



City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:00 PM
City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Scatamacchia, Councillors Hart, Michitson, Ryan, McGonagle, Macek, LePage, Daly O'Brien and Sullivan.

Acting City Clerk – Heather Budrewicz

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

2. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Michitson was appointed to read the minutes.

3. Communications from the Mayor

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

No Schedule

5. Appointments

Confirming Appointments:

Ruby Lyons, 99 Cross Rd, Bradford, was appointed to the Cultural Council, effective immediately.

Term to expire September 26, 2016.

CONFIRMED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

75J

Non-Confirming Appointments:

Ernest DiBurro was appointed to the C.D. Hunking Middle School Building Committee, effective immediately.

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

75K

Resignations:

No Schedule

6. Petitions

Petitions:

Petition was received from Janice Williams on behalf of Buttonwoods Museum requesting to hang a banner reading, "Christmas at the Buttonwoods: A Festival of Trees", being held November 30-December 15, on the Goecke Parking Deck from Monday, Nov 25 – December 9.

CAROL KATSOULUS GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. OPENING NIGHT IS NOV. 29.

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

43B

Applications:

Application was received for new Handicap Parking Sign from Gladys Kabanek at 25 Currier Ave

REFERRED TO PLANNING

Yeas 9, Nays 0

29G

Annual License Renewals:

Hawker/Peddler license from Charles Hibbert to sell Christmas trees, wreaths, baskets, kissing balls, and decorations at 297 Lincoln av; November 24 thru December 24; Saturday – Sunday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

28G

Buy & Sell 2nd Hand Articles renewal from Sharon Tripp for Leah Mae's, 179 Rosemont st

GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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7. Hearings and Related Orders:

7.1. Document 84-A, Petition from City of Haverhill requests Hearing re: Zoning, Amend City Code Chapter 255, Table of Use and Parking Regulations to allow Medical Marijuana

Dispensaries/Treatment centers to be located in our business parks only

Conditional recommendation was received from Planning Board and Conditional recommendation with modifications as requested was received from Planning Director.

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THERE WAS A RELATED COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR FIORENTINI REQUESTING TO POSTPONE HEARING TO NOVEMBER 12, 2013 AND TO VOTE TO EXTEND EXISTING MORATORIUM TO NOVEMBER 12, 2013.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO POSTPONE HEARING TO NOV. 12, 2013.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 84

Document 84

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 255

Be it Ordained by the City Council and the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 255, Zoning, Table of Use and Parking Regulations, Page 8, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

By adding the following at the end of the sub-section "OTHER COMMERCIAL" to allow Medical Marijuana Dispensary/Treatment centers to be located only in our business parks (see document for complete text)

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ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO EXTEND EXISTING MORATORIUM TO NOV. 12, 2013.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 84

8. Motions and Orders

ORDERED: That the City Council authorizes the Purchasing Department to proceed with the final disposition of several obsolete surplus vehicles. (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 100

Ordinances (File 10 Days)

No Schedule

9. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

No Schedule

10. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Monthly Reports:

No Schedule

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM SALARY RESERVE ACCOUNT TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0

ORDERED: That the sum of \$38,258 be transferred from the Salary Reserve account in the amounts stated to the following General Fund Accounts:

Highway Salary \$21,071

Vehicle Maintenance Salary \$ 6,258

Refuse Collection Salary \$ 1,632

Park Salary \$ 9,297

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO PASS ORDER

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 21X

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0

ORDERED: Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Document 82-B of 2013 is hereby amended as follows: (see document for complete text)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO AMEND THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR THE HIGHWAY/PARK GROUP.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 82BB

Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Macek wishing to introduce area residents to discuss concerns relative to the 12th Avenue playground.

Attorney Ursula Furi-Perry spoke. She is a neighbor who abuts the playground and stated that the city is not following city ordinances with respect to noise, disturbance of peace, and playground hours of operation.

Neighbors Irene McAvoy, Elizabeth McAvoy, Kathy Moynihan and David Cannata spoke about the situation.

Vinny Ouellette, Recreation Director spoke about his recent involvement. He was not aware of the ongoing issues at the playground.

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PRESIDENT SCATAMACCHIA WILL ARRANGE FOR THE MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF, DAVID VAN DAM, TO CONVENE A MEETING WITH VINNY AND CHIEF DENARO TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION TO OCT. 22
CONTINUED TO OCT 22

Yeas 9, Nays 0

57W

Communication was received from Councilor Michitson on Haverhill's proposal for Massachusetts Business Mentoring Initiative grant sponsored by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for innovation-based economic development .

COUNCILLOR MICHITSON GAVE A BRIEF POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON HAVERHILL'S MENTORING LABS PROPOSAL. THE STATE IS LOOKING FOR "HOTBED REGIONS" FOR UNDERSERVED CITIES IN THE REGION TO PROVIDE GRANT MONEY FOR BUSINESS MENTORING CENTERS, LOOKING FOR MANUFACTURING START UPS.

DAVID VAN DAM ADDED THAT THE MAYOR WILL BE RE-ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PLACED ON FILE

57X

Communication was received from Councilor LePage requesting a discussion regarding a status update on the Waterfront Interim Planning Overlay District (WIPOD) ordinance.

THERE WAS A RELATED COMMUNICATION FROM WILLIAM PILLSBURY, JR., ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING DIRECTOR STATING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS BEING WORKED ON BY THE MAYOR, CITY SOLICITOR, PLANNING DIRECTOR, INTERESTED PARTIES AND PROPERTY OWNERS. THE ORDINANCE COULD POSSIBLY BE FILED IN 30 DAYS.

PLACED ON FILE

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Communications from City Employees:

No Schedule

11. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

12. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Council Committee Reports:

No Schedule

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: *Heather Budrewicz*
Acting City Clerk