



**DRAFT**  
**City of Haverhill**  
**City Council Minutes**

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM  
 Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202  
 4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, LePage, Jordan, Macek, Daly O’Brien, and McGonagle.  
 City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior 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

PRESIDENT MICHITSON ASKED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO RECOGNIZE THREE INDIVIDUALS. COUNCILLOR BARRETT’S REQUEST WAS FOR EDWARD DUFRESNE, LONGTIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR FOR THE CITY WHO PASSED AWAY A FEW WEEKS AGO; COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN’S REQUEST WAS FOR EDWARD KIMBALL, LONGTIME SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. PRESIDENT MICHITSON’S REQUEST WAS FOR A 6 YEAR OLD FIRST GRADER AT GOLDEN HILL SCHOOL WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK.

5. Communications from the Mayor  
     Mayor Fiorentini submits an Order for purchase and sales option extension at the Cogswell School property and also a letter from Daniella Kravetz Smida, Chairperson of Creative Haverhill for review; *Related communication from Solicitor Cox requesting amendment*  
     PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 23

ORDERED: That the real property located at 351 South Main st, also known as the Cogswell School, located on Assessor’s Map 719, Block 666, Lot 9, containing approximately 0.677 acres and a building formerly used as a school, being and is hereby declared surplus.  
 Further, that the Mayor being and is hereby authorized to execute a Lease Extension with Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce Community Arts and Education Foundation for extension of the current lease of said real property, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Mayor is also authorized to execute a deed and any other documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said real property pursuant to the terms of the OPTION TO PURCHASE in Paragraph #18 of said Lease and further terms included in the Lease Extension.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO AMEND ORDER BY ADDING THE WORDS “CREATIVE HAVERHILL, INC. FORMALLY KNOWN AS” BEFORE THE WORDS “THE GREATER HAVERHILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY ARTS AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION IN THE ORDER AND FURTHER AMENDED BY COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO ADD “AND THE ATTACHED LEASE EXTENSION”.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0  
 PASSED AS AMENDED Yeas 9, Nays 0 23B

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees  
     No schedule
7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)  
     No Schedule
8. Hearings and Related Orders  
     No Schedule
9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28  
     No Schedule

10. Appointments:  
     Confirming Appointments :  
     No Schedule  
     Non-Confirming Appointments:  
     Auxiliary Police: Helen Infante, Steve David, Sobieda Javier  
     GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 17D

11. Petitions:  
     Tag Days: The following were all GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0  
     Haverhill Travel Boys Basketball, February 24 13U  
     HHS Model U.N., March 2, 3, 4 13V  
     KW Mustangs, March 17, 18 13W  
     Haverhill Travel Girls Basketball, August 18 13X  
     Annual License Renewals:  
     Coin-Op License Renewals 2018: The following were all GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0

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| Kelley's Restaurant, 75 South Main st – 1 Machine | 5J |
| Skateland, 19 Railroad av – 13 Machines           | 5K |
| Sunday Coin-Op License Renewals 2018:             |    |
| Kelley's Restaurant – 1 Sunday Machine            | 6J |
| Skateland – 13 Sunday Machines                    | 6K |

Drainlayer License Renewals for 2018:  
David Maynard

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| GRANTED | Yeas 9, Nays 0 | 10N |
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**12. Motions and Orders**  
No Schedule

**13. ORDINANCES (File 10 days)**

ORDERED: That \$990,000 is appropriated to pay costs of the construction of restoring and stabilizing the Merrimack Riverbank along the parking area behind the stadium, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. (see document for complete text) *Related communication from Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director*

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ORDERED: That \$500,000 is appropriated to pay costs of the construction of Marsh Avenue/Main Street sewer repairs, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under that pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. (see document for complete text) *Related communication from Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director*

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**14. Monthly Reports**

Abatement report from Board of Assessors for month of January 2018

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**15. Communications from Councillors**

No Schedule

**16. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings**

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Councillor Melinda Barrett, Chairperson, presented the Minutes of the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting held on January 29 2018. Item 1 – automated trash collection and recycling, trash has decreased by 17% and recycling has increased about 20%. At this time there are no plans for curb side composting. Composting bins are available thru the department of public works at a cost of \$25.00. Item 2 – single-use plastic bags. Allison Heartquist, Chief of Staff, read letter from Mayor Fiorentini encouraging council to further study the issue of banning plastic bags and supports the concept, but he has a few questions and concerns. Councillor Barrett informed that there are 61 communities in Massachusetts that ban the use of plastic bags. Currently, there is a bill before the state legislature for state-wide ban. Richard Smyth and Joe LeBlanc spoke in favor of the ban. Councillors expressed need for further study and education and impact on seniors and small business owners, while other Councillors supported moving forward.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO SOLICITOR TO DRAFT ORDINANCE BANNING USE OF PLASTIC BAGS WITH A 6 MONTH GRACE PERIOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

Yeas 8, Nays 1(Bevilacqua)

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO REFER TO ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Yeas 8, Nays 1(Bevilacqua)

Item 3 – use of Styrofoam – Councillor Barrett informed that Styrofoam is not allowed in single stream recycling because it doesn't degrade. The State legislature has taken up this item but has not enacted a ban.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO SEND LETTER TO LEGISLATURE EXPRESSING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE BAN.

Yeas 8, Nays 1(Bevilacqua)

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| MINUTES ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE | Yeas 9, Nays 0 | 8B |
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**17. Resolutions And Proclamation**

No Schedule

**18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements**

Councillor LePage announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Feb. 15 at 7:00PM in the City Council office, Room 204. Agenda items to be discussed are graffiti, city council meeting minutes, citizen inquiry/request referral system, city council rules and regulations and city's capital improvement program. He also announced the Administration & Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7:00PM in the City Council office, Room 204. Agenda items to be discussed are marijuana guidelines and President Michitson's request to establish city council goals for 2018-2020.

**19. Documents Referred To Committee Study**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas  
City Clerk