

# City of Haverhill City Council Minutes

## Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, Room 202 4 Summer Street

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
- Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes were approved

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting Councillor Bevilacqua was assigned the minutes

Communications from the Mayor:

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini announcing the retirement of our Veterans Services Director, Michael Ingham effective September 28 2018 and also naming his interim replacement.

VICE PRESIDENT SULLIVAN PRESENTED CITATION TO MR. INGHAM ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR. THE MAYOR APPOINTED JOHN RATKA AS INTERIM VETERANS SERVCIES DIRECTOR. PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini submitting Power Purchase Agreement with Lodestar Energy LLC to allow Haverhill to purchase Solar Credits at a discount whose savings would be applied to our Streetlights Account; Related communication from Orland Pacheco, Haverhill's Energy Advisor, regarding this project

MR. PACHECO INFORMED THAT PROJECTED SAVINGS WOULD BE \$30,000 PLUS. FULL NET METERING CREDIT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE. CITY HAS PREVIOUSLY WORKED WITH LODESTAR ENERGY LLC REGARDING WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WHOSE SAVINGS HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO \$300,000 FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS.

AGREEMENT ACCEPTED & PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Communication from City Economic Development and Planning Director William Pillsbury, submitting an Order to relocate an Easement on Merrimack st to facilitate the construction of the boardwalk MR. PILLSBURY INFORMED THAT SOLICITOR COX WORKED WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ORDERS

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Abstain 3(Sullivan, Barrett, McGonagle)

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ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a certain Grant of Easement from the City to Brigham Circle Trust; relative to real property located in the Herbert H. Goecke, Jr. Parking Deck – Lower Level, Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts, for the purpose of re-locating vehicular parking. Said real property located in the Herbert H. Goecke, Jr. Parking Deck - Lower Level as described in the Grant Easement is hereby declared surplus. (see document for complete text)

**PASSED** Yeas 6, Nays 0, Abstain 3(Sullivan, Barrett, McGonagle) 98B

Communication from City Economic Development and Planning Director William Pillsbury, submitting an Order to relocate an Easement on Merrimack st that was granted to Walcott Corporation to facilitate construction of the boardwalk

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Abstain 3(Sullivan, Barrett, McGonagle)

108B

ORDERED: That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute a certain Grant of Easement from the City to Walcott Corporation, relative to real property located in the How Street Parking Lot, Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts, for the purpose of re-locating Salvation Army donation bins. Said real property located in the How Street Parking Lot, as described in the Grant of Easement is hereby

declared surplus. (see document for complete text) **PASSED** 

Yeas 6, Nays 0, Abstain 3(Sullivan, Barrett, McGonagle)

98C

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# **Councillor Bevilacqua left the chambers**

**6.** Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

Hearing was held on Document 100 - a petition from National Grid and Verizon New England for Joint Pole Location on Boston rd; Plan 22482698. With Paul Osothera from National Grid in appearing in favor. No one was opposed.

Hearing closed. Placed on file

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Bevilacqua)

ORDERED: Joint Pole location on Boston rd to National Grid and Verizon New England (see document

for complete text)

**PASSED** Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 7. Hearings and Related Orders

#### 8. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

Request from Ron MacLeod to address Council in regards to traffic safety on City streets AT THE REQUEST OF MR. MACLEOD, ITEM WAS POSTPONED TO OCT 2 MEETING

POSTPONED TO OCT 2 2018 Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 16H

**9.** Appointments:

**Confirming Appointments:** 

No Schedule

Non-Confirming Appointments

John Ratka, Salem, NH, Interim Veterans Services Director until a permanent Director is appointed PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 17S

**10.** Petitions:

Applications:

Flammable License Application

Application from David Atkins representing owner of land, Tenney Place Apt II LLC requesting flammable license to store 4,000 gallons of Liquid Propane gas to be held in 4-1,000 gallon temporary tanks aboveground at 535 West Lowell av

**COUNCIL HEARING OCT 16 2018** 

Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1(Bevilacqua) 109

#### **Councillor Bevilacqua returned to Chambers**

Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars - renewals:

BayState Limousine - 7 Limos 102 Hale st John J Jalbert

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 110

Callahan Transportation – 1 Livery Vehicle 57 Laurel av , Maureen Callahan

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 110B

Central Wheelchair & Van Transportation – 11 Chair Cars 142 Essex st, 2nd Floor, Phil Rice

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 110C

#### 11. Motions and Orders:

ORDERED: That the State-Election to be held in the several wards in the City on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, 2018; the polls to open at seven o'clock in the forenoon and to close at eight o'clock in the evening, and to be held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of the General Laws and amendments thereto, for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions: (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 91B

ORDERED: Precinct Officers appointed by Mayor for the several wards of the City for 2018 (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 91C

ORDERED: That the sum of \$380,000 be transferred from the General Fund, Salary Reserve to the following Police Salary accounts to fund the Police Officers Salary Ordinance that was submitted on August 7 2018:

Police Salary – Regular \$330,000 Police Salary – Overtime \$50,000

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 34W

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Account
North of Boston Media	\$172.12	Wastewater
AFC Urgent Care	\$284.00	Human Resources
Northeast Digital Imaging	\$285.00	Highway-Brightside
Xerox Corporation (2)	\$174.68	Purchasing

PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0 36G

12.4 Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 255

An Ordinance Relating to Zoning

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 255, §8 – Zoning Map, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Property on Emma Rose Circe, City of Haverhill Assessor's Map 539, Block 43, Lots 10E & 10E-4, also shown on a certain plan filed with a petition from JR Builders Inc, shall be re-zoned from Rural Residential (RR) to Residential Medium (RM)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

COUNCIL HEARING OCT 16 2018 Yeas 9, Nays 0 95B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, as amended, be further amended by making the following change to Section 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions:

Revise Central Business District Parking Map by adding two Service Zones to the south side of Merrimack Street, in front of #132

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0 CHAPTER 240 2D

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

(69 Harrison Street – DELETE Handicapped Park (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

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An Ordinance Relating to Parking

(187 Grove Street-Apt. 2 – DELETE Handicapped Park

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

(25 Currier Avenue – DELETE Handicapped Park

(see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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### **12.** Monthly Reports:

### 13. Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to recognize volunteer City board and commission members with many dedicated years of service to Haverhill PRESIDENT MICHITSON ASKED FOR THE ITEM TO BE PLACED ON FILE SINCE THE LIST WAS INCOMPLETE

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 107I

Communication was received from Councillors Sullivan, McGonagle and Bevilacqua requesting to recognize Veterans Services Director, Michael Ingham for his decades of service to the City of Haverhill VICE PRESIDENT SULLIVAN PRESENTED CITATION TO MR. INGHAM FOR HIS 34 YEAR DEDICATION TO HIS POSITION AS VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR AND COUNCILLORS THANKED HIM. MR. INGHAM GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE CITATION AND THANKED THE CITY FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Communication was received from Council President Michitson requesting to introduce the concept of Haverhill 4.0 – "connecting the dots in public education, economic development and public safety for a leadership role in the 4th industrial revolution"

PRESIDENT MICHITSON GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION CHARTING HAVERHILL'S ECONOMY FROM 1800S TO PRESENT. HIS SUMMIT PROPOSAL IS TO ADDRESS THE VIABILITY OF HAVERHILL 4.0 SCALE UP INSTITUTE. THIS WOULD SCALE UP PRODUCT/SERVICE REVENUE & ECONOMY WITH ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INNOVATION (AMI). IN SPRING 2019 THERE WILL BE A SUMMIT AT UMASS LOWELL HUB AT HARBOR PLACE.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCGONAGLE TO MOVE FOR CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT

Yeas 9, Nays 0

107K

Communication was received from Councillors Sullivan and Barrett requesting to discuss school bus stop Safety.

COUNCILLORS SULLIVAN AND BARRETT INFORMED THAT IN MARCH 2017 A REQUEST WAS SENT TO MAYOR SEEKING IMPROVEMENT IN A NUMBER OF WAYS FOR SCHOOL BUS STOP SAFETY AND WERE LOOKING FOR AN UPDATE ON REQUEST. MR. TIM ROONEY, SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION CO-ORDINATOR, EXPLAINED STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE SAFETY - WORK WITH HAVERILL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HIGHWAY DEPT. & THEIR SITE VISITS TO BUS STOPS. COUNCILLORS OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING VISIBILITY. REQUEST WAS MADE TO HAVE OFFICER POWELL RUN REPORT TO SEE IF CERTAIN LOCATIONS HAD MULTIPLEINCIDENTS AND HANDLE ACCORDINGLY. SUPERINTENDENT MARGARET MAROTTA OFFERED HER SUPPORT.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 107L

Communication was received from Councillor Barrett requesting a discussion regarding parking on Bank rd COUNCILLOR BARRETT INFORMED THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER OF HAMPTON INN HAD CALLED THE CITY COUNCIL OFFICE SEEKING ASSISTANCE WITH PARKING PROBLEM ON BANK ROAD.

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

107M

Communication from Councillor Macek requesting to discuss Micro-paving COUNCILLOR MACEK INTRODUCED HERB BERGH, RESIDENT ON FOREST AVE, TO INFORM ABOUT MICRO-PAVING ON HIS STREET. MR. BERGH PRESENTED PETITION ASKING CITY TO STOP THE USE OF MICRO-PAVING WITH ASSOCIATED PHOTOS OF FOREST AVE AFTER MICRO-PAVING AND SIDEWALKS IN NEED OF REPAIR.\*

### 14. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings:

<u>Document 107-H;</u> Communication from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion concerning the audio and video broadcast quality from the Theodore a Pelosi Jr City Council Chambers Related communication from Darlene Beal, Executive Director of HC Media and Attorney James Cleary, President of HC Media

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO CONTINUE TO OCT 30th COUNCIL MEETING AT REQUEST OF HC MEDIA

CONTINUED TO OCT 30 2018

Yeas 9, Nays 0

107H

#### **15.** Resolutions And Proclamations

## 16. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

City Councillor Colin LePage presented the Minutes and Recommendations of the Administration & Finance Committee meeting that was held on September 19 2018 for acceptance and discussion. Item Doc. 110-U – Communication from Councillor Bevilacqua regarding Citizen Inquiry/request referral system; and Doc. 63-L – Communication from Councillor Macek requesting to discuss need for additional procedure in relation to Public Participation; Review procurement procedures for smaller bids to ensure licensing and permits ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PRESENTED & PLACE ON FILE MINUTES ACCEPTED & PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 8N

Councillor Sullivan announced the Vietnam Veterans Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled for Sept.26 at 7:00pm in room 301 at City Hall.

Councillor LePage announced there will be an Administration & Finance Committee meeting on Oct.3 at 7:00pm in room 204 to discuss citizen inquiry/referral system and the review of procurement procedures for small bids.

Councillor McGonagle announced Rebuilding Together's annual Glow Ball fundraiser on Sept. 28 at Murphy's Garrison Golf Center. Opportunities are available for tee sponsorship.

# 17. Documents Referred To Committee Study

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

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

\*Doc. 107-N – Handout from Herbert Bergh – Petition that Micro-paving system be discontinued immediately and permanently in Haverhill