



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES –**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/oic-uwyr-wny>

Present: Councilors Basiliere, Diodati, Sullivan, Ferreira, Michitson, Lewandowski, Toohey, McGonagle, LePage and Rogers

Remote: None

Absent: President Jordan

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright-Esposito

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

COUNCILOR TOOHEY STATED HE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

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

PRESIDENT SULLIVAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 5.1. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property regarding the property located at 12-14 Stevens Street 27-b

MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21 (A) (6) TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12-14 STEVENS STREET THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF WHICH WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THE NEGOTIATION POSITION OF THE BOARD AS DECLARED BY THE CHAIR. SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON.

President Sullivan stated Madam Clerk please call the roll.

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

President Sullivan stated for informational purposes we will now leave here and go next door to have our executive session. Our goal is to try to be back here in session by 7:00. (18:34)

President Sullivan stated I call this meeting back into open session (19:00). Madam Clerk please read the first item.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- 6.1. Mayor Barrett submits an Order to Authorize the Taking of 12-14 Stevens Street

- 6.1.1. Order – That the City Council of the City of Haverhill, duly elected, qualified, and acting as such, on behalf of the City votes to authorize the Mayor to acquire, purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise the land with buildings thereon being known as 14 Stevens St, Haverhill, MA 01830 as more particularly described in deed to Steven Shain and Carol Shain as Trustees of the Shain Realty Trust which is recorded at Essex South Registry of Deeds at Book 8688, Page 448, also known as parcel 307-2-9, in



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Haverhill, Massachusetts, from Steven Shain and Carol Shain as Trustees of the Shain Realty Trust, and further that the City Council award no damages, and further to authorize the Mayor to execute any document including, but not limited to an Order of Taking, and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this vote 20-c

Mayor Barrett stated the demolition is still progressing, with contaminated debris requiring special disposal that will add to the project costs. She stated the city has been working with state and federal agencies and elected officials to identify funding opportunities. However, many funding sources require city ownership of the property making acquisition of the site necessary to pursue potential financial assistance and cost recovery. City Solicitor Lisa Mead addressed the council. She stated the acquisition would allow the city to complete cleanup efforts, improve public safety and redevelop the site for future municipal use. Since 2014, the city has spent about 4.46 million and the value of the property without those encumbrances is estimated value of 2 million. She noted that attempts to recover costs from the current owners have been unsuccessful and they lack the ability to fund the necessary cleanup. She noted therefore, she recommends taking ownership of the property.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE

President Sullivan stated Madam Clerk please call the roll.

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

6.2. Mayor Barrett wishes to introduce Reverend Kenneth Young of Calvary Baptist Church to discuss Juneteenth celebration with gospel and jazz music at GAR Park on Sunday, June 21, 2026 32-d

Rev. Kenneth Young addressed the council. He invited the public to a Juneteenth celebration on Sunday June 21st from 11AM-3PM. The event will honor the history and significance of Juneteenth with jazz and gospel music. Mayor Barrett read a Juneteenth Proclamation into the record.

6.3. Mayor Barrett submits the following order: 4-k

6.3.1. Order – Authorizing Mayor to accept a \$2,000 gift for the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Mill Brook Park* from The Exchange Club of Haverhill to the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ad Hoc Commission*

William and Beth LaLiberty on behalf of the Exchange Club of Haverhill addressed the council. Mayor Barrett and the City Council thanked the Exchange Club for the donation.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO ACCEPT, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI

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6.4. Mayor Barrett submits the following order: 4-1

6.4.1. Order – Authorizing Mayor to accept a \$300.00 gift for the *Senior Citizen Day Luncheon* at the *Citizen’s Center* from Pentucket Bank to the *Council on Aging Department*

Mayor Barrett thanked Pentucket Bank for their generous gift.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO ACCEPT, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

6.5. Mayor Barrett submits an order to transfer funds from Wastewater Fund to Wastewater Capital Fund for the replacement of roof at the Wastewater Treatment Plant 31-k

6.5.1. Order – that the sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,100,000.00) is to be transferred from Wastewater Retained Earnings, (6010040.1.0000.3590) to the Wastewater Capital Outlay Fund, (3220014.1.0000.5001)

Robert Ward addressed the council. He stated we are looking to transfer 1.1 million from wastewater retained earnings to replace the 25-year-old leaking roof at the wastewater treatment plant.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

6.6. Mayor Barrett submits for approval the following orders for the FY27 budget:

6.6.1. Order - that as part of the fiscal year 2027 annual budget the sum of \$14,805,633 be appropriated to operate the Water Department for the items marked as appropriated on the attached 35-c

- And that \$14,472,609 come from the Water Revenue
- And that \$567,808 come from available Retained Earnings
- And that \$234,784 be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from Water Receipts

Mayor Barrett thanked her committee and staff for the work on the budget this year. Councilor Rogers stated she will vote against the budget due to concerns about Haverhill long-term financial sustainability. She noted the city is projected to exhaust its levy capacity by fiscal year 2028, leaving limited options for maintaining services or avoiding tax increases. She noted that Haverhill faces significant financial pressure from infrastructure obligations including mandated projects. The city seeks financial assistance from higher levels of government, and she emphasized the need for transparency and accountability in response to the voter approved state audit. She noted voter approved ballot measures should be respected. Haverhill residents deserve transparency, She noted Haverhill is facing financial challenges due to shrinking levy capacity, rising costs and the city needs stronger support from the state to address these long-term challenges. My vote tonight is not criticism of the effort behind the budget but we need to start addressing these challenges and Haverhill deserves a stronger voice on Beacon Hill. Mayor Barrett stated I would add the federal government to that list.



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MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE

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PASSED

YEAS 9, NAYS 1 (ROGERS), ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

6.6.2 Order - that as part of the fiscal year 2027 annual budget the sum of \$16,722,382 be appropriated to operate the Wastewater Department for items marked as appropriated on the attached 35-d

- And that \$16,669,979 come from Wastewater Revenue
- And that \$751,384 come from available Retained Earnings
- And that \$698,981 be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from Wastewater receipts

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-no, President Sullivan-yes.

PASSED

YEAS 9, NAYS 1 (ROGERS), ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

6.6.3 Order – that the City Council, in accordance with the City Ordinance Chapter 83, set the annual budget for the following revolving fund: 35-e

Recreation and Youth Activities (2302662)	\$175,000
Veteran’s Memorial Skating Rink (2302663)	\$456,000
Citizens Center Rental (2302666)	\$30,000
Council on Aging Activities (2302667)	\$50,000
Wood School Daycare (2302670)	\$100,000
Municipal Open Space Management (2302673)	\$100,000
Cable Revolving Fund (2302661)	\$452,000
Total: \$1,363,000.00	

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-no, President Sullivan-yes.

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6.7. Mayor Barrett submits an order establishing the FY27 water and wastewater user rates

6.7.1. Order- Relating to Water and Wastewater Rates 35-f

That Document #81-G of June 17, 2025, (An Order Relating to Water and Wastewater Rates) be and is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following inserted in place thereof:

Rates for Water and Wastewater Effective July 1, 2026

The City Council of the City of Haverhill hereby establishes the wastewater user rate shall be \$8.27 per hundred cubic feet and the water user rate shall be \$6.52 per hundred cubic feet

Those persons that qualify pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, as adopted by the City from time to time, shall receive fifteen (15) discount on the above rates

Related communication from Robert E. Ward, DPW Director

Robert Ward stated the sentence should read, shall receive 15% discount on the above rates.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-no, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-no, President Sullivan-yes.

PASSED YEAS 8, NAYS 2 (ROGERS AND TOOHEY), ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS TO INTRODUCE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28:

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

9.1. Andrew Herlihy, *Community Development Division Director and Historic Preservation Officer*, on behalf of the *Haverhill Historic Commission* submits a Preservation Restriction Agreement for the *Peaslee Garrison House* at 790 East Broadway and requests the City Council authorize the Mayor to formally approve and endorse said agreement 22-g

moved to beginning of meeting

Andrew Herlihy addressed the council. He stated the historic commission unanimously recommended that the Mayor authorize preservation restriction agreement for the former Peaslee Garrison House at 790 East Broadway.



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Carissa DeMoore of Historic New England addressed the council. She noted that Historic New England would like to place a preservation restriction on the house which was built in 1710. She noted this agreement would permanently protect the property’s interior and exterior from demolition or inappropriate changes ensuring the long-term preservation through a partnership with future stewards. Councilor Lewandowski thanked the historic commission and historic New England for prioritizing this property.

Councilor Basiliere asked about the ribbon cutting for Historic New England. Carissa DeMoore noted it will be held on June 27th 11AM at 143 Essex Street. President Sullivan asked is there a buyer for this property. Carissa DeMoore stated the property is under contract. Councilor Ferreira asked how people get started if they are interested in this process. Carissa DeMoore stated they can get in contact with us and we would be happy to talk through the process.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE
PASSED YEAS 9, NAYS 0, ABSTENTION 1 (TOOHEY), ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

10. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ORDER(S):

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

12. APPOINTMENTS:

- 12.1. **Confirming Appointments:**
- 12.2. **Non-Confirming Appointments:**
- 12.3. **Constables**
- 12.4. **Resignations**

13. PETITIONS:

- 13.1. Petition from National Grid and Verizon, requesting a joint pole location for South Prospect St WR#31222471
7-e
Hearing for July 14, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

- 13.2. Petition from National Grid and Verizon, requesting a joint pole location for Water St WR#31222575
7-f
Hearing for July 14, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

- 13.3. **Applications Handicap Parking Sign:** *with Police approval*
- 13.4. **Amusement/Event Application:** *with Police approval*

- 13.4.1. **EVNT-26-11** – Nathan Phillips for *Haverhill Pride* requesting to amend original event permit application for *Haverhill Pride Parade and Celebration* on Saturday June 20th to include closure of Washington Street beginning at 11 AM and the use of Harbor Place Plaza for family friendly after party
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Katherine Chandler addressed the council. She noted she is here to amend the original event permit to use Harbor Place Plaza for a family friendly after party. Councilor Rogers asked about the closure of Washington Street. City Clerk Wright-Esposito noted the original closure was for noontime. Councilor Rogers asked who pays for the closure. Katherine Chandler noted has arranged with the Police and Fire Department. Councilor Rogers asked if it doesn't cost the city anything. Katherine Chandler stated we are getting no funds from the City Council.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE
PASSED YEAS 9, NAYS 1 (ROGERS), ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

- 13.4.2. **EVNT-26-17** – Tyler Kimball for Muddy Princess Corporation requests to hold *Muddy Princess 5k Obstacle Race* on June 20th and 21st from 8 AM to 5 PM at 791 East Broadway, *Kimball Farm*

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City Clerk Wright-Esposito stated she did receive a related communication from the applicant yesterday morning indicating they did not receive approval from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and are thus withdrawing their application.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

- 13.5. **Auctioneer License:**
- 13.6. **Tag Days:** *with Police approval*
- 13.7. **One Day Liquor License –with HPD approval**
- 13.8. **ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:**
 - 13.8.1. **Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location – w/Police approval**
 - 13.8.1.1. **FIXD-26-8** – Donna Crocker for *Washington Square* to sell hot dogs, sausages, soda, water, baked goods, grilled cheese, snacks, breakfast sandwiches from 7 AM - 7 PM to start immediately 17-g

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

- 13.8.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals – with Police approval**
- 13.8.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor – with Police approval**
- 13.8.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses: with Police approval**
- 13.8.5. **Taxi/Limousine License with Police approval**
- 13.8.6. **Junk Dealer /Collector License - with Police approval**
 - 13.8.6.1. **JUNK-23-3-Michael Malvers, Haverhill Steel (Renewal);**
114 Hale St 28-c

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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- 13.8.7. Pool/Billiard
- 13.8.8. Bowling
- 13.8.9. Sunday Bowling
- 13.8.10. Buy & Sell Secondhand Articles with Police approval
- 13.8.11. Buy & Sell Secondhand Clothing with Police approval
- 13.8.12. Pawnbroker license - with police approval
- 13.8.13. Fortune Teller with - Police approval
- 13.8.14. Buy & Sell Old Gold – with Police approval
- 13.8.15. Roller Skating Rink
- 13.8.16. Sunday Skating
- 13.8.17. Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC
- 13.8.18. Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars with Police approval

14. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 14.1. Order – Pay bills of the previous years and authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed: 9-h

Vendors	Amount	Account
Signet	\$1,361.05	Highway
Verizon	\$183.75	WWTP
Verizon	\$448.94	WWTP
Total: \$1,993.74		

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

15. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS):

- 15.1. Ordinance re: Vehicles and traffic: Amend Ch 240, be further amended by **ADDING** the following to § 240-85 schedule B: Parking Restriction and prohibition:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>	<u>HOURS / DAYS</u>
South Elm St: In front of # 146	No Parking (except for 1- 24 hour handicap parking space)	24 hours

File 10 Days 10-n

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

16. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS:

- 16.1. Councilor Sullivan wishes to announce the upcoming 4th of July Patriotic Bike Parade Contest at Riverside Park from 10 AM to 1 PM 18-q



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President Sullivan announced the first ever 4th of July bike parade contest to be held at 10AM at Riverside Park as part of the community’s 250th anniversary celebration. He stated there will be great prizes in three age categories. Registration is available through the Recreation Department. Families are encouraged to participate and attend.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

17.1. **Doc 31-I-** Order- That the sum of \$ 274,750,725 be and is hereby raised and appropriated designated as appropriation on the attached and further that said appropriation be funded in the following manner:

\$ 5,150,000	Free Cash
\$234,784	Water Receipts
\$ 698,981	Wastewater Receipts
\$125,000	Transfer from Other Available Funds
\$268,541,960	Taxation and Other Receipts

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MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE TO REMOVE THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT LINE ITEM FROM THE FY27 BUDGET TO VOTE ON IT SEPARATELY, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON LEFT THE ROOM-A FAMILY MEMBER WORK FOR THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

President Sullivan stated we will need a motion to approve the school department appropriation of \$136,998,618.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION OF \$136,998,618, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

Councilor Toohey stated he respects his colleagues and acknowledges positives in the budget, but I will have to vote against it due to concerns about rising taxes, utility costs, reserve use, and long-term affordability for residents. He noted he appreciates all the work that went into the budget.

Anthony Parolisi addressed the council. He stated he is a lifelong Haverhill resident, urged the City Council to support the School Committee’s recommendation to restore \$1 million to the School Department budget. He stated that the funding would restore critical positions, educational programs, and support efforts to provide competitive wages for school employees. Mr. Parolisi expressed concern about the impact of budget cuts on students and staff, criticized the City’s response to the School Department’s funding request, and encouraged councilors to prioritize public education alongside other municipal needs.



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President Sullivan stated your 3 minutes is up please go sit down you are attacking councilors, you're attacking the Mayor. Anthony Parolisi responded I will do so but I think it is disingenuous to characterize my first amendment rights as attacking.

Councilor McGonagle stated 65% of the proposed ask of 1 million dollars would go to salary reserves rather than specific programming. He stated if the additional funds were provided the superintendent, it would not necessarily go where we would want it to go. He noted this is my 17th budget and this budget is not perfect and everyone acknowledges that, but I will be supporting the budget.

President Sullivan stated Massachusetts needs more federal support for education. The proposed federal policy (the big beautiful bill) could significantly reduce education aid to Massachusetts over the next several years, worsening the states budget challenges.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION OF \$136,998,618, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-(left meeting), Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-no, Councilor Ferreira-no, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-no, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-no, President Sullivan-yes.

PASSED YEAS 5, NAYS 4 (DIODATI, FERREIRA, TOOHEY, AND ROGERS), ABSENT 2 (JORDAN AND MICHITSON)

VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON CAME BACK TO THE MEETING

President Sullivan stated we need to go back and approve the remainder of the budget for the city side. City Clerk Wright-Esposito read into the record:

Doc 31-I- Order- That the sum of \$ 274,750,725 be and is hereby raised and appropriated designated as appropriation on the attached and further that said appropriation be funded in the following manner:

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Mayor Barrett stated the budget includes strict spending controls and reflects the efforts to manage inflation and rising costs while maintaining city services. She stated ongoing infrastructure and equipment challenges but said the plan supports continued service delivery. She urges support for the budget as a balanced approach to continuing services amid ongoing fiscal pressure.

President Sullivan stated do we have a revised number if we subtract the education budget off of the total.

City Clerk Wright-Esposito stated I have been told we don't need to do that.



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MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE

Vice President Michitson stated moving forward we are trying to have a 10-year plan so instead of waiting for these things to happen we can anticipate it.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE

City Clerk Wright-Esposito: Vice President Michitson-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Diodati-no, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-no, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-no, President Sullivan-yes.

PASSED YEAS 7, NAYS 3 (DIODATI, TOOHEY AND ROGERS), ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

17.2. **Doc 35-A** - Order- That as part of the fiscal year 2027 annual budget the sum of \$14,805,633 be appropriated to operate the Water Department for the items marked as appropriated as listed:

- That \$16,666,024 come from Wastewater Revenue
- That \$ 0 comes from available Retaining Earnings
- That \$698,981 be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from Wastewater receipts

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President Sullivan stated I just to clarify that 17.2 and 17.3 were addressed previously in this meeting. Is this correct? City Clerk Wright-Esposito stated they were returning items on the June 2nd agenda, but they were new items that were submitted relative to this and approved. President Sullivan stated so these matters we just need to place on file. No further action is needed. City Clerk Wright-Esposito stated that is my understanding of it. President Sullivan stated mine as well.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGOANGLE

PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

17.3. **Doc 35-B**- Order- That as part of the fiscal year 2027 annual budget the sum of \$15, 967,043 be appropriated to operate the Wastewater Department for items marked as appropriated as listed:

- That \$16,666,024 come from Wastewater Revenue
- That \$ 0 comes from available Retaining Earnings
- That \$698,981 be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from Wastewater receipts

Continued from June 2, 2026

President Sullivan stated I just to clarify that 17.2 and 17.3 were addressed previously in this meeting. Is this correct? City Clerk Wright-Esposito stated they were returning items on the June 2nd agenda but they were new items that were submitted relative to this and approved. President Sullivan stated so these matters we just need to place on file. No further action is needed. City Clerk Wright-Esposito stated that is my understanding of it. President Sullivan stated mine as well.



CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES –

Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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

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MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

17.4. **Doc 32-C-** Mayor Barrett along with Councilor Ferreira submits an Ordinance Relating to Fixed Location vendors:

17.4.1. Order re: Fixed location Vendor: Amend Chapter 191, Article IV

Filed on June 3, 2026

Mayor Barrett stated Councilor Ferreira requested a review of the fixed vendor locations. She noted she had concerns about the Winnkenni site due to work ongoing and also shared that recreation and the Police Department had some concerns as well for a proposed internal vendor. She noted she had traffic concerns where Lisa's hotdog is located and whether two vendors would be appropriate there. Councilor Ferreira noted this ordinance updates vendor limits at several city locations due to increased demand. It expands capacity at larger sites like Riverside Park, GAR Park, Swayze and Haverhill Stadium and adding a new riverfront park site. Mayor Barrett stated I object to Riverfront Park because it is a tough location. Councilor Ferreira stated in this ordinance it states that no food vendor would be allowed at that site and that any vendor operating at Riverfront Park would not be selling the same thing as the primary businesses. One new site would be at Plug's Pond. Councilor Lewandowski and the Mayor had concerns about trash. The Mayor would like the ordinance to require vendors to provide accessible trash receptacles and ensure they are removed when they leave the premises.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI TO ADD TO THE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE VENDORS TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE TRASH RECEPTACLES AND ENSURE THEY ARE REMOVED WHEN THEY LEAVE THE PREMISES. SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

Councilor Lewandowski stated where would the people at Riverside Park be located? Inside the stadium? Councilor Ferreira stated last year they were on the pathways along the baseball fields. Mayor Barrett asked are we restricting the size of cart or vehicle. Councilor Lewandowski stated there needs to be clarification of where they are going to be set up in the park, maybe a limit of days when there are more people there. Councilor Ferreira stated we included wording at the suggestion of the solicitor that the clerk's office can provide detailed locations and maps for each location. Mayor Barrett stated I would think that would be the purview of Ben Delaware. Councilor McGonagle stated I have concerns about adding this many vendors as well. Madam Clerk did we turn down a lot of applicant's. City Clerk Wright-Esposito stated this is the first year I had to turn down anyone. I compiled research from 2021 to present. Typically we do not have applicant's apply for every fixed location. This year was unusual. Councilor McGonagle stated if I were a business owner downtown I paid my money in rent or to purchase this building. I am not going to support it because I think we could do more work on this. Mayor stated you could send it to committee. Councilor McGonagle stated I would support sending to committee for more discussion.

A motion by Councilor McGonagle to send to Natural Resources and Public Property, Second by Councilor Basiliere.

Councilor Basiliere stated there are a number of questions about the numbers, ability to navigate, size, purview. Councilor Ferreira stated I just want to clarify a few things in the existing ordinance already. None of these locations include in front of a restaurant. In delaying this it puts it out further into the summer season in which we all know is the busiest season. I have been working on this for three months with departments, solicitor and the Mayor's Office.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO SEND TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE.

PASSED YEAS 9, NAYS 1 (FERREIRA), ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)



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17.5. **Doc 19-B** - Mayor Barrett submits a Memorandum of Agreement for the Highway/ Park Group (LinNA Local 175)

17.5.1. Order- Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and the Highway/ Park Group (LinNA Local 175)

Filed on June 3, 2026

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE.

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

17.6. **Doc 19-C** - Mayor Barrett submits a Memorandum of Agreement for the Administrative/ Professional and Non- Union groups

17.6.1. Order- Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill for the Administrative / Professional and Non- Union groups

Filed on June 3, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN)

18. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

19. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilor Lewandowski stated Councilor Sullivan is being honored at the state house at the Commonwealth Pride Awards
- Councilor Ferriera stated just want to remind everyone of the Haverhill Pride Events on Saturday
- Vice President Michitson stated the entire community is invited to the AI summit this Thursday June 18th from 12:45PM to 4:30PM at Pinnacle at Harbor Place
- Councilor McGonagle stated there will be a watch party for the World Cup at Harbor Place on Friday, June 19th

20. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY:

21. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST:

22. ADJOURN:

MOTION BY COUNCILOR ROGERS TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (JORDAN) **ADJOURNED:20:36**