



CITY OF HAVERHILL

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting

Present – President Sullivan, Councilors Basiliere, Hobbs Everett, Michitson, Ferreira, Jordan, Lewandowski, Toohey, McGonagle, and Rogers

Absent – Councilor LePage

City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Motion by Councilor Jordan to approve May 21st minutes, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED *All in Favor*

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councilor Toohey assigned the minutes.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

5.1. Mayor Barrett submits the following orders for the FY25 budget:

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| 5.1.1.1.1. | General Fund –\$ 252,497,778.00 |
| 5.1.1.1.2. | Water Dept - \$14,118,980 |
| 5.1.1.1.3. | Wastewater Department - \$15,533,043 |
| 5.1.1.1.4. | Revolving Funds |

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED *Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage)* 2-S

5.2. Order - \$252,497,778 be and is hereby raised and appropriated designated as appropriation on the attached and that said appropriation be funded in the following manner:

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$5,300,000 | Free Cash |
| \$ 224,566 | Water Receipts |
| \$ 665,691 | Wastewater Receipts |
| \$ 100,000 | Transfer from Other Available Funds |
| \$246,207,521 | Taxation and Other Receipts |

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Lewandowski

PASSED *Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage)* 57

5.3 Order – As part of the fiscal year 2025 annual budget the sum of \$14,118,980 be appropriated to operate the Water Department for items marked as appropriated on the attached:

And that \$14,343,546 come from Water Revenue
And that \$0 come from Available Retained Earnings
And that \$ 224,566 be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from Water Receipts



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5.4 Order-As part of the fiscal year 2025 annual budget the sum of \$15,533,043 be appropriated to operate the Wastewater Department for items marked as appropriated on the attached:

And that \$16,198,734 come from Wastewater Revenue

And that \$ 0 come from available Retained Earnings

And that \$ 665,691 be appropriated in the General Fund and funded from Wastewater receipts

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage)

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5.5 Order – That the City Council, in accordance with the City Ordinance Chapter 83, set the annual budget for the following revolving funds:

Recreation and Youth Activities \$175,000

Veteran's Memorial Skating Rink \$456,000

Citizens Center Rental \$ 30,000

Council on Aging Activities \$ 50,000

Wood School Daycare \$100,000

Municipal Open Space Management \$100,000

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage)

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5.6 Order – Relating to Water and Wastewater Rates

That Document 62 of June 13, 2023 (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, 2024

The City Council of the City of Haverhill hereby establishes the wastewater user rate shall be \$7.71 per hundred cubic feet and the water user rate shall be \$5.76 per hundred cubic feet.

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

Related communication from Robert E. Ward, DPW Director

Motion by Councilor Lewandowski, second Councilor McGonagle

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6. MOTIONS AND ORDERS

6.1. Order - \$790,000 General Obligation Bond appropriated to pay costs of capital improvement projects as listed:

1. Citizens Center Boiler \$275,000
2. Citizens Center Skylight & Roof Repair \$330,000
3. Citizens Center Sewer Pump \$10,000
4. Information Technology Core Network Overhaul \$75,000
5. Police Department Computer Replacement \$100,000

Total for requested Capital Improvement Projects \$790,000 File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED placed on file

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage)

28-H

6.2 Order – to Authorize Acquisition of Land in Connection with the Crystal Street/Jericho Road Conservation Project

Related communication from Robert E. Ward, DPW Director

Robert Ward, DPW Director, addressed the Council stating this order is to authorize the Mayor to acquire land for water supply protection, conservation, and passive recreation. It is an eminent domain taking but a friendly one. The seller has agreed to the price and will not appeal. It is appraised at \$565K. A land grant of \$404K, and water paying \$180K of difference. It is 35 acres of land on Crystal Street. Grant is a conversation grant which Rob Moore did all the work on. It will have a conservation restriction with Essex Green Belt.

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Council McGonagle

PASSED

Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage)

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6.3 Order – authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Agreement by and between City of Haverhill and Essex County Greenbelt Association Inc – Conservation Restriction Approval – Land off Hannan Ridge Rd – Parcel 586-431-18A

Related communication from Robert E Moore Jr, Environmental Health Technician

Robert Ward, DPW Director, addressed the Council stating the parcel of land is on the back side of Parsonage Hill Road. Vanessa from Essex Green Belt knows the details.

Vanessa Johnson Hall, Essex Green Belt, addressed the Council stating there are two documents. One is a MOU and the other is approval to sign. The parcel is 59.6 acres adjacent to a piece of land Greenbelt has had since the 90's which is land locked and will allow to open new conservation area. Part of the funding package is grant applied for conservation restriction of \$320K, and land grant allows for 68% of purchase price reimbursed of \$217,600. Have to show the State proof for grant. Greenbelt will grant \$102,400 to the city so only have to pay what's granted from the State. Conservation restriction has been reviewed by



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the city attorneys, city, and the State and approved for signatures. One MAJOR error on page 1 which says the “conservation restriction is being granted for a nominal consideration” in fact it actually should say being granted for “\$320K”. If vote tonight could acknowledge that change, I can correct it.

Motion by Councilor Michitson to included change to page one stating being granted for “\$320K” not “nominal consideration”, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED Yeas 10, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage) 39-B

Motion by Councilor Michitson to accept order with change, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0, Absent 1 (LePage), Abstain 1 (Hobbs Everett) 39-B

7. ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Lewandowski

PASSED All in Favor

Adjourned 19:21

President Sullivan announced the Pride Ceramony is Thursday, June 13 at 4 PM on the City Hall front steps. Reception to follow at Time Out Sports Bar on Washington Street. All are welcome.