



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, July 12, 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:**

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting Power Purchase Agreement between City and Seaboard Solar Holdings LLC

ORLANDO PACHECO, ENERGY MANAGER, STATED THE NET METERING CREDITS WILL BE APPLIED TOWARDS THE CITY’S WATER/WASTEWATER ACCOUNTS. THIS IS A 20 YEAR CONTRACT AND PRICE WILL REMAIN FLAT.

CONTRACT APPROVED

Yeas 8, Nays 0,

42E

**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

**7. Petitions**

Petition from Attorney Michael Migliori for applicants 2 Pillsbury Street Realty Trust and Haverhill Bank for Change to Zoning Map for properties at 1124, 1112 and 1096 Main st; being shown on Assessor’s Map 636, Block 2 Lots 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 and Map 636 Block 1 Lot 2 and a portion of Main st; to be rezoned to connect the existing commercial uses on the properties currently located in RM, residential zone to the abutting CH, commercial highway zone

REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD

COUNCIL HEARING AUG. 23, 2016

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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**8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs**

No Schedule

**9. One Day Liquor Licenses:**

Application from Megan Hammer & David Ratcliffe for one day liquor license for wedding at Winnekenni Castle, Saturday, October 1, 11:30AM to 5:00PM; *Has License Commission & Police approval*

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

8G

**10. Applications for Permit**

Haverhill YMCA for David Curley Memorial 5K Road Race to start at Pentucket Lake School, Friday July 15; 5:00PM; *Has Police approval*

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

17K

Historic Highlands Association/Jason Jussif for Block Party at Windsor Park; from Arlington to Berkeley & Windsor pl; Sunday, August 7 with rain date of Sunday, August 14; 4:00PM to 7:00PM  
*Has Police approval*

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

17L

First Church of Christ Bradford/Martha Kelleher-Trustee; for Lauren Webber to hold Concerts on the Bradford Common on Sunday evenings of August 7, 14, and August 21; 6:00PM to 8:00P  
*Has Police approval*

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

17M

**11. Tag Days**

No Schedule

**12. Annual License Renewals:**

Pool Tables

The Tap Restaurant, 100 Washington st , 2 Pool tables

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

62C

**13. Hawker/Peddler**

No Schedule

**14. Drainlayer 2016 License**

No Schedule

**15. Hearings & Related Orders:**

Hearing was held on Document 53, a petition from Robert Pondelli; Hales Landing LLC requesting to accept Robert rd and Lisa Ln as public ways; part of Hales Landing subdivision with a favorable recommendation from Planning Board and Planning Director. Attorney Migiliori appearing in favor and no one was opposed. Hearing was closed. 53

Doc. 53-B

ORDERED: That the following street herein described be accepted as Public Way: Robert Road  
(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 53B

Doc. 53-BB

ORDERED: That the following street herein described be accepted as Public Way: Lisa Lane  
(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 53BB

**16. New Business/Orders:**

ORDERED: That the City transfer \$12,500.00 from FY16 Police Salary to Police Expense-Other Municipal Buildings Maintenance

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 80

ORDERED: That the City transfer \$6,305.13 from FY16 Wastewater Expense-Int & Maturities to following Wastewater Salary accounts in the amounts stated:

Sewer Salaries \$4,028.01  
Wastewater Salaries \$2,277.12

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 80B

ORDERED: That the sum of \$2,853,653.18 be transferred to/from accounts listed to close out FY2016 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 80C

ORDERED: That the State Primaries to be held in the several wards in the City on Thursday, the eighth day of September 2016; 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. (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 12D

**17. Ordinances (File 10 days):**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Swasey Street – Delete Handicapped Parking in front of gate to *Buttonwoods Day Health Center* (except for 2 30-minute handicapped parking spaces at Swasey st) (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 20E

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

#31 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Establish Handicapped Parking (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 20F

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

71-73 High st (2 spaces) – Establish Handicapped Parking (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 20G

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

Document 15-D

ORDERED: That the City appropriates \$350,000 to pay costs of making various repairs to Police station (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 15D

Document 15-E

ORDERED: That the City appropriates \$420,000 to pay costs of purchasing/equipping a fire truck (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 15E

Document 15-F

ORDERED: That the City appropriates \$195,000 to pay costs of purchasing/equipping an aerial bucket truck for the use of Department of Public Works (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 15F

