



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Macek and Sullivan.

Absent – Councillor Daly O’Brien

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 McGonagle was assigned the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

4. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

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 the City for additional resources to be made available to the City from the State to redevelop the area. Has unanimous favorable recommendation from the Planning Board

HEARING TO BE HELD APRIL 5, 2016

Yeas 8, Nays, Absent 1

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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.

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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

No Schedule

6. Appointments

Confirming Appointments

Robin Lynn Valentino to the Cultural Council; appointment to expire March 15, 2018

CONFIRMED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Non-confirming Appointments

No Schedule

7. Petitions:

8. Applications/Handicap Parking Signs

No Schedule

9. One Day Liquor Licenses

No Schedule

10. Applications for Permit

Application from Jeff Grassie, Market Organizer for Haverhill’s Farmer Market to be held June 25-Oct 29, 9:00AM to 1:00PM; Saturdays at 40 Bailey blvd; next to Police Station ; has police approval MR. GRASSIE STATED THAT THE FARMER’S MARKET STARTED IN 1978. IT HAS GROWN TO THE LARGEST IN THE REGION. LAST YEAR WAS THEIR MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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Application from Autumn Hotaling for Alzheimer’s Association for permission for Charity Bicycle Ride to end Alzheimer’s to ride through Haverhill, Saturday, June 11; 10:00 AM-1:30PM; has police approval

GRANTED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

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11. Hawker/Peddler:

No Schedule

12. Drainlayer 2016 License:

No Schedule

13. Hearings & Related Orders

No Schedule

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14. NEW BUSINESS/ORDERS

ORDERED: That the sum of \$3,875.00 be transferred from the Police Salaries and Wages account to Police Substation account: 1010000.1.0210.5794

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 11G

15. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 230

An Ordinance Relating to Taxicabs and Buses

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 230, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting subsection "A." under §230-15 Rates. and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"A. The rates to be charged shall be as follows:

(1) For the first 1/8 mile or fraction thereof: \$2.50; for seniors: \$2.25

(2) For each additional 1/8 mile or fraction thereof: \$0.30; for seniors: \$0.25.

(3) The rate of \$23 an hour for use time; for seniors: \$19."

(4) All rates shall be prominently displayed inside the taxi so that all passengers are able to view them in print no smaller than size 14. (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 41

16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meetings:

Document 35:

New License; Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles; STT Shop to Talk – Audio & Cell Phone Accessories – 68 Lafayette sq, Jeanine Maroun; has police approval
COUNCILLOR MACEK STATED THE REASON WHY THEY POSTPONED APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION WAS THAT THERE WAS EXCESSIVE SIGNAGE ON THE WINDOWS & THEY WERE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY SIGNAGE ORDINANCE. MR. MAROUN SAID THAT HE HAD REMOVED THE SIGNAGE AND ASKED THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE WITH GETTING THE TREES TRIMMED IN FRONT OF HIS STORE.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION CONTINGENT UPON THEIR STAYING IN COMPLIANCE.

GRANTED CONTINGENT UPON STAYING IN COMPLIANCE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 35

Councillor McGonagle will work with the Public Works Department to get the trees trimmed.

17. Monthly Reports

Abatement report from Board of Assessor for month of February 2016

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 13C

18. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Tom Vartabedian and E. Philip Brown, authors of the newest book *Armenians of the Merrimack Valley*.

MR. BROWN & MR. VARTABEDIAN SPOKE ABOUT THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK. MR. VARTABEDIAN SUGGESTED THE CITY SPONSOR AN ETHNIC FESTIVAL. BOOKS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE LIBRARY FRIEND'S SHOP, BUTTONWOODS MUSEUM & AMAZON.*

PLACED ON FILE 38E

Communication was received was received from Councillors Barrett and LePage requesting to discuss double poles in the City.

COUNCILLORS STATED THE LONG TIME ONGOING ISSUES WITH DOUBLE POLES. SOME TOWNS HAVE PASSED HOME RULE PETITIONS DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO SEND LETTER TO UTILITIES TO REQUEST MEETING REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 38F

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss a tourism and business economic development opportunity.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO POSTPONE TO MAR 22 Yeas 8, Absent 1 38G

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to discuss an economic development Business Retention Promotion and Assistance Program.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA DESCRIBED A 4 PART PROGRAM/CONCEPT TO INTRODUCE NEW BUSINESSES IN THE CITY TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 38H

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a business and industry recognition opportunity.

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REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 38I

19. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

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20. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

No Schedule

21. Documents referred to Committee Study

No Schedule

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Absent 1

*Doc. 38-E – Handout from Tom Vartabedian – Armenians of the Merrimack Valley book

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk