

# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

## Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM City Council Chambers, Room 202 4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Daly O'Brien, Macek and Sullivan.

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- **3.** Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

**4.** Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor LePage was assigned the minutes.

**5.** Communications from the Mayor

Mayor Fiorentini requests to address the City Council concerning the FY2018 Haverhill City Budget MAYOR FIORENTINI GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. CITY BUDGET IS \$185,679,730 & SCHOOL BUDGET WITH FEDERAL GRANTS IS \$83,536, 848; FY 18 BUDGET IS UP BY \$5.6 MILLION. PART OF DECREASED COSTS INCLUDE HEALTH CARE CHANGES, TRASH PICKUP PLAN, ELECTRICITY AND DECREASED AMOUNT TO RESERVES.\*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 71

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

No Schedule

- **7.** Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
- **8.** Hearings and Related Orders
- 9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
- **10.** Appointments:
- **11.** Petitions:

#### Applications

Application for Permit from Ann Jones, President of *Greater Haverhill Arts Association* to hold annual *Art Festival* on Bradford Common, Saturday, September 9; 10:00AM to 4:00PM (set-up 8-10 am) and also requests to have any event fees waived

**GRANTED & EVENT FEES WAIVED** 

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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## Annual License Renewals:

Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles:

VID Comp (Electronics) 163 Washington st, John Cardran

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 4J

#### **12.** Motions and Orders

ORDERED: That the Mayor being and is hereby authorized to accept a gift of five commissioned sculptures, photos of which are attached hereto, from Team Haverhill for the *Mayor James J. Fiorentini Bradford Rail Trail*. Acceptance to be effective upon the installation of each sculpture.

Related communication from Alice Mann, Team Haverhill

MAYOR FIORENTINI THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR NAMING THE BRADFORD RAIL TRAIL IN HIS HONOR

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 73

ORDERED: That \$800,000 be appropriated from Free Cash and transferred to Snow and Ice Expenses to cover year end deficit

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29I

ORDERED: That \$302,957 be appropriated from Free Cash and transferred to Street Light Expenses to cover the cost of purchasing city street lights

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29J

ORDERED: That the sum of \$130,000 be transferred from the Capital Projects account to the following Capital Accounts: *Riverside Park Grant Match* \$130,000

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29K

ORDERED: That the sum of \$7,510 be transferred from the Capital Projects account to the following Capital Account: *Girls Softball Field* \$7,510

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 29L

Ordinances (File 10 days) Monthly Reports

### 13. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Councillor Vargas and President Michitson requesting to introduce Janet Begin to discuss early education in Haverhill.

MS. BEGIN IS PROPOSING ANOTHER WILDFLOWER MONTESSORI PILOT PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM IN THE MT. WASHINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS WOULD BE A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. SHE IS SEEKING \$25,000 FROM THE CITY. SHE HAS ALREADY SECURED 50% IN PRIVATE FUNDING

PRESIDENT MICHITSON STATED THAT THE MAYOR HAS COMMITTED \$25,000 FROM CDBG FUNDS.\*

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR VARGAS TO SEND LETTER TO REP. DEMPSEY & LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION & MAYOR TO SUPPORT CDBG FUNDING. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting to present a citation to Ernest Valentine Young, Jr., in recognition for his years of compiling Haverhill High School Football data encompassing 125 Years

COUNCILLOR MACEK PRESENTED A CITATION TO MICHAEL YOUNG ON BEHALF OF HIS FATHER, ERNEST YOUNG, FOR PUBLISHING A TWO VOLUME COMPILATION OF HILLIE FOOT-BALL STATISTICS. THE TWO VOLUME SET WILL BE ON SALE AT THE HAVERHILL PUBLIC LIBRARY AUDITORIUM ON JUNE 6 FROM 5-8PM.

PLACED ON FILE 58W Yeas 9, Nays 0

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to discuss this year's local Essex Heritage Partnership Grant Program recipients from Haverhill, including Creative Haverhill, Rocks Village Memorial Association, and John Greenleaf Whittier Birthplace, as well as the Clean River Project PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Navs 0

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting to introduce the following amendment to the City Council Rules and Regulations, Regular Meetings, Rule 2: By inserting between the current fourth and fifth sentences in that section "Additionally, in any year that the Mayor should choose to deliver his/her State of the City address on a Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock P.M., the City Council meeting scheduled for that week shall be appropriately cancelled in advance."

AMENDMENT PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Bevilacqua) 58Y

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting to recognize Superintendent James Scully, building committee, parents, volunteers and the residents of Haverhill for their support of the new **Hunking School** 

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO POSTPONE TO JUNE 6. POSTPONED TO JUNE 6

Yeas 9, Nays 0

58Z

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting to discuss summer jobs for Haverhill School kids

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA ENCOURAGED BUSINESSES TO HIRE STUDENTS FOR SUMMER WORK AND ALSO TO HAVE THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CREATE A REGISTRY OF SUMMER JOBS. Yeas 9, Nays 0

#### 14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 58-H; Communication from President Michitson requesting to propose a Comprehensive Plan for Haverhill based on community support at Reach Higher School Success Forum last Thursday at **Hunking School** 

PRESIDENT MICHITSON GAVE A POWER POINT PRESENTATION. HE ASSERTED THAT THE CITY NEEDS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS BIG 3 - EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY AND **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT\*** 

ON MOTION OF PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO REQUEST MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER OR SOONER TO DEVELOP INTEGRATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INITIATIVE Yeas 9, Nays 0 58H

Document 65

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, as amended, be further amended by adding the following to § 240-95 Schedule L: Stop Streets:

STOP STREET	<b>DIRECTION OF TRAVEL</b>	AT INTERSECTION OF
Fourteenth av	East	Main st
Thirteenth av	"	٠٠ ٠٠
Eleventh av	"	٠٠ د د
Tenth av	"	٠٠
Ninth av	"	
Elm st	West	٠٠ ٠٠
Hamilton av	"	
Brockton av	"	٠٠
Sheridan st	"	٠٠ ٠٠
Minot av	"	٠٠

**PASSED** Yeas 9, Nays 0 65 **15.** Resolutions And Proclamations

**16.** Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor LePage presented minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held May 11 2017. Items discussed at the meeting were the double poles report by National Grid and Verizon; Mayor's recommendations, Capital Improvement Program 2016-2020 and managing the Mayor's State of the City address

MINUTES ACCEPTED & PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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17. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: <u>Linda Koutoulas</u> City Clerk

\*Doc. 71 - Handout from Mayor Fiorentini - Proposed Haverhill FY18 Budget

\*Doc. 58-V – Handout from Janet Begin – Wildflower Schools

\*Doc. 58-H – Handout from President Michitson – Haverhill Integrated Comprehensive Plan 2018-2023