Document 15-G

ORDERED: That the City appropriates \$150,000 to pay costs of making various repairs to or as an alternative to replace the dog pound (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 15G

Document 15-H

ORDERED: That the City appropriates Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to pay costs of making various repairs to Trinity Stadium, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said

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amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3A) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 15H

Document 28-D

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

CHAPTER  
Water/Wastewater  
Office & Technical Group  
Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

PASSED 28D

Document 28-E

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

CHAPTER  
Administrative & Professional Positions

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 28E

Document 28-F

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

CHAPTER  
All Departments – Non Union

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 28F

Document 61-U; Communication from Councillor Barrett requesting a discussion regarding the solar project at Haverhill High School  
Solicitor Cox and Orlando Pacheco clarified the action taken by the School Committee took in December 2015 was to award the project to MassAmerican Energy LLC, they were the preferred bidder, but there was no signed agreement. Councillor LePage gave a PowerPoint presentation on the condition of the roof and potential energy cost savings with a new roof and solar panels. Students Ryan Wrenn and Darwin Connelly spoke in favor of the project. Douglas Edison also spoke in favor.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR ASKING FOR HIS ASSISTANCE & TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH MASSAMERICAN ENERGY; IF NEEDED, SCHEDULE JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 61U

Document 42-C; *Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement* between Solect Energy Development LLC and City to purchase Net Metering Credits for .0775 cents per KWH or project City Hall Roof at Summer st  
CONTRACT APPROVED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 42C

Document 42-D; *Net Metering Credit Purchase Agreement* between Solect Energy Development LLC and City to purchase Net Metering Credits for .10 cents per KWH for project new Police Fleet Maintenance Garage Roof on Downing av  
CONTRACT APPROVED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 42D

Monthly Reports

Abatement report from Board of Assessors for month of June 2016  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 13G

19 COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting to introduce Roger LeMire, a resident of downtown Haverhill to discuss limited access to downtown for residents during major downtown events and to present an alternative plan \*

MR. LEMIRE DESCRIBED THE PROBLEMS RESIDENTS HAVE AT PHOENIX ROW WHEN THERE ARE LARGE SCALE EVENTS DOWNTOWN. SPECIFICALLY, MOVING CARS OFF THE PREMISES, ACCESS TO CARS AND STREET CLOSURE TIMES. HE SUGGESTED MOVING THE EVENTS FURTHER UP MERRIMACK STREET AND STOPPING AT THE GIRABALDI CLUB.  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO REFER TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 61W

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to introduce Lane Glenn, President of *Northern Essex Community College* to give an update on *NECC* happenings  
DR.GLENN INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE \$18MILLION RENOVATION AT THE SPURK BUILDING AND A NUMBER OF NEW PROGRAMS SUCH AS PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING AT THE HAVERHILL CAMPUS AND FUTURE PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE OFFERED AT HC MEDIA ONCE HARBOR PLACE IS OPENED. 61X

Communication was received from Councillors LePage and Vargas requesting to introduce Bianca Mercado to give an update on the Acre neighborhood activities  
MS. MERCADO STATED THAT THE ACRE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP IS 1 YEAR OLD AND THEY HAD A SUCCESSFUL FIELD DAY IN JUNE AT MACNAMARA PARK AND DESCRIBED OTHER ACTIVITIES TO ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS 61Y

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Communication was received from Councillors LePage, Sullivan and Vargas requesting to introduce Danielle Smida to discuss the Cogswell Artspace.  
MS. SMIDA UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE REPAIRS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AT COGSWELL SCHOOL. THEY RECEIVED A GRANT FROM MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL AND NEED TO RAISE \$20,000 IN JULY FOR THE MATCHING GRANT. 61Z

Communication was received from Councillors Vargas, Macek & Barrett requesting a discussion on City-wide Design Review.  
COUNCILLOR VARGAS REQUESTED THE COUNCIL TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR ASKING HIM TO CREATE A BOARD TO PROTECT HISTORICAL PROPERTIES; LETTER TO MAYOR & REFERRED TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 82

20 Resolutions and Proclamations  
No Schedule

21 Council Committee Reports and Announcements  
No Schedule

22 Documents referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 o'clock P.M. Yeas 8, Absent 1

\*Doc. 61-W – Handout from Roger LeMire – letter and diagram

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk