



CITY OF HAVERHILL

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 6, 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, and Toohey

Absent – Councilors McGonagle, LePage, and Rogers

City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

January 30th minutes to be approved next meeting.

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councilor Michitson assigned minutes.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

5.1. Mayor Barrett submits request from Rob Moore, Environmental Health Technician, for a City Ordinance to amend Chapter 11, Sections 22 through 29, *Conservation Commission*
Related communication from Rob Moore 2-E

5.1.1. Ordinance – Amend Chapter 11. Boards and Commissions Article VI.
Conservation Commission File 10 days 2-EE

President Sullivan stated the document that was submitted was not technically complete, in terms of form not content. It was missing the approval of the City Solicitor attested to for accuracy so would like a Councilor to motion to postpone placing on file until the next meeting. This will have no impact on the actual hearing date.

Motion by Councilor Jordan to postpone, second Councilor Toohey
PASSED postponed to February 13th All in Favor

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS 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 requests to discuss the *2024 Annual Street Listing*

Clerk Wright stated that the 2024 street listings/census have been sent out and should be at households by now. If you have not received one you can obtain blank forms on the City Clerk website under Census or come to the Clerk's office. Urged people to review the form and make any necessary changes and return with a signature on the bottom. Several important reasons for returning the census are it assists public safety and emergency responders with an accurate



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account of who is in households and apartment numbers; it helps us calculate state and federal aid and our representatives so we can get an accurate population count for the city; helps project future school enrollment; and also serves as proof of residency; and most importantly it helps maintain the voter lists and ensure that the people in Haverhill are on our list. You can drop it off at the Clerk's office, in the box on the Main Street side of City Hall, or you can mail it. Please call the Clerk's office at 978-374-2312 with any questions. 17-B

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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

11. APPOINTMENTS:

11.1. Confirming Appointments:

11.2. Non-Confirming to expire December 31, 2024

11.3. Constables to expire December 31, 2024

11.3.1. Kevin Dorr, 116 Lake st

President Sullivan acknowledged a citizen who wished to speak. After clarifying that he wanted to speak on Constables in general and not the matter before the Council, he stated he misunderstood and left the podium.

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Lewandowski
PASSED All in Favor

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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

12.4.1. HHS Girls Lacrosse, April 6 & 7

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Toohey
PASSED All in Favor

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

12.6. ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:

12.6.1. **Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location** – w/Police approval



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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 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. **Sunday Pool**
- 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:

- 13.1. Order –transfer \$11,000 from budget reserve to City Hall postage to pay for early voting ballots

Motion by Councilor Toohey, second Councilor Lewandowski

PASSED

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 3

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14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

- 14.1. Loan Order - \$180,800 Land Acquisition Bonds - to purchase land for the Crystal Street/Jericho Road Conservation Project *Related communication from Robert E Ward, DPW Director* File 10 days

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Lewandowski

PASSED

All in Favor

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15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

- 15.1. Councillors Toohey and Basiliere request a discussion about 8th Avenue traffic and safety concerns

Councilor Toohey stated this initiative was brought up a few months ago when Broco was before the Council. There are safety concerns wanted to discuss for some guidance and recommendations and afraid it will sit if sent to traffic and safety. Concerns mostly with significant amount of truck traffic 24/7 at the stretch of Primrose Street to the bottom of 8th



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Avenue where Hale Street meets. Have been told trucks are fueling throughout the night. Looking for a truck exclusion and feel there is zero impact on the businesses in that area.

Councilor Basiliere stated this is a problem of great concern because it is a safety issue and a quality-of-life issue. Traffic is heavier today than when people purchased their homes. Don't want this to go to committee and relinquish. I agree with Councilor Toohey a truck exclusion would be the best route, but we have more homework to do on this.

President Sullivan stated subcommittee would be the proper place for this item to go next. Understand why would want something done sooner rather than later and have representatives from the Police Department here this evening. Even though decisive decisions cannot be made this evening, the Chief can speak on the issue.

Chief Pistone addressed the Council stating Sgt. Lynch has talked about doing a study on trucks there. He has been in touch with City Engineer Pettis on how a truck exclusion would work. There are some ramifications if you were to direct all truck traffic from Hale Street towards Winter Street you will see a big influx of truck traffic down that end. Can provide studies and numbers of trucks on the street. There was talk of possibly making one side of the street no parking. My last knowledge of this was it was going to Traffic and Safety.

President Sullivan requested a follow-up in writing or at the next meeting and will by-pass the Traffic and Safety referral if acceptable to Councilors Toohey and Basiliere. Acceptable to both Councilor Toohey added that Steward Street has only one residence and may be a good alternative.

Chief Pistone stated he thought the previous Council was discussing the issue. He will come back to the next meeting with an update.

Continued to February 13th meeting with an update.

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16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:

16.1.Document 12-B: Council Vice President Jordan and Councilor Michitson request City Council discussion on the long-term planning to support Mayor Barrett's Initiative *postponed from Jan 30th*

Councilor Jordan happy to join Councilor Michitson on this item stating long term planning and having good data is critical to the success of our city. Happy to receive email communications following a preliminary budget meeting where discussions included implementing ClearGov which we have been asking for many years. This I feel will be extremely helpful and show where tax dollars are being spent, etc. and will help us make better decisions.



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Councilor Michitson stated Councilor Jordan gave a good introduction as to why we need data driven decision making for daily operations as well as long term planning. The Mayor and the finance director have already initiated this process. The City Council must be a proactive and equal partner for this to work. Have done a lot of research and showed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the research and progress made by cities over five years. Went through the key components. Recommendation to send to Planning and Development Committee to do a deeper dive and wide collaboration to give citizens an opportunity to speak and share more information.

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Jordan

PASSED refer to Planning & Development Yeas 11, Nays 0

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16.2. Document 21-B: Hawker/Peddler license Kenneth Zibolis, to sell hot dogs, sausages, burgers, and fries – 10 am to 7 pm at Winnekenni area/Rt.110 *postponed from Jan 30th*

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Lewandowski

PASSED All in Favor

17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

17.1. Mayor Barrett requests to present a proclamation recognizing February 2024 as *Black History Month* 13-B

Mayor Barrett stated this is an important month for our whole community and has invited Rev. Kenneth Young, Calvary Baptist Church, to say a few words in recognition.

Rev. Kenneth Young addressed the Council thanking all for allowing them to come this evening to share a few things on how special this month is not only for African Americans who are residents and citizens of the United States of America but that indeed Black History month is American History. The Calvary Baptist Church is the oldest African American Church in the Merrimack Valley, founded in 1871. Would like to share with all as we celebrate Black History month, I hope and pray with the blessing of Madam Mayor and the Council that some kind of way to form a commission to uplift the voices of our black residents of Haverhill.

Councilor Hobbs Everett read the Proclamation recognizing Black History Month.

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 19:46