



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday April 29, 2025, at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting

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

Remote: None

Absent: Councilor LePage

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

COUNCILOR HOBBS EVERETT STATED SHE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR HOBBS EVERETT TO APPROVE AND PLACE ON FILE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE
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4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

PRESIDENT SULLIVAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR MICHITSON

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

5.3 Mayor Barrett requests to introduce Paul Cote and present a

Proclamation for the *2025 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period*

5.3.1 Proclamation – *2025 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period* –

March 23rd to April 30th, 2025

45-E

Paul Cote, a resident of Amesbury, addressed the council about motorcycle safety and road concerns, noting that Haverhill has the highest number of registered motorcycles in Essex County. He gave statistics of motorcycle incidents. Arlene Willett shared a tragic story of her son who was killed by a texting driver to emphasize the dangers of distracted driving.

Councilors McGonagle, Michitson and Jordan thanked Paul for the awareness of Motorcycle safety.

Mayor Barrett read the proclamation into the record.

6.1 Council Vice President Jordan, Councilors Lewandowski, Lepage and Ferreira request to introduce Pat Corr from the *Bradford Swim Club* and Eridania Nieves and Leydi Diaz Breton from GEMS to share with the Council the impact that the grants from the Youth Services & Mental Health had on their organizations and to discuss the future of the YS & MH account now that there is longer ARPA money to fund it. 13-J

Patrick Corr, representing Bradford Swim Club addressed the council. He thanked the city for its support through grants that funded swim lessons for children and certified lifeguards, mostly local teenagers. These initiatives aim to improve water safety and prevent drownings. He expressed gratitude for the city's investment in these lifesaving programs.

Eridania Nieves, representing GEMS addressed the Council. Showed a brief presentation slide. Our program provides a safe supportive space for girls to grow, lead and thrive. This March we cohosted our first young woman's leadership conference, reaching over 100 girls.

Leydi Diaz Breton addressed the council. She shared how the youth mental health grant supported impactful programs for young girls. Activities included: health and nutrition education, leadership



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conferences, community service. She introduced two young girls who spoke about their experience with the program.

Mayor Barrett stated she strongly supports the program, and its long-term impact on the youth and community and commits to continued funding.

Councilors voiced strong support for the programs highlighting their role in mental health and leadership. They feel it is important to sustain the funding and praised the youth presenters. This is a commitment the councilors want to continue and grow support for.

**5.1. Mayor Barrett along with President Sullivan and Councillor
Lewandowski request to introduce Captain Andrea Fogarty to discuss
enforcement of local Pet Waste Ordinances** 12-J

Captain Andrea Fogarty, Haverhill Police Department addressed the council. She stated there are ongoing concerns about animal related issues in the downtown area. To tackle these problems a multipronged approach began. Animal control officers visited downtown apartment buildings, distributed educational letters, and established direct lines of communication with property managers. This has improved reporting and targeted enforcement, Coordination with DPW to ensure waste dispensers are maintained. Increased enforcement in key areas like Swasey's Field and the stadium. Continued patrols, public cooperation and property management support are expected to improve compliance.

The Councilors expressed gratitude towards the Police Department for working with downtown business owners on quality of life issues around the dog waste management. They praised the efforts of volunteers who have collected a significant amount of dog waste. Councilor Ferreira suggested more dog waste disposal options. Councilor McGonagle suggested creating a hotline for reporting offenders. There was an overall sentiment of addressing the issue through education, resources and enforcement.

**5.2. Mayor Barrett submits an Order authorizing the City Council to
accept a gift of \$100.00 for the *Volunteer Luncheon* at the *Citizen's
Center from Wingate Residences at Haverhill* to the *Council on Aging
Department***

**5.2.1 Order – Accept a gift of \$100.00 from *Wingate Residences at
Haverhill* for the *Volunteer Luncheon* to Council
on Aging Department** 35-I

Mayor Barrett stated thank you to the Wingate Residences for the generous donation.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED

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5.3 / 5.3.2 MOVED TO BEGINNING OF AGENDA

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

6.1. MOVED TO BEGINNING OF AGENDA

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- 6.2. As a follow up to the last Council meeting, Vice President Jordan, Councillors Ferreira and Michitson invite a representative from Procopio to provide a status update on *The Beck* development in Bradford 13-K

Vice President Jordan read into the record a letter from the Procopio Company dated 4/28/25.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

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

- 9.1. Petition from *National Grid* of North Andover, requesting to construct a line of underground electric conduits on Main st – WR#31071447
Hearing June 3, 2025 62

MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT JORDAN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR ROGERS

PASSED

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10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

- 10.1. Economic Development and Planning Director, William Pillsbury requests a Zoning Amendment Hearing for the following:

- 10.1.1. **Document 5**; Zoning Amendment – Battery Energy Storage Systems

- 10.1.1.1. **Document 5-B**; Ordinance re: Zoning – add a new section 7.9 Battery Energy Storage Systems
filed 1/9/2025

Continued from March 18, 2025

President Sullivan stated we have a request to continue this until June 3rd.

President Sullivan opened the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO CONTINUE TO JUNE 3RD, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED CONTINUE TO JUNE 3RD

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11. APPOINTMENTS:

- 11.1. **Confirming Appointments**

- 11.2. **Non-Confirming Appointments:**

- 11.3. **Constables**

- 11.4. **Resignations:**

12. PETITIONS:

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



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12.2. Amusement/Event Application: with Police approval

12.3. EVNT 25-9; *Boys & Girls Club of Greater Haverhill*, to hold *Walk-A-Palooza* to raise support and awareness for the organization via a 1.2 mile walk through downtown Haverhill, followed by a celebratory gathering in the *TD Bank* parking lot (directly behind the *Boys & Girls Club* building) with kids' activities, music and food. Event to be held May 3rd, 10 am to 1 pm., at 0 Bailey blvd and they are also requesting to have any additional fees waived. 26-G

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE TO APPROVE AND WAIVE FEES, SECOND BY COUNCILOR ROGERS
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12.4. EVNT 25-8; Alex Nirgianakis requests to hold a Greek Cultural Event – Concert at the *Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church*, 156 Winter st, May 2nd, from 8pm to 12 am 26-H

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12.4.1. EVNT 25-2; Eliot Martin, Manager for *Marzae LLC*, requests to hold a wine fair at *Whittier Birthplace*, 305 Whittier rd, July 20th, from 11 am to 5 pm
pending License Commission approval 26-I

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12.5. Auctioneer License:

12.6. Tag Days: with Police approval

12.6.1. TAGD 25-11; *HHS Girls Lacrosse*, May 10th 8-K

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12.7. TAGD 25-12; *HHS Volleyball*, May 17th & 18th 8-L

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12.8. One Day Liquor License – with License Commission & HPD approval



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12.9. **ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:**

12.9.1. **Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location – w/Police approval**

12.10. Nicholas Soter to sell Italian Ice at *Riverside Park*, 176 Lincoln av; from 9 am to 9pm daily *pending issuance of mobile food permit per Health Dept* 63

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

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

12.10.3. **Taxi Driver Licenses for 2024: with Police approval**

12.10.4. **Taxi/Limousine License with Police approval**

12.10.5. **Junk Dealer /Collector License (renewal) – with Police approval**

12.11. Michael Marc-Aurele, *Viking Recycled Materials Inc*, 115 Hale st 64

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12.11.1. **Pool/Billiard**

12.11.2. **Bowling**

12.11.3. **Sunday Bowling**

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

12.11.5. **Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing with Police approval**

12.11.5.1. Reverend Christopher Wallace for *All Saints Parish*, 120 Bellevue av

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12.11.6. **Pawnbroker license - with police approval**

12.11.7. **Fortune Teller with - Police approval**

12.11.8. **Buy & Sell Old Gold – with Police approval**

12.11.9. **Roller Skating Rink**

12.11.10. **Sunday Skating**

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



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

13.MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 13.1. Order – authorize Mayor on behalf of the City of Haverhill to grant an Easement to *National Grid* for the installation of an underground gas distribution system at 685 Washington st, for the new *Consentino Middle School* 65

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- 13.2. Order – authorize Mayor on behalf of the City of Haverhill to grant an Easement to National Grid for the installation of overhead electrical distribution system at 685 Washington st, for the new *Consentino Middle School* 65-B

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14.ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

15.COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS:

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:

- 16.1. Document 11-F; Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic, Add Handicap Parking at 51 Arch st *filed April 10, 2025*

MOTION BY COUNCILOR ROGERS TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE
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- 16.2. Document 49-B; Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic, No Parking on Bridge st, both sides entire length *filed April 10, 2025*

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- 16.3. Document 31-B; MOA between the *Library Group – Teamster Local 170* and the *City of Haverhill* *filed April 10, 2025*

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17.RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18.COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councilor McGonagle wanted to thank the Council, Mayor, volunteers, Nick at DPW, Community Development, Inspectional Services for the help with Rebuilding Together Greater Haverhill on Saturday.
- President Sullivan stated Earth Day has been rescheduled to this Saturday at 8:30 at, the skating rink. We will meet there to collect supplies before heading to the work locations.

19.DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

20.LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

21.ADJOURN:

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

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