CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

Present – President Sullivan, Councilors Basiliere, Michitson, Ferreira, Jordan, Lewandowski, Toohey, McGonagle, LePage, and Rogers Attending Remotely – Councilor Hobbs Everett Assistant City Clerk – Rose Leonard Flynn City Clerk – Kaitlin M. Wright

- 1. OPENING PRAYER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Motion by Councilor Hobbs Everett to approve May 7th minutes, second Councilor Jordan PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Councilor Ferreira assigned the minutes.

- 5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO INTRODUCE AN INDIVIDUAL(S) TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:
 - 6.1. Council Vice President Jordan requests to introduce Lisa Marzilli to provide an update on the Clean & Green Downtown Haverhill Project 31-K

Council Vice President Jordan introduced Lisa Marzilli to give a presentation on Clean & Green Downtown Haverhill Project and to see what the city can do to help contribute to the already established volunteers.

Lisa Marzilli appeared before the Council giving a PowerPoint presentation on the projects including cleaning litter, painting, planting, and restoring with the goal of beautifying the city.

Councilor Michitson asked Mayor Barrett if there is a cost estimate for the items asked for. Mayor Barrett stated Washington Square was \$1.7 million which includes for new electric, trees, replacing cobblestone which will be on scope for next year. The maintenance worker is a part-time person but could change focus of position.

Councilor Lewandowski asked for an additional person or make part-time full time or partner with schools for internship for downtown.

Councilor McGonagle stated downtown merchants have come before the council before about the dog waste. He is suggesting more enforcement and how to proceed, perhaps with cameras, and will send a letter to Mayor's office.

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Councilor Jordan spoke with Chief Pistone who stated an additional animal control officer is in training and can have that officer focus on the worst areas during the peak times for enforcement. Also suggest speaking with the Health Department and City Solicitor for advice on fines.

Motion by Councilor McGonagle to send letter to Mayor's office for improving cameras, the possibility of mobile cameras in the downtown area, for the City Solicitor to review the ordinance fines system with perhaps a three-tier system, and request a meeting with all the stakeholders for a plan, along with answers to adding trash barrels, green space/landscaping in Columbus Park, dog park, seating, and Washington Square redo, second Councilor Toohey

PASSED

Yeas 11, Nays 0

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

7.1. Christine Webb, Assessor, files the Abatement report for month of April 2024

Motion by Councilor Jordan , second Councilor Rogers
PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

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8. APPOINTMENTS:

- 8.1. Confirming Appointments:
- 8.2. Non-Confirming
 - 8.2.1. *Board of Health, Chairman & Member*, Peter Carbone, 48 Colby st Expires May 31 2027 5-O
 - 8.2.2. Board of Health, Romie Mundy II M.D., 150 Gale av Expires May 31 2027 5-P
 - 8.2.3. *Board of Assessors, Re-appointment*, Christine Webb, 33 Exeter Farms rd, Exeter NH Expires May 31 2027 5-Q
 - 8.2.4. *Board of Assessors, Re-appointment*, Stephen Gullo, 196 Chadwick rd, Expires May 31 2027 5-R
 - 8.2.5. *Harbor Commission, Re-appointment,* William Laliberty, 31 Whitney st Expires May 31 2025 5-S
 - 8.2.6. Mayor's Representative on the Haverhill Community Television Board of Directors, William Gould, 22 Littlefield ct Expires May 31 2025 5-T
 - 8.2.7. *Commission on Disability Issues*, Dana Lovell, 21 Wingate st Apt 206 Expires May 31 2027 5-U

Motion to approve all by Councilor Rogers , second Councilor Toohey PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

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9. PETITIONS:

- 9.1. Amusement/Event Application with Police approval
 - 9.1.1. <u>EVNT 24-11</u>, Hailey Moschella for *Creative Haverhill* requests to hold Art Walk, *June* 8th, along Washington st and parts of Wingate st from 2 pm to 8 pm and also requests any additional fees be waived

Motion by Councilor Jordan , second Councilor Toohey
PASSED fees waived Yeas 11, Nays 0

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9.1.2. <u>EVNT 24-12</u>, Hailey Moschella for *Creative Haverhill* requests to hold Art Walk, *September 28th*, along Washington st and parts of Wingate st from 2 pm to 8 pm and also requests any additional fees be waived

Motion by Councilor Michitson, second Councilor Jordan PASSED fees waived Yeas 11, Nays 0

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9.1.3. <u>EVNT 24-10</u>, Jeff Grassie for *Haverhill Farmers Market*, being held on the Bradford Common, 10 Church st, starting June 22nd thru October 26th, from 9 am to 1 pm and also requests any additional fees be waived

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor McGonagle PASSED fees waived Yeas 11, Nays 0

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9.1.4. <u>EVNT 24-</u>8, James Carbone requests to hold *Tattersall Farm-to-Table* food and drink tasting event, July 25th, at Tattersall Farm, 542 North Broadway, from 5 pm to 8:30 pm *Pending updated Insurance*

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second by Councilor Rogers PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

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- 9.2. One Day Liquor License with License Commission & Police approval
 - 9.2.1. <u>LCDL 24-3</u>, Alcohol One-Day License request from James Carbone for Beer and Wine license to hold *CiderFeast* food and drink taste event, June 20th, from 5 pm to 8:30 pm, on Harbor Place Outdoor courtyard and Boardwalk *Pending updated liquor liability and general liability insurance*

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor Toohey PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

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10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS:

10.1.Councillor Michitson requests to discuss Alignment of Equitable Learning, Training and Business Needs for Enhanced Quality of Life and Economic Development 12-O

Councilor Michitson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the importance of training workers for good jobs at all levels. Stressing the need for adequate space for all those wanting to attend the technical school can. He invited several people to speak on the topic. Those included Amanda Crosby, Director of CTE Whittier Tech, she oversees both the exploratory student programs and adult education; Superintendent Lynch who stressed those who want a technical education should have the opportunity, but space and transportation are an issue, and Victoria Kelly, Haverhill High School Supervisor Career Technical Education and Dean of Business and Technology.

Councilor Michitson states the only action is to work with all the stake holders and the Chamber of Commerce and try to put together a meeting or summit, but real goal is to try and determine best path for each child.

11. UNFINISHED BUISINESS OF PRECEEDING MEETING:

11.1. <u>Document 11-D</u>, Ordinance re: Vehicles & Traffic, Delete Handicap Parking at 51 Bellevue and 53 Bellevue av *filed* 5/2/24

Motion by Councilor Jordan, second Councilor McGonagle PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

11.2. <u>Document 28-D</u>, Loan Order & Authority to File, Amended \$2,700,000 for improvements to Coffin av, Danielle dr, Alvanos dr, and Hanover st Sewer Pumping Stations *filed* 5/2/2024

Robert Ward, DPW Director, appeared before the Council stating the proposed loan order before them is to amend what was approved last year. The original order was \$2.1 million this one is for \$2.7 million. The work includes replacing and upgrading 4 sewer pump stations throughout the city. The project is eligible for SRF funds which is a 2% loan. It is also eligible for the Principal Forgiveness that the SRF program with minimum principal forgiveness is 6.6%, which is about \$150-166K. This is applied to the loan when permanently financed.

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Jordan PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

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11.3. <u>Document 28-E</u>, Loan Order, \$1,500,000.00 for Wastewater Treatment Plant and South Mill st Pumping Station *filed 5/2/2024*

Motion by Councilor McGonagle, second Councilor Jordan PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

12. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Sullivan reminder the Haverhill Garden Club plant sale is Saturday morning at the Bradford Common.

- 13. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY
- 14. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST
- 15. ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilor Jordan , second Councilor Lewandowski PASSED Yeas 11, Nays 0

Adjourned 20:48