

# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

# Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM City Council Chambers, Room 202 4 Summer Street

Present - President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Bevilacqua, LePage, Daly O'Brien, Macek and Sullivan.

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

- 1. Opening Prayer
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- **3.** Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved

Yeas 9, Nays 0

**4.** Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor Macek was assigned the minutes.

Councillor Sullivan requested a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Mike V. Lyons, a dedicated community activist.

**5.** Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

No Schedule

**7.** Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

Petition from National Grid requesting pole and wire location on Emma Rose Circle; Plan 23364552 **COUNCIL HEARING MAY 9 2017** 

Yeas 9, Nays 0

8. Hearings and Related Orders

No Schedule

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

No Schedule

**10.** Appointments:

Non-Confirming Appointments:

CONSTABLE; Christian Sewell – reappointment expires April 18 2018

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 52B

**11.** Petitions:

**Application** 

Application for Permit from Andrew Howard, Team Better Block for the "Haverhill Better Block", a onetime event on Saturday, May 6; 11 am to 7 pm; on Merrimack st, including the parking lot in front of the Goecke Deck – they will be constructing a temporary music venue with live music and art – and also requests vendor fees and sidewalk obstruction bond be waived; has Police Dept approval

NOAH KORETZ OF MASS DEVELOPMENT SPOKE ABOUT THE EVENT. TEAM BETTER BLOCK IS WORKING WITH MASS DEVELOPMENT AND IS BASED IN DALLAS, TX. THE FOCUS WILL BE ON MERRIMACK STREET WITH GOAL TO PRESENT NEW CREATIVE WAY TO ENAGE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO PROTOTYPE SHORT-TERM INTERVENTIONS AND LONGER-TERM OPPORTUNITIES. THEY ARE WORKING WITH 0+.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE APPLICATION AND WAIVE VENDOR FEES & SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTION BOND.

**GRANTED & FEES WAIVED** 

Yeas 9, Nays 0

56

Application for Permit from Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce to hold Kidsfest, downtown Haverhill; Saturday May 13th with rain date of May 20th; with several related requests; has Police Dept and other City approvals

MELISSA SEAVEY GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SHE IS WORKING WITH MVRTA, PHOENIX ROW.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE PERMIT WITH RELATED REQUESTS **GRANTED & FEES WAIVED** Yeas 9, Nays 0 57

Annual License Renewals:

Drainlayer license 2017: David Tebbetts – renewal

**GRANTED** Yeas 9, Nays 0 37E

**12.** Motions and Orders

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

**CHAPTER** 

An Ordinance Relating to

Salaries for Administrative & Professional Positions

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Document 40-B of 2011, and any subsequent amendments thereto, be and are hereby amended by deleting the following words and figures:

\$9,500.00 "CITY COUNCIL **PRESIDENT** 

COUNCILLORS (S) \$8,000.00\*, and, By inserting in place thereof the following:

"CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT \$14,384.00\*\*

COUNCILLORS (8) \$12,884.00\*\*

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MEMBER \$8,250.00\*\*

\*\*Members of the City Council and School Committee shall not be paid any monies for expenses, except for documented reimbursable expenses as appropriated from time to time."

\*Note: Councillors currently receive compensation for salary and expenses in the amount of \$12,884.00 per year. School Committee Members currently receive an annual salary of \$8,250.00

Related Communication from City Solicitor, William Cox, Jr.

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

13B

Monthly Reports No Schedule

#### **13.** Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Council President Michitson and Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize Bishop Franklin Hobbs on his 60th ministerial anniversary.

CITATION PRESENTED TO BISHIP HOBBS

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 41U

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to introduce Christine Kwitchoff to discuss the Rocks Village Hand Tub House.

MS. KWITCHOFF SPOKE ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS MADE TO THE HAND TUB HOUSE . SEEKING FUNDS (\$5,000) FROM CITY TO ASSIST WITH EXTERIOR PAINTING. ON MOTION OF PRESIDENT MICHITSON THAT APPROPRIATION BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE FY18 BUDGET FOR PAINTING. Yeas 9, Nays 0 41V

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to introduce Ted Gaiero to discuss economic development ideas and free parking for Veterans downtown to visit VA Hospitals.

MR. GAIERO STATED THAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR FREE PARKING IN THE GOECKE DECK FOR VETERANS WHEN THEY HAVE MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS TO VA IN BEDFORD AND JAMAICA PLAIN. HE ATTENDED PARKING COMMISSION MEETING PRIOR TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WAS PLEASED WITH IDEA OF PROVIDING HANG TAGS FOR USE. ALSO SUGGESTED SENDING HAVERHILL MARKETING BROCHURE TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE IN WASHINGTON, DC. PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

41W

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to provide an update on the Police Budget Workshop meeting.

THERE WILL BE A WORKSHOP MEETING ON MAY 15 AT 7:00PM IN THE THEODORE PELOSI JR COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL RESERVES WITH MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR. ALSO, BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH POLICE & MAYOR ON MAY 24 AT 7:00PM IN THE COUNCIL OFFICE.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 41X

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Keith Gopsill, *DAV Haverhill* and members of the *Haverhill Veterans Council* to discuss the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall – THE WALL THAT HEALS* coming to Haverhill June 15-18.

