



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes
 Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM
 City Council Chambers, Room 202
 4 Summer Street

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Barrett, Vargas, Bevilacqua, LePage, Daly O’Brien, Macek and Sullivan.

Absent – Councillor McGonagle
 City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Opening Prayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

5. Councillor LePage was assigned the minutes.

6. Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

7. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

8. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

No Schedule

9. Hearings and Related Orders

No Schedule

10. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

11. Appointments:

No Schedule

12. Petitions:

Suspension of Rules:

Petition by Bradford Swim and Recreation Center, Inc. to permit them to file “Carry-In” application with the License Commission due to the fact they have more than thirty (30) seats.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ACT ON PETITION FROM BRADFORD SWIM AND RECREATION CENTER.

SUSPENSION PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

TIM COCO, LICENSE COMMISSION MEMBER EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE CARRY-IN ORDINANCE WAS PASSED, THERE WAS A PROVISION IN ORDINANCE AS AN “EXCEPTION” FOR REQUESTS GREATER THAN 30 SEATS.

GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 48

Applications:

Application from Autumn Hotaling from the Alzheimer’s Association for “Ride to End Alzheimer’s”, Saturday, June 24; starting in Rye NH with Haverhill bicycling route between 10:00AM and 1:30PM

GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 16F

Application from Jeff Grassie - Creative Haverhill for permit to hold Farmer’s Market; Saturdays; June 24 to October 28; 9:00AM to 1:00PM; has police approval with comments

JEFF GRASSIE STATED THAT TEAM HAVERHILL TOOK OVER THE FARMER’S MARKET PROGRAM 9 YEARS AGO. IT IS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF CREATIVE HAVERHILL. HE ENCOURAGED PUBLIC TO SUPPORT THE MARKET WHICH HAS BEEN GROWING EACH YEAR.

GRANTED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 49

11 Motions and Orders

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:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>	
Michael Stankovich-reimbursement	434.00	Employee Benefits	
Atlantic Coast Fence	360.00	Highway	
PASSED			Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 17D

12A. Ordinances (File 10 days)

No Schedule

12B. MONTHLY REPORTS

No Schedule

13 Communications from Councillors

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting an update from Mayor Fiorentini on plans for Police and Public Works budget workshops.

ON MOTION OF PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR REQUESTING TO HOLD POLICE BUDGET WORKSHOP ON WEDS, APRIL 19 IN THE CITY COUNCIL OFFICE, AT 7PM OR A MORE SUITABLE DATE IN APRIL IF NEEDED. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 41N

Communication was received from Councillors Barrett and Sullivan requesting an update from our legislative delegation regarding the Bradford layover station.
COUNCILLOR BARRETT STATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH KEOLIS/MBTA ABOUT THE NOISE AND IDLING TRAINS. THE MAYOR HAS AGREED TO ASSIST. DAVID VAN DAM STATED THAT THE MAYOR SENT A LETTER TO BRIAN SHORTSLEEVE, MBTA, ABOUT THE SITUATION.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN TO SEND A LETTER TO REP. DEAN CAMPBELL & SEN. IVES TO COME BEFORE COUNCIL AND GIVE AN UPDATE. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 41O

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting a discussion about managing the Mayor's State of the City address being held on the same night as a City Council meeting.
COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN STATED THAT THERE WAS IMPORTANT CITY BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE SAME EVENING AS THE MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS SUCH AS ROAD CONDITIONS AFTER THE SNOWSTORM, MALFUNCTION AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ENERGY SAVINGS PRESENTATIONS. SHE SUGGESTED IF THE MAYOR WANTS TO GIVE HIS ADDRESS ON TUESDAY EVENING, THEN THERE BE NO COUNCIL MEETING.
DAVID VAN DAM, CHIEF OF STAFF, STATED THIS WAS A UNIQUE SITUATION AND THAT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS WAS GIVEN OFF SITE.
REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE Yeas 7, Nays 1(Bevilacqua) Absent 1 41P

Communication was received from Councillor Daly O'Brien requesting to discuss the I-495 bridge.
COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN AND OTHER COUNCILLORS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE MOST RECENT PROBLEM WITH POTHOLES ON I-495, BETWEEN EXITS 48 AND 49 ON MARCH 29, WHICH CAUSED DAMAGE TO 10 CARS. PREVIOUS PROBLEMS WERE NOTED. DAVID VAN DAM STATED THAT A LETTER HAD BEEN SENT TO MASS DOT CEO AND MASS HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION REQUESTING THAT WORK BE STARTED ON THE BRIDGE IN 2017 DUE TO EMERGENCY RATHER THAN 2018.
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN TO SEND LETTER TO LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT. AMENDED BY COUNCILLOR MACEK TO INCLUDE GOVERNOR BAKER. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 41Q

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting to introduce Gregory Deschenes, President of Riverside Bradford Baseball League to discuss opening day and the Riverside Bradford League
GREGORY DESCHENES STATED THAT OPENING DAY IS APRIL 22 AT 10AM. THEY HAVE 500 CHILDREN AGES 5-12 IN THE PROGRAM. THIS YEAR THEY STARTED A NEW DIVISION - BUDDY BALL WITH THE FOCUS ON CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 41R

Communication was received from Councillor Bevilacqua requesting a discussion regarding the Carleton Street sewer pumping station and possible backups into neighboring homes
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO DPW DIRECTOR & MR. WARD TO REVIEW THE MATTER AND PROVIDE A REPORT. Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 41S

Communication was received from Councillor McGonagle requesting the removal of a handicap parking space at 25 Auburn Street as it is no longer needed
REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 41T

14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 9-N

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

13 Highland St – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 9N

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

19 Arch Av – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 9O

Document 9-P

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING

17 Vine St. Apt.1 – ESTABLISH HANDICAPPED PARKING

(see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1 9P

April 4 2017

Councillor Barrett announced the Citizen Outreach Committee meeting on April 5 at the Rehoboth Lighthouse Full Gospel Church, 409 Washington Street at 7:00PM. Discussion will be with citizens regarding upcoming FY'18 budget hearings and associated neighborhood concerns.

David Van Dam, Chief of State, gave an update on the Haverhill District Court move to City Hall effective April 3. Only civil cases will be heard here. Criminal hearings will be held in Newburyport. A metal detector system is being used. They are looking into a wand system.

17 DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk