



City of Haverhill
City Council Minutes
Tuesday, March 30, 2021
4 Summer Street
Theodore Pelosi Jr. City Council Chambers, Room 202
In Person and Remote

Present – President Barrett, Councillors LePage, Bevilacqua, Michitson, Sullivan, Jordan, and Daly O’Brien.
Councillors McGonagle and Macek participated remotely.
City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

President Barrett read the following statement: This meeting of the Haverhill City Council is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the “COVID-19 Virus”.

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor’s Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible *physical* location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely and live so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. This meeting will feature public comment.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Baker issued an Emergency Order temporarily suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec. 18. Public bodies otherwise governed by the OML are temporarily relieved from the requirement that meetings be held in public places, open and physically accessible to the public, so long as measures are taken to ensure public access to the bodies' deliberations "through adequate, alternative means."

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 Sullivan was assigned the minutes
5. Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Fiorentini requests to give an update on Haverhill’s efforts regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis along with Councillor Daly O’Brien.
Mayor Fiorentini informed that we now have 100 deaths due to covid. We’ve vaccinated a quarter of the population and is not happy with the numbers in the Latino community. On April 19 everyone is eligible for vaccine 16+ years. The state will have a state run testing site in Haverhill by mid-April. We have a rise in positivity rate but deaths are decreasing. He urged the public to stay vigilant. Vaccines are being given at the citizens center, 1,200 a week. As a state, 19% of population has been vaccinated. Visit GLFHC.ORG website for vaccines. Councillor Daly O’Brien added there is a rise in cases in teens and 30 years old. she stressed the importance of following the guidelines.

Communication from Mayor Fiorentini requesting to introduce Gabe Shapiro and representatives of All In Energy, which is launching a campaign to promote residential energy efficiency savings through targeted promotion of the MassSaves program, especially to lower income populations in the City. Mayor Fiorentini will make a presentation and Community Development Division Director Andrew Herlihy, will be available for any questions as well.

GABE SHAPIRO GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION. MASS SAVES IS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL GRID. THIS IS A NO COST ENERGY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM. THE GOAL IS TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION 10-15% FROM 20017-2019 PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS FULLY BILINGUAL. MS. TATIANNA SURIEL READ THE PROGRAM FLYER INTO THE RECORD. CALL 978 237- 4530 MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9-5; HAVERHILLSAVES.ORG OR HAVERHILLAHORRA.ORG, INFOAALLINENERGY.ORG. ANDREW HERLIHY INFORMED THERE IS 100% REFUND FOR INSULATION FOR RENTERS. COUNCILLORS LEPAGE AND JORDAN INFORMED THAT THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO DO SO. MANY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES. THE CITY CAN RECEIVE GRANT FUNDING WHEN THE PROGRAM REACHES A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

PLACED ON FILE

Request from All In Energy to hang Banner on Goecke Parking Deck – Main st; April 19 to May 3 2021
pending insurance bond

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 37
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR JORDAN TO
SEND LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING THAT HE RE-ESTABLISH SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE Yeas 9, Nays 0 37

6. Communications from Councillors to introduce an individual(s) to address the council:

7. Public Participation- Requests under Council Rule 28

8. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees:

Communication from Captain Robert Pistone, Haverhill Police Department, reporting that the appointment only business restriction for *Full Harvest Moonz*, located at 95 Plaistow rd, will be lifted as of March 20, 2021; with the Fire Chief, City Engineer and Police Chief reserving the right to reestablish appointment only business restrictions should the need arise to address public safety and or inconvenience issues.

CAPT. PISTONE INFORMED THAT THE CITY OF HAVERHILL POLICE CHIEF, FIRE CHIEF AND CITY ENGINEER REVIEWED THE SITE AND DO NOT FORSEE ANY NEGATIVE PUBLIC SAFETY OR PUBLIC INCONVENIENCE ISSUES AT THIS TIME. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW CHANGES IN OPERATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR JORDAN THAT LICENSED MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS SEEKING TO CHANGE CONDITIONS OF THEIR PERMITS, MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING OUTLINING SPECIFIC CHANGES THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TO THE CITY COUNCIL THROUGH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. AT THAT TIME, THE REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE POLICE DEPT., FIRE DEPT AND ENGINEER FOR APPROVALS AND COMMENTS. Yeas 7, Nays 1(Bevilacqua) Abstain 1(McGonagle) 38

Communication from Chance Lee Joyner, Head of Youth Services, Haverhill Public Library; requesting permission to post our "Trail Tale" along the Haverhill Riverwalk Boardwalk during the Spring and Summer months; to be posted on the far side of the river between Haverhill Heights & the Landmark Building
CHANCE JOYNER ASKED PERMISSION TO HAVE STORY PANELS PLACED ON THE RAILINGS OF THE RIVERWALK BOARDWALK THIS YEAR SIMILAR TO WHAT THEY DID LAST YEAR
ALONG THE RAIL TRAIL

GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 39

Communication from William Pillsbury, Economic Development & Planning Director submitting Resolution for approval relative to new building construction, capital investment and job creation project for Edwards Vacuum Technologies on Creek Brook Drive in the Broadway Business Park and TIF Agreement
MR. PILLSBURY INFORMED THAT THE CITY WORKED WITH THE MASS. OFFICE OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST EDWARDS VACUUM TECHNOLOGIES TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY. THEY WILL BUILD A 150,000 SQUARE FOOT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER THAT WILL BRING 200 JOBS TO HAVERHILL AND POTENTIALLY ADDING ANOTHER 50 JOBS. THE 5 YEAR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) PROGRAM IS SIMILAR TO OTHER INDUSTRIES THAT WE HAVE OFFERED FINANCING.

PLACED ON FILE 40

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HAVERHILL MASSACHUSETTS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO
THE EDIP PROGRAM (see document for complete text)

RESOLVED Yeas 8, Abstain 1(Bevilacqua) 6F

9. Utility Hearing(s) and Related Order(s):

Petition from National Grid for Pole and Wire Location Hearing to place 1 pole & two anchors on Crosby St. Ext to provide electric service to two new homes on Crosby St. Ext.

COUNCIL HEARING APRIL 13 2021 Yeas 9, Nays 0 41

10. Hearings and Related Orders:

Document 24; CCSP-21-3; Attorney Paul Magliocchetti submits application for a special permit hearing for the owner/applicant David O'Leary, Boston Haverhill, LLC to create a 7-lot subdivision consisting of 6 lots for Triplex townhouse style condos and 1 lot for an existing single-family home of Mr. O'Leary at 1240 Boston rd; Favorable conditional recommendation from William Pillsbury, Economic Development & Planning Director

ATTORNEY MAGLIOCCHETTI SUBMITTED LETTER DATED MARCH 30, 2021 REQUESTING TO CONTINUE HEARING TO APRIL 27 DUE TO HIS BEING RESTRICTED BY A COVID 19 QUARANTINE AND ADDITIONAL TIME TO MEET WITH NEIGHBORS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS. LETTER READ INTO RECORD BY CITY CLERK.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MICHITSON TO CONTINUE TO APRIL 13, DUE TO CONFLICT WITH REQUESTED DATE WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR DALY O'BRIEN. ATTORNEY MAGLIOCCHETTI AGREED TO THIS DATE.

CONTINUED TO APRIL 13, 2021. Yeas 9, Nays 0 24

11. Appointments:

Confirming Appointments:

Cultural Council, Mark Nystedt, 3 Beacon st, Apt. 4; Effective immediately with appointment to expire March 30 2022
CONFIRMED Yeas 9, Nays 0 13C

Non-Confirming Appointments

Harbor Commission – William Laliberty; Effective immediately with appointment to expire March 30, 2022
PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 1J

Community Affairs Advisory Board – reappointments to expire Dec 31, 2021

Sharon Sullivan, 20 Westminster av
Anne Vlack, 60 Hancock st
Sheila Callahan, 27 15th Avenue
William Lapierre, 1 Hanscom av
Robin Delnegro, 375 Main st, Apt #1
Hartell Johnson, 215 Wilson st
Lourdes Lopez, 97 Chadwick st
Juliet Sithole-Berk, 150 Wilson st

PLACED ON FILE Yeas 9, Nays 0 1K

12. Petitions:

Petition from Peter Mills, First Church of Christ, Bradford, announcing preliminary plans/discussions regarding the possibility to once again hold a *free* music series for the public on Bradford Common on Friday nights from July 9th to August 20th starting at 6 PM; being held abiding by all state/local COVID guidelines
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO APPROVE REQUEST WITH CONDITION THAT COVID GUIDELINES BE FOLLOWED

GRANTED Yeas 8, Abstain 1(Barrett) 42

Petition for Special Permit CCSP 21-6, from Kyle Tornow for client RISE Construction for restoration of existing 7-story building at 86 Essex st; to have 42 rental apartments & ground floor will have some commercial space in Downtown Smart Growth Overlay

COUNCIL HEARING MAY 11 2021 Yeas 9, Nays 0 43

Applications Handicap Parking Sign – renewals

Kimberly Bradley, 13 Highland st
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 2H

Maryleen Gobiell, 136 High st
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 2I

Jose Nieves Ugarte, 342 Washington st
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 2J

Annual License Renewals:

Coin-Op License Renewals 2021

Market Basket, 2 Water st – 2 Machines & 2 Sunday
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 8E

Drainlayer License for 2021 - with City Engineer approval
Ralph Meola- *new*
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 19N

William Sawyer - *renewal*
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 19O

Taxi Driver Licenses for 2021

Taxi License/ Limo/Livery:
Grace Limousine, LLC – Michael Campbell, 25 Bond st
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 44

Junk Dealer License
Robert Brown for 81 Hale st - *new*
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 45

Pawnbroker license
House of Pawn, Aidria Torres for 24 Emerson st – *renewal*
GRANTED Yeas 9, Nays 0 46

13. Motions and Orders

14. Ordinances (File 10 days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE
An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

CHAPTER 240

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, § 240-85, Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions, as amended, be and is hereby further amended by deleting the following:

Curtis Street: In front of #37	No Parking (except for 1 24 -hour Parking space)	24 hours	
PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days		Yeas 9, Nays 0	3E

15. Communications from Councillors:

Communication from Councillor LePage requesting a discussion on City’s plan and progress to become an age-friendly community
ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE TO POSTPONE TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED AS THIS ITEM WAS PLACED ON THE AGENDA INADVERTENTLY
PLACED ON FILE

Yeas 9, Nays 0 27S

Communication from Councillor Michael McGonagle requesting removal of handicap parking spaces at 157 Franklin st and 24 Fifth av as they are no longer needed
REFERRED TO ENGINEER FOR ORDINANCES

Yeas 9, Nays 0 27T

Communication from Councillor Michitson requesting to address that portion of \$1.9 trillion relief fund to subsidize broadband service providers for providing internet service to low-income households in Haverhill (COMCAST)

COUNCILLOR MICHITSON STRESSED THE NEED TO LEVERAGE FUNDING FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO PROVIDE INTERNET SERVICE TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. HE EXPLAINED THE HIGH SPEED INTERNET ESSENTIALS PROGRAM OFFERED BY COMCAST FOR \$9.95 PER MONTH. ALSO, THAT SCHOOLS AND NON-PROFITS CAN NOW SPONSOR INTERNET CONNECTION FOR FAMILIES.

PLACED ON FILE 27U

Communication from Councillor Joseph Bevilacqua to recognize National Social Work Month for recognition of the essential work social workers do in our City for our residents and City well-being
PLACED ON FILE

27V

Communication from Council President Barrett and Councillors LePage, Michitson and Jordan requesting a discussion regarding the City’s utilization and allocation plan for funds to be received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021

COUNCILLOR LEPAGE LISTED CATEGORIES OF FUNDING THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE WITHIN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AS OUTLINED BY THE MASS MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION. HAVERHILL WILL BE RECEIVING OVER \$38.3 MILLION. COUNCILLORS SUGGESTED POSSIBLE USES FOR THE FUNDS.

MAYOR FIORENTINI INFORMED THAT THIS IS NOT AN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. THE MONEY CAN NOT BE USED TO BALANCE THE BUDGET. THE ONLY INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS ALLOWED IS WATER/SEWER. HE WILL PUT TOGETHER A WORKING GROUP WITH A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT HEADS. HE HAS ASKED MIKE STANKOVICH TO TAKE CHARGE OF THIS GROUP AND THAT THE DEPT. OF TREASURY WILL ISSUE GUIDELINES IN 60 DAYS. MIKE STANKOVICH SPOKE ABOUT THE RESEARCH HE IS DOING REGARDING THE ACT.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR LEPAGE WITH SECOND FROM COUNCILLOR BEVILACQUA TO SEND LETTER TO MAYOR REQUESTING THAT HE SCHEDULE A MAYOR/COUNCIL CONFERENCE TO REVIEW SPENDING ONCE THE GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED.
LETTER TO MAYOR

Yeas 9, Nays 0 27W

16. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting:

Document 30-B:
MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240
An Ordinance Relating to Vehicles and Traffic

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that the Code of the City of Haverhill, Chapter 240, § 240-85, Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Curtis Street: From its intersection with Arch Street Easterly to end, both sides PASSED	No Parking	24 hours	
		Yeas 9, Nays 0	30B

Document 27-G; Communication from Councillors Michitson, Jordan and President Barrett and Vice President LePage requesting an update and plan ahead for CARES/equivalent funding; continued from March 2nd meeting

ANDREW HERLIHY, DIVISION DIRECTOR, CDBG, GAVE A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF CARES ACT ALLOCATION AND SPENDING AS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL. INITIALLY THE CITY OF HAVERHILL RECEIVED \$5,646,348 WHICH WAS TO BE SPENT BY DECEMBER 30, 2020. THEN THE DEADLINE WAS EXTENDED TO DEC. 30, 2021. *
PLACED ON FILE

27G

17. RESOLUTIONS and PROCLAMATIONS:

18. Council Committee Reports and Announcements:

Councillor Sullivan announced there will be a Natural Resources and Public Property Committee meeting on March 31st at 6PM in the Theodore Pelosi Council Chambers. This will be a hybrid meeting. Topic to be discussed is Bow Hunting Tree Stands. The meeting will be posted by HC Media shortly after meeting.

19. Documents referred to committee study

20. Long term matters study list

Meeting adjourned 9:35 o'clock P.M.

Yeas 9, Nays 0

Attest: Linda Koutoulas
City Clerk

*Doc 27-G – Andrew Herlihy PowerPoint Presentation – CARES Act