



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
City Council Chambers, Room 202

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

Absent – Councillor McGonagle

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.

3. Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

4. Communications and Reports

No Schedule

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

No Schedule

6. Appointments

Confirming Appointments

No Schedule

Non-confirming Appointments

Jennifer Galloway, Open Space & Recreation Planning Committee; appointment to expire

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PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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7. Petitions:

Communication from William Pillsbury, Jr, Community Development Director, requesting approval of Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the City.

MR. PILLSBURY STATED THAT THE CITY IS ENTERING THE 42<sup>ND</sup> YEAR OF THE CDBG PROGRAM. THIS YEAR’S FUNDING HAS BEEN REDUCED TO \$875, 511.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SEND A LETTER TO FEDERAL DELEGATION.

PLACED ON FILE AND LETTER TO DELEGATION

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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RESOLUTION of the City Council of Haverhill, Massachusetts, authorizing the Mayor to submit the amended consolidated plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program, including all understandings and assurances contained therein. (see document for complete text)

ADOPTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

45B

Petition from Matt Assia, Chinburg Properties on behalf of 16 Wingate st, LLC submitting Special Permit Application for multifamily/mixed use; for Factory Building Renovation & Conversion; to construct 56 apartment units and 6,000 square feet of 1st floor commercial space within the existing building at 24 Essex st; Assessors Map 301, Block 53, Lot 17

REFER TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING MAY 24, 2016

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

No Schedule

Tag Days

Marine Corps League, October 13, 14, 15

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

31D

HHS Crew Team, October 21, 22, 23

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

31E

11. Hawker/Peddler:

No Schedule

12. Drainlayer 2016 License Renewal:

John Davidowicz

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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13. Hearings & Related Orders

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Document 32, Communication from Building Inspector for action to demolish a nuisance to neighborhood and dangerous building at 9 South Lincoln st  
PLACED ON FILE 32

ORDERED: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 139, Section 1, after hearing, it is hereby adjudged that the building (s) 9 South Lincoln St, 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. (see document for complete text)  
HEARING OPENED

Mr. Richard Osborne, Building Inspector spoke in favor.

HEARING CLOSED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO DEMOLISH BUILDING AT 9 S.LINCOLN ST ,  
ASSESSOR'S MAP 720, BLOCK 663, LOT 38A

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 32B

Document 32-C, Communication from Building Inspector to demolish a nuisance to neighborhood and dangerous building at 251 South Main st  
PLACED ON FILE 32C

ORDERED: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 139, Section 1, after hearing, it is hereby adjudged that the building (s) 251 South Main St, 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. (see document for complete text)

HEARING OPENED

Mr. Richard Osborne, Building Inspector spoke in favor. He stated there is a purchase and sale agreement to be signed April 14 with a closing on April 23.

HEARING CLOSED

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO DEMOLISH BUILDING AT 251 S. MAIN ST ,  
ASSESSOR'S MAP 721, BLOCK 651, LOT 1

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 32CC

Document 39, Communication from William Pillsbury, Economic Development and Planning Director requesting Additional Minor Changes to Zoning Ordinance – Stevens Street – Chapter 40R Overlay District and related Zoning Amendment to Table of Allowed Uses; which will position City for additional resources to be made available to the City from the State to redevelop the area with unanimous favorable recommendation from Planning Board

HEARING OPENED WITH WILLIAM PILLSBURY SPEAKING IN FAVOR.

HEARING CLOSED. 39

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 255  
An Ordinance Relating to Zoning  
Table of Use and Parking Regulations

Article XIV: Downtown Smart Growth Overlay District (DSGOD) will be amended as follows:  
Section 255-122. Overlay District.

- A. Establishment: The Downtown Smart Growth Overlay District, hereinafter referred to as the DSGOD, is an overlay district having a land area of approximately 58 gross acres in size that is superimposed over the underlying zoning district applicable to a portion of the property shown on the map entitled "Downtown Smart Growth Overlay District, dated November 23, 2015 (the DSGOD Map)". This map is hereby made a part of the Zoning Ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 39B

**14. NEW BUSINESS/ORDERS**

ORDERED: That the Mayor being and is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Haverhill to accept a deed from 190 Realty LLC to the City for certain real property located on Liberty & Crystal st containing 36 acres more or less of land, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Said deed is being conveyed relative to a Special Permit issued by the Haverhill City Council. Related communication from Mayor Fiorentini

ATTORNEY HARB STATED THAT THIS WAS A FOLLOW UP REQUEST TO A SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 47

ORDERED: That the sum of \$7,000.00 be transferred from the Police Salaries & Wages account to the Police Training expenditure account

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 11K

**15. Ordinances (File 10 days)**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240  
An Ordinance Relating to Parking

(103 Bellevue Ave - Delete Handicap Parking) (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Absent 1 20C

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**16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings:**

Document 28-B, Ordinance re: Salaries – Water Group

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Relating to Salaries

(see document for complete text)

CHAPTER

Water Group

Related communication from Denise McClanahan, Human Resources Director, submitting salary figures inadvertently listed incorrectly; to amend submitted Salary Ordinance; Document 28-B

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SUBSTITUTE 28-B WITH DOCUMENT 28-BB

PASSED

Yeas 8, Absent 1

28BB

**17. Monthly Reports**

No Schedule

**18. Communications from Councillors**

Communication was received from President Michitson and Councillor Vargas requesting to discuss Friday's announcement of Defense Secretary Ash Carter in Cambridge of creation of a \$317 million futuristic manufacturing hub and potential economic development impact in Haverhill.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON STATED THIS FUTURISTIC MANUFACTURING HUB WILL BE AT MIT.

FIBERS AND FABRICS WILL INTEGRATE WITH CIRCUITS. ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR

VARGAS TO SEND LETTER TO CONGRESSWOMAN TSONGAS & SEN. MARKEY IN COORDINA

TION WITH THE MAYOR & WILLIAM PILLSBURY REQUESTING AN INTRODUCTION TO THE

NEW INSTITUTE IN CAMBRIDGE

Yeas 8, Absent 1

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Communication was received from Councillors Vargas and President Michitson requesting to introduce Noah Koretz of Mass Development.

MR. KORETZ, FELLOW FROM MASS DEVELOPMENT, SPOKE ABOUT COURBANIZE, A START UP IN CAMBRIDGE, THAT IS BEING PILOTED IN HAVERHILL. COURBANIZE IS AN ONLINE COMMUNICATION UTILITY. PEOPLE CAN SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS, GIVE INPUT WITHOUT ATTENDING MEETINGS.

PLACED ON FILE

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Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting a re-evaluation of the City Council Rules and Regulations

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Yeas 8, Absent 1

38V

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting to give an update on the response from the MBTA/Keolis and US EPA about idling trains in Bradford.

COUNCILLOR BARRETT RECOMMENDED A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

MBTA/KEOLIS TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES AT THE BRADFORD LAYOVER STATION

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO REFER TO CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE &

LETTER TO MBTA INVITING THEM TO MEETING

Yeas 8, Absent 1

38W

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss an expedited time frame for demolition of fire damaged buildings.

RICHARD MACDONALD, DIRECTOR, INSPECTIONAL SERVICES STATED HE IS WORKING WITH THE SOLICITOR ABOUT EXPEDITING TIMEFRAME FOR DEMOLITION

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND A LETTER TO CITY SOLICITOR

Yeas 2, (Bevilacqua, Sullivan) Nays 6

PLACED ON FILE

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Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss enhanced protection regarding fire abandoned properties.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SECURITY FENCING

PLACED AROUND THE PROPERTY RATHER THAN TAPE. MR. MACDONALD STATED THEY ARE WORKING ON THIS TO DETERMINE PROPER PLACEMENT OF FENCING.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO SOLICITOR ABOUT FENCING

Yeas 5, Nays 3 (Barrett, Daly O'Brien, Macek) 38Y

Communication was received from Councillors LePage and Sullivan requesting a discussion regarding an economic development opportunity for the restaurants in the City

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE STATED THAT THE MAYOR & MR. PILLSBURY SUPPORTED HAVING A

RESTAURANT WEEK IN HAVERHILL. HE INTRODUCED BEV DONOVAN, GR. HAVERHILL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SHE STATED THEY ARE

PLANNING TO OFFER A PROGRAM OCT 6-14 WITH A MYSTERY TOUR.

PLACED ON FILE

38Z

**Councillor Daly O'Brien left the meeting at 8:25PM.**

**19. Resolutions and Proclamations**

**20. Council Committee Reports and Announcements**

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Councillor LePage announced there will be an Administration & Finance Committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss double poles.

Councillor Sullivan announced there will be a Natural Resources & Public Property Committee meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO PRESENT A  
PROCLAMATION REGARDING ORGAN DONATION. - Month of April "Donate Life Month"

RULES SUSPENDED	Yeas 7, Absent 2	
ADOPTED	Yeas 7, Absent 2	44C

**21. Documents referred to Committee Study**

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 o'clock P.M.	Yeas 7, Absent 2
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Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk