

City of Taunton Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers Minutes, October 20, 2009 at 7:10 O'clock P.M. REVISED

Regular Meeting Council President Pottier presiding Prayer was offered by the Council President

Present at roll call were: Councilor's Be

Councilor's Barbour, Buffington, Carr, Croteau, Marshall, Fiore. Pottier, Costa-Hanlon, Hoye

Record of preceding meeting was read by Title and Approved. So Voted.

Communications from Mayor:

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by Thomas R. Quigley, Principal, Hopewell School informing of an event in recognition of their winning the "Blue Ribbon" award to be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM at Hopewell School. Motion was made to refer to the Council President and send a letter to Hopewell School in recognition of this award. So Voted. (A letter of congratulations was sent a few weeks ago in September.)

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by Kimberly Matthews, Executive Director, Taunton Community Access & Media, Inc., 45 Main Street, Taunton requesting to post information on the electronic sign. Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by the Arc of Northern Bristol County requesting permission to use the electronic sign to advertise their 7^{th} Annual Pancake Breakfast on October 24, 2009 at the PACC from 8:00 PM - 11:00 AM. **Motion was made to move approval.** So Voted.

Councilor Fiore motioned to approve the request from the Taunton High School Drama Club beginning November 1, 2009 to advertise on the electronic sign, their production of "Mid-Summer Night Dream". Additionally, Council Fiore stated he would get better information to provide to Sergeant Medas on this event. **Motion was made to move approval.** So Voted.

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by the Supervisor of Water, Taunton DPW providing an update to the DPW Team's progress on the Dever Wells. He states that the pump station on Bay Street has been awarded to Winston Builders and construction is underway. It should be on-line within about 12 months. He further states that the tower and wells are permitted and designed and are on a timeline for a December award. Motion was made to receive and place on file. Motion was made that you

report back as to how many years is the lease? What is your plan for funding? Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked to refer to the City Solicitor Office if they should comply with the 50/50 Ordinance. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association informing that the Board of Certification of the Association has renewed, for an additional period of five years expiring December 31, 2014, the certification of Jayne D. Ross. Motion was made to receive and place on file and congratulations to Ms. Ross. So Voted.

Communications:

Com. from Interim Fire Chief requesting a promotional list for the appointment of one (1) Temporary Lieutenant. Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.

Com. from City Engineer responding on the 4-Way Stop sign at Washington Street and East Britannia Street stating that the new stop signs were removed. Motion was made to receive and place on file and refer to the DPW to have the stop lines removed at said location. So Voted.

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying of a public hearing on the Form J Plan to split one lot into tow at 60 Plain Street for Brian and Eva Dupont on Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 5:30 PM. Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Dept. requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise a Pancake Breakfast at the PACC on School Street from 8:00-11:00 AM on November 11, 2009 and a Luminary to honor service members killed in Iraq and Ahghanistan at Hopewell Park from 6:00-9:00 PM. Motion was made to move approval. FYI, Also Councilor Hoye asked to commend Paul Allison and the Firefighters for the great job they did on the road race which the weather conditions that day were not good. So Voted.

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Dept. requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their annual Open House on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at the Central Station on School Street from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, as well as closing the intersection of Leonard St. and School Street from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM to allow for a Jaws of Life Demonstration. Motion was made to move approval and notify the Police Department and Parking Commission. So Voted.

Com. from Denise Paiva, Greater Taunton Jaycees requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their Halloween Party on October 31, 2009 at the Taunton Elk's Lodge. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Building Commissioner submitting the Building Permit Record for September 2009. Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.

Com. from Bernard McCourt, District Highway Director, MassHighway providing a response on the fence at 818 Somerset Ave stating that the project calls for this fence to

be removed and reset, not replaced. Motion was made to receive and place on file and place in the file with the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.

Com. from Kelley Sylvia, Hopewell Elementary School requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise a Fundraising Shopping Fair on November 15, 2009. **Motion was made to move approval.** So Voted.

Councilor Barbour read an extra communication submitted by East Taunton Kenpo Karate, 106 Old Colony Ave., East Taunton informing citizens of their Haunted Dojo on October 23-25 from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM. Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.

Councilor Carr read an extra communication submitted by Gene Alger, Chairman, Taunton Christmas Parade Committee requesting permission to hold a second Traffic Stop on Thursday, November 5, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Motion was made to move approval. Councilor Barbour motioned that the Police Department or TEMA place orange cones where the volunteers are for safety. So Voted.

Petitions and Claims:

The following are RENEWALS for Class II Licenses:

- 1. Walt's Auto Speciality, Inc. located at 289 Broadway, Taunton
- 2. A&M Auto Exchange located at 424 Winthrop St., Taunton
- 3. Hill Top Motors located at 1 Lawton Ave., Taunton
- 4. Rte. 44 Tire Shack located at 585 Richmond St., Taunton

Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted. Councilor Fiore voting present on #2, A&M Auto Exchange.

