



CITY OF HAVERHILL

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Theodore A. Pelosi, Jr. Council Chambers, 4 Summer St., Room 202
In-Person/Remote Meeting

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

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jordan asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Jean Ray.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Minutes to be approved next meeting

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councilor Sullivan assigned the minutes.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- 5.1. Mayor Fiorentini requests to honor and thank the *Haverhill Garden Club* and *Haverhill's Brightside* for their tremendous and valuable contributions to making Haverhill better and beautiful

Mayor Fiorentini honored Haverhill's Garden Club and Brightside thanking them for the volunteering for beautifying city hall, citizens center and all throughout the city. Presented the Garden Club with the Mayor's Beautification Award. Also presented the Mayors Beautification Award to Brightside Chairperson Lynda Brown. 103

- 5.2. Mayor Fiorentini requests to honor and thank *Pentucket Players* with the Mayor's Creative Economy Award for their tremendous and valuable contributions by fostering creativity and artistic talents in Haverhill

Mayor Fiorentini presented a new award, The Mayor's Creative Award, to John Buzzell of Pentucket Players in recognition of your dedication in making a significant impact to the citizens of Haverhill. 103-B

- 5.3. Mayor Fiorentini submits Agreement to Terminate Certain Parking License Agreements ("City-MSO Agreement") *Related communication from City Solicitor William Cox Jr*
Councilor Bevilacqua recused himself and left the chambers. 103-C

- 5.3.1. Order - authorize Mayor to execute Termination of Parking License Agreements with Merrimack st Ventures, LLC; Additional Agreements for Parking Mitigation on the Merrimack st Area

City Solicitor Cox appeared before the Council stating before them tonight is an order with an agreement which is necessary for the Lupoli development taking place on Merrimack Street. The city entered into two parking license agreements with Merrimack St Ventures LLC which is the entity that controls Harbor Place and the building next to it and the lot next to that. In 2014 we gave them use of 198 spaces in the parking deck. They only use about 70 spaces. Important to all parties to come to an agreement in terms of terminating license and what will happen after that. They will



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surrender their rights and in place we have agreed to sub mitigation efforts. Details in agenda packet.

Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED *Yeas 7, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Bevilacqua), Absent 1 (Lewandowski)* 104

Mayor Fiorentini recognized City Solicitor Bill Cox and thanked him for all he has done for the City. He is retiring on December 31, 2023

5.4. Mayor Fiorentini submits Order of Taking of Land on Brandy Brow rd for Water Supply Purposes

Related communication from City Solicitor William Cox Jr and Robert Ward, DPW Director 103-D

Solicitor Cox stated order of taken is a friendly taking and have been working with the city and have agreed to an amount of \$75K. This is an important parcel in the Brandy Brow watershed area and part of a tremendous effort by the City and Mr. Ward for generous to come to protect our water resource area. If the Council votes to approval, we will record the order of taking and become the owner of the property.

Rober Ward, DPW Director reiterated what Bill said. This is a good property to own for water shed protection. It is 150 yards from East Meadow River which is the main tributary into the Millvale Reservoir. The Millvale Reservoir provides half of our water to the city. Kenoza provides half. This is the last piece of land to own.

Council Vice Michitson asked if there is a plan in including the neighbors on how this property will be used. Suggest one of the Council committees has a meeting to discuss.

Mr. Ward said there are some plans for trials and wild life management with Conservation with a grant. The City received a planning grant to replace the bridge/culvert with a walking road. No outreach has been done with the public.

5.4.1.1. Order of Taking-Brandy Brow Road-The Fermata Limited Partnership

Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED *Yeas 9, Nays 0* 105

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:

8.1. Christine Webb, City Assessor submits abatement report for month of November 2023

Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Barrett



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11-L

8.2. City Clerk. Kaitlin M. Wright submits request to change the polling location for Ward 1, Precinct 1; currently being housed at Consentino Middle School 10-Z

8.2.1. Order - Ward I Precinct 1 will now be moved to *Somebody Cares* at 358 Washington st

Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

14-G

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

9.1. Petition from Mass Electric Company d/b/a National Grid & Verizon New England requesting joint pole locations at intersection of Walnut st and Locust st Hearing Dec 19, 2023

Motion by councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED to be heard December 19th Yeas 9, Nays 0

10. HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:

11. APPOINTMENTS:

11.1. Confirming Appointments:

11.2. Non-Confirming:

11.2.1.1. City Clerk – Reappointment; Kaitlin M. Wright, 17 Belvidere Rd Expires December 31, 2023

Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

11.3. Resignations:

11.3.1.1. Harbor Commission – Sam Amari, Jr. Effective December 1, 2023

Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Barrett

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

100-C

11.3.1.2. Cultural Council – Neil Flewelling, 10 Tanglewood Park dr

Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

100-D

11.4. PETITIONS:

11.5. Applications Handicap Parking Sign: with Police approval

11.6. Amusement/Event Application - with Police approval

11.7. Auctioneer License:

11.8. Tag Days: with Police approval

11.9. One Day Liquor License – with License Commission & Police approval



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11.10. Annual License Renewals:

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

11.10.2. Coin-Op License Renewals – with Police approval

11.10.2.1. American Legion Post 4, 1314 Main st., 2 Coin-ops

Motion by Councilor Bevilacqua, second Councilor Barrett

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

13-E

11.10.2.2. GLS Associates, 7 Parkridge rd., 8 Coin-ops

Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Barrett

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

13-F

11.10.3. Christmas Tree Vendor – with Police approval

11.10.4. Taxi Driver Licenses for 2023: with Police approval

11.10.5. Taxi/Limousine License with Police approval:

11.10.6. Junk Dealer /Collector License with Police approval

11.10.7. Sunday Pool

11.10.8. Bowling

11.10.9. Sunday Bowling

11.10.10. Buy & Sell Second Hand Articles with Police approval

11.10.11. Buy & Sell Second Hand Clothing

11.10.12. Pawnbroker license - with police approval

11.10.13. Fortune Teller with - Police approval

11.10.14. Buy & Sell Old Gold – with Police approval

11.10.15. Roller Skating Rink

11.10.16. Sunday Skating

11.10.17. Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC

11.10.18. Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars with Police approval

12. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

12.1. Order - authorize Mayor to take such actions as are necessary to accept a gift of \$3,000.00 from Covanta for the purposes of decorating the Central Business District for the Christmas holiday

Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

18-D

A representative from Covanta thanked the Council and very happy that they are able to provide this to the city. Even though he doesn't live in Haverhill, it is a great community.

12.2. Order-Transfer \$50,000 from Salaries & Wages - Wastewater to Sewer Assessment & Inspection *Related communication from Robert Ward, DPW Director*

Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Rogers



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- 12.3. Order - Transfer \$150,000 from Health Insurance to Water Supply Expenditures in the amount of \$75,000.00 and Legal Fees & Consultant in the amount of \$75,000.00 to pay for ongoing engineering and permitting work related to the Merrimack River water supply project
Related communication from Robert Ward, DPW Director

Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Sullivan

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

97-E

- 12.4. 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>
Weston & Sampson Engineers	3,200.00	Engineering
Boston Systems & Solutions, LLC	415.00	Highway Dept
MGT Consulting	4,053.75	Legal Dept
Total: \$7,668.75		

Motion by Councilor Barrett, second Councilor Sullivan

PASSED

Yeas 9, Nays 0

23-K

13. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS)

14. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:

16. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

17. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

18. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY

19. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST

20. ADJOURN :

Motion by Councilor Sullivan, second Councilor Rogers

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Adjourned 19:49



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