



CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES- **AMENDED**

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting

Present: President Jordan, Councilors Michitson, Basiliere, Diodati, Sullivan, Ferreira, Lewandowski, Toohey, LePage and Rogers

Remote: None

Absent: Councilor McGonagle

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS HELD FOR MAUREEN FERRIS WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK AFTER A BRIEF ILLNESS. COUNCILOR SULLIVAN OFFERED WORDS OF CONDOLENCES.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

COUNCILOR TOOHEY STATED HE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

PRESIDENT JORDAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR LEPAGE.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- 5.1. Mayor Barrett requests to recognize Fire Chief Robert O'Brien upon his retirement and thank him for his 31 years of fire service 1a

Mayor Barrett and President Jordan and councilors thanked Chief O'Brien for his years of service to the Fire Department. Chief O'Brien thanked everyone for their support. Citations were presented on behalf of the Mayor and City Councilors.

- 5.2. Mayor Barrett submits for approval the amended Haverhill Housing Production Plan 1b

Mayor Barrett, Councilors Michitson, Lewandowski, Diodati, Ferreira, Rogers, Sullivan, and Basiliere, along with Council President Jordan, participated in a discussion of the updated housing plan, which incorporates feedback from prior City Council and subcommittee meetings and support from the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission. Mayor Barrett noted the plan provides Chapter 40B protection, supports funding and grant eligibility, and meets state requirements, while MVPC's Ian Burns reported the city is currently 52 affordable units short of the 10% threshold. Councilors and staff discussed the need for an implementation strategy, infrastructure considerations, housing trust funds, senior housing initiatives, and the importance of state and federal funding, emphasizing that the plan is aspirational in nature and that partnerships and homeownership opportunities are key to advancing affordable housing and generational wealth.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA TO APPROVE THE HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN WITH THE CONDITION FOR A YEARLY PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE PLAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

- 5.3. Mayor Barrett submits an order to appropriate funds for costs related to a feasibility study and schematic design regarding a potential Accelerated Repair Project for a new roof at Golden Hill School



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- 5.4. Order- That the City of Haverhill appropriates the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of paying feasibility study and schematic design costs related to potential Accelerated Repair Project involving a new roof at Golden Hill School located at 140 Boardman Street. 1c

Mayor Barrett addressed the council. She noted \$300,000 comes from free cash for this project. This is a key step in the process, and we will be reimbursed by MSBA approximately 77% of the cost of the roof. Councilor Rogers questioned whether this roof leaks right now. Mayor Barrett stated I believe it does. Councilor Rogers stated we are paying \$300,000 for a schematic design. Mayor Barrett stated I do not make the rules. Councilor Rogers noted she struggles with paying that money for design.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN

PASSED

YEAS 9, NAYS 1, (ROGERS), ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS TO INTRODUCE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

- 7.1. Mike Morales and Paul Bellos wish to address the City Council regarding the ongoing noise issues related to the Bradford Train Station 2a

Paul Bellos (84 Laurel Ave.) and Mike Morales (37 Coachman Ln.) reported severe train noise and vibration near Bradford Station and the Beck/MBTA building, stating that since summer 2024 construction completion, noise has been amplified to 90 dB indoors and over 100 dB outdoors, causing health impacts and hearing loss. Mike Morales urged a noise study and mitigation measures. Councilor Tom Sullivan noted the issue has persisted for 40+ years, cited progress toward relocating the MBTA layover site, and proposed state outreach and a site visit. Councilors Diodati, Lewandowski and Michitson discussed ongoing issues and requested a legal review, with mayoral support, on whether Beck's noise constitutes a major permit modification.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MBTA MAKING THEM AWARE OF TWO ISSUES 1. THE STATUS OF THE MOVING OF THE BRADFORD LAYOVER STATION TO THE AREA OVER AT HILDALE AVENUE 2. TO ENCOMPASS EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WAS SAID HERE TONIGHT IN TERMS OF STUDIES THAT NEED TO BE DONE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THERE HAS BEEN ADDITIONAL IMPACT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS A RESULT OF THE BECK DEVELOPMENT. ALSO, A LETTER TO PERCOPIO ASKING HIM THROUGH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE CITY SOLICITOR IF THEY WOULD ALL GET TOGETHER TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT IF THERE IS ANYTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT THOSE ISSUES THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE BECK DEVELOPMENT, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

- 8.1. Christine Webb, *City Assessor*, submits the abatement report for the month of December 2025 3a



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MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

- 8.2. Angel Perkins, *City Auditor & Chief Financial Officer*, submits the revenue and expense reports through December 2025 3b

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

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

- 9.1. **Doc 99-N** - Petition from *National Grid* and *Verizon*, requesting a joint pole location on South Pleasant St- WR# 31101460

President Jordan opened the hearing.

Alec (inaudible), National Grid 1101 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA addressed the council. He noted we are installing a mid-span pole for liability needs.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

- 9.2. **Doc 99-O**- Petition request from *National Grid* and *Verizon*, requesting a joint pole location on Oxford Ave- WR#31222086

President Jordan opened the hearing.

Alec (inaudible), National Grid 1101 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA addressed the council. He noted we are installing a mid-span pole for liability needs. The pole will be located between pole 20-21.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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- 9.3. **Doc 99-P**- Petition request from *National Grid* and *Verizon* requesting a joint pole location on Salem St- WR#31101453



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Alec (inaudible), National Grid 1101 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA addressed the council. He noted we are installing a mid-span pole for liability needs. The pole will be located between pole 49-40a.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

- 9.4. **Doc 99- Q-** Petition request from *National Grid* and *Verizon* requesting a joint pole location on Salem St- WR# 31101455

President Jordan opened the hearing.

Alec (inaudible), National Grid 1101 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA addressed the council. He noted we are installing a mid-span pole for liability needs. The pole will be located between pole 1-2.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

- 9.5. **Doc 99-R-** Petition from *National Grid* and *Verizon*, requesting a joint pole location on Chadwick Rd. WR#-31101417

President Jordan opened the hearing.

Alec (inaudible), National Grid 1101 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA addressed the council. He noted we are installing a mid-span pole for liability needs. The pole will be located between pole 61-62

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

- 10.1. **Doc 100** – Revocation hearing relative license issued to *Broco Energy* relative to **SPFL-25-2**, due to failure to notify abutters within the statutory deadline



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moved to beginning of hearing

President Jordan opened the hearing.

President Jordan noted this hearing is to revoke what was approved in their increase due to the fact abutters were not notified. This is not a hearing to discuss the merits of whether this project is good or bad.

Robert Brown, owner of Broco Energy. He apologized for the mistake of not notifying abutters. His current representative took a leave of absence, and it slipped through the cracks. He noted the company's commitment to the community and open communication.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition.

Several abutters and neighbors addressed the Council regarding the proposed Broco Energy project. Mike Rousseau of 9 Burke Street cited ongoing safety concerns, noting that Broco Energy already stores fuel in a residential neighborhood and has experienced multiple fires. He described frequent fire truck traffic, including tankers and 18-wheelers, as disruptive to neighborhood streets, sleep, and quality of life, and urged the Council to deny any permits for additional fuel storage before a tragedy occurs. Ken Sear of 7 Norfolk Street stated that his name was not included on the abutters notification despite being the property owner and raised safety concerns based on past incidents. He emphasized the need to ensure the Fire Department has adequate equipment, foam, and apparatus to handle risks associated with oil, propane, and nearby nitrogen before the project proceeds. Robert Rousseau of Amesbury, a former abutter and 40-year neighbor of the project site, stated that no formal safety studies have been conducted and criticized the continued expansion of the business over the years. In response, Bobby Brown, Broco Energy stated that the December 12, 2021 incident resulted in significant safety improvements, including new infrastructure, increased funding, enhanced firefighting resources, and stronger coordination with the Fire Department, noting that while the freight train fire originated outside Lawrence under CSX control, the response improved overall preparedness. Hashem Fayed of Broco Energy echoed Mr. Brown's remarks, acknowledged and apologized for a mistake, reaffirmed the company's commitment to the community, and emphasized ongoing close collaboration with the Fire Department to ensure project safety.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

President Jordan asked council what is your wish.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE THE REVOCATION, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI

Councilor Basiliere stated that he would support the revocation in order to ensure that neighbors are properly heard, citing concerns raised by residents in early December and acknowledging Mr. Brown's accountability. Councilor Lewandowski noted that similar concerns had been raised during a prior permit hearing and acknowledged that while the discussion extended beyond the formal scope of the revocation, it was helpful. She expressed appreciation for the applicant's accountability and thanked the neighbors for their participation. Council President Jordan stated that the matter provided an opportunity to discuss concerns and work toward common ground, noting that in his experience on the Council, better outcomes are achieved when developers actively work with the surrounding neighborhood.



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PASSED YEAAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

President Jordan stated permit revoked.

- 10.2. **SPFL-25-3-Doc97**; JT Couch for Creek Brook CML requests to store 19,000 gallons of Class IIIB edible shortening oil and 5,000 gallons of Class II Diesel Fuel in above ground storage tanks at 30 Creek Brook Dr
Hearing continued from December 16, 2025
Related communication from applicant requesting continuance to February 3, 2026

President Jordan opened the hearing.
President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
PASSED TO CONTINUE TO 2/3/26 YEAAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

- 10.3. **Doc 5-B** -Bill Pillsbury, *Economic Development and Planning Director*, requests Zoning Amendment – Battery Energy Storage System

Continued from December 2, 2025
Related communication from City Solicitor Lisa Mead to continue to January 27, 2026

President Jordan opened the hearing.
President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN
PASSED TO CONTINUE TO 1/27/26 YEAAS 9, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE), ABSTENTION 1 (ROGERS)

11.APPOINTMENTS:

- 11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**
- 11.2. **Non-Confirming Appointments:**
- 11.3. **Constables**
- 11.4. **Resignations**

- 11.5. *Washington Street Shoe Historic District Commission- Sarah LoVasco, effective December 31, 2025* 6a

Mayor Barrett thanked Sarah LoVasco for her time on the commission.



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MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON TO PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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12. PETITIONS:

- 12.1. 12.1 Petition from National Grid and Verizon, requesting joint pole location on Lowell Avenue-WR#31189041 7a
 Hearing -February 10, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR ROGERS, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
 PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

12.2 **Applications Handicap Parking Sign:** *with Police approval*

12.3 **Amusement/Event Application:** *with Police approval*

12.4 **Auctioneer License:**

12.5 **Tag Days:** *with Police approval*

12.6 **One Day Liquor License –with HPD approval**

12.7 **ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:**

12.7.1 Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location –
w/Police approval

12.7.2 Coin-Op License Renewals – with Police approval

12.7.2.1 *GLS Associates, Inc, 7 Parkridge Rd, 8*
 Coin-ops 8a

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
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12.7.2.2 *Crescent Yacht Club LLC,*
 30 Ferry St, 2 Coin-ops 8b

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA
 PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

12.7.2.3 *Demoulas Supermarket, Inc, 2 Water St*
 Unit 1, 1 Coin-op 8c

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA
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12.7.3 Christmas Tree Vendor – with Police approval



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12.7.4 Taxi Driver Licenses 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 *with Police approval*

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/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC

12.7.18 Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars *with Police approval*

13 MOTIONS AND ORDER:

12.2. Order- Pay bills of previous years and authorize payment from the current year departmental appropriation listed: 9a

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>
Hippo Prints	\$675.00	Recreation Department

Total: \$675.00

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

14 ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS):

12.3. Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic; Amend Ch 240, be further amended by ADDING the following to § 240-85 schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions: 10a



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Mayor to appropriate or borrow the sum of up to \$1,110,756.00 for the City of Haverhill, Clement Farm Fields, Land and Water Conservation Fund

This requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Filed December 16, 2025

Mayor Barrett addressed the council. She noted this was presented on December 16th. It did not have the 2/3rds vote due to not being a full council. This is part of the improvements of the Clement Farm. President Jordan stated we are going to get reimbursed a large percentage. Mayor clarified yes, 2/3rds.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

16.3Doc 19-H - Mayor Barrett submits a Loan Order for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant 5.1.1. Order -that the City Council on behalf of the City votes to appropriate and authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Mayor to raise or borrow the sum of up to \$644,564.00 for the Clement Farm Conservation Area improvement project

This requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Filed December 16, 2025

Mayor Barrett addressed the council. She noted this was on December 16th meeting, but it did not have the 2/3rds vote due to not a full council. She noted this is for improvements.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON
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16.4Doc 19-F- Mayor Barrett submits the following Loan Order: 5.8.1. Loan Order to authorize borrowing of \$1,200,000.00 for all costs associated with the installation of a turf field at Trinity Stadium

This requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Continued from December 16, 2025

Mayor Barrett addressed the council. She noted this was on December 16th meeting, but it did not have the 2/3rds vote due to not a full council. She stated the turf is well beyond its years. It is almost now become a safety hazard.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

16.5Doc 111-B - Mayor Barrett submits an Order to enter into a lease agreement for the lease/ purchase of three trucks for the Highway Department 5.7.1. Order- the City Council authorizes the Mayor, pursuant to G.L c 44 sec 21c, to



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enter into a lease agreement for the lease purchase of a Ford F600 Truck, a Ford F450 Truck, and a Ford F450 Truck all with uplifting for the Highway department for a period of four years

This requires a two-thirds majority vote.

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Mayor Barrett addressed the council. She noted this was on December 16th meeting, but it did not have the 2/3rds vote due to not a full council. She stated these items were on the capital improvements list.

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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16.6 Doc 29-E - Mayor Barrett submits an Order for the City Council to accept a gift of land as follows:

16.6.1 Order- that the City Council on behalf of the City votes to authorize the Mayor to acquire, purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise the landing including 41.09 ± acres known as DiBietto Family Land property off West Hadley Road, Merrimac, MA shown on the plan entitled "Plan of Land Merrimac Assessors Map 80 Lots 1-12, 1-12B, 1-13A, 1-12A, 1-6A

This requires a two-thirds majority vote.

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Mayor noted the approval of the proposal, and it benefits the city and water supply protection. City Staff, notably Rob Moore, have worked closely with property owners over time to monitor and potentially acquire land when owners choose to sell.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MICHITSON, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
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Robert Ward noted there are two documents the council has to vote on. President Jordan stated we are going to vote on the order of taken as well.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE
PASSED YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MCGONAGLE)

16.7 Doc 103- City Engineer, John Pettis, submits request that the City accept a portion of *South Park Street* as a Public Way, #134190

This requires a two-thirds majority vote.

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President Jordan asked the Clerk if we need one vote for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city and then we need two separate votes for 16.7 and 16.8. City Clerk Wright stated that is my understanding a vote to authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city and then votes to accept each of the orders-one for South Park and one for Oakwood Terrace.

Authorize Mayor to sign on behalf of the city

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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President Jordan now a motion to accept South Park Street as a public way

MOTION BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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16.8Doc 104- City Engineer, John Pettis, submits request that the City accept Oakwood Terrace as a Public Way, #134193

This requires a two-thirds majority vote.

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President Jordan now a motion to accept Oakwood Terrace as a public way

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16.9Doc 31-G- Mayor Barrett submits the Memorandum of Agreement for the Police Patrolman Association Group

16.9.1 Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and the Police Patrolman Association Group

Mayor Barrett told the council the agreement strengthens police professionalism and public safety through body-worn cameras, improved scheduling, education and language incentives, and a continued focus on training and accountability. President Jordan thanked those involved, supported body cameras for accountability and officer exoneration, raised concerns about mental-health social work coverage, and questioned camera costs; Mayor Barrett responded that a social worker will be refilled January 26, wellness services expanded, 95% of officers are crisis-trained, and grant funding is being pursued, noting storage is the largest expense and regional options are being explored with Rep. Vargas. Councilor LePage commended the Mayor and union and cited personal jury duty experience showing body cameras tell the full story, while Councilor Lewandowski, a former prosecutor, emphasized cameras as ironclad evidence that improves officer safety, the judicial process, and community relations, asking about website transparency; Mayor Barrett said policies will be posted and several steps remain before rollout. Councilor Basiliere detailed extensive research and meetings, highlighted benefits of the 4x4 schedule, education incentives, reduced violence and complaints, and noted that roughly 85% of footage reviews exonerate



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officers, reducing city liability; he confirmed cameras must be implemented within six months of receiving the anticipated grant and supported the contract as improving public safety.

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**16.10 Doc 107-A Ordinance re: Boards and Commissions- Article XX
Agricultural Commission**

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Related communication from Councilor Lewandowski to continue to January 27, 2026

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17 RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

17.7 Mayor Barrett presents the following proclamation:

Recognizing *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* in the City of Haverhill 11a

Vice President Michitson read the proclamation into the record.

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18 COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilor LePage wished his daughter Stefanie a Happy Birthday

19 DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY:

20 LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST:

21 ADJOURN:

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ADJOURNED: 21:33