



**CITY OF HAVERHILL**  
**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – AMENDED**  
**REVISION OF AGENDA ORIGINALLY POSTED ON**  
**MAY 15, 2026 AT 12:36 PM**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM**

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

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

Remote: Councilors McGonagle and Rogers

Absent: None

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright

Asst. City Clerk: Rose Leonard Flynn

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:**

COUNCILOR FERREIRA STATED SHE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

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

PRESIDENT JORDAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

5.1. Mayor Barrett wishes to introduce Julianne Piraino and present a proclamation recognizing *IBS Awareness Day* in the City of Haverhill

5.1.1. Proclamation – Recognizing *IBS Awareness Day* 11-h

Mayor Barrett presented a proclamation, which Councilor Toohey read. Julianne Piraino then addressed the Council and thanked everyone for recognizing the day.

5.2. Mayor Barrett submits a Loan Order for 14-16 Stevens Street Property Remediation Bonds

5.2.1. Order- That the Council votes to declare that the Property presents an imminent risk to public safety, requiring emergency action to remedy the unsafe condition, and determines that immediate action is required, to make the Property safe in the form of demolishing the Property

5.2.2. Order- That \$5,000,000 is appropriated based on the City Council’s declaration of emergency at the Emergency City Council Meeting held on May 8, 2026 (Document 1-Z) for the purpose of financing the remediation, demolition, disposal and securing of the buildings located at 14-16 Stevens St, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor 1-z

City Clerk Wright stated I have also been advised to read the preamble and order into the record. (read into record).



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In Municipal Council

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 HAVCITYCLERK

**HAVERHILL CITY COUNCIL**

PREAMBLE

At an emergency meeting of the City Council of the City of Haverhill, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, it was voted as follows:

WHEREAS, a vacant factory with a mill building is located at 14 Stevens Street in Haverhill (the "Property") owned by Shain Realty Trust;

WHEREAS, the Property is 154,163.70 square feet and is close in proximity to other businesses in the City and located next to Little River;

WHEREAS, a fire broke out and spread throughout the entirety of the Property on April 28, 2026;

WHEREAS, Stevens Street and the businesses located thereon have been closed due to the risk of the Property's collapse and there exists an environmental threat given the proximity to Little River; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief, Building Inspector, and an independent structural engineer have declared that the Property is a danger to public safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council votes to declare that the Property presents an imminent risk to public safety, requiring emergency action to remedy the unsafe condition, and determines that immediate action is required to make the Property safe in the form of demolishing the Property.

At the same emergency meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, City Council took a vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million Dollars) for the purpose of remediating, demolishing, disposing and securing the building(s) located at 14-16 Stevens Street including public safety, engineering, consulting, and legal costs associated with same and further voted to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Loan Order and take any and all other actions, necessary or convenient to effectuate the intent and purpose of the Loan Order.

Given the previously declared emergency, City Council now votes to declare that such emergency remains in effect and votes to take further action on an emergency basis and as an emergency measure to effectuate the actions required and previously authorized to remedy the unsafe condition.

**ORDER**



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In consideration of the declared emergency and for the purposes of effectuating the previously approved appropriation and Loan Order, City Council votes as follows:

Ordered: That Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) is hereby appropriated based on the City Council's declaration of emergency at the Emergency City Council Meeting held on May 8, 2026 (Document 1-Z) for the purpose of financing the remediation, demolition, disposal and securing of the buildings located at 14-16 Stevens Street, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 and/or 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

Further Ordered: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this loan order and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.



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Mayor Barrett addressed the council. This is to satisfy bond council. The wording on the previous order did not satisfy them. We made the tweaks that they suggested.

Councilor Rogers asked for an explanation of the bid process for the emergency demolition project. Mayor Barrett stated that of the six bids received, several were disqualified for failing to include required addendums, and the selected contractor was the lowest qualified bidder at \$3.98 million to fully demolish the building. Councilor Michitson questioned the review process and whether enough time had been given for proper evaluation, while City Solicitor Lisa Mead explained that rejected bids lacked required information despite clear instructions. President Jordan asked about additional project costs, and Mayor Barrett and Solicitor Mead noted expenses beyond demolition would include consulting services from Fuss & O’Neill, Fire Department overtime, security, testing, disposal, and utility work, bringing the estimated project total to approximately \$5 million. Councilors Toohey, Lewandowski, Michitson, and Diodati expressed concerns about the size of the appropriation and the impact on taxpayers, while Councilor Ferreira supported maintaining the full amount due to unknown conditions within the structure. Councilor Basiliere asked about state and federal funding opportunities and recovery efforts from the property owner. Mayor Barrett stated the city is pursuing all available funding sources and that demolition is expected to take approximately 100 days, with six nearby businesses currently impacted by the street closure. Councilors LePage and Sullivan stated they trust Mayor Barrett and her team to oversee the demolition project and provide transparency throughout the process. President Jordan stated he was disappointed to read about the bids in WHAV this morning. He noted he had no updates from the Mayor’s Office prior to this point.

President Jordan noted we have to take two separate votes here. The first is on item 5.2.1, Madam Clerk please read item 5.2.1 and then call a roll on it.

**City Clerk Wright read into the record item 5.2.1:**

Order- That the Council votes to declare that the Property presents an imminent risk to public safety, requiring emergency action to remedy the unsafe condition, and determines that immediate action is required to make the Property safe in the form of demolishing the Property

Motion by Councilor LePage, Second by Councilor Toohey

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

PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

**President Jordan stated that passes.**

Motion by Vice President Michitson to change the 5 million to 4.5 million, Second by Councilor Toohey

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

PASSED YEAS 5, NAYS 6, ABSENT 0

**President Jordan stated that fails**



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President Jordan stated do we have a motion for the full 5 million.

Motion by Councilor LePage, Second by Councilor Ferreira

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

PASSED YEAS 9, NAYS 2, ABSENT 0

**President Jordan stated that passes.**

5.3. Mayor Barrett submits the following gift order:

5.3.1. Order-Authorizing Mayor Barrett to accept a gift of \$200.00 dollars for the Volunteer Luncheon at the Citizen’s Center from *Wingate Residences at Haverhill* to the *Council on Aging Department* 4-j

Mayor Barrett thanked Wingate Residences at Haverhill for their generous donation.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO ACCEPT THE GIFT, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

5.4. Mayor Barrett submits a Loan Order for \$900,000.00 for the Acquisition of Property at 309 East Broadway

5.4.1. Order- That the City is hereby authorized to acquire, either by purchase or eminent domain, the parcel of land located at 309 East Broadway identified as Assessor’s Parcel ID 469-188-6, for the purpose of providing a new water supply well for City’s water supply, and to take any other action incidental and related thereto 26-d

**File 10 Days**

MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI

PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

5.5. Mayor Barrett submits an Order to enter into a Dam Transfer Agreement for the acquisition of the Little River Dam

5.5.1. Order-That the City Council, duly elected, qualified, and acting as such, on behalf of the City votes to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Dam Transfer Agreement (the “Agreement”), and purchase the rights of the Little River Dam including (i) certain water rights in and to the Little River and (ii) the spillway portion of the dam known as the Little River Dam having the National Dam ID No. MA00739 and recorded in the Essex Country Registry of Deeds Book 39564 Page 281 31-h



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

President Jordan we are going to move up 16.1 with this item.

City Clerk Wright read the order into the record.

Mayor Barrett stated the Little Rive Dam was on a municipality vulnerability study many years ago. The state wanted dams removed and the natural flow of rivers restored. This dam was part of the Steven’s Mill property, and it has been separated so we can take the dam down and restore the river to its natural state. We would also remove any sediments or pollution in the basin of the dam.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE THE ORDER, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI  
 PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

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

- 6.1. Council Vice President Michitson wishes to introduce Katie Cook, President and CEO of the *Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce*, to introduce the Haverhill AI Summit to take place on June 18th at Pinnacle 5-j

Katie Cook addressed the council. She stated the chamber alongside the city and Economic Development committee is hosting a free interactive AI summit on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pinnacle, 2 Merrimack Street. The event will feature hands-on demos, expert speakers and practical discussions on how AI can help businesses. Registration is available at [haverhillchamber.com](http://haverhillchamber.com) under chamber events. Vice President Michitson noted how AI is transforming industries and emphasized that the real risk is falling behind those who use AI effectively.

**7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28:**

**8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:**

- 8.1. Hailey Pearson, *Downtown Events Coordinator*, wishes to address the City Council to announce upcoming events; Haverhill Art Walk, Global Kickoff, Juneteenth, July 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and other 250th events 22-e

Hailey Pearson addressed the council. She highlighted upcoming summer events, including the June 6<sup>th</sup> art walk, world cup watch events, Juneteenth celebrations, museum programming for the city’s 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, public readings of the Declaration of Impendence and family friendly July 4<sup>th</sup> bike parade.

- 8.2. Kaitlin M. Wright, *City Clerk*, requests approval of an Order regarding a change from Haverhill Public Library – Johnson Auditorium, 99 Main St, to City Hall – Early Voting Room, 4 Summer St, as a designated polling place in Haverhill



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8.2.1. Order – that the following location is hereby established as a Polling Place for all elections this year, in accordance with Chapter 54, Section 24 of the Massachusetts General Laws - Ward 3, Precinct 2 – City Hall, Early Voting Room – 4 Summer St 22-f

City Clerk Wright stated we will be sending letters in the mail to all residents in Ward 3, Precinct 2. Those will be going out shortly. Ahead of each election they will receive robo calls just reminding them that their polling location has changed.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY  
 PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

**8.3. Engineering Road Opening Mortarium** – Lisa DeMeo, *City Engineer*, requests approval to open the roadway to allow for an emergency sewer service tie-in due to a failed septic system, which is necessary to support the operational needs of the property and eliminate a current health hazard, at 25 Sunrise St, which requires ML Mazzotta to excavate in the right of way

8.3.1. Order – approve request to excavate at 25 Sunrise St 23-1

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI  
 PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

**9. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING(S) AND RELATED ORDER(S):**  
**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:**

10.1. **Doc 21-A - CCSP-26-1**; Jony Perez of *Davinci Mini Apartments, LLC* and *Davinci Child Center, LLC* requesting to convert a currently unoccupied building to a daycare program on first floor (allowed by right in Zoning Code) and 12 apartments units (six two-bedrooms and six one-bedrooms) on the top three floors at 121 Merrimack St in the Waterfront (WD-C) District

*Related communication from Planning Director, Jacki Byerley, stating applicant has submitted an application with the Planning Board to be reviewed at their July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, if Council is inclined to continue this public hearing a suggested date would be July 14<sup>th</sup>*

**Continued from March 24, 2026**

President Jordan reopened the hearing.



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President Jordan asked if the applicant would be ready by July 14th. Jony Perez stated that he remains confident the project will be ready by that date, although the project is currently waiting on a landscape engineer to finalize plans related to the planting of three shrubs in the parking lot. Jacki Byerley addressed the council and provided an update on the review process for the daycare project. She explained that the proposal will undergo a Planning Board site plan review under Section 10.8 of the zoning ordinance. As part of the process, multiple city departments will review the application and provide feedback. She noted that while the applicant believes concerns previously raised by the Police Department have been addressed, the department still needs to complete its formal review. She stated that a meeting has been scheduled for June 2nd to allow departments to discuss any remaining concerns and determine whether additional information is needed from engineering or other parties. The project is then expected to go before the Planning Board on July 8th for further review. She emphasized that landscaping is not the only outstanding issue still under consideration. President Jordan again asked whether, given the remaining reviews and requirements, the applicant still felt confident about meeting the July 14th timeline. He responded that he does remain confident, stating that the project team has prepared a site plan, addressed stormwater management requirements, and responded to concerns raised by the Police Department. He added that he expects the project to perform well during the June review meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO CONTINUE TO JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE  
PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0

10.2. **Doc 21-B;** Jacki Byerley, *Planning Director*, requests a hearing for the following Zoning Amendment – Battery Energy Storage Systems

10.2.1. **Ordinance: re: Amend Chapter 255 Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map** – Battery Energy Storage Systems Overlay District (BESS)– by inserting a new section 7.9 Battery Energy Storage Systems, amending section 3.1.3 Table of Use and Parking regulations by allowing a Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 BESS and amending the Zoning Map to include the BESS Overlay District. The overlay district will be creating regulations for the installation and use of free-standing battery energy storage systems (“BESS”), adding to the table the overlay district with the allowed Tiers and updating the zoning map to include the BESS Overlay District, or take any other action related to

**\*Councilor Rogers removed herself from the meeting because companies have approached family members regarding their land and she doesn’t want to show any conflict of interest. She noted she is going to remove herself from the meeting\***

Jacki Byerley, Planning Director, addressed the council. She noted this is a three-part thing with the change to the ordinance by adding section 7.9 changing the table to create the overlay district in the three tiers and a map amendment. She noted this came before the Planning Board at their May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and they have recommended approval to the council.

City Solicitor Lisa Mead addressed the council. She noted the original battery storage ordinance was written quickly and is now being replaced with a revised version because the city has done more detailed work with its departments and needs a stronger legal framework. She noted recent Massachusetts court cases clarified that solar projects and now battery energy storage systems too are protected under state zoning law, as exempt uses. That means that city’s can



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regulate them but can't effectively ban them. She noted they are also updating the rules to align the new state permitting guidance aimed at speeding up approval of energy projects. She stated the takeaway we are swapping in a more complete ordinance because state law and court rulings now require clearer, more permissive regulation of battery energy storage. She noted the zoning proposal responds to concerns about state level permitting authority potentially overriding municipal control for larger energy facilities. **She reviewed the language in the submitted zoning ordinance.**

Councilor Lewandowski stated she is opposed to a proposed battery storage overlay district in her ward, she argued the chosen ward 4 site is environmentally sensitive and was selected without sufficient community or conservation input. She also raised concerns about battery fires and thermal runaway incidents and ultimately stated she will vote no. Attorney Mead stated I am not advocating that this be passed tonight. This is the opening of the public hearing. She noted she is advocating that the City Council has some sort of ordinance. She also noted they will have to comply with Conservation, etc. That is not the problem of the city if they can't meet those regulations. Exemption is a zoning exemption not an overall exemption. By October 2026 we need to have in place a consolidated permitting thing. Before that though you should have an ordinance in place.

**Motion by Councilor Sullivan to send this to Planning and Development Committee, Second by Councilor Toohey**

Vice President Michitson voiced strong opposition to the proposed battery energy storage zoning, citing concerns over technical safety risks including fire hazards, thermal runaway events, toxic smoke, and evacuation challenges. He argued the project poses far greater risks than solar facilities and requires additional review. He added that he supported placing facilities in environmentally constrained areas where development has historically been difficult, referencing efforts that have successfully limited projects in turtle habitats. City Solicitor Mead responded that without zoning regulations directing where battery storage facilities may be located, such projects could potentially be proposed anywhere in the city. Councilor Basiliere discussed conversations regarding whether, similar to MBTA zoning laws, municipalities may be required to adopt certain zoning measures even if they are not supportive of every aspect. He suggested the proposed site was likely selected after significant review because of challenges including permitting restrictions, limited transmission access, lack of solar infrastructure, and environmental constraints. Councilor Ferreira stated he is not opposed to battery energy storage systems overall, but emphasized they are industrial operations that should be located in industrial zones and away from residential neighborhoods. Mead noted that many of those concerns could be addressed through design criteria and regulations. Ferreira also expressed frustration over the repeated delays and continuations of the zoning proposal. Mead explained the delays resulted from the city initially filing zoning protections quickly after a proposal emerged because there had previously been no zoning regulations in place. He said the city later determined the original language was not detailed enough and revised it while simultaneously working on a development agreement, describing the original filing as a defensive measure to ensure the city had some level of control. Ferreira questioned whether the city may have lost an opportunity with a developer during the lengthy process, but Mead responded that he did not believe so and suggested the proposal under discussion was significantly larger than anything else being proposed in New England. Councilor McGonagle remarked that it appeared the intent of the Ward 1 proposal was to place facilities only in locations where development would be extremely difficult. Councilor Diodati questioned whether the city could face legal challenges from the state if the zoning effectively made such projects impossible. Mead replied that state zoning laws require municipalities to allow battery energy storage with reasonable regulations, but noted that other environmental protections, including wetlands and endangered species laws, still apply and are not waived by the state. Councilor Lewandowski stated her opposition to the proposal as written, arguing it could unfairly target one specific area and resemble reverse spot zoning. President Jordan concluded by expressing disappointment that the council had not been involved earlier in the process.



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Corey O’Neal (285 North Broadway) addressed the council. He stated I did have something prepared, but I guess there is no licensing for 1160 Boston Road anymore. President Jordan stated what we are being told that is dead. Corey O’Neal stated I look forward to speaking at Planning and Development.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO CONTINUE TO JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY  
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MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO SEND THIS ITEM TO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,  
SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY  
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (ROGERS)

**10.3. Doc 5-B of 2025- Bill Pillsbury, Economic Development and Planning Director,  
requests Zoning Amendment- Battery Energy Storage System**

**Continued from April 7, 2026**

**President Jordan opened the hearing.**

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO LAY THIS ON THE TABLE INDEFINITELY, SECOND BY COUNCILOR  
LEPAGE  
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (ROGERS)

**11. APPOINTMENTS:**

**11.1. Confirming Appointments:**

**11.2. Non-Confirming Appointments:**

11.2.1. *Haverhill License Commission, Linda Koutoulas – 358 Gile St*  
expires May 31, 2029 12-h

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR  
SULLIVAN  
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**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***

12.2.1. **EVNT-26-14** – Linda Koutoulas for *Duston Dustin Garrison House*  
*Association* requesting to hold Annual Muster event from 10:00 AM to 3:00



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PM on Saturday June 20th at the *Duston Dustin Garrison House* at 665 Hilldale Ave and requests any additional fees be waived 29-k

Josiah Morrow addressed the council. He noted this event will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 10-3PM. The event will include reenactments, colonial crafts, participation from American Stonehenge, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Linda Koutoulas stated have the Police provide details for Hilldale Avenue. City Clerk Wright stated I don't believe there was an additional comment. Please follow up with me tomorrow and I will speak with the Police Department.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI  
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12.2.2. **EVNT-26-12** – Hailey Pearson for *Creative Haverhill* requesting to hold *Haverhill Art Walk* – June event from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on Saturday June 6th at the *Riverfront Cultural District*. Applicant is requesting to close small parking area by the Wingate St parking lot (the entrance area from Washington St) directly outside of the Her Voice Carries mural by 43 Washington St to host music performances in that lot and requests any additional fees be waived 29-l

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12.2.3. **EVNT-26-13** – Hailey Pearson for *Creative Haverhill* requesting to hold *Haverhill Art Walk* – September event from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on Saturday September 26th at the *Riverfront Cultural District*. Applicant is requesting to close small parking area by the Wingate St parking lot (the entrance area from Washington St) directly outside of the Her Voice Carries mural by 43 Washington St to host music performances in that lot and requests any additional fees be waived 29-m

President Jordan stated will you be notifying all neighbors about parking and what will be going on. Hailey Pearson stated yes, we will. She noted the lot will be accessible and open it's just the front area.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR DIODATI, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY  
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12.2.4. **EVNT-26-16** – Paul Safy for *Golden Hill Community Playground* requesting to hold Fundraiser for the *Haverhill Community Playground Project at Golden Hill* event from 6:00 to 9:00 PM on Saturday May 28th at *Pinnacle at Harbor Place* and requests any additional fees be waived 29-n



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**Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 7:00 PM**  
**Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, 4 Summer St, Room 202**  
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PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (ROGERS)

**12.3. Auctioneer License:**

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

**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**
- 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 Secondhand Articles with Police approval**
- 12.6.11. **Buy & Sell Secondhand Clothing with Police approval**
- 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:**

- 13.1. Order – that \$175,749.86 will be transferred from fiscal 2025 certified free cash to fund the implementation costs of new Tax Collector software 31-g

Councilor Toohey is unclear about the price. Mayor Barrett stated I would recommend you passing this and I will get you the information. Councilor Ferreira stated there is information in the packet about this. Contractual agreement and an update to opengov where they are going to have a five-step process. Councilor Toohey had concerns about 96,000 +/- for one month. Mayor noted it could be the transfer of information from our old software to the new software.



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

Vendor	Amount	Account
City Hall System	\$0.25	Treasure/ Collector
City Hall System	\$0.50	Treasure/ Collector
City Hall System	\$0.50	Treasure/ Collector
City Hall System	\$7.25	Treasure/ Collector
City Hall System	\$4.50	Treasure/ Collector

Total = \$13.00

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

14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS):

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS:

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

16.1. Doc 26-B; -Mayor Barrett submits a Loan Order for the River Dam Removal and River Restoration Project

16.1.1. Order- That \$9,500,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the engineering and construction of the Little River Dam Removal and River Restoration project, including the removal of the Little River Dam and the restoration of the channel and floodplain through the Little River Dam impoundment

Filed on May 6, 2026

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

President Jordan stated we have 5 million in grants towards this and if there was progress on this and when do we find out about the other 4 million we could receive in grants. Mayor Barrett stated correct and we are pursuing some other grants as well. Robert Ward, Water/Wastewater stated we won't find out about that for a couple of months.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE  
PASSED YEAS 11, NAYS 0, ABSENT 0



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**17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:**

**18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Councilor McGonagle wishes City Clerk Kaitlin Wright best wishes on her upcoming wedding

**19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY:**

**20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST:**

**21. ADJOURN:**

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI  
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**Adjourned: 21:45**