KEITH GOPSILL, PRESIDENT OF HAVERHILL VETERANS COUNCIL STATED THAT THE WALL WILL BE DISPLAYED AT HAVERHILL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD & WILL ARRIVE ON FLAG DAY, JUNE 14 AT 11AM.LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS TO ASSIST WITH EVENT. VISITORS CAN VISIT THE WALL 24/7. DEDICATION CEREMONY WILL BE JUNE 17 @ 10:30AM. THIS IS THE ONLY APPEARANCE IN MASS & NH AREA THIS YEAR.\*

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 41Y

Communication was received from Councillor LePage requesting to have the Parking Commission present the "single-space smart parking meters 90 day pilot program".

MEREDITH WARREN, PARKING COMMISSION CHAIR, EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD MET WITH CITY VETERANS AGENT, MIKE INGHAM AND TED GAIERO PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND THEY ARE RECOMMENDING 14 FREE PARKING PERMITS BE ISSUED, 7 TO CITY VETERANS VAN, & 7 TO VA CLINIC VAN FOR USE WHILE ATTENDING MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS AT VA CLINICS OUT OF TOWN. MS. WARREN GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PILOT PROGRAM. THREE MONTH TRIAL, SOLAR POWERED METER WITH 2 HEADS, ACCEPTS COINS & CREDIT CARDS, PAY BY PHONE, INCLUDES BIKE RACK. THE METERS WOULD BE OPERATIONAL MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, NOON TO 8:00PM. THIS IS TO DETER COMMUTERS WHO PARK THERE ALL DAY. COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT LACK OF ENFORCEMENT.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 41Z

Communication was received from Councillor Sullivan requesting to introduce Melissa Seavey, Event Coordinator, Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce, to discuss upcoming Kidsfest event; Saturday, May 13th from 11:00AM to 4:00PM with rain date of Saturday, May 20th and to request waiver of event permit fees. THIS WAS DISCUSSED WITH ITEM 11.

**GRANTED & FEES WAIVED** 

Yeas 9, Nays 0

58B

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding crosswalk striping city-wide.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACOUA SUGG ESTED THE USE OF GLASS BEADS IN THE PAINT TO MAKE CROSSWALKS REFLECTIVE. ALSO, INSTALLING CROSSWALK SIGNAGE IN CONGESTED AREAS. DPW DIRECTOR MIKE STANKOVICH STATED ANNUAL CROSSWALK PAINTING WILL START IN 3 WEEKS. 497 CROSSWALKS WILL BE PAINTED.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 58B

#### 14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

#### Document 20-X

Tag Day application; Disabled American Veterans; June 1, 2, 3 Denied by Police Dept PRESIDENT MICHITSON STATED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY THE MAYOR THAT HE WILL BE VETOING THE TAG DAY ORDINANCE. RUSS CHAPUT SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED TO RAISE FUNDS AND APPEALED TO THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF VETERANS TAGGING IN THE STREET BECAUSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVERS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE OFF STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS **GRANTED** Yeas 9, Nays 0

20X

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE ON STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS On the question of passage, the year and nays are as follows:

Yeas,- Councillors Bevilacqua and Macek 2

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, LePage, Daly O'Brien, Sullivan and President Michitson 7

ON STREET TAGGING FAILED

20X

#### **Councillor Bevilacqua left chambers**

#### Document 20-Y

Tag Day application; Korean War Veterans; September 28, 29, 30 Denied by Police Dept ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO APPROVE OFF STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS **GRANTED** Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Bevilacqua) 20Y

### Councillor Bevilacqua returned

## ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO POSTPONE VOTE ON ON STREET TAGGING TO AUG 8 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

On the question of passage, the year and nays are as follows:

Yeas,- Councillors LePage, Daly O'Brien and Macek 3

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, Sullivan and President Michitson 5 Abstain,-Councillor Bevilacqua

MOTION FAILED

# ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BARRETT TO APPROVE ON STREET TAGGING LOCATIONS On the question of passage, the year and nays are as follows:

Yeas,- Councillors Bevilacqua and Macek 2

Nays,-Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, LePage, Daly O'Brien, Sullivan and President Michitson 7

ON STREET TAGGING FAILED

20Y

#### **15.** Resolutions And Proclamations

PROCLAMATION – ARMENIAN HOLY MARTYRS' DAY- April 24, 2017

14E **ADOPTED** Yeas 9, Nays 0

### **16.** Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Barrett; Chair, presented minutes of the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting held on April 5 2017 at the Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church and read the extensive minutes into the record. 35 people attended the meeting. The agenda item was to capture citizens ideas and concerns for current budget and future planning. On motion of Councillor Barrett to accept the minutes as presented.

MINUTES ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

23H

# 17. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest:

Linda Koutoulas City Clerk

\*Doc. 4Y – Handout from Keith Gopsill – The Wall that Heals Sponsorship Form