



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 PM

**Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, 4 Summer St., Room 202
In-Person/Remote Meeting**

Present – President Sullivan, Councilors Basiliere, Hobbs Everett, Michitson, Ferreira, Jordan, Toohey, McGonagle, LePage, and Rogers

Absent – Councilor Lewandowski

City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Motion by Councilor Ferreira to approve February 13th minutes, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED

All in Favor

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councilor Jordan assigned the minutes.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

President Sullivan requested Clerk Wright to call up suspension item.

Motion by Councilor McGonagle to suspend the rules, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1

President Sullivan stated the reason for the suspension is the school department would like the Council to consider approving the Statement of Interest that will allow us to continue to move forward with the Silver Hill School roof replacement which if all goes well will happen in 2026. Required to read into the record the resolution which approves the Statement of Interest. The deadline is Friday, March 1st so this needs to be voted on this evening.

Clerk Wright read the resolution into the record.

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1

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6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO INTRODUCE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

- 6.1. Councillor Michitson requests to introduce Jim Tzitson to announce the AHEPA Acropolis Chapter 39 100th Year Celebration on Saturday, April 13, 2024

Councilor Michitson stated Jim Tzitson is the President and he is a proud member as was his father. This is an important endeavor and have 100 years anniversary coming up.

James Tzitson, President Chapter 39, thanked the Council for having his tonight. AHEPA is the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association started in 1922. Haverhill's



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Charter was established in 1924. Our fraternal organization is celebrating 100 years and hope to continue our involvement in helping various organizations within the city of Haverhill like Somebody Cares, Ruth's House, Clear River Project, Inner City Boxing, Police and Fire to name a few. On behalf of our membership, we invite the Council to the celebration on April 13th. 31

6.2. Council President Sullivan requests to introduce Andrea Watson to discuss Lead Exposure, Lead Free MA, and an upcoming public education/awareness event to be held in Haverhill on April 24th

Andrea Watson appeared before the Council to talk about Lead Free Massachusetts and the upcoming event on April 24, 2024 at 7 PM at Harbor Place where there will be a panel of experts and speakers. 31-B

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

8.1. John Pettis, City Engineer submits request to open roadway at 82 Brockton av, EROM 24-3, to repair a gas leak 32

8.1.1. Order – Council approve request to excavate roadway at 82 Brockton av for work on underground utilities

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0

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8.2. Angel Perkins, City Auditor & Chief Financial Officer, submits the January 2024 Revenue and expense reports for the City's general fund operating budget.

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor McGonagle

PASSED Placed on File

Yeas 10, Nays 0

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8.3. City Clerk, Kaitlin M. Wright requests to discuss 2024 Election related items

Clerk Wright stated the 2024 Presidential Election is underway. Tuesday, March 5th is the Presidential Primary voting is open 7am-8pm. Early voting at city hall is taking place now. Today is the last day to request vote by mail. Can drop off vote by mail ballots in the drop box outside city hall or bring them into the clerk's office. Please make sure to sign including the manilla envelope or your vote will not be counted. You can check your polling location by calling the clerk's office at 978-374-2312 or online at wheredoivotema.com. 17-D



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9. UTILITY HEARING(S) AND RELATED ORDER(S):

9.1. Document 18; Petition from National Grid and Verizon NE for joint pole location at the intersection of Foundation av and Ward Hill av; Plan 30682213

9.1.1. Document 18-B; Order for Joint pole location at the intersection of Foundation av & Ward Hill av

President Sullivan opened the hearing.

David Boucher, 1101 Turnpike Street North Andover. Here on behalf of National Grid to ask for a new pole location at the end of Foundation Avenue at the dead end. The Hillview Montessori school is there. The part of the parking lot in the front, they would like to put some electric vehicle EV charging stations. In order to do that, we cannot use the last pole on the street (pole 6) it is too busy to be used, so we are asking for a new location approximately 20 feet away previous to pole 6, which would be pole 5-50. This will enable us to bring power off of that new pole and give to the school for their new EV charging stations they have planned. If the city sees fit, we can go forward.

President Sullivan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor? No one spoke.

President Sullivan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition? No one spoke.

President Sullivan closed the hearing.

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Jordan

City Clerk Wright: Vice President Jordan-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Hobbs Everett-yes, Councilor Michitson-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-absent, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes
10Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Lewandowski) PASSED

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

10.1. Document 19; Application from Attorney Robert Harb for Special Permit CCSP 24-2; for applicant 38-42 Washington st LLC; for a Major Plan Approval to convert two upper-level floors in the existing building at 38 Washington st, into 8 residential units while maintaining 2 commercial units on the first floor *Comments from City Depts are included*

President Sullivan opened the hearing.

Attorney Robert Harb -- We were supposed he was on for a hearing tonight but just found out today that one of the Councilors is not able to be here to hear this presentation. We would respectfully ask that all the Councilor's hear this great presentation of a good program and a good plan for a development of units on Washington Street so would ask if you could continue this to March 19, 2024.

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Jordan

President Sullivan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor or opposition of continuing the hearing to March 19th. No one spoke.



