



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 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.
2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting
Councillor Vargas was assigned the minutes.

Councillor Sullivan requested a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Steven Woidyla Jr., former Conservation Officer for the City.

3. Communications from the Mayor:

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to address the Council concerning the current historic water drought and long-term water needs of the City of Haverhill
THE MAYOR ASKED THE CITIZENS TO HELP WITH WATER CONSERVATION DURING THIS DROUGHT WATCH; NO WATERING DURING THE DAY WHEN THERE IS HEAVY EVAPORATION AND SUGGESTED THE USE OF RAIN BARRELS. HE INTRODUCED ROBERT WARD, DEPUTY DPW DIRECTOR TO GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE WATER SUPPLY STATUS. MR. WARD REVIEWED HIS PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTING THE DROUGHT FORECAST AND GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE. THE CITY IS PURSUING DRAWING WATER FROM THE MERRIMACK RIVER AS AN ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE.*
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO SEN. MARKEY & SEN. WARREN ABOUT ASSISTING WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS Yeas 9, Nays 0 26L

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from Robert E Ward, *Deputy DPW Director*, submitting proposed *Loan Order* to fund cost of construction of improvements to the City’s water transmission mains along Amesbury rd between the water treatment plant and Humphrey st and related *Order* for Mayor to be authorized to File said applications and execute agreements
PLACED ON FILE 15II

ORDERED: That \$3,088,000.00 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the engineering and construction of improvements to water transmission mains including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; (see document for complete text)
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0 15I

ORDERED: Authority To File

Whereas, the City of Haverhill, after thorough investigation, has determined that the work activity consisting of construction activities related to improvements to water transmission mains is both in the public interest and necessary to protect the public health, and that to undertake this activity, it is necessary to apply for assistance; (see document for complete text)
POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS Yeas 9, Nays 0 15III

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO INTRODUCE ORDER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT.*
RULES SUSPENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 80J

ORDERED: That the sum of \$44,444,00 be transferred from the General Fund, *Reserve for Capital Projects* to the following Capital Account – Main Street Improvement Project Damages \$44,444,00
PASSED Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 80J

Communication from John Pettis, City Engineer, submitting documents related to Main st, Route 125 Improvement Project
MR. PETTIS STATED THIS IS ROUGHLY A \$3.6MILLION PROJECT FUNDED BY MASS DOT
PLACED ON FILE

ORDERED: Order of Taking – Relating to Main st, Route 125 Improvement Project (see document for complete text)
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SUBSTITUTE DOC. 94B WITH DOCUMENT 94BB
SUBSTITUTED (see document for complete text) Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua)
PASSED Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 94BB

ORDERED: Main st Improvement Project, Acquisition of Permanent & Temporary Easements (see document for complete text)
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO SUBSTITUTE DOC. 95 WITH DOCUMENT 95B
SUBSTITUTED (see document for complete text) Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua)

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PASSED Yeas 8, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua) 95B

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

Hearing was held on Document 89, a petition from National Grid Electric requesting permission for Pole and Wire location on Pilgrim rd; Plan 22096639. With Joseph Ientile from National Grid appearing in favor and David Nelson, 140 Pilgrim rd. opposed. Mr. Nelson expressed concern about the placement of the pole. Hearing closed.

ORDERED: Order granting National Grid Electric Pole and Wire location on Pilgrim rd. (see document for complete text)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE THE POLE/ WIRE LOCATION WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE POLE BE PLACED TO THE SATISFACTION OF DAVID NELSON, ABUTTER & NATIONAL GRID WILL WORK WITH ABUTTER TO ESTABLISH EXACT LOCATION
PASSED WITH CONDITION Yeas 9, Nays 0 89B

6. Appointments

Confirming Appointments

No Schedule

Non-confirming Appointments

Alexandru Sabau to Forestry Management Committee

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 65E

7. Petitions

Petition from Joy Hooper/National Grid requesting to open Summer st in front of #24 to repair a gas leak
Related communication from John Pettis, City Engineer

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 72D

ORDERED: That the City Council approve the request of National Grid to excavate on Summer st at #24 For the purpose of making a gas leak repair. Summer Street 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.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 72DD

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses:

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

No Schedule

11. Tag Days

No Schedule

12. Annual License Renewals:

Taxis

Taxi Driver Licenses

New license - Zakia Iandolo for Haverhill Taxi, 195 Washington st; has police approval

