



# **CITY OF HAVERHILL**

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, 4 Summer St., Room 202**

### **In-Person/Remote Meeting**

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Present – President Jordan, Councilors Barrett, Bevilacqua, Sullivan, Michitson, McGonagle, Lewandowski, Rogers, and Toohey  
City Council Administrative Assistant – Laurie A. Brown  
Assistant City Clerk – Rose Leonard-Flynn  
City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

Approval next meeting.

**4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Minutes assigned to Councilor Lewandowski.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

- 5.1. Mayor Fiorentini would like to introduce James Accurso from the US Small Business Administration to discuss loans and flood aid for businesses and residences effected by severe storms and flooding and will be making a brief power point presentation 9-V

Christine Lindberg, Chief of Staff, to introduce James Accurso, SBA, stating his visit stems from the August 8<sup>th</sup> flooding. The efforts from Chief Pistone and Officer Adam Durkee, compiling data from residents and businesses effected then turning it over to NEMA, led the SBA to offer low and no interest loans to help recover from the flood damage.

Jim Accurso, SBA, gave a presentation which is tied to the Declaration made for the August 8<sup>th</sup> flooding showing the counties effected and explaining residents and business owners in those areas are eligible to apply. More information can be found at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster) or 1-800-659-2955. Applications can be made online until November 28, 2023.

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

- 6.1. Council President Jordan to introduce Mike Jarvis who is selling Haverhill Police and Haverhill Fire 2024 calendars to benefit the Haverhill Heroes and Helpers program 83-D

Michael Jarvis thanked the Council for letting him come before them. I am big supporter of first responders. Last year did a firefighter calendar. This year doing both a firefighter and police calendar where all proceeds will go to the Heros and Helpers Program. My goal is to raise \$2500. I will match dollar amount with total goal of \$5000 for the program. Calendars are available at the Haverhill Credit Union, social media (Facebook and Instagram), and hopefully the police department for purchase of \$25/each.

Councilors thanked Mike for all he does for first responders and for supporting the Heros and Helpers program. Councilor McGonagle stated he would donate \$1 for each calendar sold.



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6.2. Councillor Barrett to introduce Derek Clark, Brandon Fredette, and Brian Dacey who are seeking home rule petitions to take the Civil Service exam: Mr. Clark and Mr. Fredette for position of firefighter and Mr. Dacey for position of police officer in Haverhill 83-E

6.2.1. **Home Rule Petition** – An Act Authorizing Derek Clark to take the Civil Service Examination for the position of Firefighter in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Rogers*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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6.2.2. **Home Rule Petition** – An Act Authorizing Brandon Fredette to take the Civil Service Examination for the position of Firefighter in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Rogers*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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6.2.3. **Home Rule Petition** – An Act Authorizing Brian Dacey to take the Civil Service Examination for the position of Police Officer in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Rogers*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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**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):**

**10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:**

10.1. Document 82; Attorney Robert Harb, for applicant Matias Capital LLC requesting Special Permit CCSP 23-7 to expand an existing 12 unit multifamily building at 71 Portland st to a 16 unit multifamily building in a CC zone *Comments from City Depts are included*

**President Jordan opened the special permit hearing.**

Attorney Robert Harb, offices located at 40 Kenoza Avenue, appeared before the Council with client Manny Matias, principal of Matias Capital, LLC. requesting special permit approval to expand existing 12 unit multifamily to a 16 unit multifamily. All requirements are met under Chapter 255 Section 10.4.2. Mr. Matias has opened the closed-off back lot for parking. States most of his tenants do not drive and use public transportation. Project will provide needed affordable housing in the city.



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**President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor?**

Guarina Jaquez, 125 Portland Street, stated she approves of this petition.

Mark Colantonio, 94 Portland Steet, also approves.

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

**President Jordan closed the hearing.**

*Motion to approve by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor McGonagle*

Councilor comments included thanking Mr. Matais for taking a blighted building and renovating it, adding needed affordable housing, and concern for lack of parking for tenants.

**President Jordan:** *Motion by Councilor Barrett condition of a snow removal plan to keep all 13 parking spaces open throughout the winter and all conditions of the city departments, second Vice President Michitson*

**President Jordan: Madam Clerk please call the roll on the conditions.**

City Clerk Wright: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Barrett-yes, Councilor Bevilacqua-yes, Councilor Sullivan-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, President Jordan-yes, 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

**President Jordan: Conditions PASSED**

**President Jordan:** *Motion by Councilor Sullivan to approve, Second Councilor McGonagle*

**President Jordan: Madam Clerk please call the roll.**

City Clerk Wright: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Barrett-yes, Councilor Bevilacqua-yes, Councilor Sullivan-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor McGonagle-no, Councilor Rogers-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, President Jordan-yes, 8 Yeas, 1 Nays

**President Jordan: PASSED with Conditions.**

**11. APPOINTMENTS:**

**11.1. Confirming Appointments:**

**11.2. Non-Confirming:**

**11.3. Resignations**

**11.4. PETITIONS**

11.4.1.1. Petition from Attorney Michael Migliori requesting to *continue* hearing CCSP 23-11, Document 85 Sign size waiver for an electronic billboard at 50 Foundation av from October 24 to *October 31, 2023*

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Toohey  
PASSED to be heard October 31, 2023 Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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- 11.4.1.2. Petition from Attorneys Johnson and Bornstein requesting to continue hearing CCSP 23-12, Document 90, for a 3 family residential structure at 462 Washington st, from October 24 to November 28, 2023

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED to be heard November 28, 2023*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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**11.5. Applications Handicap Parking Sign: with Police approval**

**11.6. Amusement/Event Application - with Police approval**

**11.7. Auctioneer License:**

**11.8. Tag Days: with Police approval**

**11.9. One Day Liquor License – with License Commission & Police approval**

**11.10. Annual License Renewals:**

11.10.1. **Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location** – w/approval

11.10.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals** – with Police approval

11.10.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor** – with Police approval

11.10.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2023:** with Police approval

11.10.5. **Taxi/Limousine License** with Police approval:

11.10.6. **Junk Dealer /Collector License** with Police approval

11.10.7. **Sunday Pool**

11.10.8. **Bowling**

11.10.9. **Sunday Bowling**

11.10.10. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles** with Police approval

11.10.11. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing**

11.10.12. **Pawnbroker license** - with police approval

11.10.13. **Fortune Teller** with - Police approval

11.10.14. **Buy & Sell Old Gold** – with Police approval

11.10.15. **Roller Skating Rink**

11.10.16. **Sunday Skating**

11.10.17. **Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC**

11.10.18. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars** with Police approval

**12. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:**

- 13.** Order authorize Mayor execute grant of easement from City to Brigham Circle Trust relative to real property known as the “Elliott Place Parking Lot” located on Elliott Place for the purpose of re-location of vehicular parking *Related communication from William Cox, City Solicitor*

Councilor Bevilacqua abstained and left the Chambers.

City Solicitor Cox appeared before the Council explaining when the boardwalk was originally installed, we had to widen Wall Street which runs along the flood wall. In doing that, some parking spaces were taken away from some owners. Compensation was made with other spaces. The



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relocated spaces provided have been sold, twice, now proposing to relocate them to the Elliott Place parking lot.

*Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Lewandowski*

**PASSED**

*Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua)*

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- 14.** Order authorize Mayor execute grant of easement from City to Walcott Corporation relative to real property known as the “Elliott Place Parking Lot” located on Elliott Place for the purpose of re-locating Salvation Army donation bins and vehicular parking

*Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor McGonagle*

**PASSED**

*Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua)*

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- 15.** Order – pay bills from previous fiscal year as listed:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>		
ConvergeOne	\$4,421.17		Information	Technology
ConvergeOne	122.00		“	“
ConvergeOne	2,256.03		“	“
Kraft Power	179.00		Public Property	
Alarm Contracting Enterprises	995.00		“	“
Alarm Contracting Enterprises	400.00		“	“
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**Total:**