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President Jordan: Passed to be heard March 19, 2024

11. APPOINTMENTS:

- 11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**
- 11.2. **Non-Confirming to expire December 31, 2024**
- 11.3. **Constables to expire December 31, 2024**
- 11.4. **Resignations:**

12. PETITIONS:

- 12.1. **Applications Handicap Parking Sign:** *with Police approval*
- 12.2. **Amusement/Event Application** - *with Police approval*
- 12.3. **Auctioneer License:**
- 12.4. **Tag Days:** *with Police approval*
- 12.5. **One Day Liquor License** – *with License Commission & Police approval*
- 12.6. **ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:**

- 12.6.1. **Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location** – *w/Police approval*
 - 12.6.1.1. Johnathan West to sell disc golf sports equipment sold from a table/tent at 1314 Main st, Clement Farm Disc Golf Course Entrance, Wednesdays 5-8, and Saturdays 9-1

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Jordan
PASSED *Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1*

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- 12.6.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals** – *with Police approval*
- 12.6.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor** – *with Police approval*
- 12.6.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2023:** *with Police approval*
- 12.6.5. **Taxi/Limousine License** *with Police approval:*
- 12.6.6. **Junk Dealer /Collector License** *with Police approval*
- 12.6.7. **Sunday Pool**
- 12.6.8. **Bowling**



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- 12.6.9. **Sunday Bowling**
- 12.6.10. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles** *with Police approval*
- 12.6.11. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing**
- 12.6.12. **Pawnbroker license** - *with police approval*
- 12.6.13. **Fortune Teller** *with - Police approval*
- 12.6.14. **Buy & Sell Old Gold** – *with Police approval*
- 12.6.15. **Roller Skating Rink**
- 12.6.16. **Sunday Skating**

- 12.6.17. **Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC**
- 12.6.18. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars** *with Police approval*

13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 13.1. Order – City Council votes to repeal provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 53, Section 18B, that is previously accepted and reads as stated *Related communication from Kaitlin M Wright, City Clerk*

Clerk Wright explained at a meeting in early January she asked for the council to approve this provision which would allow the city to print pamphlets in regard to any sort of municipal ballot questions. The law would require our office to mail one of these for every time there is a ballot question, this would cost each time alone \$20-\$40K plus staff. Determined it is too cost prohibitive for the office to do it and asking because of that that you repeal this so it will not require us to produce these mailers at this time.

Motion Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1

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14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

16. UNFINISHED BUISINESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:

- 16.1. Document 2-F: Mayor submits request from Rob Moore, Environmental Health Technician for an *Amended* City Ordinance to amend Chapter 11, Sections 22 through 29, Conservation Commission *Continued from 2/14/2024*
- 16.1.1. Document 2-FF: Amended Ordinance – Amend Chapter 11, Boards and Commissions Article VI. Conservation Commission *Filed 2/14/2024*

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1



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16.2. Document 2-H; Mayor Barrett submits a Salary Ordinance and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Haverhill and the Haverhill Firefighters Local 1011 *Continued from 2/14/2024*

16.2.1. Document 14-B; Memorandum of Agreement between City of Haverhill and the Haverhill Firefighters Local 1011

16.2.2. Document 15-B; Ordinance re; Salaries – Fire Safety Services, Fire Group Local 1011 *Filed 2/14/2024*

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Michitson

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1

Mayor Barrett wasn't going to speak because this speaks for itself. About one month and a half in we were able to sit down and get an agreement between the union and city. They were gentlemen to work with and it went pretty smoothly correcting decades of kind of being treated a little less. We are happy to have this before you. I hope you accept it because I think it is not only necessary to keep our public safety staff safe, and on duty, it was a long time coming.

Councilor Jordan commended Mayor Barret and the Fire Department for coming to this agreement so quickly. As stated, this went on way too long, roughly 3 years with no contract. Commended the Fire Department for being very reasonable.

Councilors Basiliere, McGonagle and Lepage also congratulated the Mayor and Fire Department.

Tim Carroll, Local 1011 President, thanked the Council for sticking with us the last five years always pushing on their behalf. Also, can't thank the Mayor enough. She was amazing in the meetings sitting in on all of them which has never happened. It is a change the city needed and thankful we could get it done so quickly.

16.3. Document 28; Loan Order - \$180,000 Land Acquisition Bonds to purchase land for the Crystal st/Jericho rd Conservation Project *Filed 2/14/2024*

Robert Ward, DPW Director, this loan order will fund the difference between the grant and the purchase price of a piece of land at Crystal Lake for water protection and conservation. It's about 35-1/2 acres located between Crystal Lake, Crystal Street and Jericho Road. It is well worthwhile for protecting because of its location. The grant will fund about 2/3rds of the purchase price.

Councilor Michitson asked about the next steps.



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Robert Ward stated the seller of the property has agreed to a friending eminent domain of taking where the City Council will have to authorize it. The seller will have to sign stating they agree to the price. Should be done within a month.

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor McGonagle
PASSED Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Jordan announced that Team Haverhill is holding their annual Possible Dreams Event on Monday, March 11 at 7 PM at the Northern Essex Community College Tech Center, go to teamhaverhill.org to register.

Councilor Basiliere announced Haverhill Boys basketball won the first round of the tournament game.

President Sullivan mentioned that we have been asked to host at a future meeting the Boys Track Team, and the Wrestling Team honoring them for their outstanding season.

19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21. ADJOURN :

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Michitson
PASSED All in Favor

Adjourned 19:42