



CITY OF HAVERHILL

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting

Present – President Sullivan, Councilors Basiliere, Hobbs Everett, Michitson, Ferreira, Jordan, Lewandowski, Toohey, and Rogers

Absent – Councilors McGonagle and LePage

City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Councilor McGonagle is absent, minute approval will be at the next meeting.

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councilor Rogers assigned the minutes.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

5.1. Mayor Barrett submits several Ordinances (to be placed on file) to amend various sections of the City Code related to public use of the City's conservation areas and open spaces
Related communications from City Solicitor, Lisa Mead, Robert E Moore, Environmental Health Technician and Police Chief Robert Pistone 2-V

5.1.1. Ordinance re: General Provisions; amend Chapter 1, Section 16 Penalties

File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED

All in Favor

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5.1.2. Ordinance re: Boating Fishing and Hunting; amend Chapter 116, Section 1-7

File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

All in Favor

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5.1.3. Ordinance re: Firearms; amend Chapter 145, Section 19 File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED

All in Favor

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5.1.4. Ordinance re: Conservation Areas; amend Chapter 193, Sections 14 through 25

File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED

All in Favor

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5.1.5. Ordinance re: Playgrounds, Parks and Recreation Areas; amend Chapter 193, Sections 21-23 File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Michitson

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5.1.6. Ordinance re: Entrance on Ice of Certain Water Bodies Unlawful; amend Chapter 193, Section 1-2 File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED

All in Favor

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

6.1. Councilor Rogers requests to introduce Christina Rodriguez and Gustavo Romero who are seeking age waiver home rule petitions to take the Civil Service exam 72

6.1.1. Home Rule Petition – An act authorizing Christina Rodriguez to take the Civil Service examination for the position of Firefighter in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement

Christina Rodriguez addressed the Council stating she is seeking an age wavier to take the firefighter exam.

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor Michitson

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0, Absent 2 (McGonagle, LePage)

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6.1.2. Home Rule Petition – An Act authorizing Gustavo Romero to take the Civil Service examination for the position of Police Officer in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement

Gustavo Romero addressed the Council stating he is seeking an age waiver to be considered for the position of police officer in Haverhill.

Motion by Councilor Rogers, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0, Absent 2 (McGonagle, LePage)

6.2. Councilor Michitson requests to introduce Alex Eberhardt, CEO of *Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce* and Allison Heartquist, Director of HP3, to discuss event Matching Student Passions to Career Paths and Training Opportunities across boundaries

Councilor Michitson stated that Haverhill has a group of educational, nonprofits, government organizations, and businesses that try to connect students and adult learners to internships, apprenticeships and jobs they have passion for. Introduced three speakers: Alex Eberhardt, Allison Heartquist, and Keith Boucher of MakeIT Haverhill. The Summit is planned for August 16th at Northern Essex Community College.

Alex Eberhardt stated they have been working very hard with many collaborative forces to build a very strong work force pipeline here in the City and this initiative is just one of those. The objective is to align learners with their passions and connect those bridges and opportunities to what careers look like today.



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Allison Heartquist stated HP3 with partnership with Boys and Girls Club has the “Bridge Club – building relationships and integrating dynamic growth experiences”. They talk about career exploration and use an interest survey and work around what they want to learn about. Career explorations in middle school, and also focus on professional development for older students needing resumes, interview skills, etc.

Keith Boucher stated MakeIT Haverhill works with people 18-24 years of age, finding people and getting them to the job they want to do. Family financial stability is what working on as a team.

Councilor questions and comments included how the students are chosen, how many will be participating in the pilot, how do you help economically depressed kids, Work Force Innovation Opportunity Community Act how much is received from federal funding and can you take advantage of more grants.

Answers included no answer on how chosen but trying to make it as practical as possible for the first meeting, expanding the program to reach students of all ages, need more representation for grant funding.

Mayor Barrett stated Kerry Fitzgerald and Andrew Herlihy meet weekly with the Chief of Staff to go over potential grant applications and opportunities. They mostly focus on state grants but do have Merchant McIntyre who search out federal opportunities for grant funding which has been successful. We can focus on job opportunities and training and will partner with whomever.

Motion by Councilor Lewandowski to refer to the City’s Grant Department to get more funding for help in launching program, second Michitson

PASSED

All in Favor

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7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

- 8.1. Angel Perkins, City Auditor & Chief Financial Officer submits May 2024 revenue and expense reports for the City’s general fund operating budget

Motion by Councilor Toohey, second Councilor Lewandowski

PASSED

All in Favor

17-K

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

- 9.1. Document 50: Petition from National Grid for Pole Location on Dudley st; Plan 30890057

- 9.1.1. Order – approve pole and wire location for Dudley st

50-B

President Sullivan opened the hearing.

Dave Boucher, National Grid Senior Designer, 1101 Turnpike Street, North Andover, Mass. I am here before you today for a petition for a support pole on Dudley Street. If you go down Dudley Street, take a quick right turn on to Webster Street. Our lines make a 90-degree turn going from pole 7 to pole 8, then



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onto pole 24 on Webster Street. This is causing an issue with pole 8, which is right at the corner. It is causing it to lean. We are looking for a support pole behind it in the public way as shown in the diagram provided. This would enable us to secure the lines and take away the lean and possible low wires on the Webster Street side the way it is leaning in front of 213 and 209 Webster Street. If the city sees fit, it enables us to place the pole there. Thank you.

President Sullivan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor? No one spoke.

President Sullivan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition? No one spoke.

President Sullivan closed the hearing.

Motion by Councilor Rogers to approve, second Councilor Hobbs Everett

City Clerk Kaitlin M. Wright: Vice President Jordan-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Hobbs Everett-yes, Councilor Michitson-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0, Absent 2 (McGonagle, LePage)

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

11. APPOINTMENTS:

11.1. Confirming Appointments:

11.2. Non-Confirming

11.3. Constables to expire December 31, 2024

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

12.5. One Day Liquor License – with License Commission & Police approval

12.5.1. Jennifer Matthews for L'Arche Boston North, Inc requests All Alcohol license for outdoor dining and entertainment, *The Longest Table* fundraiser on Wingate st, 5 pm to 10 pm on August 22nd

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED

All in Favor

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12.5.2. James Carbone requests beer and wine license for *Tattersall Farm-to-Table* food and drink tasting event at 542 North Broadway, 5 pm to 8:30 pm, on July 25th

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Rogers

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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 2023:** 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**

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:

14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:

16.1. Document 28-H; Bond Order-\$790,000 General Obligation Bond to pay costs of Capital
Improvement projects as listed *Filed 6/11/2024*

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0, Absent 2 (McGonagle, LePage)

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21. ADJOURN :

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Lewandowski

PASSED

All in Favor

Adjourned 19:45