

Present - President Michitson, Councillors Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, LePage, Jordan, Macek, Daly O'Brien, and McGonagle. City Clerk - Linda L. Koutoulas

- **1.** Opening Prayer
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Approval of Minutes of November 16 and December 3, 2019 meetings. The minutes of both meetings were approved. Yeas 9, Nays 0
- 4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting Councillor LePage was assigned the minutes.

5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to address Council regarding a Census 2020 hiring event on Saturday, December 14th from 9 am to 4 pm to hire over 300 part-time census workers in City of Haverhill to undertake a successful and accurate census count next year. MAYOR FIORENTINI USED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT THERE IS A JOB FAIR ON SATURDAY, DEC. 14 AT THE CONSENTINO MIDDLE SCHOOL. POSITIONS PAY \$25 PER HOUR. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE AN ACCURATE CENSUS COUNT AS IT RELATES TO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CITY PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 20Q 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 John D Gardner requests to give an update on the HP 3 program (Haverhill Public-Private Partnership) MR. GARDNER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE HP3 PROGRAM. THE INTENT IS TO INFORM STUDENTS ABOUT CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND GET THEM JOBS. HE REVIEWED THE UPCOMING PLANS FOR 2020 AND INFORMED THAT FORMAL FUNDING CAMPAIGN STARTED NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>. PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 2E**10.** Appointments: **Confirming Appointments** No Schedule Non-Confirming Appointments Ornsteen Property Review Committee: Councillor Mary Ellen Daly O'Brien Bill Pillsbury Steve Bucuzzo Lynda Brown Mayor James Fiorentini PLACED ON FILE 4S Yeas 9, Nays 0 Auxiliary Police Force: William Brennan Smith Steve Nguyen Mariel Martinez Naftaly Lopez Wyleidi Pizarro PLACED ON FILE 120 Yeas 9, Nays 0

**11.** Petitions:

Petition from Phil Rice – Krueger LLP requesting to build within the Waterfront District; 5 residential units within the existing brick structure on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors; to be used as rentals; at 4 Batchelder's Court – Map 304, Block 56, Lot 1 **COUNCIL HEARING JAN 14 2020** Yeas 9, Nays 0 121

Petition from City Solicitor for Zoning Hearing to amend the City Code Chapter 255, Article V, by adding: "18.1 Sober Homes"

## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING

CHAPTER 255

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 255, Article V, Use Regulations, as amended, be and is hereby further amended by adding the following:

## "18.1 Sober Homes

The purpose of this ordinance is to address issues relating to sober homes in Haverhill. Structured sober houses provide housing for individuals in recovery from addiction to drugs and/or alcohol, including people who may have co-occurring mental health issues, as they transition from the treatment setting to life in the community. This housing assists individuals to return to the community through support in an alcohol-and drug-free, home-like environment.

This ordinance is intended to protect the residents of sober houses from operators, who engage in abuse, neglect, mistreatment, fraud, and/or inadequate supervision of this vulnerable population as well as to protect the residents of structured sober living homes and the neighboring community from operators who fail to provide a supportive, residential family-like living environment necessary for the residents to achieve and maintain sobriety, in a manner consistent with the reasonable expectations of residents living where sober houses are located in regard to their quality of life. (see document for complete text) REFERRED TO PLANNING BOARD COUNCIL HEARING FEB 11 2020 Yeas 9, Nays 0 121B

**12.** Motions and Orders:

Mayor Fiorentini and Superintendent Marotta informed that a feasibility study of the Consentino School is required by the state. They answered questions about the study and next steps. The Mayor will add individuals to the committee. The Mayor read the following order into the record: ORDERED: That the City of Haverhill appropriate \$750,000 Dollars from Free Cash for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study of the Dr. Albert B Consentino Middle School, 685 Washington Street, Haverhill, MA 01832, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which Haverhill may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Consentino Middle School Building Committee. The City of Haverhill acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City of Haverhill incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Haverhill, and that the amount of appropriation authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City of Haverhill and the MSBA. 117B PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0

ORDERED: That the sum of \$150,200 be transferred from the Capital Projects Budget to the Capital Account: *Bradford Rail Trail* PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0

ORDERED: That in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 64, authorize the payment of bills of previous years and to further authorize the payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed below:

Vendor	Amount	Account	
FW Webb Company (2)	\$ 629.20	Wastewater Dept	
Brox Industries Inc (3)	\$ 2,025.06		
Verizon	\$ 50.83	دد	
Harriman	\$ 1,920.00	Planning Dept	
Reimbursement-Hoisting Lic	\$ 150.00	Highway "	
TOTAL	\$ 4,775.09	<b>C</b>	
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PASSED

**13.** Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 11 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Chapter 11 of the Code of the City of Haverhill, as amended, being and is hereby further amended by adding the following:

"Article XIX. Agriculture Commission

## § 11-92 Establishment; purpose.

There shall be established in the City of Haverhill, in accordance with MGL c. 40, §8L, which is hereby accepted, an Agriculture Commission, which Commission is hereby established for the following general purposes: to promote and develop the agricultural resources of the municipality.

## § 11-93 Duties

A. Such Commission shall advocate for farmers, farm businesses and farm interest; assist farmers in resolving municipal problems or conflicts related to farms; seek to coordinate agricultural-related activities with other governmental bodies or unofficial local groups or organizations that promote agriculture; receive grants, gifts, bequests or devises of money or personal property of any nature and interest in real property with permission of the City Council and the Mayor; apply for, receive, expend and act on behalf of the municipality in connection with federal and state grants or programs or private grants related to local agriculture, with the approval of the Mayor; advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts and

pamphlets related to local agriculture that the municipal ag work; and, buy, hold, manage, license or lease land for agr Council and the Mayor (see document for complete text) PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days				
14. Monthly Report				
Abatement report from Christine Webb, Assessor for r PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	19L		
Preliminary Financial Reports from Charles Benevento PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	19 33L		
Preliminary financial reports from Charles Benevento, PLACED ON FILE	City Auditor for month of October 2019 Yeas 9, Nays 0	33M		
15. Resolutions and Proclamations				
<b>16.</b> Communications from Councillors:				
Communications from Council President Veras to address Ward Council representation in Haverhill MR. VERAS ARTICULATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT AND THE NEED TO HAVE APPRORIATE REPRESEN	THE CHANGING DIVERSITY OF THE			
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Communication was received from Councillor McGon 28 Lewis st to the Traffic & Safety Committee for review COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE INFORMED THAT THE REFLECT THE INTENTION OF COMMITTEE THAT F REEFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE	agle requesting to refer the Ordinance at E CURRENT ORDINANCE DOES NOT	.Y 112X		
Communication was received from Councillor Joseph				
amend the Council Rules to have Council President vote fi ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO AN THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT VOTE FIRST	irst	C		
NO SECOND				
PLACED ON FILE	Yeas 9, Nays 0	112Y		
17. Unfinished Business ff Preceding Meeting: <u>Document 20-P:</u> Mayor Fiorentini requests to introduce Tom Wylie and Harmony Wilson to recognize and thank them for their dedication to Haverhill's Conservation Commission         MAYOR FIORENTINI INFORMED THAT MR. WYLIE AND MS. WILSON COMPLETD THE         MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS FUNDAMENTALS FOR         MASSACHUSETTS CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS TRAINING PROGRAM AND RECEIVED         A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT.         CITATIONS PRESENTED FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT         PLACED ON FILE       Yeas 9, Nays 0				
Document 79-R; Communication from President Michitson and Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to recognize the extraordinary efforts of Keith Boucher and team MR. BOUCHER GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF THE MAKEIT HAVERHILL PROJECT OF COMMUNITY ACTION, LOCATED AT 301 WASHINGTON ST. THE INTENT OF THE PROGRAM IS TO BUILD COMMUNITY PRIDE. THE BUILDING HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO A SPACE OUTFITTED WITH HI-TECH AND LOW-TECH EQUIPMENT WHERE JOB SEEKERS & ENTREPRENEURS CAN SHARE IDEAS, NETWORK, LEARN AND GENERATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNTIES. CO-FOUNDERS ARE KETIH BOUCHER OF URBAN KINDNESS AND JOHN CUNEO OF COMMUNITY ACTION. THE CENTER OPENED IN JUNE 2019. CITATIONS PRESENTED FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND MAYOR. PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 79R				
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<ul> <li>18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements: Councillor Melinda Barrett presented the minutes and Committee meeting that was held November 25, 2019 for 100-I to establish a Right-to-Farm By-Law and Agricultura recommended that the Solicitor be asked to create an ordin MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED AND</li> </ul>	acceptance and discussion. Agenda item waa al Commission for Haverhill. The Commit	tee		

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED AND PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0

Councillor Barrett announced the laying of the wreaths ceremony as part of the Wreaths Across America event at Hilldale Cemetery, honoring veterans this Saturday, Dec. 14 at 12noon.

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Meeting adjourned 8:18 o'clock P.M. Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: <u>Linda Koutoulas</u> City Clerk