

City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 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

Councillor Bevilacqua arrived at approximately 7:15PM

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

The minutes were approved.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Bevilacqua)

- **4.** Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting Councillor Barrett was assigned the minutes.
- 5. Communications from the Mayor
- **6.** Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees
- 7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)
- 8. Hearings and Related Orders
- 9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Request of Richard LeBlond to discuss public safety as it relates to electronic speed signs.

MR. LEBLOND QUESTIONED WHY THE MOBILE ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGN REFLECTS 35MPH AND POSTED SPEED LIMIT STATES 30MPH ON BROADWAY*

FOLLOW UP WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Bevilacqua) 36C

Request of Ronald MacLeod to discuss traffic safety on North ave.

MR. MACLEOD SPOKE ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION AT 174 NORTH AVE. HE CITED PROBLEMS WITH TRAFFIC CAUSED BY DUMP TRUCKS, LACK OF POLICE DETAIL, NEED FOR DUST CONTROL. PHOTOS WERE PASSED AROUND. REFERENCED THE MODERNIZATION ACT AND WANTED CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER OR NOT IT APPLIES TO ANY ROAD OR ALL ROADS LETTERS TO POLICE, BUILDING INSPECTOR, MAYOR, AND

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 (Bevilacqua) 36D

10. Appointments:

No Schedule

11. Petitions:

Applications

Communication from First Church of Christ-Bradford informing Council of free music series for public in Bradford Common on Friday nights from July 7 – Aug 18.(exempt from event ordinance as Religious organization)

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 83

Annual License Renewals:

Drainlayer License 2017:

William Grace, Jr, renewal

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 37K

12. Motions and Orders

Orders

ORDERED: that \$125,000 be appropriated from Free Cash and transferred to Police Salaries for Overtime.

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

29Q

ORDERED: that City Council approve request of National Grid to excavate at the following streets and addresses: (see document for complete text)

Hilldale ave at #398

Hilldale ave at Bateman st

SIXTH Ave at #13

Washington st at#57-65

Washington st at #100

Summer st at Chestnut st; Related communication from City Engineer John Pettis

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 85 ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO REFER TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITEE

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO REFER TO PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITEE FOR STUDY AND REVIEW OF STREET TRENCHING

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

23 Arch Ave. – Delete Handicap Parking (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

9T

Monthly Reports

13. Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from President Michitson, and Councillors Barrett, Vargas, McGonagle, and LePage requesting reconsideration of vote taken relative to Doc #71-B Budget Order as part of the FY2018 annual budget the sum of \$178,480,643 is raised and appropriated, at the City Council meeting held on June 20, 2017

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO RECONSIDER BUDGET ORDER AS PART OF THE FY2018 ANNUAL BUDGET THE SUM OF \$178,480,643

RECONSIDERATION PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

71B

71B

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET AS FOLLOWS: Increase MIS Expenses \$53,000

Increase Constituent Services Expenses \$5,000

Decrease Health Insurance \$25,587

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 71B

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO AMEND THE FY2018 BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE SALARY FOR THE 4^{TH} POLICE OFFICER, \$23,650, THAT THE MAYOR AGREED TO AT THE JUNE 20^{TH} BUDGET DISCUSSION.

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 71B

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO AMEND THE FY2018 BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: Increase Police Salaries \$238,000

Decrease Liability Insurance \$238,000

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 71B DAVID VAN DAM, CHIEF OF STAFF, STATED THAT THE MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO DO A POLICE STUDY AND IT WILL BE ADDED INTO THE BUDGET. ALSO, MR. VAN DAM WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE MAYOR, TO OFFER TO ADD A $5^{\rm TH}$ POLICE OFFICER, TO THE BUDGET. THE SUGGESTION BY SOME MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL TO ADD FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL DROP OUT COORDINATOR WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET TO INCREASE POLICE SALARIES \$23,650 FOR THE 5TH POLICE OFFICER.

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO MOVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET AS AMENDED

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Michitson) 71B

Communication was received from President Michitson requesting to introduce Ronald MacLeod to speak about North Avenue improvements.

AT THE REQUEST OF MR. MACLEOD TO POSTPONE TO JULY 11, 2017 Yeas 9, Nays 0 74M

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting discussion regarding possible additional parking and access opportunity for new Fiorentini Rail Trail.

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SUGGESTED THAT THE MAYOR SPEAK WITH NATIONAL GRID ABOUT UTILIZING THEIR PARCEL OF LAND FOR PARKING

LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 9, Nays 0 74N

14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

15. Resolutions And Proclamations

16. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor McGonagle announced the Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for July 10, at 7:00PM in the City Council office. Tag days will be discussed.

Councillor Sullivan announced the annual July 4th pancake breakfast at Winnekenni Castle, 8:00am to 11:00am. Also, dedication of the "Steven F. Woidyla Landing and Trail" on Saturday, July 8 at 10am on Stanley Drive.

17. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: <u>Linda Koutoulas</u>

City Clerk

*Doc. 36-C - Handout from Richard LeBlond, photos