



## CITY OF HAVERHILL

### CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

#### In-Person/Remote Meeting

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Present – President Jordan, Councilors Barrett, Bevilacqua, Sullivan, Michitson, Lewandowski, McGonagle, Rogers, and Toohey  
City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

#### 1. OPENING PRAYER

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jordan announced Vice President Michitson to address the Council and public for a moment of silence for former longtime colleague, Bill Macek.

Vice President Michitson: “Haverhill suddenly lost a dedicated public servant last week when Bill Macek, Haverhill’s longest serving City Councillor in its history, passed away. He earned the title of Dean of the City Council by being a stickler for formal government and sharing his vast knowledge accumulated over three decades as a city leader. Bill always did his homework and spoke out on the key issues from a well-informed position with conviction and most importantly he was always a gentleman. I was honored to attend his funeral last week and see how proud his family is of him. They know that he is one of a kind. Bill made the City Council in Haverhill a much better place. We need to find an appropriate dedication for him in our city so that he is always remembered. Please join us in a moment of silence to honor Bill Macek.”

Christine Lindberg also extended her sorrow at the loss of Bill. I was only here for a few months in this position, but Bill immediately took me under his wing, showed me the ropes, taught me everything I needed to know to deal with Council and do my job. I could not be more grateful and honored to have worked with him. So sad that we have lost him. Also want to convey the Mayor’s sorrow, his regret at this passing and that the Mayor does want to work with the Council and plans on meeting with each of you individually to discuss an appropriate memorial for Bill and he also wanted to work with the Macek family to make sure that anything we do is in accordance with their wishes.

Councilor Bevilacqua wanted to follow-up on Vice President Michitson suggestion of a memorial. The Rosemont Street bridge will be replaced and would move to ask Mayor and appropriate city departments to review the bridge be named to honor Bill Macek.

President Jordan agreed with Ms. Lindberg to let the Mayor reach out to the family. Does feel it is a good idea though.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

*Motion by Councilor Michitson to approve April 11, 2023, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED*

*All in Favor*



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

Councilor Lewandowski assigned minutes.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:**

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

- 6.1. President Jordan requests to introduce Don Jarvis who would like to talk about "Disrupting the Stigma" a free community discussion on mental health, being held on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:30 PM at the AMVETs in Haverhill. 19-O

Don Jarvis thanked the Council for having him to talk about his upcoming community discussion. Lost a dear friend to suicide and felt a discussion was warranted and needed. Thanked all those who helped him get this together so quickly. Have 7-8 panelists speaking that evening about mental health and suicide. Hoping will be an annual event. Anyone who attends will get a free pasta dinner. Personally invited all Council members to attend on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

- 6.2. Councilor Sullivan wishes to introduce Maureen McGonagle from *Rebuilding Together Greater Haverhill* to talk about the upcoming *National Rebuilding Together Day* on Saturday, April 29, 2023 19-P

Councilor McGonagle recused himself and left the chambers.

Maureen McGonagle addressed the Council giving information on National Rebuilding Together Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Nine projects this year, starting at 7 AM with breakfast then head to projects. Requesting Council to waive all permit fees and to ask for the recycling center on Primrose Street to stay open until 2:30 PM.

*Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Bevilacqua*

*PASSED fees waived*

*Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (McGonagle)*

- 6.3. Councilor Barrett wishes to introduce Zachary Sindoni of the *Second Chance for Sight Foundation* about their upcoming axe throwing and cornhole tournament fundraiser on Saturday, May 6, 2023 19-Q

Zach Sindoni appeared before the Council. A family tragedy where his wife and mother-in-law were viciously attacked in Haverhill two years ago, leaving his mother-in-law blinded made him realize there are not many organizations for people who lost sight overnight due to trauma. He started nonprofit organization for individuals who have lost sight due to extreme situation or trauma. They are



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having fundraiser on Saturday, May 6 at Wicked Axe. Second Chance for site webpage for signup, tickets, and more information at [secondchanceforsight.com](https://secondchanceforsight.com).

- 6.4. President Jordan requests to introduce Jeff Grassie to update the Council on the upcoming season for the *Haverhill Farmer's Market* including their new location at the Bradford Common 19-R

Jeff Grassie appeared before the Council for permission to run the Haverhill Farmer's Market. Moving to Bradford Common this 15<sup>th</sup> year. Opening day is June 24 and runs to October 28, 9am-1pm at 10 Church Street. Parking will be on Rte. 125 and Salem Street. Will put a banner at Geoke Deck so people will know new location. Asking Council to waive fees.

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Toohey*  
*PASSED All in Favor*

- 6.5. Councillor Lewandowski requests to introduce Dr. John Maddox to discuss the upcoming *Herren Speaking Event* at *Hunking School* on May 2, 2023 sponsored by HPS Wellness Committee 19-S

Councilor Lewandowski introduced Dr. Maddox and Megan Arivella, District Coach of Health and Wellness, to talk about event at Hunking School on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Maddox appeared before the Council stating good timing for this event. Upcoming School Committee meeting has an agenda item sponsored by Rich Rosa about Youth Cannabis Misuse report.

Megan Arivella very excited to have Chris Herren at the Hunking School on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will take questions after his talk. There will be follow-up resource tables some attending include NFI, Lahey Behavioral, Merrimack Valley Prevention Substance Abuse Project, Samaritans of the Merrimack Valley, YMCA, Learn to Cope, Haverhill Police, the Nan Project, Emmaus Heart, and Care Counseling along with Haverhill counselors. Participants will get a raffle ticket and tickets will be sold. There will be a survey to fill out. Also planning on follow up after the event. Focusing on substance abuse with grant money. May is wellness month. Transportation portion was stopped due to lack of interest. Tickets can be purchased with QR Code on flyer, also walk-ins welcome.



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#### 7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

#### 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

8.1. John Pettis, City Engineer submits request and Order for permission to open the following roadways: 69 Gile st; Permit EROM-23-2 and 416 Groveland st; Permit EROM-23-3 45

8.1.1. Order – Council approve request to excavate 69 Gile st and 416 Groveland st for installation or abandonment of underground utilities 45-B

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Toohey*  
*PASSED Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1*

8.2. Robert Ward, DPW Director submits information and Order for City to approve and accept the Conservation Restriction (CR) granted to City for parcels of land known as “Meserve Woods” 46

8.2.1. Order – Authorization Vote for Acquisition of Meserve Woods  
Conservation Restriction for land containing 53.8 acres, more or less; granted to City from Kenneth & Karen Meserve Custeau 46-B

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Barrett*  
*PASSED Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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

#### 10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

10.1. Document 28; Application for Special Permit CCSP 23-1 from Attorney Migliori for applicant Snow Cassell LLC to build a 3-family residential building at 10-12 Eighth ave; Map 612, Block 496, Lot 12

#### President Jordan opened the special permit hearing.

Attorney Michael Migliori representing Snow Cassell, LLC. with offices are located at 280 Merrimac Street in Methuen. Here this evening with Mr. Snow and Mr. Cassell for request for a special permit to construct a three-family home at 10-12 Eighth Avenue.



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

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President Jordan closed the special permit hearing.

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan to move for passage with all department recommendations, second by Councilor McGonagle.*

Councilor Sullivan comments included asking for some form of landscape to soften entrance and look from the street.

Attorney Migliori stated they would agree with that.

Councilor Barrett also agreed with Councilor Sullivan and also likes that the condos will be for home ownership.

***President Jordan: Original motion to approve with all department conditions by Councilor Sullivan, second by Councilor McGonagle***

City Clerk Wright: Councilor Michitson-yes, Councilor Barrett-yes, Councilor Bevilacqua-yes, Councilor Sullivan-yes, Councilor Lewandowski-yes, Councilor McGonagle-yes, Councilor Rogers-yes, Councilor Toohey-yes, President Jordan-yes 9 Yeas, 0 Nays

**President Jordan: That PASSES.**

#### 11. APPOINTMENTS:

11.1. **Confirming Appointments:**

11.1.1. *Board of Registrars of Voters* – Mary Ellen Daly O’Brien, 28 Lilac Lane  
To Be Confirmed

*Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Sullivan*

**PASSED**

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

20-E

11.2. **Non-Confirming:**

11.3. **Resignations:**

#### 12. PETITIONS:

12.1. Hearing request – CCSP-23-2: from Karen Pollastrino for applicant 85 Water Street Redevelopment, LLC, for property located at 85 Water st that is the Waterfront zoning district. Owner requests to build a multi-family dwelling with 113 residential units (previously CCSP-21-12, withdrawn without prejudice)

Council Hearing June 27, 2023



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*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Toohey*

*PASSED to be heard June 27, 2023*

*All in Favor*

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- 12.2. Hearing request – CCSP-23-3 Attorney Michael Migliori representing 7-13 Kenoza Ave., LLC; property currently zoned as Commercial Central (CC) requesting to rezone to residential commercial mix zone, to build a 14-unit residential building at 3 Kenoza av combined with 7 Kenoza av; Map 204-48-1 and 204-48-2A Council Hearing July 11, 2023

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED to be heard July 11, 2023*

*All in Favor*

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- 12.3. Applications Handicap Parking Sign: *with Police approval*

- 12.4. Amusement/Event Application - *with Police approval*

- 12.4.1. EVNT 23-15, Maryellen Powers for *Haverhill Garden Club* requesting permission for annual plant sale at Bradford Common, 10 Church St, on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and also requests fees be waived

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Rogers*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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- 12.4.2. EVNT 23-13 Jeff Grassie for *Creative Haverhill* requesting permission for Haverhill Farmers Market at Bradford Common, 10 Church St, to operate every Saturday from June 24 to October 28 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and also requests fees be waived

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Toohey*

*PASSED*

*All in Favor*

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- 12.4.3. EVNT 23-10 Richard Ouellette of *Crescent Yacht Club* requesting permission for 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Canoe Race at *Crescent Yacht Club*, 30 Ferry St, on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and also requests fees be waived

*Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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- 12.4.4. EVNT 23-17 Kim Kazanjian-Dandurant of Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Pointe/ACYOA requesting permission for a choral ensemble concert at



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*Armenian Apostolic Church at Hye Point, 1280 Boston Rd, on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 11:00 PM and also requests fees be waived*

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED fees waived*

*Yeas 8, Nays 0, Absent 1*

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12.5. **Auctioneer License:**

12.6. **Tag Days:** *with Police approval*

12.6.1. *Riverside Bradford Baseball, May 19, 20 & 21*

*Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Rogers*

*PASSED*

*All in Favor*

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12.7. **One Day Liquor License:**

12.8. **Annual License Renewals:**

12.8.1. **Hawker Peddlers License 2023 - Fixed location** – *with approvals*

12.8.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals** – *with Police approval*

12.8.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor** – *with Police approval*

12.8.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2023:** *with Police approval*

12.8.4.1. Wisvel Joseph, 43 Greenough st

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED*

*All in Favor*

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12.8.5. **Taxi/Limousine License** *with Police approval:*

12.8.6. **Junk Dealer License** *with Police approval*

12.8.7. **Pool Tables**

12.8.8. **Sunday Pool**

12.8.9. **Bowling**

12.8.10. **Sunday Bowling**

12.8.11. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles** *with Police approval*

12.8.12. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing**

12.8.13. **Pawnbroker license**

12.8.14. **Fortune Teller** - *pending Police approval*

12.8.15. **Buy & Sell Old Gold**

12.8.16. **Roller Skating Rink**

12.8.17. **Sunday Skating**

12.8.18. **Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC**

12.8.19. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars** *with Police approval*

### 13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:



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- 13.1. Order – Pay bills of previous years and authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>
Lepore, K-EMT Reimbursement	\$2,050.00	Fire Department
Global Industrial	206.94	School Department
Ameresco	16,883.00	School Department
Justice Resource Institute (4)	32,595.55	School Department
WB Mason	94.00	Human Resources

*Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor McGonagle*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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- 13.2. Order – transfer \$456,000 from Water Distribution Improvements Capital to Water Treatment Plant Upgrades for the final payment on the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

*Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Barrett*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

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#### 14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

#### 15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

- 15.1. Council Vice President Michitson, Councilor Sullivan and Councilor Lewandowski request an update from FFI on Opioid Abuse and Cannabis Impact Prevention and Treatment contract and update from Mayor on Eliot's Community Behavioral Health Center services and facility in Haverhill 8-S

Vice President Michitson introduced NFI as contractor for services and will give an update.

Kim Boisselle gave a presentation on the NFI cannabis prevention, education and treatment program with updates of activities completed to date. Contract with the city was signed. Hired Abigail Welch as a clinician and two other clinicians in the process of being hired. Reposted Program Director position due to lack of applicants. Working closely with Mary Connelly and other city departments.



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Christine Lindberg, Chief of Staff, updated Council on Eliot's Community Behavioral services. Eliot has two locations, one in Lynn and one in Danvers. They serve 24 communities in Danvers and are looking for a larger location to service communities. Bradford location is too small to provide services and locating to upgrade that facility. Mayor will work with them to find a location. Haverhill is one of the larger service communities. MassHealth reimburses the services they provide. Eliot is having difficulties with private insurances reimbursing for services. Ideally would like offices expanded in Haverhill. Mayor's office was not aware of service issues and requested more outreach. Will have another meeting next week.

#### 16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

- 16.1. Document 8-O; Council President Jordan requests the Council vote on the recommendations from the salary/compensation review committee, which was continued from the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting

President Jordan gave quick review on item stating Councillor Rogers originally made motion for a salary review, Mayor suggested it go back to Council for a committee, he put together a committee. Researched and modelled what was done by the Mayor seven years ago. The committee included Haverhill Bank Tom Mortimer, Allison Heartquist, Alex Eberhardt, Lisa Marzilli and Graciela Trilla. Survey from last time recommended increases and also discussed health insurance benefits, they were divided so left for City Council to discuss. Also recommended to review every four years. It has been seven years and hopefully will be reviewed every four years.

Thomas Mortimer addressed the Council. He explained the process of how the committee reviewed the salaries and benefits with data against similar cities. Recommendations are Mayor salary at \$150K, Council and School Committee stay the same, and remove the health care benefit as soon as practicable.

President Jordan commented a Mayor is effectively the CEO of a \$240M company, and a salary of \$110K is incredibly low. Having read the recommendation, which is solid, I am ready to vote on this tonight. I will not vote to send to committee.

*Motion by Councillor Rogers to separate vote of Mayors salary increase from Council and School Committee, second Councillor Bevilacqua*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 9, Nays 0*

*Motion by Councillor Sullivan to send entire scope and recommendations from the committee and Mayor to A&F for further vetting, second Councillor Barrett*

*PASSED*

*Yeas 8, Nays 1 (Jordan)*



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### **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 Councilor Sullivan, Second Councilor Barrett

PASSED

All in Favor

Adjourned

20:59