



CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/ugp-pbdk-qmm>

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

Remote: None

Absent: Councilors Michitson, McGonagle and Lewandowski

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright

Asst. City Clerk: Rose Leonard Flynn

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

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

PASSED YEAS 8, NAYS 0, ABSENT 3 (MCGONAGLE, MICHITSON, LEWANDOWSKI)

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

PRESIDENT JORDAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR ROGERS

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

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

6.1. Councilor Rogers wishes to introduce Craig Riley who is seeking a home rule age waiver petition for the position of Firefighter in the City of Haverhill

6.1.1. Order – Home Rule Petition authorizing Craig Riley to take the Civil Service Exam for the position of Firefighter in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement 5-f

Craig Riley addressed the council. He explained why he is requesting a home rule petition.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR ROGERS TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI

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7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28:

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

8.1.1. Chris Loughnane, *City Assessor*, submits monthly abatement report for the month of March 2026 3-G

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO RECEIVE AND PLACED ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE

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8.2. Lisa DeMeo, *City Engineer*, request to open the roadway for a new gas main on Alvanos Drive; which requires National Grid to excavate in the right of way

8.2.1. Order - Approve the request to excavate on Alvanos Drive 23-D

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

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8.3. Lisa DeMeo, *City Engineer*, request to open the roadway to cut off the gas service on Chadwick Road in order to demolish the water pump house building, which requires National Grid to excavate in the right of way



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8.3.1. Order- Approve the request to excavate at 207 Chadwick Road 23-E

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

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

10.1. Doc 5-B of 2025- Bill Pillsbury, Economic Development and Planning Director,
requests Zoning Amendment- Battery Energy Storage System

Continued from March 17, 2026

Continue hearing to May 19, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN CONTINUE UNTIL 5/19/26, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI
PASSED YEAS 7, NAYS 0, ABSENT 3, (MCGONAGLE, MICHITSON, LEWANDOWSKI), 1 ABSTENTION (ROGERS)

11. APPOINTMENTS:

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

12. PETITIONS:

12.1.1. SPWD-26-1 - Attorney Robert Harb for South Grove Street Owner, LLC.
requests major site plan approval to add one additional residential unit on the property
located at 2 South Grove St in the Waterfront District – F subzone to enable applicant
to renovate an existing storage and community area in an existing building on the
property into a new 2-bedroom rental unit 21-C

Hearing scheduled for May 12, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO HEAR ON 5/12/26, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
PASSED YEAS 8, NAYS 0, ABSENT 3 (MCGONAGLE, MICHITSON, LEWANDOWSKI)

- 12.2. Applications Handicap Parking Sign: *with Police approval*
- 12.3. Amusement/Event Application: *with Police approval*

12.3.1. EVNT-26-5 - Jeff Grassie for *Haverhill Farmers Market* requesting to
hold the Farmers Market 9 AM to 1 PM every Saturday from June 20 to October 31 at
the Bradford Common and requests any additional fees be waived 29-B

Jeff Grassie addressed the council. He stated the Farmers Market will be held at Bradford Common from June –
October with 55 vendors, features live music, kid’s activities, popular reptile show. The farmer’s market is supported
by generous sponsors and volunteers and offers ample parking. He noted he can be reached by email at



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jeffgrassie1966@gmail.com. He stated WIC and EBT are offered through the farms. Councilors Diodati, Sullivan and President Jordan praised Jeff and Team Haverhill for all their efforts.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR DIODATI, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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- 12.3.2. **EVNT-26-6** - Dustin MacIver for *Haverhill Garden Club* requesting to hold the Haverhill Garden Club’s Annual Plant Sale on Saturday May 16th from 8 AM to 12 PM at the Bradford Common and requests any additional fees be waived 29-C

Tina Gotham addressed the council. She thanked the council for allowing the plant sale.

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- 12.4. **Auctioneer License:**
- 12.5. **Tag Days:** *with Police approval*

- 12.5.1. **TAGD-26-8-;** *Haverhill High School Girls Lacrosse Team,*
May 9, 2026 14-G

MOTION BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY, SECOND BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA
PASSED YEAS 8, NAYS 0, ABSENT 3 (MCGONAGLE, MICHITSON, LEWANDOWSKI)

- 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**
 - 12.7.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor – with Police approval**
 - 12.7.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses: 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 Secondhand Articles with Police approval**
 - 12.7.11. **Buy & Sell Secondhand Clothing with Police approval**
 - 12.7.12. Reverend Christopher Wallace for *All Saints Parish,*
120 Bellevue Ave 16-b

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN FOR APPROVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE
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- 12.7.13. Pawnbroker license - with police approval
- 12.7.14. Fortune Teller with - Police approval
- 12.7.15. Buy & Sell Old Gold – with Police approval
- 12.7.16. Roller Skating Rink
- 12.7.17. Sunday Skating
- 12.7.18. Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC
- 12.7.19. Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars with Police approval

13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS):

15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS:

- 15.1.1. Vice President Michitson and Councilor Ferreira submit the summary of minutes and recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee held on March 30, 2026, for acceptance and approval 18-0

Councilor Ferreira read the summary of minutes into the record.

Councilor Roger stated that she wanted to clarify, as the meeting had been somewhat confusing. She emphasized that she does not agree with many of the recommendations listed and wanted that noted for the record. She further explained that Councilor Michitson had asked for the items to be sent to the Water Department for review and for their input on whether any should be recommended. She stressed that she does not want all of these bullet points automatically forwarded and then returned. Instead, she wants only those items that the Water Department recommends to be brought back for further consideration.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA TO PLACE ON FILE AND APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN PASSED YEAS 8, NAYS 0, ABSENT 3 (MCGONAGLE, MICHITSON, LEWANDOWSKI)

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

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

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>	<u>HOURS/ DAYS</u>
Research Drive: Both sides, between Creek Brook Dr, & Broadway	No Parking	24-hours

Filed March 25th

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN FOR APPROVAL, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY PASSED YEAS 8, NAYS 0, ABSENT 3 (MCGONAGLE, MICHITSON, LEWANDOWSKI)

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

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>	<u>HOURS/ DAYS</u>
Middlesex St:		

