



**CITY OF HAVERHILL  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 7:00 PM**

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

**In-Person/Remote Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/zmx-itgg-rdd>**

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

Remote: None

Absent: Vice President Michitson

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:**

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

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

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

PRESIDENT JORDAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR LEPAGE

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

5.1. Mayor Barrett, wishes to introduce Paul Cote and present a Proclamation for the *2026 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period*

Proclamation - *2026 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period* -  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 11-e

Councilor Diodati read the proclamation into the record.

Mr. Cote addressed the council. He stated motorcycle fatalities dropped slightly, but serious injuries increased. He gave statistics of motorcycle incidents. Arlene Willett shared a tragic story of her son who was killed by a texting driver to emphasize the dangers of distracted driving.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR ROGERS

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5.2. Mayor Barrett submits an Order to enter into a lease agreement with NCL Government Capital for the lease / purchase of a Command Vehicle for the Fire Department

5.2.1. Order- That the City Council authorizes the Mayor, pursuant to G.L. c. 44 § 21C, to enter into a lease agreement with NCL Government Capital, for the lease purchase of a Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD PPV with upfitting the Fire Department for a period of three years, for a total amount of \$70,823.30 from Colonial Municipal Group, but in any event not in excess of the useful life of the property to be purchased, to be procured on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems in the best interest of the City; and to authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to administer and implement such agreement 1-w

**THIS REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE**

Mayor Barrett addressed the council. She noted this was delayed due to the company's inexperience with Massachusetts municipalities, so an alternative was pursued. The assistant chief's vehicle had prior approval.



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Chief Cesati addressed the council. He noted this would be a three-year lease to purchase plan. He stated we would expect the lifespan of the vehicle to be over 10 years, making this a solid long-term investment.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE  
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5.3. Mayor Barrett submits an Order to transfer funds from the Police Department Elevator Repair Capital Account to other capital improvement project.  
Order- That \$21,319.42 be reallocated from the Police Department Elevator Repairs Capital Account (3416301) to the following projects: 1-x

LED Lighting Upgrade- Maintenance Garage	\$3,674.00
Long-Term Evidence Room Mini Split	\$ 7,809.00
HVAC Relocation for Training Room Development (3rd floor)-	\$2,000.00
Electrical Relocation for Training Room Build-Out (3rd floor)-	\$3,392.00
Wellness Room Construction-	\$ 4,444.42

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE  
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6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS TO INTRODUCE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

President Jordan wishes to introduce Tracy Fuller, *Executive Director of the Haverhill YMCA*, to discuss the Y's upcoming Legacy Gala taking place at Bradford Country Club on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 5-d

Tracy Fuller, Haverhill YMCA Executive Director addressed the council. She stated the Legacy Gala will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Bradford Country Club. This event supports camps, summer learning loss programs and food insecurity work. You can get tickets by reaching out to Tracy directly and on the YMCA website.

Councilor Basiliere wishes to introduce President Suzanne Gates and Camille Belmonte of the *Haverhill Exchange Club* to discuss the Exchange Club's upcoming bingo fundraiser. 5-e

Camille Belmonte and Suzanne Gates addressed the council. Camille stated we are here tonight requesting council approval for a one-day bingo license to host a "Grandma's Bingo" fundraiser on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6PM-10:30PM at the Amvets. This fundraiser will support youth development, community service and prevention of child abuse. She noted tickets will be available on the fundraiser platform givebutter.com.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY  
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- 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28:
- 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:



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9. UTILITY HEARING(S) AND RELATED ORDER(S):

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11. APPOINTMENTS:

- 11.1. Confirming Appointments: -
- 11.2. Non-Confirming Appointments:
- 11.3. Constables
- 11.4. Resignations

12. PETITIONS:

- 12.1. Applications Handicap Parking Sign: *with Police approval*
- 12.2. Amusement/Event Application: *with Police approval*
- 12.3. Auctioneer License:
- 12.4. Tag Days: *with Police approval*

12.4.1. TAGD-26-7; Haverhill High School Softball Team,  
April 18, 2026

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MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

PASSED

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12.5. One Day Liquor License –with HPD approval

12.6. ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:

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

**FIXD-26-6 – Trang Ly** for GAR Park to sell lemonade and chips from 10 AM to 6 PM starting  
April 20, 2026

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MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE

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- 12.6.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals – with Police approval**
- 12.6.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor – with Police approval**
- 12.6.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses: with Police approval**
- 12.6.5. **Taxi/Limousine License with Police approval**
- 12.6.6. **Junk Dealer /Collector License - with Police approval**
- 12.6.7. **Pool/Billiard**
- 12.6.8. **Bowling**
- 12.6.9. **Sunday Bowling**
- 12.6.10. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles with Police approval**
- 12.6.11. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing with Police approval**
- 12.6.12. **Pawnbroker license - with police approval**



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- 12.6.13. **Fortune Teller with - Police approval**
- 12.6.14. **Buy & Sell Old Gold – with Police approval**
- 12.6.15. **Roller Skating Rink**
- 12.6.16. **Sunday Skating**
- 12.6.17. **Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC**
- 12.6.18. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars with Police approval**

**13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:**

**14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS):**

**15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS:**

**16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:**

16.1. **Doc 1-T-** Mayor Barrett submits an ordinance prohibiting cryptocurrency automated teller machines in the City of Haverhill

16.2.1 Ordinance re: that Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Haverhill, as amended, being and is further amended by adding the following: Chapter 192 Prohibition on Cryptocurrency Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)

**Filed March 18, 2026**

\*moved to beginning of meeting\*

Lt. Shinnors of the Haverhill Police Department addressed the council. He noted that the Police Department is adapting to growing cryptocurrency scams by focusing on prevention through public education, community outreach, and collaboration with an FBI cybercrime task force, aiming to reduce financial losses before they occur. Detective Blake Harris addressed the council. He went through a PowerPoint presentation. He noted cash to crypto transactions, making them easier targets for scams. Transactions are immediate, irreversible, and hard to trace, often harming elderly victims.

Mary Mbugua (Haverhill) discussed her ordeal of being a victim of cryptocurrency scam. Councilor Rogers asked if we eliminate these from the city, won't they just find a new place. Assistant District Attorney Matthew Patalano addressed the council. He noted that Massachusetts is the scam capital of New England. Every chance is a chance to wake up from the scam, that is what we are trying to do. He stated I think the legislature is considering a ban in Massachusetts. Councilor Basiliere stressed the need to protect the constituents. Councilor Lewandowski and Asst. District Attorney Matthew Patalano discussed the need for quick reporting, saving receipts, and recognizing red flags like urgent cash withdrawals requests, public awareness is key. President Jordan asked assuming we vote in favor of this tonight do those 7 kiosks get removed right away. Councilor Sullivan stated the ordinance says they have 60 days from when we pass the ordinance to remove them and then it would be a \$300.00 a day fine.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI

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