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 77I

13. Hawker/Peddler

No Schedule

14. Drainlayer 2016 License

No Schedule

15. Hearings & related orders:

No Schedule

16. NEW BUSINESS/ORDERS:

No Schedule

17. Ordinances (File 10 days):

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

96 BROADWAY- ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0, 20I

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

(City Hall Parking)

Amend City Code. Section 240-88. Schedule E: City Parking Lots; by adding the following at the end of the section: "Traffic entering, exiting and traveling through City Hall Parking Lots shall be one way only as shown on said plan noted above by way of arrows which detail the allowed travel direction" (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 9, Nays 0, 21F

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18. Unfinished Business:

Document 28-K

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

CHAPTER
Library

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

28K

Document 82-V, Communication from Councillor LePage requesting to present an update on the removal of double utility poles in Haverhill

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE GAVE A POWEPOINT PRESENTATION. HE SUGGESTED A HOME RULE PETITION (SIMILAR TO NATICK'S & FRAMINGHAM'S PENDING BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE) TO ASSESS FINES FOR THE NON-REMOVAL OF DOUBLE POLES*
PLACED ON FILE

82V

19. Monthly Reports

No Schedule

20. Communication from Councillors:

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to address the need for sidewalks from Lincolnshire dr to Fermanagh st, along Kingsbury av, for safety of students walking to/from Hunking School

PRESIDENT MICHITSON SPOKE ABOUT THE DANGER FOR STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL
LETTER TO MAYOR FOR PLAN TO ADDRESS SIDEWALKS Yeas 9, Nays 0
LETTER TO MAYOR TO ASSESS ADEQUACY OF POLICING Yeas 9, Nays 0

82Y

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to provide update on future broadband services in Haverhill and to recommend the formation of a Broadband and Network Access Task Force to determine Haverhill's current capabilities, future needs and cost-effective solutions
PRESIDENT MICHITSON GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. HE STATED THAT HAVERHILL WILL NOT BE GETTING FIOS BUT THAT VERIZON IS ROLLING OUT SMALL CELL TECHNOLOGY
LETTER TO MAYOR TO FORM BROADBAND & NETWORK ACCESS*
TASK FORCE Yeas 9, Nays 0

82Z

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting a discussion regarding the intersection of Monument Street and North Broadway relative to excessive noise
REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0

96

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion regarding local regulations of building permit fees
COUNCILLOR LEPAGE SPOKE ABOUT THE PERMIT FEE REGULATIONS AND QUESTIONED \$300,000 CHARGED TO THE HUNKING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT, HIGHLIGHTING \$2,500 CHARGED IN ELECTRICAL FEES. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT \$2,500 SHOULD BE RESCINDED AND RETURNED TO THE PROJECT. THE MAYOR STATED THAT EVERYBODY SHOULD PRESUME TO PAY AND THEN HAVE THE COUNCIL VOTE TO WAIVE FEE(S)*
REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0

96B

Councillor Daly O'Brien left the Chamber

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss the timely scheduling of City Council Committee meetings
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SCHEDULE COMMITTEE MEETING WITHIN 7 DAY AND HOLD THE MEETING WITHIN 30 DAYS. THE MOTION WAS MODIFIED TO REFER THE MATTER TO A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW HIS RECOMMENDATION.

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

Yeas,-Councillors McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage and President Michitson – 4

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, Macek and Sullivan – 4

Absent,-Councillor Daly O'Brien – 1

MOTION FAILED

96C

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding City Hall parking during court usage of City Hall
COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT PARKING WHEN THE MASS TRIAL COURT MOVES TO CITY HALL TEMPORARILY WHILE THE COURTHOUSE IS BEING UPGRADED
LETTER TO MAYOR TO DEVELOP PARKING PLAN Yeas 7, Nays 1(Sullivan) Absent 1(Daly)

96D

21 Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

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22 Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor McGonagle announced the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for September 5 at 6:00PM in the Council office, room 204, City Hall. Agenda items will be speeding on North Avenue and the immediate area; access to downtown during downtown events; Tag Day ordinance; notification to businesses downtown when there is scheduled street closure

23 Documents referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

*Doc. 26-L – Handout from Robert Ward, Water Supply Status

*Doc. 80-J – Suspension

*Doc. 82-V – Handout from Councillor LePage, Utilities Double Poles

*Doc. 82-Z – Handout from President Michitson, Haverhill Needs faster and more reliable internet

*Doc. 96-B – Handout from Mayor/David Van Dam, costs for Hunking School

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk