

City of Haverhill Special City Council Minutes Tuesday, June 9, 2020 Virtual Meeting

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

President Barrett, Vice President LePage and City Clerk Koutoulas participated from the City Council office.

President Barrett read the following statement: This meeting of the Haverhill City Council is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the "COVID-19 Virus".

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible *physical* location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will feature public comment.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Baker issued an Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 20. Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means."

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of minutes of prior meeting

There were no minutes

- **4.** Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting Councillor Daly O'Brien was assigned the minutes
- 5. Communications from the Mayor
- **6.** Communications from Councillors to introduce an individual(s) to address the Council:
- 7. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28
- **8.** Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:
- **9.** Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

Hearing was held on Document 41, a petition from Mass Electric Co d/b/a National Grid of North Andover, MA requesting to construct a line of underground electric conduits for Park st and Park pl; Plan 29010579. With Joe Lentile from National Grid appearing in favor. This is for 14 apartments for residential house. No one was opposed.

Hearing closed. Placed on file

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ORDERED: Grant permission to Mass Electric Co for electric conduit location at intersection of Park st and Park pl

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 41B

Hearing was held on Document 42, a petition from Mass Electric Co d/b/a National Grid of North Andover, MA and Verizon NE requesting joint pole locations for Park st and Park pl; Plan 29010579. With Joe Lentile from National Grid appearing in favor. This is for 14 apartments for residential house. No one was opposed. Hearing closed. Placed on file

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Meeting adjourned 7:13 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas

City Clerk