



CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, 4 Summer st, Room 202
In-Person/Remote Meeting

Present: President Sullivan, Councilors Basiliere, Michitson, Ferreira, Jordan, Toohey, McGonagle and Rogers

Remote: Councilor Hobbs-Everett

Absent: Councilors LePage and Lewandowski

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN STATED HE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED YEAS 9, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2 (LEPAGE AND LEWANDOWSKI)

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

PRESIDENT SULLIVAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR TOOHEY

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- 5.1. Mayor Barrett requests to inform the Council that the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities has issued a determination that the City of Haverhill is in compliance with the MBTA Communities Act under Section 3A of the Zoning Act

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MAYOR BARRETT ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. SHE STATED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE PLAN TWO YEARS AGO SUBMITTED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WILLIAM PILLSBURY TO PUT US IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MBTA COMMUNITY ACT. SHE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT LAST WEEK THE CITY GOT WORD WE WERE APPROVED. WE ARE NOT BUILDING 10,000 UNITS. SHE STATED THIS IS JUST A ZONING BILL. WE ARE COMPLIANT AND THAT ALLOWS US TO GET GRANTS FROM THE STATE. MOST OF THE AREA THAT IS THIS ZONE IS ALREADY BUILT. THIS IS THE DOWNTOWN AS YOU THINK OF IT TODAY. THIS IS A ZONING BILL NOT A MANDATE TO BUILD. OUT OF THE 130 COMMUNITIES THE CITY IS ONE OF ONLY 32 THAT HAVE COMPLIED. SHE NOTED THAT IN THE COMMUNICATION THERE WAS A NEW AVAILABLE GRANT OPPORTUNITY.

WILLIAM PILLSBURY, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. HE STATED THE MAYOR JUST MENTIONED THE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT IS UNIQUE TO COMMUNITIES THAT ARE COMPLIANT. HE STATED THEY NEED TO BE IN THE DISTRICT OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE DISTRICT. THE GRANT AMOUNTS RANGE FROM \$250,000-\$1,000,000.

COUNCILOR BASILIERE ASKED WHAT TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE?

WILLIAM PILLSBURY STATED WATER, SEWER, CSO ISSUES, SIDEWALKS, STREETS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INTERNET CONNECTIONS AND THE LITTLE WALKWAY ALONG LITTLE RIVER. HE NOTED THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LINK THIS ESSEX STREET CORRIDOR TO LAFAYETTE SQUARE AND MAYBE REDO LAFAYETTE SQUARE AGAIN. HE STATED OUR DISTRICT IS 118 ACRES WHICH INCLUDES THE 40R DISTRICT, MERRIMACK ST. ON BOTH SIDES. THEY SAID PRESUME THAT THERE ARE NO BUILDINGS AND CAN YOU ACCOMPLISH THE DENSITY REQUIRED BY THE LAW AND THE ANSWER IS YES. HE NOTED THERE IS NO MANDATE TO BUILD ANYTHING AND THERE IS NO MANDATE TO BUILD ANYTHING AFFORDABLE IN THIS AREA. HE STATED THIS COUNCIL IN EARLIER ITERATIONS WENT FORWARD AND PASSED THE 40R DISTRICT.



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

- 6.1. Council President Sullivan requests to introduce Tracy Fuller, Executive Director, *Haverhill YMCA* to discuss a volunteer initiative event the YMCA is launching

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TRACY FULLER ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. SHE STATED PART OF THE GOAL OF THE YMCA IS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. SHE STATED WE HAVE AN EXCITING ENDEAVOR CALLED PROJECT Y. WE ARE GOING TO ENGAGE A 100 HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEER AROUND THE CITY OF HAVERHILL. SHE NOTED THESE ARE TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY. SHE STATED WE ARE LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS ON PROJECTS AROUND THE CITY. SHE NOTED WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO REINVENT THE WHEEL WE ARE LOOKING FOR A WAY FOR OUR TEENS TO GET INVOLVED. KEANU REEVES, YOUTH SERVICE DIRECTOR STATED WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING THE TEENS INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEERING.

