



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 29, 2019
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

3. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The minutes were approved

Yeas 9, Nays 0

4. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Councillor McGonagle was assigned the minutes

5. Communications from the Mayor

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to introduce John Cuneo, Director of Community Action, Inc who will give an update to the City Council on Haverhill’s Transportation Alliance’s findings and recommendations

GEORGE MORIARTY INFORMED THAT DIRECTORS OF SERVICE AGENCIES GOT TOGETHER TO SEE WHAT BARRIERS EXIST FOR CITY RESIDENTS UNABLE TO MEET THEIR TRANSPORTATION NEEDS. THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE ATTLEBORO/TAUNTON RIDE REFERRAL PROGRAM. BRAD HOWELL, TRACY FULLER AND JOHN CUNEO REVIEWED THE FINDINGS*. THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY COST BETWEEN \$50-\$70K WITH A START TIMEFRAME OF FIRST 6 MONTHS OF NEXT YR. ONE POSSIBLE REVENUE SOURCE IS THE HALE HOSPITAL TRUST FUNDS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR DALY O’BRIEN TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR TO INQUIRE ABOUT USE OF HALE HOSPITAL TRUST FUNDS

Yeas 9, Nays 0

20N

Related communication from Council President John Michitson regarding the proposed Ride-Referral Program from Haverhill Transportation Alliance.

REFERRED TO MAYOR & PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

112

6. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:

7. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s)

Hearing was opened on Document 103, a petition from MA Electric Co d/b/a National Grid for pole location on Hilldale av to provide new electric service at #1437 – Plan 28677506. With Paolo Sethler from National Grid appearing in favor. No one was opposed.

Hearing closed. Placed on file

103

ORDERED: Grant National Grid Pole location on Hilldale av for new electric service (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

103B

Hearing was opened on Document 104, a petition from MA Electric Co d/b/a National Grid requesting underground electric conduit location on Washington st – to provide electric service to a new building at 181-215; Plan 25621479. With Paolo Sethler from National Grid appearing in favor. No one was opposed.

Hearing closed. Placed on file

104

ORDERED: To excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits to new building 181-215 Washington st (see document for complete text)

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

104B

8. Hearings and Related Orders

9. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28:

Application from Stephanie Lesiczka, 49 Corliss Hill rd requesting to speak regarding review of private contractor snow plow rates for the 2019-2020 season

MS. STEPHANIE LESICZKA ADVOCATED FOR INCREASE IN PLOW RATES. SHE DISTRIBUTED HANDOUT WITH CURRENT RATES FROM LAST YEAR’S INCREASE AND PROPOSED RATES FOR 19-20 SEASON.* SHE HAS NOT MET WITH THE CITY TO DISCUSS RATES.

LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 9, Nays 0

2C

On motion of Councillor Macek to suspend the rules to review the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce’s application for the annual Christmas Stroll.

RULES SUSPENDED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

MS. MELISSA SEAVEY, EVENTS COORDINATOR, REVIEWED THE PARTICULARS. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 6 FROM 5-8pm WITH CITY STAGE SET UP IN WASHINGTON SQ.* COUNCILLOR MACEK INFORMED THAT THE APPLICATION WAS APPROVED BY THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE AND POLICE DEPTS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO APPROVE APPLICATION WITH STATED REQUESTS

FEES WAIVED AND ALL REQUESTS GRANTED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

113

10. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments

Non-Confirming Appointments:

11. Petitions:

Drainlayer License for 2019:
Brendan Larkin – renewal

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 10X

12. Motions and Orders:

13. Ordinances (File 10 days)

14. Monthly Report

Preliminary financial reports for the month of July from Charles Benevento, City Auditor
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 33J

Preliminary financial reports for the month of August from Charles Benevento, City Auditor
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 33K

15. Resolutions and Proclamations

Proclamation – *Extra Mile Day* November 1st
ADOPTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 39K

16. Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Melinda Barrett requesting to introduce Tammy Dobrosielski to speak on Wreaths Across America.

MS. DOBROSIELSKI, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, INFORMED THIS IS THE 3RD YEAR OF THE PROGRAM AT HILLDALE CEMETERY. THE WREATH LAYING CEREMONY FOR VETERANS WILL BE HELD ON DEC. 14 AT 12NOON. LAST YEAR 1.8 MILION WREATHS WERE LAID AT MORE THAN 1400 LOCATIONS WORLDWIDE. WREATHS ARE \$15. TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT MS. DOBROSIELSKI AT 978 305-2239*. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH LAYING OF WREATHS

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112B

Communication was received from Councillor Jordan requesting to introduce Team Haverhill President Kevin Burke to promote Team Haverhill’s “Bowling for Books” event being held on Saturday, November 2nd at Academy Lanes bowling alley.

MR. KEVIN BURKE INFORMED THAT THE EVENT TAKES PLACE AT ACADEMY LANES FROM 2-5PM. THE READ AND THRIVE BOOK DRIVE IS NOV.3 – DEC 3. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED.

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112C

Communication was received from Councillor Jordan requesting to introduce Megan Shea and Allison Field of the Haverhill Rotary Club to discuss the Club’s Annual Veterans’ Breakfast being held on Thursday, November 7th from 7:30 – 9:30 am at the Haverhill Country Club

MS. MEGAN SHEA INFORMED THAT REP. LINDA DEAN CAMPBELL WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER. TICKETS ARE \$25 WITH FREE TICKETS FOR VETERANS. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO VETERANS.* ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT www.haverhillrotary.com

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112D

Communication was received from Councillor Colin LePage requesting a discussion pertaining to previous requests for an Order creating a stabilization fund for revenues received from Licensed Marijuana Establishments

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE INFORMED THAT HE IS WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM THE MAYOR LETTER TO MAYOR Yeas 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (McGonagle) 112E

Communication was received from Councillor William Macek requesting a discussion on the current Winter Parking Ordinance

COUNCILLOR MACEK ADVOCATED FOR CHANGE FROM ODD/EVEN SIDE MONTHLY PARKING TO NIGHTLY CHANGE AND FOR REVIEW OF ORDINANCE. COUNCILLOR BARRETT ADDED THAT THERE IS A CITIZEN OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 14. TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. MS. LESICKA AGREED WITH CHANGE TO NIGHTLY INSTEAD OF MONTHLY

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112F

Communication was received from Councillor Michael McGonagle requesting to refer a request for No Parking signs on a portion of Oakwood Terrace to Traffic and Safety Committee

REFERRED TO TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 112G

Communication from Councillors Macek and Daly O’Brien requesting a discussion about establishing a new City policy or Ordinance that would set up guidelines for all City Departments to follow, so that materials, goods, supplies and services are purchased from Haverhill businesses unless there are extenuating or emergency circumstances

COUNCILLORS DALY O’BRIEN AND MACEK SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED TO GIVE LOCAL VENDORS PRIORITY WHEN PURCHASING ITEMS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO SET PRIORITY FOR PURCHASING FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SPEAK WITH CITY SOLICITOR & PURCHASING AGENT Yeas 9, Nays 0 112H

Communication was received from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua requesting to introduce recognition of volunteers serving Haverhill

COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SPOKE ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF CREATING A CIVILIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS REGISTRY

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA SEND LETTER TO MAYOR TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING REGISTRY OF VOLUNTEERS

On motion for passage, the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas – Councillors Sullivan, Bevilacqua, Barrett, LePage and President Michitson 5

17. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting

Document 100-Y: Communication from Councillor Michael McGonagle requesting a status update on the Mayor’s Hunting Committee

SHAWN REGAN, MAYOR’S OFFICE, INFORMED THAT THE MAYOR WILL HOLD HUNTING COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOV. 20TH

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

100Y

Document 100-Z: Communication from Councillors McGonagle and Macek requesting to discuss establishing an Ordinance to guarantee the earmarking of money received by the City from sale or auction of tax title property so that it will be used solely for the purpose of Historic or Conservation Real Property that will benefit the City

COUNCILLOR MACEK INFORMED THAT SALE OF LAND/PROPERTY FROM TAX TITLE IS REQUIRED TO GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND; NON TAX TILE REAL ESTATE IS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO GO INTO A SPECIAL FUND. CURRENTLY OVER \$858K IN ACCOUNT. ONLY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CAN APPROPRIATE THOSE FUNDS

PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0

100Z

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor McGonagle announced the Veterans Alliance Breakfast Fundraiser on Nov. 3, 9-11am at the Amvets on Primrose St.. Veterans and seniors are free of charge.

Councillor Daly O’Brien announced there will be no City Council meeting next week due to the Municipal Elections.

19. Documents Referred to Committee Study

Meeting adjourned 9:16 o’clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc. 20-N – Handout from John Cuneo – Proposed Ride-Referral Program

*Doc. 112-B – Handout from Tammy Dobrosielski – Wreaths Across America flyer

*Doc. 112-D – Handout from Megan Shea – Veterans Day Awards Breakfast flyer