



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

December 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting

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

Remote: None

Absent: Councilors LePage and McGonagle

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

COUNCILOR MICHITSON STATED HE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MICHITSON TO APPROVE, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN

PASSED

YEAS 9, NAYS 0, ABSENT 2 (LEPAGE AND MCGONAGLE)

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

PRESIDENT SULLIVAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR HOBBS EVERETT

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

5.1. Mayor Barrett, submits an Order to grant an easement to National Grid *related communication from Stephen Dorrance, City of Haverhill Director, Facilities* 91-L

5.1.1. Order – Authorize Mayor on behalf of the City to grant an easement to National Grid for the installation of an underground electric distribution system at 685 Washington st, for the new Consentino School 76-D

MOTION BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY, SECOND BY COUNCILOR ROGERS

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

6.1. Vice President Jordan and Councillor Lewandowski request to introduce Firefighters Ryan Fairbanks and Tim Carroll to provide the Council with an update on the five-year staffing plan for the Fire Department

COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI INTRODUCED TIM CARROLL AND RYAN FAIRBANKS ABOUT THE PHENOMENAL GAINS IN THE OPERATION OF OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE LAST YEAR AND THE PATH FORWARD AFTER THE GRANT MONEY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO US.

TIM CARROLL, UNION PRESIDENT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. HE STATED WE FIRST CAME IN 2019 WITH STATION REPAIRS, THEN WENT TO A RESCUE TRUCK AND TWO ENGINES. HE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL GOT ONBOARD WITH WHAT WE WANTED TO ACCOMPLISH. HE STATED IN 2021 WE CAME WITH A STAFFING PLAN ON HOW TO GET A SECOND LADDER TRUCK AND TWO STAFFING POSITIONS. HE NOTED ONE POSITION HAS BEEN PUT INTO OUR CONTRACT AND THE OTHER ONE IS NOT CONTRACTUAL YET. HE STATED WE ARE HERE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN GETTING US HERE.

COUNCILOR BASILIERE STATED WE NEED AN ENGINE ON ROUTE 97 AND WOULD YOU AGREE THAT IT SHOULD NOT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HIGH STREET STATION

TIM CARROLL STATED THAT IS CORRECT. IT IS THE BUSIEST APPARATUS WE HAVE IN THE CITY.

COUNCILOR ROGERS STATED I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO ASK YOU.



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TIM CARROLL STATED THE FIRST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE THE RETENTION GRANT. HE NOTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE APPLYING FOR THAT. HE STATED WE NEED THE LADDER TRUCK BUT WE ALSO NEED AN ENGINE ON ROUTE 97. THIS IS SOMETHING WE SHOULD TRY AND GET AHEAD OF NOW.

COUNCILOR ROGERS ASKED THAT IS YOUR DEPARTMENT? IS THERE ANY UPDATE ON LAND ON ROUTE 97.

TIM CARROLL STATED ITS OUR DEPARTMENT, CITY COUNCIL, UNION AND MAYOR. HE STATED THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE TALKED ABOUT, THOUGHT ABOUT. I KNOW THE CHIEF IS DOING THAT AND I AM NOT GOING TO SPEAK FOR HIM. THE UPDATE ON THE LAND IS A CHIEF QUESTION.

RYAN FAIRBANKS ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL AS UNION SECRETARY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE STATED THAT THEY ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL. HE NOTED IF QUESTIONS CAME ABOUT OF WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE EASIEST THING TO DO IS LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF 2022 AUDIT. HE STATED AS I STAND HERE TODAY ONLY ONE POSITION HAS BEEN CODIFIED IN THE CONTRACT. IN THE NEXT BUDGET WE COULD LOSE A LOT OF THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE. HE STATED GRANTS WILL EVENTUALLY RUN OUT LIKE THE 4.1 MILLION DOLLARS THAT GOT US 16 FIREFIGHTERS.

TIM CARROLL INTRODUCED THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILOR MICHITSON NOTED THAT OVER 10 YEARS AGO WE HAVE MADE UP A LOT OF GROUND WITH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. HE STATED THE DROUGHT AND THE FIRES FROM THAT HAS PROVEN THE NEED FOR THE ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT TO PAY FOR THE ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS WILL HAVE TO BE SUPPLEMENTED AND HAVE A LONG RANGE PLAN. HE ALSO STATED THAT WE HAVE TO FOCUS MORE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

COUNCILOR FERREIRA STATED THANK YOU FOR BEING AN ADVOCATE. SHE ASKED IF THE CITY'S GRANT WRITERS COULD HELP WITH THE FUTURE GRANT WRITING.

MAYOR BARRETT STATED I HAD A MEETING TODAY WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AUDITING DEPARTMENT ABOUT HOW WE COULD HELP WRITE THEIR GRANT. SHE NOTED THAT THEY ARE HOPEFUL, THEY CAN GET MORE FUNDING THROUGH GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR POSITIONS AS WELL. SHE NOTED IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT, THE CHIEF CAN ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THE 97 LAND IS GOING THROUGH THE STATE, MULTIPLY DEPARTMENTS HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON WHETHER THEY DO OR DON'T NEED IT. SHE STATED WE WILL PURSUE THAT; I AM COMMITTED TO THAT.

COUNCILOR HOBBS EVERETT STATED I WANT TO THANK YOU BOTH FOR YOUR SERVICE. SHE STATED AS A NEW COUNCILOR I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE DEPTH OF WHAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES AND WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS NEEDS WERE. SHE WISHED GOOD LUCK TO BOTH FIREFIGHTERS.

PRESIDENT SULLIVAN STATED IT'S NOT EASY BEING A LEADER. HE STATED I THINK YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB. HE ALSO STATED I KNOW I HAVE TRIED TO CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT IN SMALL WAYS. HE EXPRESSED THAT HE IS REAL HAPPY WITH THE WHOLE MOOD AND VIBE BETWEEN THE MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN STATED THANK YOU FOR YOUR ADVOCACY. HE NOTED IT'S A TESTAMENT TO ALL FOR WHERE WE ARE NOW, WHICH IS LIGHT YEARS AHEAD OF WHERE WE WERE. HE STATED WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CHIEF, MAYOR AND STATE DELEGATION WITH WHATEVER WE CAN DO FROM AN ADVOCACY STANDPOINT THAT WE DO GET THE LAND AND WE CAN BUILD THAT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

**8.1. Christine Webb, Assessor, submits the abatement report for the month of
November 2024**

**MOTION BY COUNCILOR MICHITSON TO ACCEPT, RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR ROGERS
PASSED**

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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:



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11.APPOINTMENTS:

- 11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**
- 11.2. **Non-Confirming**
- 11.3. **Constables to expire December 31, 2024**
- 11.4. **Resignations:**

12.PETITIONS:

- 12.1. **Applications Handicap Parking Sign:** *with Police approval*
- 12.2. **Amusement/Event Application** – *pending departments approval*
- 12.3. **Auctioneer License:**
- 12.4. **Tag Days:** *with Police approval*
- 12.5. **One Day Liquor License** – *with License Commission & HPD approval*
- 12.6. **ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:**
 - 12.6.1. **Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location** – *w/Police approval*
 - 12.6.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals** – *with Police approval*
 - 12.6.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor** – *with Police approval*
 - 12.6.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2024:** *with Police approval*
 - 12.6.5. **Taxi/Limousine License** *with Police approval*
 - 12.6.6. **Junk Dealer /Collector License** *with Police approval*
 - 12.6.7. **Pool/Billiard**
 - 12.6.8. **Bowling**
 - 12.6.9. **Sunday Bowling**
 - 12.6.10. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles** *with Police approval*
 - 12.6.11. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing**
 - 12.6.12. **Pawnbroker license** - *with police approval*
 - 12.6.13. **Fortune Teller** *with - Police approval*
 - 12.6.14. **Buy & Sell Old Gold** – *with Police approval*
 - 12.6.15. **Roller Skating Rink**
 - 12.6.16. **Sunday Skating**
 - 12.6.17. **Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC**
 - 12.6.18. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars** *with Police approval*



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13.MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 13.1. Order – Authorize payment of bill(s) of the previous years and to further authorize the payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Ambient Temperature Corp	\$1,865.06	Wastewater Dept
SFE Energy	\$ 17.51	Citizens Center
Total: \$1,882.57		

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

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14.ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

- 14.1. Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic; No Parking on Stone st, North side,
entire length File 10 days

MOTION BY COUNCILOR ROGERS, SECOND BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN

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15.COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

16. UNFINISHED BUISNESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:

17.RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18.COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

19.DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20.LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21.ADJOURN:

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR ROGERS

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ADJOURNED: 19:27