COUNCILOR FERREIRA STATED THANK YOU FOR ORGANIZING THIS. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT AND SHE NOTED SHE HAD A LIST OF VOLUNTEER ITEMS THAT SHE WILL SEND ALONG. SHE ASKED ARE YOU REACHING OUT TO OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS?

TRACY FULLER STATED YES. WE ARE NOT LOOKING TO CREATE SILOS WE ARE LOOKING TO CREATE COMMUNITY. SHE STATED WE ARE CONNECTING WITH TEAM HAVERHILL, WHITTIER TECH AND HP3.

VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN STATED THANK YOU FOR ORGANIZING THIS. HE NOTED TEAM HAVERHILL, CLEAN AND GREEN DOWNTOWN AND THE ROTARY PARTNERSHIP ALL HAVE DONE WORK AT THE BRADFORD COMMON.

COUNCILOR MICHITSON STATED STUDENTS WANT TO FIND THEIR PASSION AND PURPOSE AND I THINK THAT IS WHAT YOU WILL DO TO HELP.

PRESIDENT SULLIVAN STATED THANK YOU FOR COMING AND ALL YOU DO. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AROUND THE CITY ON APRIL 26TH.

- 10.1 Document 83/2024; CCSP 23-16, Special Permit to build/install a large-scale solar field off Lovers Lane from applicant Christopher Anderson of Hannigan Engineering, Inc for SPI Solar Inc
Continued from December 17, 2024

Related communication from Council President Sullivan submitting documents regarding the Dover Amendment – “Mass Dirt and Development Law” and “Mass AG: Municipal Prohibition of Stand-alone battery Storage Systems Violates State Law”

ATTORNEY ROBERT HARB, 40 KENOZA AVENUE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. AS YOU CAN TELL THE COUNCIL IS TWO MEMBERS SHORT. IT HAS BEEN THE POSITION OF THE COUNCIL THAT YOU ALLOW THE APPLICANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE UNTIL THERE IS A FULL BOARD. HE STATED I FILED A REQUEST TODAY TO CONTINUE FOR TWO WEEKS.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MICHITSON TO CONTINUE FOR TWO WEEKS (1/28/25), SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE

PASSED TO CONTINUE FOR 2 WEEKS (1/28/25)

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6.2. Councillor Michitson requests to introduce Keith Boucher to announce new free career training programs in 2025 at *MakeIT Haverhill* 13-B

KEITH BOUCHER, MAKEIT HAVERHILL, 512 WASHINGTON STREET ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. HE NOTED WE HAVE HAD THIS DIGITAL LITERACY AND EQUITY PROGRAM ONGOING FOR THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS. HE NOTED THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE FUNDING FOR A FULLTIME DIGITAL LITERACY AND EQUITY PROGRAM MANAGER. HE NOTED I THINK THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND THE THINGS THAT WE DO. WE DO THIS FOR SENIORS AND YOUTH AND THERE MAYBE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE TECH SUPPORT. HE NOTED THAT IN ALL THE CLASSES WE OFFER FREE DEVICES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE MAYOR AND HER INTERNET TASK FORCE TO MAKE SURE WE ARE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. HE STATED WE PARTNER WITH HAVERHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND WE HOSTED A FORUM FOR PARENTS TO LEARN HOW TO FILL OUT A FASFA FORM. HE NOTED ANOTHER ITEM THAT NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON IS HOW TO ENGAGE HAVERHILL STUDENTS TO GET THEM A JOB AFTER GRADUATION. HE STATED HE WILL BE MEETING WITH HAVERHILL HIGH GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND GETTING THEM THE KNOWLEDGE THEY NEED TO CONNECT WITH MASSHIRE. HE NOTED THERE IS FUNDING AVAILABLE, IF CERTAIN STUDENTS ARE PART OF THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT. MY UNDERSTANDING THERE IS UP TO \$6,000.00 OF TRAINING THAT NOBODY UTILIZES. COUNCILOR MICHITSON STATED PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS. PRESIDENT SULLIVAN STATED WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT IS THAT WE ARE SEEING POSITIVE OUTCOMES AND RESULTS.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

8.1. City Assessor, Christine Webb submits the abatement report for the month of December 2024 14

MOTION BY COUNCILOR ROGERS, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN

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8.2. Economic Development and Planning Director, William Pillsbury, requests a Hearing for the following: Zoning Amendment-Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's)
Refer to Planning Board & 15
Hearing March 18, 2025

8.2.1. Zoning Ordinance – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) 15-B
File 10 days

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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

10.1 moved after 6.1 in the agenda.



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11. APPOINTMENTS:

11.1. **Confirming Appointments** – *to expire December 31, 2027*

11.2. **Non-Confirming Appointments** – *expire December 31, 2025* 16

Treasurer & Collector of Taxes, Yenise Rozon
City Solicitor, Lisa Mead
City Clerk, Kaitlin Wright
Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Christine Lindberg
Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor, Josselyn DeLeon-Estrada
Mayor's Executive Assistant, Eleftheria Miscowski
Lock-Up Keeper, Robert Pistone
Tree Warden, Robert Ward
Gypsy Moth Control Superintendent, Robert Ward
Fence Viewer, Robert Ward
Poundkeeper, Alexa Carvalho
Inspector of Animals, Karin Devlin
Inspector of Buildings, Thomas Bridgewater
Information Technology Director, Douglas Russell
Chief Procurement Officer, Steven Bucuzzo- expires December 31, 2026

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11.3. **Constables to expire December 31, 2025**

11.4. **Resignations:**

12. PETITIONS:

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

12.2. **Amusement/Event Application** – *pending departments approval*

12.3. **Auctioneer License:**

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

12.4.1. TAGD 25-1, *HHS Girls Crew Team, April 25, 26, 27*

8-B

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12.4.2. TAGD 25-2, *HHS Boys Crew Team*, Sept 13, 14, 15 8-C

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12.5. **One Day Liquor License** – *with License Commission & HPD approval*

12.6. **ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:**

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

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 for 2024:** *with Police approval*

12.6.5. **Taxi/Limousine License** *with Police approval*

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

12.6.6.1. JUNK 23-3, Michael Malvers, *Haverhill Steel; address change*
for current business from 115 Hale st to 114 Hale st 17

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12.6.6.2. JUNK 24-4, Michael Marc-Aurele, *Viking Recycled Materials,*
Inc; new license for 115 Hale st 17-B

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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**

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

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:



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14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

14.1. Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic; 37 Fountain st
Add Handicap parking

File 10 days

11-C

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PASSED

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15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

18.1. Councillor Michitson is seeking City Council approval for next *Planning & Development Committee Meeting* on the next steps for *Haverhill's Career Connected Learning Network*

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COUNCILOR MICHITSON STATED WHAT THE GOAL IS FOR THIS CAREER CONNECTED LEARNING INITIATIVE. IT IS BASICALLY TO BETTER MATCH STUDENTS PASSIONS AND PURPOSE WITH EDUCATION OPTIONS AND CAREER TRAINING, AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS ORGANIZATIONAL BOUNDARIES. THE LATTER PART OF THAT IS THAT SCHOOLS, NON-PROFIT, BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT WILL WORK TOGETHER ON THE STUDENTS BEHALF. HE NOTED THE MEETING WILL BE REMOTE ONLY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 BETWEEN 12-1. THIS WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING. THERE WILL BE A NOTICE AND LINK ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE. HE NOTED THAT THE GOAL IS TO PREPARE FOR AND MAKE ASSIGNMENTS FOR A FEBRUARY MEETING.

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19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21. ADJOURN:

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED

YEAS 9, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2 (LEPAGE AND LEWANDOWSKI) ADJOURNED: 7:40