**\$8,773.20**

*Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor Toohey*

**PASSED**

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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**16. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)**

**17. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:**

**18. UNFINISHED BUISINESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:**

- 18.1.1. Document 12-I: Loan Order - \$1,765,316 Fire Truck Bonds – appropriated to acquire a new Fire Truck *filed 9/20/23*

*Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers*

**PASSED**

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

- 18.1.2. Document 35-G: Ordinance re: Salaries – Administrative & Professional Positions *filed 9/20/23*

*Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers*

**PASSED**

*Yeas 9, Nay 0*



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18.1.3. Document 35-H: Ordinance re: Salaries – Non-Union Positions *filed 9/20/23*

*Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers*

*PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0*

18.1.4. Document 69-C: Ordinance re: Vehicles & Traffic Amend Stop Streets-Franklin st north/south at intersection of John st and John st at East/West at intersection of Franklin st *filed 9/20/23*

*Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0*

18.1.5. Document 75-F: Councillor Bevilacqua would like to discuss a proposal to recognize the deceased members of the City Council *continued from September 26*

Councilor Bevilacqua realized there were a number of City Councilors that passed out who we have not talked about or have any means of recognition. They should be recognized in some way, with possibly a plaque with names.

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua to send communication to the Mayor that there is some means of recognition for those served as a Council member to the city with stipulation can still have special dedication for Councilor Macek, second Councilor Toohey*

*PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0*

18.1.6. Document 75-H: Council President Jordan, Council Vice President Michitson and Councilor Lewandowski request an update from Mayor on Eliot Services for Haverhill and hiring of the NFI Director and restarting of Opioid Task Force *continued from September 26*

Councilor Michitson stressed the concern with the mental health and opioid crisis in the city. The city needs a system that will address this in a systematic manner. We have funding available what has already been provided. \$750K was budgeted and \$228K is left in opioid settlement. Restarting the Opioid Task Force is needed.

Christine Lindberg, Chief of Staff, addressed the Council stating they have been working closely with Eliot and held a webinar to discuss concerns, Eliot meets with the staff at Haverhill Police and Lahey; established monthly HUB at risk meetings. Next meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mary Connelly, Eliot representative and NFI are all here tonight to answer any questions. NFI is having difficulty filling the Director position. The Opioid Task Force should be removed from the Mayor's office and with a department with more resources and personnel.

Councilor Lewandowski asked if the position was the NFI Director. Suggested discussing position at the next HUB meeting. Wants Substance Abuse Coordinator



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reconsidered. It would be a lead person who coordinates all the programs. Asked if there is someone from Eliot assigned to help people with transportation. Aaron Katz from Eliot stated they do help with the PT1 form and transportation for those needing it.

Councilor Barrett asked if data is being collected for the safer grant. Kim Boisselle, NFI, gave an overview of the steps taken so far including hiring a clinician, clinical case manager, and two recovery coaches; working on medical records software and tracking; and have been working with the schools.

Councilor Sullivan suggested increasing Director salary by \$15K bringing to \$90K. Christine Lindburg stated she would speak with the Mayor and City Solicitor. Councilor Michitson suggests \$100K. Councilor Lewandowski reiterates this is why a Coordinator is needed.

*Motion by Councilor Lewandowski to allocate \$20K for the youth risk survey from cannabis funds, second Councilor Barrett*

Councilor Sullivan stated the Council does not have the authority to allocate money, the Mayor's office can.

*Motion by Councilor Lewandowski to send a letter to the Mayor asking to allocate \$20K for the youth risk survey at Haverhill High School from cannabis funds, second Councilor Barrett*

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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18.1.7. Document 89: Ordinance re: Repair of Private Ways – Amend Chapter 222 of City Code *filed 9/20/23*

Solicitor Cox stated it allows the city to make returns for public safety reasons.

*Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers*

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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### 19. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

### 20. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Jordan reminder of Rotary Club Roast and Toast of Geroge Moriarty is Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at Bradford Country

### 21. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

### 22. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

### 23. ADJOURN :

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Barrett*

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Adjourned 21:08