City of Haverhill



City Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 PM

City Council Chambers, Room 202

Present – President Michitson, Councillors Scatamacchia, Barrett, Macek, Ryan, Sullivan, Daly O’Brien, and LePage.

Absent – Councillor McGonagle

City Clerk – Linda L. Koutoulas

1. Approval of Records of the Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved.

1. Assignment of the minutes review for the next Meeting

Council Vice President Scatamacchia was assigned the minutes.

PRESIDENT MICHITSON ANNOUNCED THAT THE MAYOR HAD DECLARED A SNOW EMERGENCY EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, FEB 4TH STARTING AT 11:00PM TO THURSDAY MORNING 8:00AM

1. Communications from the Mayor

No Schedule

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

No Schedule

1. Appointments

Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Non-Confirming Appointments:

No Schedule

Resignations:

No Schedule

1. Petitions

Petitions:

Request was received from John J. Guerin, Jr. on behalf of Opportunity Works, Inc., to hang a

banner announcing the “30th Annual Lend-a-Hand Auction” from February 10th to February 13th on the

Goecke Parking Deck and also requests the $200.00 fee to hang the banner be waived.

MR. GUERIN, DIRECTOR OF OPPORTUNITY WORKS CAMPAIGN FUND, SPOKE ABOUT THE

EVENT.

GRANTED Yeas 8, Absent 1 22

Application was received from Joyce Kramer on behalf of Katydid Foundation, Inc for a Handicap

Parking Sign at 21 Columbia pk

REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 8, Absent 1 5-D

Application was received from Herbert Bergh for a Handicap Parking Sign at 15 Forest av

REFERRED TO PLANNING Yeas 8, Absent 1 5-E

Petition was received from Kevin McCarthy requesting to address Council regarding Demolition

Orders for his properties at 18 Warren st and 2 Tyler av and ask that the Demo Orders be either rescinded or

stayed until the new owners are able to go through the appropriate channels.

**Councillor Ryan recused himself and left the Chambers**.

KEVIN MCCARTHY, 164 GOLDEN HILL AVE, STATED THAT HE HAD TWO BUYERS FOR THE

PROPERTIES. ONE WAS A CONVENTIONAL LOAN THE OTHER A CASH BUYER.

RICHARD OSBORNE, BUILDING INSPECTOR STATED THAT HE GAVE MR. MCCARTHY A LIST

OF THINGS THAT HAD TO BE DONE TO KEEP THE BUILDINGS FROM BEING DEMOLISHED AT

THE DEMOLITION HEARING. ALSO, THE BUILDINGS WERE NOT SECURE AND THAT HE WAS

SUPPOSED TO BRING IN THE PURCHASE & SALES AGREEMENTS WHICH HE DID NOT DEPUTY

CHIEF LALIBERTY STATED THAT THE 18 WARREN ST PROPERTY WAS LEGALLY RETURNED

TO THE OWNER OF RECORD ONCE THE FIRE INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK NOT TO TAKE ACTION.

PASSED Yeas 7, Absent 1, Abstain 1 105AA

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**Councillor Ryan returned to the Chambers**.

Applications:

Tag Days:

Haverhill High Baseball , Feb 21, 22, & 23

GRANTED Yeas 8, Absent 1 20-Z

Annual License Renewals:

The following Drainlayer License Renewals 2014 were granted:

Brian Atkinson 6-R

Richard Golen 6-S

Charles Zaher 6-T

GRANTED Yeas 8, Absent 1

Coin-Op License Renewals 2014:

No Schedule

Coin-Op Sunday License Renewals 2014:

No Schedule

1. Hearings and Related Orders:

Document 95, Petition was received from Paul Arsenault, contractor for 12-13 High st Realty Trust,

requesting a Special Permit for 7 Unit Building Rehab on 12 High st ; Plat 515, Block 295, Lot 3– to make

7 rental units.

There was a related communication dated January 31, 2014, from Attorney William S Faraci

representing Kerri L Fronduto, Trustee of the 13 High st Realty Trust, owner of record of the real estate at

12 & 13 High st; submitting a revised set of floor plans showing probable layout of the 7 units requested with

a related communication from William Pillsbury, Economic Development & Planning Director regarding the

late filing of the new floor plans and recommending to postpone the Hearing to allow a review by the City

Departments of the revised plans.

THE HEARING WAS NOT OPENED. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION WITH ATTORNEY FARACI WHO STATED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY AND THAT THE OWNERS WERE GOING FORWARD WITH THE SPECIAL PERMIT. THE COUNCIL WAS NOT SURE THAT THE PROPOSED PLANS CONSTITUED A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE AND WANTED THE PLANNING BOARD AND DEPARTMENTS TO REVIEW THE PLANS.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MACEK TO REFER TO PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND CITY DEPARTMENTS AND POSTPONE TO MARCH 25.

On the question of passage the yeas and nays were as follows:

Yeas,-Councillors Scatamacchia, Barrett, Macek , Sullivan, Daly O’Brien, LePage and President Michitson 7

Abstain,-Councillor Ryan 1

Absent, Councillor McGonagle 1

REFERRED TO PLANNING AND POSTPONED TO MARCH 25, 2014 95

1. Motions and Orders

Ordinances (File 10 Days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Establish 1 Handicap Parking Space – 50 Howard St. (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days 12D

Ordinances (File 10 Days)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Establish 1 Handicap Parking Space – 103 Bellevue Ave. (see document for complete text)

PLACED ON FILE for at least 10 days 12E

1. Unfinished Business of preceding Meetings

Document 12-B

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 240

An Ordinance Relating to Parking

Establish 1 Handicap Parking Space1 Tremont St. (see document for complete text)

PASSED Yeas 8, Absent 1 12B

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1. Communications and Reports from City Officers and Employees

Monthly Reports:

No Schedule

Communications from Councillors:

Communication was received from Councillor Macek requesting a discussion about handicap parking

COUNCILLOR MACEK WANTED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC FOR THOSE WITH HANDICAP PLACARDS/LICENSE PLATES AND THOSE WITH DISABLED VETERAN PLATES THEY ARE ALLOWED TO PARK AT METERS FOR AN INDEFINTE PERIOD OF TIME AND DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING AND CAN STAY BEYOND THE POSTED TIME LIMITS.THEY ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO PARK IN A HP PARKING SPACE AS LONG AS THE SPACE IS A LEGAL PARKING SPACE.

PLACED ON FILE 9-D

Communication was received from Councillor Michitson requesting to have Robert Ward, Deputy DPW Director, give an update on the Haverhill Landfill Closure and Combined Sewer Outflow projects.

POSTPONED TO FEB 11, 2014 9-E

Communications from City Employees:

No Schedule

1. Resolutions and Proclamations

No Schedule

1. Council Committee Reports and Announcements

Councillor Ryan expressed his appreciation to Representative Brian Dempsey, University of Lowell, local officials, Haverhill Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, for the announcement of $18million project at the Woolworth building. It will be a satellite campus for UMASS Lowell with restaurants and retail shops.

Council Committee Reports:

No Schedule

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 o’clock P.M. Yeas 8, Absent 1

Attest: *Linda Koutoulas*

City Clerk