City Council Rules & Regulations.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 19C

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Document 28

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SALARIES
(see document for complete text)

CHAPTER
CITY HALL CLERKS

PASSED Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 28

18. Monthly Reports
No Schedule

19. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Council President Michitson and Councillor Vargas requesting to introduce a draft concept for the Haverhill Scale-Up Challenge for startups now seeking to grow, expand or scale their business.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON AND COUNCILLOR VARGAS STATED THAT THIS CHALLENGE IS OPEN TO ALL MANUFACTURING TYPE OF PRODUCTS. INTENT IS TO DEVELOP A PHYSICAL PRODUCT/HARDWARE. INTELLIGENT CONNECTED DEVICES. FUNDS NEED TO BE RAISED. FIRST PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$50,000 AND HAS TO MOVE TO HAVERHILL FOR AT LEAST 3 YEARS

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 6Y

Councillor Bevilacqua stated that he had to leave the meeting (8:00PM)

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to introduce Ron MacLeod to discuss traffic and safety concerns and associated public safety resources.

MR MACLEOD STATED THAT THE POLICE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH RESOURCES. HE PRESENTED PHOTOS THAT HE TOOK ON NORTH AVE AT 9 ONE HOUR INTERVALS FOR EACH COUNCILLOR. STATED THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS ARE AT FAULT FOR NOT PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.*

REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Absent 1 6Z

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting to discuss the budget process regarding department head requests.

LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING DEPARTMENT HEADS TO INCLUDE THEIR LIST OF NEEDS WITH BUDGET FOR COUNCIL REVIEW Yeas 8, Absent 1 38

Communication was received from Councillors Macek and Bevilacqua requesting a discussion on current zoning regulations for housing conversions and possible changes necessary to protect the integrity of existing property and neighborhoods.

REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 38B
(This item was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.)

Communication was received from Councillors Vargas & LePage requesting a discussion regarding grant opportunities and applications for the benefit of the City.

COUNCILLOR VARGAS STATED THAT HE WORKED ON A PROPOSAL FOR A GRANT AT MERRIMACK COLLEGE AND FOUND OUT THAT THE MAYOR AND SUPERINTENDENT SCULLY WERE WORKING ON A SIMILAR PROPOSAL. COUNCILLOR LEPAGE REVIEWED INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT BUDGET FY16 BUDGET PLAN

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 8, Absent 1 38C

Communication was received from Councillor LePage and President Michitson requesting a discussion regarding the FY'2017 City and School budget process .

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE STATED THAT PRESIDENT MICHITSON, COUNCILLOR BARRETT AND HE ATTENDED A MEETING IN ANDOVER REGARDING THEIR CAPITAL PLANNING WITH THE COMMUNITY. PRESIDENT MICHITSON STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN UPDATED 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN WITH THE BUDGET AND AN UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT ON THEIR SPENDING AND BUDGET GAPS. COUNCILLORS REQUESTED A QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 8, Absent 1 38D

20. Resolutions and Proclamations
No Schedule

21. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage presented the Minutes of Administration & Finance Committee meeting held on March 3, 2016 including the City Council Rules & Regulations. There was a discussion about taxi cab rates. Councillor LePage stated that Mayor Fiorentini had negotiated a 10% reduction with the two taxi companies in the City. Solicitor Cox will update the ordinance with an effective date of July 1, 2016; the City Council Rules and Regulations were reviewed an updated; reporting back of items referred to Council Committees was included in the Rules and Regulations as an amendment to Rule 11; amendment to the application form for an exterior vending machine license – the City Clerk will amend the application and submit it to the Administration and Finance Committee.

MINUTES ACCEPTED & PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Absent 1 5B

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ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO APPROVE THE UPDATES TO THE CITY COUNCIL
RULES AND REGULATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 3, AND REGULATIONS DATED MARCH 4, 2016
PASSED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

5B

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

*Doc. 6-Z – Handout from Ron MacLeod – photos of North Ave. All photos given to Councillor McGonagle

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk