



**CITY OF HAVERHILL
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES –**

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at 7:00 PM

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

In-Person/Remote Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/zjk-usap-vmh>

Present: Councilors Jordan, Basiliere, Diodati, Sullivan, Ferreira, Lewandowski, Toohey, McGonagle, LePage and Rogers

Remote: None

Absent: Vice President Michitson

City Clerk: Kaitlin M. Wright-Esposito

1. OPENING PRAYER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

COUNCILOR BASILIERE STATED HE REVIEWED THE MINUTES AND FINDS THEM IN ORDER, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

PASSED

YEAS 10, NAYS 0, ABSENT 1 (MICHITSON)

4. ASSIGNMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

PRESIDENT JORDAN ASSIGNED THE MINUTES TO COUNCILOR SULLIVAN

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- 5.1. Mayor Barrett wishes to introduce representatives from *MassDOT* and *Middlesex Corporation* to provide the City Council with an update on the Basiliere Bridge project

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Nathaniel Cabral-Curtis addressed the council. He showed a PowerPoint Presentation. He introduced the project team with him this evening. Cooper Martin addressed the council. He continued reviewing the PowerPoint presentation. He noted the project is currently focused on the utility relocation for gas, electric, telecommunications and lighting. Stage 1 begins in mid to late September shifting traffic and pedestrian to the east side, reducing traffic to one lane each way, adding a left turn restriction. Stage 2 begins in late 2026 and continues through 2028, shifting traffic west while the new bridge is being constructed. Later stages through 2032 will complete the bridge and multimodal sidewalks. Nathaniel Cabral-Curtis stated right now heavy vehicles we are trying to direct away from the structure as much as we possibly can. He recommends 495 as the preferred alternative. The bridge is expected to be reduced to one lane in each direction in mid-September, with the exact dates still to be determined. Traffic counts in Groveland will be conducted to assess impacts. Ongoing outreach, business notifications and bridge inspections will continue throughout the project. Councilor Sullivan noted the highway might be the way to go. Councilor Ferreira asked if there is attention to increase traffic on Salem Street as well. Nathaniel Cabral-Curtis stated yes. Councilor Ferreira asked if car counts would be done there as well. Nathaniel Cabral-Curtis stated right now we only have planned the School Street and Gardner Street area.

- 5.2. Mayor Barrett submits a loan order appropriating \$26,190,000.000 for the engineering and construction of improvements to the South Mill Street Pumping Station and Force Main

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- 5.2.1. Order- That Twenty-Six Million One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$26,190,000) is appropriated for the purpose of financing the costs of engineering and construction of improvements to the South Mill Street Pumping Station and Force Main, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, as most recently amended ("Chapter 29C")

File 10 Days



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

- 6.1. Councilor Basiliere wishes to introduce and recognize Lisa MacDougall of the *Haverhill Exchange Club* as the 2026 Exchangite of the Year – 5-r

Mayor Barrett and the City Council presented Lisa MacDougall with a citation in recognition of her contributions to the Exchange Club.

- 6.2. Councilor Toohey wishes to introduce and recognize Nicky Tejada, winner of the *WBA North American Boxing Association Gold Super Lightweight Championship* 5-s

Mayor Barrett and the City Council presented Nicky Tejada with a citation in recognition of his winning the WBA North American Boxing Association Gold Super Lightweight Championship.

- 6.3. Councilor Lewandowski requests to introduce John M. Roche who is requesting a Home Rule Age Waiver petition for the position of Fire Fighter in the City of Haverhill 18-z

- 6.3.1. Order - Home Rule Petition – Authorizing John M. Roche to take the Civil Service Exam for the position of Fire Fighter in the City of Haverhill notwithstanding the maximum age requirement

John Roche addressed the council. He stated he is seeking an age waiver petition to become a fire fighter.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR LEWANDOWSKI, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED

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7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- REQUESTS UNDER COUNCIL RULE 28:

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES:

- 8.1. **EROM-26-19** - Lisa DeMeo, *City Engineer*, requests approval to open the roadway to allow for a gas leak repair at 135 Hyatt Ave, which requires National Grid to excavate in the right of way 23-q

- 8.1.1. Order – approve request to excavate at 135 Hyatt Ave

MOTION BY COUNCILOR SULLIVAN TO APPROVE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

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- 8.2. Angel A. Perkins, *City Auditor and Chief Financial Officer*, submits the revenue and expense reports for the months of June and July 2026 3-o



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8.3. Steven Bucuzzo, *Purchasing Director*, on behalf of the Department of Public Works requests approval to dispose of five surplus Highway trucks in accordance with MGL Ch.30B, §15

8.3.1. Order – that the City Council declares as surplus and authorizes for disposal each of the below City-owned vehicles previously utilized by the Department of Public Works, each having an estimated value exceeding \$10,000, through sale to the highest bidder via a public online auction with proceeds to be deposited into the General Fund Misc. Receipts account 22-1

Vehicles for Disposition:

P-3	2011 Chevy 3500 One Ton Dump	1GB3KZCG6BF189083
H-6	2011 Chevy 3500 One Ton Dump	1GB3KZCG4BF189079
H-10	2011 Chevy 3500 One Ton Dump	1GB3KZCG5BF189091
H-31	1999 Mack RD688SX 10 Wheeler Dump	1M2P268C3XM042736
H-48	2004 International 4300 Trash Compactor	1HTMMAAL15H12512

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

9.1. **Doc 7-I** Petition from National Grid, requesting the installation of underground facilities for Middlesex St WR# 31310074

Filed on July 29, 2026

President Jordan opened the hearing.

Dave Boucher of National Grid, 1101 Turnpike Street, North Andover addressed the council. He stated this would be located at the corner of Middlesex and South Main Street. He noted this will extend the line. He noted this is a temporary location for the bridge project and will be removed once the bridge is complete.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY
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10. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND RELATED ORDERS:



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- 10.1. **Doc 21-B-** Planning Director, Jacki Byerley, requests a hearing for the following Zoning Amendment – Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance: re: Amend Chapter 255 Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map – Battery Energy Storage Systems Overlay District (BESS)– by inserting a new section 7.9 Battery Energy Storage Systems, amending section 3.1.3 Table of Use and Parking regulations by allowing a Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 BESS and amending the Zoning Map to include the BESS Overlay District. The overlay district will be creating regulations for the installation and use of free-standing battery energy storage systems (“BESS”), adding to the table the overlay district with the allowed Tiers and updating the zoning map to include the BESS Overlay District, or take any other action related to

Continued from July 14, 2026

City Clerk Esposito-Wright stated the office received a communication from Vice President Michitson requesting this be continued to the September 15, 2026 meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR DIODATI

PASSED TO CONTINUE TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

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- 10.2. **Doc 21-G- PDD-26-1;** Attorney Russell Channen for client *Pentucket North Development, LLC* requests to amend Chapter 255 Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map by creating a Special Permit Planned Development District in accordance with Section 8.5 of the Zoning Ordinance. Applicant, Pentucket North Development, LLC is requesting a special permit of a planned residential development on a portion of land owned by Cedardale, Inc, located off of Boston Road known as 931 Boston Road (Map 754 Block 2 Lot 21) to construct six duplex units and two single family units. The property is currently zoned Commercial Highway (CH)

Related communication from Jacki Byerley, Planning Director, recommending hearing be continued to either October 20th or October 27th meeting

President Jordan opened the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY TO CONTINUE TO OCTOBER 27, 2026, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

PASSED TO CONTINUE TO OCTOBER 27, 2026

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- 10.3. **Doc 21-I- CCSP-26-2 –** Philip Rice of *Rice & Brouillard* requests approval to transform an existing 1 ½ story structure into a three-family residential building containing a mix of two- and three-bedroom units at 125 River St. The renovation will include an interior reconfiguration, structural expansion, and modernization of all building systems meet current safety, accessibility, and energy-efficiency standards if/as needed



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Casey Rice addressed the council. He stated he is looking to convert a commercial structure into a three-unit multifamily residential property. He stated the project would create additional housing through low-impact development while maintaining the existing footprint and avoiding exterior expansion. He stated the project provides budget friendly rents supporting the city's housing and neighborhood revitalization goals.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor. No one spoke.

President Jordan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition. No one spoke.

President Jordan closed the hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

Councilor Sullivan asked if there was enough parking? Casey Rice confirmed there is all off street parking.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE FOR PASSAGE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR TOOHEY

PASSED

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- 10.4. **Doc 21-D - CCSP-26-3** - Attorney Jonathan Stark-Sachs for Maryam Salehi-Ala-Yamin requests approval to operate "Mariam's Cottage" a family run bed and breakfast at 421 East Broadway allowed with a special permit in the RR (Rural Residential) zoning district and seeks to host small-scale weddings and similar outdoor events of up to 50 guests packaged with overnight stays

Continued from July 28, 2026

Related communication from applicant requesting to continue the hearing until Sept 22, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA

PASSED TO CONTINUE TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

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11. APPOINTMENTS:

12. PETITIONS:

- 12.1. Petition from National Grid and Verizon, requesting a joint pole location for Emerson St WR#31224561

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Hearing for September 15, 2026

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- 12.2. **Applications Handicap Parking Sign:** with Police approval
12.3. **Amusement/Event Application:** with Police approval
12.4. **Auctioneer License:**

- 12.5. **Tag Days:** with Police approval



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12.5.1. *Haverhill High Boys and Girls Soccer, October 10, 2026 14-1*

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12.6. **One Day Liquor License –with Police and License Commission approval**

12.7. **ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWALS:**

- 12.7.1. **Hawker Peddlers License- Fixed location – w/Police approval**
- 12.7.2. **Coin-Op License Renewals – with Police approval**
- 12.7.3. **Christmas Tree Vendor – with Police approval**
- 12.7.4. **Taxi Driver Licenses: with Police approval**
- 12.7.5. **Taxi/Limousine License with Police approval**
- 12.7.6. **Junk Dealer /Collector License - with Police approval**
- 12.7.7. **Pool/Billiard**
- 12.7.8. **Bowling**
- 12.7.9. **Sunday Bowling**
- 12.7.10. **Buy & Sell Secondhand Articles with Police approval**
- 12.7.11. **Buy & Sell Secondhand Clothing with Police approval**
- 12.7.12. **Pawnbroker license - with police approval**
- 12.7.13. **Fortune Teller with - Police approval**
- 12.7.14. **Buy & Sell Old Gold – with Police approval**
- 12.7.15. **Roller Skating Rink**
- 12.7.16. **Sunday Skating**
- 12.7.17. **Exterior Vending Machines/Redbox Automated Retail, LLC**
- 12.7.18. **Limousine/Livery License/Chair Cars with Police approval**

13. MOTIONS AND ORDERS:

- 13.1. Order – Pay bills of the previous years and authorize payment from current year departmental appropriations as listed: 9-j

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>
Discrimination & Harassment Solutions	\$1,260.00	Mayor's Office
National Grid	\$206.81	Highway
Edgemont Oil LLC	\$135.00	Water Dept
Milton Rents, Inc.	\$5,175.00	Water Dept
United Rentals	\$3,630.27	Water Dept
Northeast Electrical	\$102.04	Fire Dept



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O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$50.22	Police Dept
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New Westgate Cleaners & Tailors	\$214.00	Police Dept
Weston & Sampson	\$4,850.00	Water Treatment Plant
Town of Merrimac	\$166.99	Water Treatment Plant
Town of Merrimac	\$143.32	Water Treatment Plant
Town of Merrimac	\$147.64	Water Treatment Plant
Town of Merrimac	\$151.93	Water Treatment Plant
Town of Merrimac	\$149.05	Water Treatment Plant
Atlantic Coast Polymers	\$11,616.00	Wastewater
Spencer Meadow Solar LLC	\$19,404.06	Wastewater
Sunwealth Project Pool	\$10,612.28	Wastewater
Shoe City Hardware	\$174.94	Wastewater
Kingston Materials	\$1,637.00	Wastewater
TOTAL= \$59,831.87		

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14. ORDINANCES (FILE 10 DAYS):

- 14.1. Ordinance re: Vehicles and Traffic; Amend Ch 24; be further amended by **ADDING** the following to § 240-85 Schedule B: Parking Restrictions and Prohibitions: 10-p

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>	<u>HOURS/ DAYS</u>
MOHAWK TRAIL Both sides, entire length	NO PARKING	24 HRS

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15. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCILORS:

- 15.1. Councilor Ferreira requests to refer an overview of the city's vegetation management plan to the Natural Resources and Public Property subcommittee for discussion at the September 14th meeting 31-a

Councilor Ferreira stated our vegetation and management plan is a five-year plan. She stated that after some recent spraying events in my neighborhood I looked into it a little closer and she would like to discuss further at the September 14th meeting.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR FERREIRA, SECOND BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE

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16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

- 16.1. **Document 19-D**- Mayor Barrett submits a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Haverhill and the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Local 119 (Dispatchers) for contract period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029

- 16.1.1. Order- Memorandum Agreement between the City of Haverhill and the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Local 119 (Dispatchers)

Filed on August 12, 2026

MOTION BY COUNCILOR MCGONAGLE, SECOND BY COUNCILOR LEPAGE

PASSED

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17. RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilor Sullivan stated a group of volunteers will be collecting soup, chili and chowder at 35+ locations to support local food pantries and veterans with a goal of 5,000 cans in the month of September.
- President Jordan wanted to remind everyone of the Roast and Toast of Peter Carbone event
- City Clerk Wright-Esposito election September 1st – polling locations will be open 7AM-8PM. Early voting will take place until Friday 8AM-4PM. Residents who requested mail in ballots can return them by 8PM on election day

19. DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE STUDY:

20. LONG TERM MATTERS STUDY LIST:

21. ADJOURN:

MOTION BY COUNCILOR BASILIERE TO ADJOURN, SECOND BY COUNCILOR ROGERS

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ADJOURNED: 19:53