



City of Haverhill  
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 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. Yeas 9, Nays 0
2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting  
Councillor LePage was assigned the minutes.
3. Communications from the Mayor:  
Mayor Fiorentini submits Loan Order along with Authority to File a document to fund the cost of planning, engineering, and construction to develop a new back up drinking water source for the City of Haverhill with related communication from Robert Ward, Deputy Director  
PLACED ON FILE 26N
  
- ORDERED: That \$17,168,750.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the planning, engineering and construction of improvements to develop a new drinking water source (see document for complete text)  
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 15J
  
4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees  
Communication from William Pillsbury, City’s Economic Development and Planning Director, requesting Hearing: regarding an amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Lake Street area; RR & RM zoning line adjustments and submits related Zoning Ordinance  
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD  
COUNCIL HEARING NOV 29, 2016 Yeas 9, Nays 0 99
  
- MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 255  
An Ordinance Relating to Zoning Map (Lake St)  
Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Chapter 255, being and is further amended as follows:  
Chapter 255 Zoning Ordinance map: The zoning map is further amended to reflect the zone line to be deleted and the zone line to be added as shown on the attached plan (see document for complete text)  
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 99B
  
5. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)  
No Schedule
6. Appointments:  
No Schedule
7. Petitions  
Petition from Dave Traggorth/Traggorth Companies LLC, requesting Special Permit to redevelop and restore 81-87 Washington st; known as the Al Forno Building; to create up to 24 rental apartments, including 6 two-bedroom units and 12 one-bedroom units to include 1,900 SF of ground floor retail space for lease along Washington st; Assessor’s Map 301, Block 52, Lot 6  
REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD  
COUNCIL HEARING NOV 29, 2016 Yeas 9, Nays 0 100
  
8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs:  
Rodney Ball – New, 13 ½ Grove st  
REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 9, Nays 0 59I  
Joseph Miller – Renewal, 20 Swasey st, 1st Floor, Application has police approval  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 59J
  
9. One Day Liquor Licenses:  
No Schedule
10. Applications for Permit  
Application from Kathleen Pruett for Boys & Girls Club of Greater Haverhill for “Walk for Youth”; beginning and ending at the Club on 55 Emerson st; Saturday, October 15, 10:00AM– 12Noon; with rain date of Sunday, October 16; Application has police approval  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 17R
  
11. Tag Days  
No Schedule
12. Annual License Renewals:  
Limousines

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Black Tie Limousine Inc, Mark Mollica, 5 Bond st, 52 Limousines  
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 77L

13. Drainlayer 2016 License  
No Schedule

14. Hearings & Related Orders:

Document 83: Communication from Building, Inspector Richard Osborne, submitting Order to demolish building at 425 Washington st; Assessor's Map 511, Block 278, Lot 8  
PLACED ON FILE 83

Document 83-B  
ORDERED: Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 139, Section 1, after hearing, it is hereby adjudged that the building(s) at 425 Washington St., Assessor's Map #511, Lot # 8, in Haverhill, 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)  
*Related communication from Building Inspector Richard Osborne, reporting that this fire damaged building has been properly demolished at the expense of the owner and also requests that the Council vacate the demolition order*  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO VACATE THE DEMOLITION ORDER  
DEMOLITION ORDER VACATED Yeas 9, Nays 0 83B

15. New Business/Orders:  
No Schedule

16. Ordinances (File 10 days):  
No Schedule

17. Unfinished Business:  
No Schedule

18. Monthly Reports  
No Schedule

19. Communication from Councillors

Communication from Councillor Michitson requesting critical financial and planning data to be provided to City Council in advance of tax classification hearing schedule for November 15<sup>th</sup>.  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MICHITSON TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING  
UPDATED 5 YR. PLAN WITH EXPENDITURES & REVENUES Yeas 9, Nays 0 96K

Communication from Councillor McGonagle requesting to introduce Noa Astor to speak about lighting on Riverview st  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR & TRAFFIC AND  
SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 96L

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize HC Media for their recent awards  
CITATION PRESENTED FOR BEST ACCESS CENTER FOR NORTHEAST  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 96M

Communication from Councillor McGonagle requesting a discussion about Central Plaza/Bethany Avenue crosswalk safety concerns  
JERED STEWART, PRESIDENT/CEO OF BETHANY HOMES SPOKE ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS AT THE CROSSWALK. COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE STATED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO POLICE DEPT. AND THEY HAD SENT A LETTER TO MAYOR SUGGESTING SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS.  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR ASKING ABOUT SUGGESTIONS FROM POLICE DEPT AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION; & HIS OFFICE CONTACT DEMOULAS ORGANIZATION Yeas 9, Nays 0 96N

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding noise concerns at Fantini Bakery, Currier Square  
COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED THAT THE LONG IDLING OF DIESEL TRUCKS IS NOISY & DISRUPTIVE TO NEIGHBORS AND EMISSIONS CAUSING CONCERN.  
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO POLICE DEPT & BUILDING INSPECTOR Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Barrett) 96O

Communication from Councillors Macek and McGonagle requesting to discuss concerns regarding the project at Cross rd and Boston rd, Rte. 125, Ward Hill  
COUNCILLOR MACEK STATED THAT THE DEVELOPER PROVIDED A LETTER TO ABUTTER, JUDITH RAWDING, ABOUT GRADING HER DRIVEWAY/YARD AS REQUESTED  
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 96P

Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding traffic concerns at Carleton st and Broadway

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COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA STATED THAT DRIVERS DO NOT STOP AT THE STOP SIGN AT RTE. 495 EXIT RAMP GOING SOUTH THIS CAUSES CONFLICT WITH DRIVERS TRYING TO GET ONTO BROADWAY FROM CARLETON ST

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO REFER TO APPROPRIATE CITY DEPT.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

96Q

**20. Resolutions and Proclamations**

No Schedule

**21. Council Committee Reports and Announcements**

Councillor McGonagle presented Minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on September 12, 2016. The start time of the meeting should be changed from 7:00PM to 6:00PM. Items discussed were: Traffic safety issues on North Ave. and the immediate area - Motion to send letter to Mayor requesting study be conducted to eliminate heavy truck traffic from using North Ave; and Motion to send letter to Mayor requesting John Pettis reevaluate adding stop signs on North Ave around or near Concord St. Discussion about limited access to downtown for residents during major downtown events. Motion to send letter from the Council to Chamber of Commerce to coordinate with police department a plan for parking during these events. Discussion about tag days – no recommendation to expand new locations. Discussion about street closing notifications. Motion to send letter to Mayor asking for notification process be developed.

MINUTES ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

19L

Councillor LePage announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 9/29 at 7:00PM in the City Council office. Items for discussion are Salary Survey Commission findings and Permit for Amusements/exhibitions.

Councillor Macek announced the new local radio station 97.9.

Councillor Barrett announced the Friends of the Public Library will be having their semi-annual book sale, Sept. 29-Oct1 in the library auditorium.

Councillor McGonagle announced Rebuilding Together fundraiser, Glo Gulf at Garrison Golf Center, 9/30 at 5:30PM.

**22. Documents referred to Committee Study**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk