



CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 7:00 PM **AMENDED**

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

Present: President Jordan, Councilors Michitson, Diodati, Sullivan, Ferreira, Lewandowski, Toohey, McGonagle, LePage and Rogers

Remote: None

Absent: Councilor Basiliere

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

COUNCILOR ROGERS STATED SHE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (BASILIERE)

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

PRESIDENT JORDAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR DIODATI

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- 5.1. Mayor Barrett wishes to address the City Council to announce that the overnight winter parking ordinance has been suspended on the advice from the DPW and Public Safety. Vehicles are to remain parked on the odd side of the street during the month of February. 1h

Mayor Barrett addressed the council. She noted DPW has asked to suspend alternate parking sides due to the storm. She noted this is allowed under the city ordinance. The DPW has worked day and night clearing streets, intersections and sidewalks. She asked that residents and businesses shovel sidewalks for pedestrian and emergency access and cleanup would continue throughout the week. She urged residents to sign up for city alerts and updates. Councilor McGonagle appreciated DPW's work on this tough storm.

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

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

- 8.1. City Clerk, *Kaitlin M. Wright*, wishes to address the City Council to announce the *5th Annual Haverhill Top Dog Contest* 3f

City Clerk Wright addressed the council. She announced the annual Top Dog contest in conjunction with dog licensing season, which runs March 1-May 31. Residents who license their dog early and submit a photo by February 28th will be entered into a contest. Photos may be submitted in person, by mail, by email to cityclerk@haverhillma.gov. She noted this year the winners will be determined by Facebook likes rather than a random draw. The voting will take place between February 28 to March 6.

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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:



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- 10.1. **Doc 97 of 2025 -SPFL-25-3** - JT Couch for Creek Brook CML requests to store 19,000 gallons of Class IIIB edible shortening oil and 5,000 gallons of Class II Diesel Fuel in above ground storage tanks at 30 Creek Brook Dr

Hearing continued from January 13, 2026

City Clerk Wright noted we received a letter from the applicant that they would like to continue the hearing until February 24th.

President Jordan opened the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
PASSED TO CONTINUE TO 2/24/26 YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (BASILIERE)

11.APPOINTMENTS:

- 11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**
- 11.2. **Non-Confirming Appointments:**

11.2.1. *Haverhill Conservation Commission- Harmony Wilson- 1282 Broadway, expires December 31, 2028* 12-B

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11.2.2. *Haverhill Conservation Commission- Jennifer Rubera- 25 Gale Ave, expires December 31, 2028* 12-C

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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*
- 12.3. **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**



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- 12.6.1.1. **FIXD-25-4-** Renewal from *Lisa Wright* for 20 Nettleton av, outside the Haverhill Stadium, to sell hot dogs, sausages, chips, soda, and chili from 11am to 4pm starting April 4, 2026 17a

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- 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
- 12.6.7. **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** 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 ORDER:

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

VENDOR	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT
True Green Capital Mngmt	\$ 537.18	Public Property
True Green Capital Mngmt	\$561.59	Public Property
True Green Capital Mngmt	\$215.35	Public Property



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Total: \$3,077.62		

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14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS):

14.1. Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic; Amend Ch 240, be further amended by DELETING the following to § 240-85 schedule B: Parking Restriction and Prohibitions: 10d

<u>Location</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Hours/ Days</u>
21 Seventh Ave	No Parking	24-Hrs
		(except for 1 24-hr handicap parking space)

File 10 Days

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS:

15.1. Vice President Michitson and Councilor Ferreira wish to announce the Planning and Development Committee meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6pm in Room 202, City Council Chambers 18a

Councilor Ferreira and Vice President Michitson stated we will hold a subcommittee meeting to continue pedestrian safety discussions, focusing on vision zero, policy and program support, update on grant funded projects, hearing from citizens about concerns, we want to develop a financial sustainability approach including grant strategies and long-term financial sustainability. Residents are encouraged to share specific pedestrian safety concerns by attending the meeting or contacting the council office.

15.2. Councilor Lewandowski requests a discussion about Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) authority when post permit changes are made contrary to approval and how to increase partnership with existing nonprofits for development 18b

Councilor Lewandowski noted the council approved 426 Washington Street in 2023 based on all units being affordable. A recent article suggests the project may now shift to market rate units, which represents a fundamental



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change in purpose. While the current major modification language focuses on primarily structural or site changes, this situation highlights a gap when the underlying intent of an approved project change. Councilor Lewandowski also noted the second part of the agenda request has to do with strengthening partnerships with non-profits. She is hoping a list can be supplied that identifies abandoned or foreclosed properties and referring them to the Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative. Mayor Barrett noted that recent legislative changes make property recovery more complex and there may be limited eligible properties. Mayor Barrett noted she would be happy to provide a list. Councilor Sullivan emphasized the council's unity in prioritizing affordable homeownership over additional apartment developments. He also referenced state funding opportunities under Governor Healey's \$5 billion housing bond. Councilor Ferreira noted the importance of staying focused on what the applicant formally requests. She discussed activating and funding the Affordable Housing Trust fund. She noted examples from Medford and also guidance from Mass Housing Partnership.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI TO SEND TO THE SOLICITOR A REVIEW OF THE FACTORS OF OUR MAJOR MODIFICATIONS TO SEE IF WE CAN ADD SOME LANGUAGE REGARDING WHEN A FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES CHANGE IT QUALIFIES FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION, SECOND BY COUNCILOR VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON

PASSED

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16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

17.RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- 17.1. Mayor Barrett request to present a proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month in the City of Haverhill 11b

Councilor Ferreira read the proclamation.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

PASSED

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18.COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- President Jordan wishes Councilor Basiliere a speedy recovery from his surgery

19.DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY:

20.LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST:

21.ADJOURN: MOTION BY COUNCILOR DIODATI TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA

PASSED

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