



**CITY OF HAVERHILL  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

**September 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

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

**In-Person/Remote Meeting**

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Present: President Sullivan, Councilors Basiliere, Hobbs-Everett, Michitson, Ferreira, Jordan, Lewandowski, Toohey, McGonagle, LePage and Rogers

Absent: None

City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

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1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting held on September 17, 2024

*President Sullivan explained these minutes were not yet ready for review. Vice President Jordan is assigned those minutes when ready for review.*

4. Assignment of the Minutes for the September 24, 2024 Meeting

*President Sullivan assigned the minutes to Councilor Lewandowski*

5. Communication from the Mayor:

5.1 Mayor Barrett along with Councilor Hobbs-Everett along with the City Council requests to introduce Mia Fusco and Deb Cahill who saved Councilor Hobbs-Everett's son during a medical emergency on June 27, 2024 32

*Mayor Barrett presented a citation acknowledging the kindness of the two neighbors.*

*Councilor Hobbs-Everett presented a citation on behalf of the City Council acknowledging the kindness of the two neighbors.*

6. Communications from Councilors to introduce individual(s) to address the Council

6.1 Council Vice President Jordan requests to introduce Juan Jimenez who is seeking a home rule



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age waiver petition for the position of firefighter in the City of Haverhill. 93

- 6.1.1 Home Rule Petition- An act authorizing Juan Jimenez to take the Civil Service Examination for the position of firefighter in the city, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement 73H

*Juan Jimenz addressed the council stating he is seeking an age waiver to take the firefighter exam.*

*Motion by Vice President Jordan- Second by Councilor Michitson*

*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

- 6.2 Councilor Basiliere requests to introduce Gabriel Rosa who is seeking a home rule age waiver petition for the position of police officer in the City of Haverhill 93B

- 6.2.1 Home Rule Petition-An act authorizing Gabriel Rosa to take the Civil Service Examination for position of police officer in the city, notwithstanding the maximum age requirement. 73I

*Gabriel Rosa addressed the council stating he is seeking an age waiver to take the police officer exam.*

*Motion by Councilor Basiliere- Second by Vice President Jordan*

*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

- 6.3 Councilor Basiliere requests to introduce Elisabeth Laliberty, president of the Haverhill Exchange Club, to discuss their sponsorship of wreaths at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Mill Brook Park for this year 93C

*Councilor Basiliere stated the exchange club is gracious enough to donate \$2,000.00 for this years wreath sponsorship at the Vietnam Memorial. We love to have beautiful wreaths down there for the holidays.*

*Elisabeth Laliberty, 31 Whitney Street, Haverhill addressed the council. As President of the Haverhill Exchange Club, it is my pleasure to present a check to the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Commission as a wreath sponsor for 2024. The exchange club is proud to support this memorial. President Sullivan stated we do have a fund in the Treasurer's Office that the public can make donations to also.*

7. Public Participation – Requests under Council Rule 28

8. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

- 8.1 City Auditor & Chief Financial Officer, Angel A. Perkins, submits the August 2024 revenue and expense report for the City's general and enterprise operating budgets 17N

*Motion by Councilor McGonagle to place on file - second by Councilor Toohey*

*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

9. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Orders

10. Hearings and Related Orders

- 10.1 Document 78; CCSP-24-9; Craig Pascoe requests to keep an 8'x30' storage container on his property at 2 Woodman Ave. Continued from August 20, 2024-Comments from City Departments included

President Sullivan: **I will open the hearing again.** Craig, will you give us your name and address for the record.

Craig Pascoe, 6 Spring Lane, Sandown, NH addressed the board. I have a house on upper Main Street, and I have a few houses on Crystal Lake, I just, I would like to keep a storage container there. To store



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my tools in it, so I can work out of the city and stuff.

**President Sullivan:** Okay, Craig the last time you were here it was determined that a portion of that container was located on public property, and you were advised that if you could move it entirely onto your property then we could consider allowing a permanent container there.

**Craig Pascoe:** I did.

**President Sullivan:** You did, and I got proof of that because Tom Bridgwater and John Pettis went out and did look and see that you did move it.

**Craig Pascoe:** It just got down a couple of days ago. Thank you.

**President Sullivan:** They were there this afternoon. You are complying with it. I will ask is there anyone else here in support of this container permanently? Is there anyone else in support of this container? Anyone online? No. Is there anyone opposed to allowing a permanent storage container on his property? Is there anyone opposed to allowing a permanent storage container on his property? I do not see anyone. There is nobody online opposing. With that I will close the hearing. I do not see any lights on and that's probably because you did comply with what we asked you to do.

Councilor Michitson moved.

*Motion by Councilor Michitson and second by Councilor LePage*

President Sullivan: Motion by Councilor Michitson and second by Councilor LePage. Madam Clerk please call the roll to allow the storage container.

*City Clerk 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 McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.*

*11 yeas, 0 nays.*

**PASSED**

- 10.2 Document 84; CCSP-24-10; Melanie Chapman of 98 Brandy Brow Road requests to demolish and reconstruct a 2-car garage in the WSPOD – Comments from City Departments included.

**President Sullivan:** I will open this public hearing. Melaine, could you please give us your name and address for the record.

**Melaine Chapman,** 98 Brandy Brow Road addressed the council.

**President Sullivan:** Thank you and thank for coming. If you could just explain what it is, you want to do. I know it's in our packet, but you are going to be reconstructing something.

**Melaine Chapman:** We want to redo the whole garage because it is in need. In the meantime, we would like to attach the garage to the home. We are in the watershed area so there are limitations, I guess, as far as impervious areas, so we can't be more than 10% and I believe we are at 13.2%.

**President Sullivan:** The Water Department had asked you if you would provide them with a study of some sort about the impervious impact. Did you do that?

**Melanie Chapman:** So, they messaged me at 4:00 today and said it was not what they were looking for.

**President Sullivan:** Okay, so this would be considered for the moment an incomplete application until they get what they are looking for. We can continue this hearing until a date certain in the future. How long do you think it would take you to give them the information that they seek?

**Melaine Chapman:** As soon as I know what it is.

**President Sullivan:** They didn't tell you.



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**Melanie Chapman:** No, I just thought it was just the survey, like the plot plan and it tells me the area that is covered, and it tells me that it is at 13.2%.

**President Sullivan:** We certainly want to give you a fair hearing and an opportunity to succeed, if it does comply with the terms of the watershed overlay district guidelines. We can set a date; do you want one week or two weeks to have this meeting continued to? It's totally up to you. I guess it depends on how quickly you feel you will be able to get them what they are looking for, what they need, not knowing what they need at the moment. Do you want to do two weeks?

**Melanie Chapman:** I will do two weeks. I don't know what it is they are requiring.

**President Sullivan:** That will give you a chance to find out exactly what they need, since it wasn't the right information, they were looking for. Would October 8<sup>th</sup> work for you?

**Melanie Chapman:** That's fine.

**President Sullivan:** I will move to continue this hearing until October 8<sup>th</sup> at which time you will hopefully have that additional information. I will close this hearing for now.

*Councilor Michitson made a motion. Seconded by Vice President Jordan.*

President Sullivan: Motion by Councilor Michitson. Seconded by Vice President Jordan. Madam Clerk please call the roll to continue the hearing.

*City Clerk 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 McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.  
11 yeas, 0 nays. PASSED to continue 10.8.24*

President Sullivan: Melanie we will continue this until October 8<sup>th</sup>. I will monitor it to make sure you are providing the information they needed.

10.3. Document 86; CCSP-24-7; Attorney Michael Migliori representing Snow Cassell, LLC requests to construct a 3 family residential building at Pilling and Boston Street, Assessor's Map 420, Block 314, Lot 3 – Comments from City Departments included. Communication from Planning Director, William Pillsbury, citing several conditions as it relates to this project.

**President Sullivan:** I will open this hearing.

**Councilor Toohey:** I have a potential conflict.

**President Sullivan:** Councilor Toohey will be leaving due to a potential conflict of interest. I will note that there will be two special permit hearings tonight for this matter, one for one triplex and then we will open the hearing for the second triplex, for a total of six. Mike if you could give us your name and address for the record.

**Attorney Michael Migliori,** 280 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA addressed the council on behalf of the applicant Snow Cassell, LLC. With me this evening is Dan Snow and Michael Cassell both two my right and are available for any questions you may have. Both are local developers who have done a number of small projects in the city. They own property in the city and live in the city. We are here in connection with a request for a special permit to construct a three family at 0 Boston Street. Some of the council members may recognize both the applicants and the special permit because they have done two others in the past three years, in requesting and being successful in building two other three families.



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**President Sullivan:** Where are those located?

**Attorney Michael Migliori:** 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They were very successful projects. Those sites as some on the council may recall are blighted sites, they had buildings that were falling down. They turned those sites into six units of owner-occupied housing in the neighborhood to replace that blight. We have a somewhat similar situation tonight with Mr. Snow and Cassell are asking for a special permit to construct three residential homes to be owner occupied in the inner-city and continuing to address the need for housing in the City of Haverhill. I do hope the council had an opportunity to look at the site, the neighborhood, the plans, documents that have been submitted with the application. The lot itself is similar if not larger than lots in the immediate neighborhood. It adequately accommodates the building, and the parking required. It meets all the dimensional requirements of the zoning ordinance. Each unit will have a two garage spaces in addition to the driveway for each lot providing adequate parking. While a three-family dwelling is allowed in the RH zone, it still does require a special permit from the council even though it meets all the dimensional requirements contained in the zoning ordinance. We have a rendering of the building of how Mr. Cassel intends on constructing it on the site. It's a very attractive building that will fit in well with the neighborhood. You have all received Mr. Pillsbury's summary along with comments from the various city departments, in particular Fire, Engineering and Water. Mr. Cassell and Mr. Snow have met with members of the Water Department and have agreed to provide the upgrades that have been requested by the Water Department. They will be tying in the appropriate water lines, to the dead-end lines in the neighborhood. That will improve the situation in the area and meet the requirements for the Water Department and also make the Fire Department happy. They also agreed to perform the roadwork on Freeman Street that is being requested. I would point out that I think you are going to hear from some of the neighbors in a little while that they are in opposition to the upgrades to Freeman Street. They would prefer those improvements not be done. We happen to agree with the neighbors on that position.

**President Sullivan:** I will add that members of the public will be allowed to speak whether in favor or opposition before we close the hearing and then after such time everyone has had a chance to speak the council will deliberate at that point.

**Attorney Michael Migliori:** We believe we meet the requirements contained in Chapter 255 pertaining to special permits and that the community needs are being served by addressing the needs for housing. Traffic and pedestrian flow can be done safely. Parking exceeds the number of required spaces, there are adequate utilities in the area, and they will certainly be improved by the improvements they agreed to make water infrastructure in the area. It does not negatively impact the character of the neighborhood but will instead improve what is some overgrown lots that have been the subject of dumping over the years. The project itself with as small as it is does provide the city with some tax revenue. These are items that qualify this project for the requested special permit. Chapter 255 also sets out a specific number of findings for a special permit for multi-family projects. I would suggest to the council these specific findings in my opinion anyway are geared towards larger projects, apartment buildings, large condominium projects as opposed to a three-family building on 11,000 square feet. Most of them in my opinion are not applicable to the special permit, for example with regards to lighting there won't be any offensive lighting coming from the home other than the lighting next to the door. There are no overhead lights or other lights that are referenced in the ordinance itself. Regarding noise once again, this is not a large apartment building, there aren't any pools, tennis courts, elevators. There are no items that would create offensive noises in a neighborhood, it's a three-family home. Regarding, landscaping again, it's an 11,000 square foot lot with a three-family home. The ordinance references need for screening or street buffers, fences or retaining walls, all things that would be applicable in larger apartment buildings and



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condominium projects. This would not be for a project of this size. I don't happen to think its applicable. Stormwater management has been reviewed by the city and deemed acceptable. Site development standards will be met as far as they are applicable and have also been reviewed and accepted. Pedestrian vehicle access has been adequately provided with driveways that front on Boston Street. Regarding aesthetics we will be designing the homes that are compatible with the neighborhood, location, size and design and will not adversely impact any of the abutting properties. I think it's a very nice design, that they have submitted. Utilities are in the neighborhood and as I indicated earlier, they will be improved. We are in agreement to incorporate all of the department comments into the decision. With that I think I will stop here.

**President Sullivan:** Is there anyone else from your team that would like to speak?

**Attorney Migliori:** Not unless a question arises.

**President Sullivan:** Is there anyone else in the audience who would like to speak in support? Is there anyone in support? Dave is there anyone online who has indicated they're in support? Madam, are you in support?

**City Clerk Wright:** Could you please come to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

**Rosemary Asikis,** 100 Freeman Street addressed the council. I support the building. I am the one who is directly in front of it. I have to see it, other than the construction and hopefully the improvements and I just oppose the other thing they will be talking about later tonight.

**President Sullivan:** Is there anyone else here who would like to speak in support of the project? Seeing nobody is there anyone who would like to speak in opposition to the project or anything related to the project. I see Mark Sheehan out there with his hand up.

**Councilor Basiliere:** As a point of order Mr. President, I probably should have mentioned that earlier, I handed the city clerk a petition with signature pages that are now part of the record.

**President Sullivan:** Mark, are you going to address what is on that petition?

**Mark Sheehan:** I am not, no. I believe the generator of the petition is over there.

**President Sullivan:** First of all, Mark, name and address for the record.

**Mark Sheehan,** 136 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council.

**President Sullivan:** Kaitlin, could I please see the petition?

**City Clerk Wright:** That is our only copy.

**President Sullivan:** This just came in now, councilor?

**Councilor Basiliere:** 6:45.

**President Sullivan:** We will get to that in a minute.

**Mark Sheehan:** I would like to acknowledge Mayor Barrett, President Sullivan and fellow councilors. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak with you tonight. It's been an issue that has come to our attention in our neighborhood over the last few weeks. There has been a lot of things going on, talking amongst ourselves. So, I think I have put some matters into print that I would like to reiterate to you tonight. Hopefully it will clarify the opinions of the stand of the neighbors on Freeman Street Extension. My name is Mark Sheehan, I reside at 136 Freeman Street Extension. I live there with my wife Dina. I would like to consider myself a newbie on Freeman Street Extension having lived there only 41 years. I consider myself that only because out of the 24 single family homes that are on Freeman Street Extension, there are 15 homes that are older than mine. Most were built in the 1960s. Some of the original owners couldn't be here tonight, still in their homes in and their 90s. They enjoyed their life on the street. We enjoy having them as neighbors. When I sought out initially a couple of years after I got married, we were looking for a piece of land. It was available to buy a vacant lot on Freeman Street



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Extension. My wife, my deceased wife, my first wife and I sought out this neighborhood found a lot that was available and fit everything we needed. Beautiful dead-end street, family oriented, existing beautiful homes. Modest in nature compared to today's standards but fit the nature of what we were looking for. So, with help of family, we cleared the lot ourselves, built a starter home where we raised our two sons, in a setting with neighborhood kids could satisfy their needs to ride safely around on their bikes, sled down the hill, sometimes sliding out into the street. Parents would always be keeping an eye on them. They would run from yard to yard with kids all over the place. My sons are now grown and still reside in the area. Nothing much has changed on Freeman Street Extension. Young children still ride their bikes, shoot hoops at the end of the driveway, neighbors walk their dogs, including ourselves our beloved Charlie. They push their strollers, and they actually talk to each other. This is a rarity in this day and age. When huge five-bathroom houses are being built on spacious lots, where neighbors never meet and never communicate with each other anymore. It's not the case here. Over the years houses were built on vacant lots on Freeman Street Extension culminating with the last house being built in 1996. That built out our street, there were no longer lots available. At that time when the house was built a hammerhead turnaround was incorporated into the design at the end of the street to facilitate large vehicles to turnaround, delivery vehicles, etc. So, for the past 28 years that was built we have seen trash trucks, delivery trucks, oil trucks and numerous similar large vehicles that utilize that turnaround without a problem. 28 years with Fire and Police response was needed on our street there was nothing to impede a speedy response from the High Street fire station by simply driving straight up Pilling Street, around the corner and you are on Freeman Street Extension. If a large fire truck was ever needed, which everybody sees anything that goes on with the fire truck comes down the street. It doesn't happen often. Upon completing their call, it's a dead-end street would simply be guided back with the help of an officer. They would back the truck back down the street and return to the station. The main point is the truck was able to arrive to address concern at that moment. Once that concern was addressed, the situation was finished the time element at that point is not important. Now I understand that all landowners have the right to seek development of the land within legal parameters as the Boston Street developers proposed. Myself, my wife and entire community see absolutely no need to now open up and connect Freeman Street Extension to Freeman Street. The driveways on the proposed new buildings as described all front on Boston Street which has no bearing as to what was going on Freeman Street Extension. I have a problem with that, and we all have a problem with that. In order to see the governing bodies, hopefully not look favorably on the six yet unknown potential buyers of these units to put that above the livelihood of a long standing, hardworking taxpayers of Freeman Street Extension. It's a shame. I da\*\*n shame. I have come to understand from the Water Department that the water main connection between Boston Street and Freeman Street Extension can be accomplished without building 120' estimated new roadway. My question to you councilors would be who here has the most to benefit and who has the most to lose. The obvious losers would be the homeowners of Freeman Street Extension. They sought out a quiet, dead-end retreat for over 60 years to raise their families, enjoy the lifestyle that they sought out when they first moved here and who are now in peril in jeopardizing their safety due to the impact of the newly created increased traffic cut-through which is going to be generated from Washington Street straight through to Lansing Avenue, cross the hill. It will decrease our quality of life as we know it and we sought out to live there. It will overall be a degradation of our property values. I am here before you, I know others will want to speak, but before you make a decision that could be detrimental to our neighborhood I ask you to take the time to visit and walk our street. This would give you a fist hand feel for who we are. Why we are here in numbers tonight. My wife Dina and I and I am sure many of our neighbors would gladly make ourselves available for a visit. So, with that I am going to leave the further discussions and



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there are other residents that have separate concerns pertaining to this. I want to thank you for every consideration that you will show us in this matter and not allow the opening up of the connection between Freeman Street and Freeman Street Extension.

**President Sullivan:** So, Mark, to be clear you are not opposed to the triplexes? You are just opposed to the street?

**Mark Sheehan:** Exactly.

**President Sullivan:** Who else would like to speak in opposition? Anyone else like to speak in opposition?

**Patty Martin,** 129 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. I have been there for a little over 20 years. I have a special needs son who is 36. He has cerebral palsy. He is now at the point where he has to use a wheelchair most of the time and sometimes, he uses a walker. About a month ago my son drowned in the back pool. I was out in my garden and his PCA was out in the pool with him. I ran out back, and I am a nurse, I revived my son and called 911. The police, detectives, fire department, EMTS were there in two minutes. You open that road there is going to be traffic going back and forth. There is only room for one truck to go down there. My son would have died had they not gotten there when they did. If you open that up, I am not the only one with a disabled son. My next-door neighbor has a son, he's 44 his name is Joey Demarkis he has down syndrome. He is always playing at the end of his driveway, basketball with his brothers, sisters and cousins. They play basketball out there; they are in the street. The little kids come ride their bikes up and down. They like to come into my yard to play with my dog. My son being in a wheelchair in order for him to get exercise we have him push us in the wheelchair. That way there he has something to hold onto and he gets the exercise, and he thinks funny. He is all over the road. The only traffic we have right now, which makes it safe are the people who live there or visitors who come to visit our neighbors. He also likes to ride a trike once and awhile. I beg you please don't open that up for our sake. I bought this property for my son. I rebuilt the house for my son. We don't have things like sidewalks, even the ends of our driveways are partially dirt between our well-groomed lawns and our flower beds. Everything we do there, we start getting traffic in and out, they are going to be throwing their McDonald's out there. Our land is going to get trashed. We are a community there and we all don't always get along, we are at each other's throats, but we can do that. We are community and we still stick together. We need that and there are not many neighborhoods around like that anymore. We want to keep it the way that it is.

**President Sullivan:** To be clear, it sounds like you are opposed to the road opening but not necessarily the project.

**Patty Martin:** They can build whatever they want, wherever they want, but please don't open up our street.

**Councilor Basiliere:** I just want to be very clear that you had a serious medical emergency at your home, and you called 911 and you were happy with the response time of police, fire and EMS, is that correct, ma'am?

**Patty Martin:** That is correct.

**Norina Clermont,** 115 Freemont Street, Extension addressed the council. I have lived on that street since I was in my mother's womb. They bought the house when it was being built. I am 53 years old, no one else has ever lived in that house. When I was child, the end of the road they are considering opening was dirt. When people would drive through the dirt they would drive slow. Once they got to the house next to mine and the pavement they would speed. It was very dangerous when we were kids. My father and my neighbors fought to have it closed. Back in 1996 I stood in front of you guys and fought to keep it closed. It has been closed ever since and we want to keep it that way. It's a very narrow road and





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again, as Patty said, my father passed away in our home. There were numerous 911 calls, absolutely no issues getting him to and from the hospital. The coroner had to get to the house to get him, absolutely no issues turning around. There was no issues as far as the road being a not through way. It's been a dead-end my entire life and I have never seen any vehicle get stuck that couldn't turnaround at the end, or someone's driveway or need be back down the street. As you go up the street it is very narrow towards the end. We have no sidewalks and it's not wide enough for two-way traffic. People are not going to be able to walk their dogs, their children, their handicapped children. It's just going to pose more problems than solutions. We just beg of you to keep it closed. My husband is the one who brought up the petition. We went around and got the signatures, we got every signature on the street, everyone signed it. We have elderly neighbors who do not want a change, they also walk in the street. It's just something that everyone is in agreement about. Nobody wants it open. We would love to keep it closed. We don't oppose the building, we have absolutely no issues with that, it looks beautiful. That's not a problem. It's just opening up the street we would prefer it to stay a dead-end.

**President Sullivan:** For the record, the petition is being circulated amongst the councilors right now. It's our first chance to formally see this petition and I will say that the petition says you are opposed to opening the street. Basically, that is the nature of the petition.

**Rosemarie Asikis,** 100 Freemon Street addressed the council. I am right in front of the non-road that is in front of my house. I like it that way. Me and my husband, 10 years ago we were looking for a home. We wanted to move closer to New Hampshire and we settled on Haverhill. We found this house and fell in love with this because not only was there because there was no road in front of us but the neighborhood. I am very much a newbie in this neighborhood. We have only lived there for 10 years. Not only has it not been the most welcoming neighborhood, but we know our neighbors. Dina and Mark are being very modest but they throw a shindig for us every summer. We walk the neighborhood every day. My kids were born in Haverhill, in this neighborhood. They have had strollers and bicycles on that road. I think the sad part and what is the purpose of these meetings are again, who benefits? As you can hear clearly none of us are asking you for this. We don't need that benefit. We have benefited from the public service of the ambulance. I've needed it many times and they have come to my home with no issue with response time. I am also a nurse, and I have seen many accidents on Boston Street in the winter, it becomes like an icicle. If you were to open that road, and it will not happen, hopefully because I believe that you will listen to all of us and understand that there is no need for this building of a road. If you were to open that the amount of traffic will be a problem but the amount of accidents that you will see will be fatal. Just going down Boston Road and Observatory Road is a hill. You will have through traffic through Freeman Street to Freeman Extension it is going to become a race for people to go down that hill. In the winter they are going to bang into Cruz and Diana's house. That is the first house they will hit because of the speed that goes onto that hill. The police have contacted us many times to use our camera in our driveway for multiple accidents in front of that road. That is before the road is open, if you were to open that up you would see an increase of traffic. You would also see an increase of accidents. In addition, a lot of kids walk that road to school. If you were going to make more traffic and more cars, go downhill and through that is going to change the nature of our neighborhood and I fell in love with the house that I bought 10 years ago but it is also going to change the safety of the house that live there today. I run and everyone is joking because nobody ever sees my hair down, I run every day in our neighborhood. I feel safe to run on that road. I do not run down Boston Street. I run down Freeman Extension, where I know I am safe, and my neighbors know and see me. I can play with my kids down there. I will not run down that street ever again, because it will be too unsafe.

**President Sullivan:** For the council's clarification and edification is there a path right now that connects



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these two streets?

**Rosemarie Asikis:** No, just grass. The city put trees five years ago. They would have to rip out those trees that they got the grants to make a nice walk pathway that people naturally go around the trees.

**President Sullivan:** How do you access Freeman Street Extension from your house?

**Rosemarie Asikis:** I just walk down. My fence has an opening, and I just walk down a dirt path to the hammerhead.

**President Sullivan:** So, there is a dirt path?

**Rosemarie Asikis:** For foot traffic but no other reason. For me, just me.

**Councilor Basiliere:** Could I make a point of information; I would like the record to reflect that we have now heard from three residents that have used emergency services and are satisfied with the response time.

**President Sullivan:** Duly noted. Is there anyone else who would like to speak in opposition?

**Bob Coleman,** 122 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. I just want to thank you for the opportunity to speak. I am not in denial of building, but I am in denial of opening that street. Five years ago, I had two seizures. The response was right then and there. There was no issue of gee, we have to go around the block because your street is open done the end. That wasn't the issue. They took me to the hospital, and I was still there. Even though I got a dislocated shoulder when my wife tried to move me. Opening up that road, like the neighbors said accidents and speeding and everything else. Some of the houses are right there as soon as you pull out of the driveway you are right on the street. Hopefully everybody will understand that we are in support of the building but not opening the street.

**President Sullivan:** We have a common theme going here, so I would say unless somebody has something different to add we are getting the message loud and clear. You will be the last speaker in opposition to the road portion if that is what you are opposed to.

**Mariko Frame (and my husband Spencer Ames),** 104 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. We are the ones that are at the end of the road. We are the ones that experience when vehicle turnaround in our driveway. We are totally fine with it. It works out. We don't feel like that is an issue. We bought the property because we wanted a quiet end of the road property. Everything that everyone else has said we are in support of.

**President Sullivan:** Thank you very much we heard you loud and clear. Is there anyone online who would like to speak in opposition? This is rare opportunity where you can come up and give your rebuttal, but I think you are on the same side when it comes to what they are saying. Do you have something new to add? Come on up then.

**Dina Buccieri Sheehan,** 136 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. I respectfully object to three or six units in that area. Although it is not immediately on my road, it's a stone's throw away from where I live. I think one of things that makes this city special is that we are able to offer residents, rural, suburban and urban environments within one community. I think that overall, the characterization of our community as our city as a whole and what people think of from the outside when they look at Haverhill start shifting if we allow denser neighborhoods to encroach on what is currently urban or suburban. I would say where there is nothing right now to add three or six units is actually changing the density of the neighborhood. I believe from what I can see not having looked at plots or city records but the area where this is proposed is right on the edge where a somewhat dense neighborhood merges into a less dense neighborhood, more of a suburban neighborhood. To have that density encroach on what you would consider more of an average suburban neighborhood to me would not be good for the people in the immediate area. It just opens doors for that encroachment to continue happening. I would say I am opposed to the development of so many units where there is currently a beautiful lot of land.



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**Councilor Basiliere:** May I ask the lady a question?

**President Sullivan:** We should wait. Attorney Migliori... Do you have something new to add?

**Stephanie Zuber**, 89 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. I oppose the road as well. When they have done this, they have taken down eyesores in the neighborhood and they mention possibly dumping in the spaces as far as I have lived there, that space has been trees and greenery. I know that Washington area has been looking into adding more green space so it's not just pure buildings all the time right now that is what it is. Right now, adding six units where there is nothing, there would just be concerns about making it too dense. I know that housing in Haverhill has been a concern with all the apartment buildings coming out, it doesn't seem like this is necessary. It might be taking away some of the greenery we have at the moment.

**President Sullivan:** Is there anyone else?

**Mark Dickinson**, I own the property at 135 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. I really had no intention of talking tonight but I think one of the reasons we are here is because the Fire Department is in support of opening this up. About two and half years ago I had the unfortunate experience of a kitchen fire at the property at 135 Freeman Street Extension. I couldn't have been more pleased with the Fire Department's response, how quickly they got there. There were no issues whatsoever. There are a couple of photographs of the trucks on the street. For the purpose of the fire apparatus and emergency vehicles, things of that nature I think there has been a half of dozen people tonight that have stated that there have been incidents on the street with no issues or no delay. I really think opening that would be a big problem to the neighborhood and would definitely change the character of the neighborhood. I defiantly not in support of opening the end of the street.

**President Sullivan:** One last person can speak, then we will move on. We are getting the message.

**Connor Tracy**, 89 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. I am here with my fiancé Stephanie who just spoke. I agree with the sentiments of everyone mentioned about the road. I also don't want it to be connected to Freeman Street. In addition to that I respectfully oppose the building of the three triplexes. My house is on the corner essentially these two triplexes will be in our backyard. Stephanie and I just bought this house a year ago. We live on a lot on a very similar size, one house, just us living on that lot. It seems a bit excessive to put two triplexes on the lot on a very similar size right next to us. I agree with what others have said, that's the density of the area. Takes away the character of the neighborhood and overall, adversely affects the neighborhood. I wanted to speak out and oppose this.

**President Sullivan:** Attorney Migliori, rebuttal?

**Attorney Migliori:** We wholeheartedly agree with the neighbors. We were at a loss from the get-go when we were told its part of the approval of the project we needed to connect Freeman Street to Freeman Street Extension. We didn't understand the need for it. The neighbors clearly do not want it. We can certainly live without it. It doesn't impact the development at all. I would certainly like to keep the neighbors happy. I would hope that the council will approve the project without the need to connect Freeman Street to Freeman Street Extension.

**President Sullivan:** Thank you. Would any one member of the audience like to speak one more time in rebuttal to what Attorney Migliori said or are you satisfied with what he just said. You will be the last speaker, and we will close the hearing and move to councilors questions and comments.

**Patty Martin**, 129 Freeman Street Extension addressed the council. I agree with them as far as the building of these new buildings. It is a neighborhood where we are connected to the other side as neighbors, not as public going from Freeman Street to Freeman Street Extension. Some of the people walk through that little pathway there and that is where they walk for their exercise. In order to do that you are going to have to go by these buildings which really takes away the whole atmosphere of our



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homes and lifestyle. If you are going to start putting in triple deckers, we weren't even zoned to put an extra apartment for my daughter at my house. We are not zoned for two family. We are not zoned for two family. Why is it these people can come in and put two triplexes and ruin the whole feel of our community. We have greenery, trees and gardens. Then you put these eyesores up. We are not up on Main Street or new development areas where's there are fifty different houses being built exactly the same way. We don't want that. We don't want that. I would rather not have these buildings put up in our neighborhood. We are trying to keep preserve what life actually means to us. This is our lifestyle. So, our whole community is going to change with that. Build it someplace else, why do you have to keep tearing up our trees, grasses and killing our wildlife. We have beavers, squirrels and deer, rabbits.

**Councilor McGonagle:** Point of order. I think we get what the lady is trying to put out to us. We understand it and we have heard similar. If we could, Mr. President, we are supposed to do three minutes, and you have been very kind.

**President Sullivan:** I have been very kind because there are a lot of people here. I am in a good mood tonight. **I will now close the hearing** and councilors what are your wishes? We need a motion to advance this and then we will have a discussion. Do we have a motion to approve?

*Motion by Councilor Rogers, Second Councilor LePage.*

**Councilor Lewandowski:** Are you allowed four by, right?

**Attorney Migliori:** We are allowed to construct two duplexes on each lot by right. We wouldn't have to do any of the improvements being requested if we went that route.

**Councilor Lewandowski:** If you did two units on each of them as opposed to three and reduced the footprint and not do the extension of the street, it looks like that was only being suggested or highly recommended by the Fire Department and Engineering Department if in fact you were going to move forward with the three and three. Would you still be doing the water upgrades? My understanding that would be part of the package.

**Attorney Migliori:** No, we wouldn't have to do the water upgrades.

**Councilor Lewandowski:** Are we sure on that?

**Attorney Migliori:** Pretty sure.

**Councilor Lewandowski:** That is my concern. I would like to get clarity on that. I don't know if a motion to continue is appropriate just so we can get the city engineer in here to answer those questions. If in fact that is something that the city engineer would still be requiring or strongly suggesting as an upgrade, I think that would be a reasonable compromise that might be able to reached here. It wouldn't impact the neighborhood because the street wouldn't have to be changed in any way shape or form. That is my understanding, but again, I don't know that answer because I don't have anyone from engineering to clearly say that this recommendation is only if it's going to be triplexes and not if its going to be a lower amount. If this also applies to a lower amount this also can be taken up in discussion at the next meeting. If in fact it something you are allowed by right and also the recommendation, we hear is the water upgrades as part of that and the city is getting something. The neighbors have their area intact. We add housing and we still get what we have by right and it's a smaller footprint overall.

**President Sullivan:** Would you like to make a motion?

*Motion by Councilor Lewandowski to continue.* We have heard a lot tonight from the neighbors and I thank you all for being here. We have recommendations from the Fire and Engineering Department that



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quite frankly we don't always get this depth of recommendation. I would like before making a determination a clearer picture of what exactly the constraints of what their requirements that might be something that might impact how you and your client want to proceed.

*Motion by Councilor Lewandowski to continue - Second by Councilor Basiliere.*

**President Sullivan:** Motion by Councilor Lewandowski, Second by Councilor Basiliere to continue this hearing to a date certain. If I could ask the City Solicitor, should we go on with the rest of the councilor's questions at this point or should we take a vote on the motion to continue this hearing on this particular matter. City Solicitor Lisa Mead is with us tonight.

**City Solicitor Mead:** I think that would be up to the council. You do have a motion on the floor with a second. I think you should act on the motion to continue and perhaps take your questions up at the next meeting or set aside the motion, do the questions and do the continuance after.

**Councilor Rogers:** We have two motions on the floor.

**President Sullivan:** We have a motion to approve and a second, now we have a motion to continue and a second.

**Councilor Michitson:** The continue takes precedence.

**President Sullivan:** There are three other councilors lights on, would you like to wait and ask your questions at the next hearing or do you want to continue this now.

**Vice President Jordan:** My opinion it would be good to ask the questions, so, they know what we are looking for, talk about it and then vote on the motion made by Councilor Lewandowski.

**President Sullivan:** I agree with you. You have a question, please go ahead.

**Vice President Jordan:** More comments, I will echo Councilor Lewandowski's comments and thanking all of you for coming tonight and letting us know how you feel about it. I will say isn't just for you but for everybody in general the petition, which is actually very helpful, would be great it in advance so we can see it. Generally, we are used to getting a lot of emails, I received a couple but more emails in advance to know how you feel rather than find out about it today. It's better for us to be more prepared from that standpoint. That said, the biggest thing that is very loud and clear you do not want these streets connected. A lot of you have lived there your whole lives with it the way it is, or maybe you moved there because of the way that it is, and this would be greatly disruptive to your way of life. I agree with Councilor Lewandowski the water upgrades would seem beneficial to the existing neighbors as well as future neighbors. At least a few people, Dina and the newer couple to the area comments that is a valid point. This isn't changing a blighted area and replacing it, it's taking what is open space and pretty and replacing it. I am on the same thought process as Councilor Lewandowski if the duplexes are allowed that is less of a disruption to a mostly single-family neighborhood than triplexes. That would be what I would be personally supporting what they can do by right the duplexes, not connecting the streets which we heard beyond loud and clear. We definitely heard it, that is what I would supporting. The last thing I would like to say is the comments that we are reading from Eric Tarpy, Fire Department, John Pettis, Engineering is if we are going to allow the six (triplexes) then they would want the street connected. So, to me the solution is to satisfy the neighbors and actually not disrupt their way of life which would be basically what can be done by right, the duplexes and we don't have to connect the streets. That's personally what I would be supporting.

**Councilor Ferreira:** I just have a couple of questions, I was looking for information from engineering which was mentioned by Rob Moore and some of the comments that the engineer would provide stormwater recommendations and information. I don't see that in that review. I would love to get a



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chance to get that information regarding this. When we look at the area, two triplexes take up on a lot of that size, stormwater for me is a concern. Also, the greenspace does seem applicable to me when that is what is being remove and houses are being built there knowing as well that this neighborhood has definitely been a hotspot and where we would want more of an urban tree canopy for years. I also don't see a Water Department comment in here as well to determine if we need an upgrade in general with the construction of these units or if the upgrade is required for the extension of the road in connecting there. There are definitely questions for me for next time around. Thank you, as the councilors have said. It is a lot to give up your evenings to come here and sit through these processes and we appreciate it for sure.

**Councilor Rogers:** I will be quick. I'm glad you all came. I do agree not to open it up. I do want to clarify, like Councilor Lewandowski the Water Department, if this is beneficial if this is something that's going to benefit the water, fire hydrants and water line then maybe we will think about it. I don't want to push the limits on the building anyway. I do agree with clarifying.

**Councilor Michitson:** I also agree that it is worth taking a look at whether the duplexes also require the water upgrades, however, I am going to vote against three units regardless.

**Councilor Basiliere:** From the beginning of this, I have been thinking in terms of, first let me talk about the water. I talked to two builders today who had previously looked at this spot and decided not to buy it and not to build it. They all told me a duplex or triplex that the water upgrades are going to be necessary, however, they are also not the water department. I want to hear a final word from them. I started my campaign at 123 Freeman Street. Is there anyone here from 123 Freeman Street? Yes, okay, I have had Easter dinner there. I am intimately familiar with this neighborhood. I recently visited it a couple of times to drive around and go to both sides and get a feel for what was going on. My big concern is when I ran, I promised that I would make neighbors safer. When I saw the Fire Department recommendation that immediately stuck right out to me. However, I have heard about real life emergencies from competent people who I believe are telling me the truth that response times are not an issue. That has now been put to bed with me. Where I have always been at with this particular project is that by right gets us four and I would rather see the four than the six quite frankly and takes the other things off the table. I think that is the compromise here. I will not be voting in support of the three, because I believe by right here is enough and it is better for the neighborhood. We can't stop by right. Even if everyone came here with pitchforks, which I think you guys almost did, we couldn't stop by right. I certainly do not, I am not offended by someone's right to conduct their business and to make a profit. I want the builder and Mr. Migliori to know that. I would rather see this as a by right development of four units. I think that is best case scenario. The road stays closed, less units but we are adding to the market. The builders I talked to said there is still plenty of meat on the bone for someone to develop this with four units. That is where I stand.

**President Sullivan:** I am not seeing anymore lights on. We need a roll call to continue this matter to a date certain and we will figure out a date. How much time would you need?

**Attorney Migliori:** Why don't we go to next week.

**President Sullivan:** What do you have next week?

**City Clerk Wright:** We have the solar field next week.

**President Sullivan:** Can we do two weeks? There is a big special permit hearing next week.

**Councilor LePage:** I may not be available the 8<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>. I am available next week then the two weeks after I am not certain I will be. I will be away on business in Florida.

**President Sullivan:** We don't have a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> anyway. The options would be the 1st or the 22<sup>nd</sup>?

**Councilor Rogers:** I won't be available on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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**President Sullivan:** We have next week or the 29<sup>th</sup>? Can we all agree that we continue this meeting for the special permit on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Attorney Migliori:** Are you going to ask the city departments to come? I just want to understand fully the purpose of the continuance. It sounded like some councilors wanted to hear from some people.

**President Sullivan:** That is correct. We want to hear from the Water Department and Engineering.

**Attorney Migliori:** That will be on the council to do that? They don't respond to me.

**President Sullivan:** We will reach out to engineering and water and any other departments that we feel can help answer the questions that were raised tonight. We will have the answers by next Tuesday.

**President Sullivan:** Madam Clerk please call the roll to continue this special permit hearing until next Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

*City Clerk Wright: Vice President Jordan-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Hobbs-Everett-yes, Councilor Michitson-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.*

*10 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Toohey)*

*PASSED to continue to 10.1.24*

10.4 Document 87; CCSP 24-8; Attorney Michael Migliori representing Snow Cassell LLC, requests to construct a 3-family residential building at Pilling & Boston st; Assessors Map 520, Block 314, Lot 4A *Comments from City Depts are included. Communication from Planning Director, William Pillsbury, citing several conditions as they relate to this project*

**President Sullivan:** We do need to start the second hearing, correct?

**Attorney Migliori:** We will request a continuance for the second hearing for one week.

*Motion by Councilor Michitson, Second by Vice President Jordan.*

**President Sullivan:** Madam Clerk could you call the roll on document 87 for one week as well.

*City Clerk Wright: Vice President Jordan-yes, Councilor Basiliere-yes, Councilor Hobbs-Everett-yes, Councilor Michitson-yes, Councilor Ferreira-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.*

*10 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent (Toohey)*

*PASSED to continue to 10.1.24*

**11. Appointments**

11.1 Confirming Appointments

11.2 Non-Confirming

11.3 Constables to expire December 31, 2024

11.4 Resignations

**President Sullivan:** City Clerk please take out of order Document 90.

**15. Unfinished Business of proceeding Meeting**

15.1 Document 90; Ordinance re: Adoption of G.L.C 39, Section 23D; also known as the Mullin



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Rule. Related communication from Lisa Mead, City Solicitor filed 9/21/2024

**President Sullivan:** City Solicitor Mead is with us tonight. If you would like to give us a brief synopsis of the Mullin Rule, which we all have had time to review.

**City Solicitor Mead:** Thank you, Mr. President, and Member of the Council. As we discussed a few weeks ago and I learned the city had not adopted the Mullins Rule which has been around for a little while. Essentially the council adopts it for the adjudicatory bodies which we have listed in the ordinance. A person sitting on an adjudicatory hearing like you just had who happens to need to miss one of those hearings can still vote on the hearing on a continued date, if they watch the tape and sign an affidavit, so it helps a little bit with the quorum issues and the need a super majority. We have this for the Planning Board, Zoning Board, City Council when you sit as special permit granting authority, Conservation Commission and the Licensing Commission which are your adjudicatory boards.

**President Sullivan:** This is limited to just missing one hearing?

**City Solicitor Mead:** One hearing. If you miss the hearing, you can go back and watch the tape, sign the affidavit that you watched it.

**President Sullivan:** You did provide us with a form that is the affidavit and spell out the method which the councilor or commissioner whether it was audio or video.

**City Solicitor Mead:** That's correct.

**President Sullivan:** Any questions?

**Councilor Toohey:** Is watching the tape sufficient? I think it reads all evidence, all materials. Is it possible that something that has been presented in the first meeting that is not online or the video and someone signs this affidavit, I think the term that is used is all evidence. For example, I miss the meeting, I watched the video but there was a rendering that was not shown online, and I am attesting that in fact I saw all the evidence. Am I in trouble?

**City Solicitor Mead:** You are never in trouble Mr. Toohey, we will help take care of that. You need to look at the evidence. If someone makes a presentation and presents a new plan to you, they have to give that plan to the City Clerk, or if you are at the Zoning Board they would have to submit it. You would have to ask the Clerk besides the video did they present anything new? You will see that, since you watched the video.

**Councilor Toohey:** Okay, won't sign otherwise. Thank you.

**Councilor McGonagle:** Real quick along the same lines, they had a petition that they brought in this evening 6:45, he wouldn't get to see it. He would know because he watched the meeting. He is still okay?

**City Solicitor Mead:** He is going to call the City Clerk and say hey I watched the tape and presented a petition, can you give me a copy of it.

**President Sullivan:** Can we have a motion and a second.

*Motion by Vice President Jordan, Second by Councilor Toohey*

**President Sullivan:** Please call the roll on adopting the Mullin Rule





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*Motion by Vice President Jordan- Second by Councilor Toohey*  
*Yeas 11, Nays 0* *PASSED*

12. Petitions

- 12.1 Notice of Proposed Acquisition of Agricultural Preservation Restriction by the  
Commonwealth of Mass Dept of Agricultural resources for property known as Crescent  
Farms located on Willow Avenue – APR Project name: Crescent Farms Trust project ID  
#24C04 -Related communication from City Solicitor, Lisa L. Mead 94

**President Sullivan:** Do we have a motion to approve.

*Motion by Councilor Ferreira – Second by Councilor Basiliere*

**President Sullivan:** This is required a notice of a proposed acquisition of a proposed acquisition of an agricultural preservation restriction on property in the City of Haverhill date of the notice is September 18, 2024. The notice of proposed acquisition is hereby given to the Mayor of the City of Haverhill. Separate notice will be given by the department to the appropriate county commissioners, regional planning agency and members of the general court representing the district in which the land is located in compliance with General Laws Chapter 7C, Section 37, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting by and through its Department of Agricultural and Resources known as the department, hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction in APR on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversions into other uses. The application has been received by MDAR indicates that the property by Francis Eason and Anne Davidowicz, trustees of the Crescent Farm Trust and consists of parcels located at 145 Willow Avenue, Haverhill. As approximately represented on the attached map. The APR may encompass all or parts of the area shown. The current use of the property is primarily for hay, corn and pumpkins. Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use as more particularly set forth in the APR document, the General Laws Chapter 184, Sections 31 and the regulations of the department 330 CMR 22. This is by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources by Christine Chisolm, the APR Regional Planner. With that we have complied with what we need to do. We have a motion and a second and we need a roll call to accept this.

*Motion by Councilor Ferreira - Second by Councilor Basiliere*  
*Yeas 11, Nays 0* *PASSED*

12.2 Applications Handicap Parking Sign: with Police approval

12.3 Amusement/Event Application – with police approval

12.3.1 Event 24-21; Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, 10 Reed Street, to hold cars and cans  
show (canned goods drive and fundraiser) at Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliot Street,  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 12 noon 42R

**President Sullivan:** Motion to approve.



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*Motion by Councilor Michitson - Second by Vice President Jordan*  
*Yeas 11, Nays 0* *PASSED*

12.4 Auctioneer License

12.5 Tag Days with police approval

12.6 One day liquor license – with License Commission & HPD approval

12.7 Annual License renewals

12.7.1 Hawker Peddlers License – Fixed location – with police approval

12.7.2 Coin-op License Renewals – with police approval

12.7.3 Christmas Tree Vendor – with police approval

12.7.3.1 Tree 24-1; Charles Hibbert to sell Christmas trees at 297 Lincoln Avenue;  
Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; November 26<sup>th</sup> thru December 24<sup>th</sup> 95

**President Sullivan:** Motion to approve.

*Motion by Councilor McGonagle - Second by Councilor Toohey*  
*Yeas 11, Nays 0* *PASSED*

12.7.4 Taxi Driver License for 2024 – with police approval

12.7.5 Taxi Limousine License – with Police approval

12.7.6 Junk Dealer/Collector License – with police approval

12.7.7 Pool/Billiard

12.7.8 Bowling

12.7.9 Sunday Bowling

12.7.10 Buy & Sell Second Hand articles – with police approval

12.7.11 Buy & Sell Second Hand clothing

12.7.12 Pawnbroker license – with police approval

12.7.13 Fortune teller – with police approval

12.7.14 Buy & Sell Old gold – with police approval

12.7.15 Roller Skating Rink

12.7.16 Sunday skating

12.7.17 Exterior vending machines/red box automated retail, LLC

12.7.18 Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars – with police approval

12.7.18.1 TLLB 24-5; Ryan O'Neil to have 1 limo at 22 Marshland Street 46D

**President Sullivan:** Motion to approve.



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*Motion by Councilor McGonagle - Second by Councilor Basiliere*  
*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

13. Motions and Orders

13.1 Order- Authorize payment of bills of previous years and to further authorize the payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed: 23G

Vendor	Amount	Account
Marcum LLP	\$32,400.00	Auditors
Benefit Resource, LLC	\$1,323.25	Human Resources
Total: \$33,723.25		

*Motion by Councilor McGonagle - Second by Vice President Jordan*  
*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

13.2 Adopt Resolution to acquire the former Social Security Building, located at 367 Main Street from the federal government 13J

**President Sullivan:** I do believe for the next items we need a suspension of rules because this was not posted on the agenda. It will be the order to discuss the Social Security Building. Could we have a roll call of members to suspend the rules to take this matter up.

*Motion to suspend by Councilor LePage, Second by Councilor McGonagle*

*City Clerk 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 McGonagle-yes, Councilor LePage-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-yes.*  
*11 yeas, 0 nays.*

*PASSED to suspend rules.*

**City Clerk Wright:** Order to adopt a resolution to acquire the former Social Security Building located at 367 Main Street from the Federal Government.

**President Sullivan:** The Mayor is here this evening along with Steve Durant of the School Department.

**Mayor Barrett** addressed the council. As you all know the Social Security Office moved to Brown Street many months ago. The federal government's first offer goes out to public safety and education after that it would have gone to non-profits that do work in the community. The School Department looked at it and decided they could use testing and office space for different things. The Mayor noted its handicapped accessible, on a bus route, has parking. It fits a lot of niches that they are looking for. Also, it is at no cost.



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**Steve Dorrance**, Director of Facilities for the school department addressed the council. We were contacted by GSA a couple of month's ago and they designated this for educational purposes. He noted this is a great 5,600 square foot with four offices internally and a bunch of open space. We have to have everything in by Friday.

**President Sullivan**: Which is why we suspended the rules tonight.

**Steve Dorrance**: Thank you very much for doing that. We provided a plan with the total buildout of the interior of the building. We will offer special ed services, we also have a transitional program for 18-22 year old also, general sped services. As the Mayor said this is free.

**President Sullivan**: We will be owning this building?

**Steve Dorrance**: We are going to own the property.

**President Sullivan**: At no cost?

**Steve Dorrance**: Correct, no cost. What is great is the school department is packed and we have no available space. This will be an opportunity to consolidate those programs and get better use of the resources. It will be better for the population.

**Councilor McGonagle**: Is the condition of the building, it's good?

**Steve Dorrance**: I was in there about a month ago. I was surprised at what great shape it was in. All the carpeting is new and recently painted in the last six or seven years. I saw no ceiling tiles that were stained, leads me to believe the roof is good. Heating and ventilation system looked pretty good it was winterized the previous year.

**Councilor Basiliere**: Do we know the market value and the cost of the buildout?

**Steve Dorrance**: I don't know what the market value of the building is. In terms of the cost its not the districts intention not to build it out. We were required by the application process to provide them with a buildout plan. They wanted to know if we had use of the property and 12 months from the deeds transfer we must have all the programs operating in the building. We think within 90 days we can have what need operating in the building. There's nothing in the budget to build it out. We would talk about expansion in next year's budget.

**Councilor Basiliere**: I have recently been in that building as well and for a lack of a better term move in ready.

**Steve Dorrance**: I believe it is.

*It was noted that President Sullivan will sign the document on behalf of the council.*

*Motion by Vice President Jordan - Second by Councilor LePage*

*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

Ordinances (file 10 days)

13.3 Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic – Delete handicap parking for 34 Fountain St. and add handicap parking at 2 Abbott St. – File for 10 days 11H

*Motion by Vice President Jordan - Second by Councilor Michitson*

*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

13. Communications from Councilors



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- 13.1 Councilor Michitson requests to address the abrupt closing of UMass Lowell and their innovation Hub at Harbor Place in Haverhill 12-V

*Councilor Michitson gave an update of the closing of UMass Lowell and the innovation Hub at Harbor Place, I would like to offer the Mayor an opportunity on a status if she wishes.*

**Mayor Barrett** noted that many efforts that are ongoing by the Greater Haverhill Foundation, Andy Vargas, Laurie Trahan's Office. This is a valuable property, and we will endeavor to find somebody for that space.

**Councilor Michitson** stated that he echoed the thank you that the mayor just mentioned along with the Chamber of Commerce. I wanted to thank Stephanie Gayot who ran the day to day operations at the IHUB. His take on the above items is that UMass Lowell and the IHUB cannot leave. There is still work to be done. The number one barrier to the success of manufacturers in Haverhill is clearly the lack of trained workers.

**Vice President Jordan** stated that everyone will do everything they can to make sure Harbor Place thrives going forward. It certainly benefits the entire city if it does.

**Councilor Michitson** noted the number one goal right now for the team is to stabilize the IHUB, so we don't lose the 25 paying companies and organizations that are there. I was trying to stay away from it, but it was a low blow.

15.2 Document 24-B Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic; Amend Chapter 240, as amended be further amended by deleting the following from section 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions:

South Main st, East Side, from Inland st to Doane st - Time Limit: 1 hour, 9 am to 6 pm M-F

Also, that section Chapter 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following:

South Main st, East Side, from 20' South of Inland st, southerly for 280'- Time limit: 15 min, 7 am to 8 pm M-F

From 300' south of Inland st southerly for 320' - No Parking

From 20' north of Doane st, northerly for 155' -Time Limit: 1 Hour 9 am to 6 pm M-F

*filed 9/12/2024*

*Motion by Councilor LePage- Second by Councilor Rogers*

*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED*

16. Resolutions and Proclamations

17. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

- **Vice President Jordan**, This Thursday the Haverhill Rotary Club is having their annual roast. We are roasting Gretchen Artz, recently retired from Emmaus. Still tickets available.
- **Councilor Michitson**: MakeIT Haverhill's meeting last week, their official cyber warrior count is five vetted candidates so far. They are looking for 10 to take this training to become certified in IT and cyber security. Haverhill needs UMass Lowell to live up to their commitment to innovation and workforce development at Harbor Place.

18. Documents referred to committee study

19. Long term matters study list.



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20. Adjourn

*Motion by Vice President Jordan- Second by Councilor Rogers*

*Yeas 11, Nays 0*

*PASSED 21:08*