Application submitted by Stephen Cain, 96 Old Colony Ave. #222, E. Taunton requesting a renewal of his Constable License desiring to serve civil process. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Application submitted by Roy David Mitton, 16 Thomas Rd., Berkley requesting a renewal of his Constable License desiring to serve Civil Process. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Petition submitted by Herbert Shoemaker requesting a renewal of his Livery License – DBA- Skip Around Limousine, Inc. located at 24 Monroe Street, Taunton. (1 Vehicle) Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Petition submitted by Samir M. Khoury requesting to transfer his Class II License –DBA-Country Pump located at 146 Tremont Street, Taunton to Jean Chedid –DBA-PJC Auto Sales to be located at 397 Winthrop St., Taunton.

Petition submitted by Aggregate Industries, 203 Fremont St., Taunton Ma for proposed 550 gallons of gasoline to be stored underground. They have an existing 8,000 gallons of diesel fuel stored underground and total 3,100 gallons of existing combustible liquids for

use within their quarry operations. Motion was made to refer to a public hearing. So Voted.

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for a Departmental Site Plan Review for a drive-thru window for a bank at 289 Winthrop Street, Taunton which is located in a Highway Business Districted Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for a Departmental Site Plan Review for a 1,056 sq. ft. office addition and a 400 sq. ft. utility building at 110 Prince Henry Drive, Taunton which is located in an Industrial District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for a Departmental Site Plan Review for a 11,000 sq. ft. garage/warehouse with accessory offices on Lot 3 Richmond Street, Taunton which is located in an Industrial District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for a Departmental Site Plan Review for an outdoor vehicle testing facility at 425 John Quincy Adams, Taunton which is located in an Industrial District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. So Voted.

Motion was made to revert out of the regular order of business to conduct an executive session on Old Business at the end of the meeting. So Voted.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Hoye motioned that the Commissioner of Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds have the brush cut at the intersection of County Street (Route 140) and Gordon Owen Riverway on the southbound side. Additionally, on Liberty Street behind the Post Office there is a big tree that hangs over the sidewalk. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the DPW Commissioner and the City Solicitor provide an update of the Harris Street sewer project, including listing which homeowners have hooked up. Additionally, that they provide the status of the betterment and submit both of these updates in one week along with an update on the status of the Lakeville I&A. So Voted. (The City Clerk had this referred to the Committee on the DPW.)

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Committee on Fires and Wires meet within the next couple of weeks to discuss Interim Fire Chief Nastri's contract. So Voted.

Orders, Ordinances, and Enrolled Bills Order for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 13

Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Sec 13-172. Obedience to yield signs

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:

That Section 13-172 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by deleting the following:

Sec. 13-172 (c), delete:

- Exeter Street, westbound at Hamilton Street
- Hamilton street, northbound at Exeter Street
- Hopewell Street, southbound at Exeter Street

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. Motion was made to pass to a second reading. So Voted.

Order for a first reading to be passed to a second reading AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 13

Motor Vehicles and Traffic

Sec 13-171. Same-Designation of intersections.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:

That Section 13-171 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding the following:

Sec. 13-171 (c), add:

- Exeter Street, westbound at Hamilton Street
- Hamilton street, northbound at Exeter Street
- Hopewell Street, southbound at Exeter Street

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. Motion was made to pass to a second reading. So Voted.

New Business

Councilor Marshall motioned that in the vicinity of 257 School Street there is a brook that has caused a giant sinkhole in the crosswalk and motioned that the DPW Commissioner take care of this immediately. So Voted.

Council Marshall asked to refer to the Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds the tree/brush removal at 137 Bay Street and refer to the City Solicitor and Carol Souza for immediate action. (The City Solicitor spoke on this issue as the City has the right to remove the brush and gave Ms. Greene approval to cut the brush.)

Councilor Pottier motioned that the DPW Commissioner investigate the storm drain at 10 Bassett St. as it is causing a sinkhole. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier stated that on Liberty Street behind the Post Office, either the water shutoffs have risen or the sidewalk has sunken and asked that the DPW Commissioner and Water Supervisor look into the poor condition of the sidewalk. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier expressed concern over individuals who are holding voting signs that are standing right at the door way of Elizabeth Pole School and asked that the Safety Officer or Police Officer enforce where they should be standing.

Motion was made to revert out of the regular order of business to enter into executive session to discuss litigation concerning F.B. Rogers at 7:40 PM. So Voted. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, (9) Councilors voting in favor.

Motion was made to exit from executive session at 8:30 PM. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, (9) Councilors voting in favor.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

A true copy:

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Attest:

City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OCTOBER 20, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND

COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND POTTIER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:54 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY

DEPARTMENTS

MOTION:

MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR

THE WEEK

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:55 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON

OCT 2 0 2009

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OCTOBER 20, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS

COSTA-HANLON AND BUFFINGTON. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES AND CITY ENGINEER

MARK SLUSARZ

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:06 P.M.

MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE 1. FOR REQUIREMENT OF TAX STATUS FORM ON ALL PROJECTS \$25,000 OR OVER REQUIRING BUILDING DEPARTMENT APPROVAL THE SOLICITOR PROVIDED A DRAFT ORDINANCE ON THIS MATTER. DISCUSSION WAS HELD AS TO WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A \$25,000 THRESHOLD OR WHETHER IT SHOULD BE THAT NO PERMITS WOULD BE ISSUED UNLESS ALL MONEY OWED TO THE CITY IS PAID IN FILL. THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT THE CURRENT ORDINANCE STATES THAT BILLS MUST BE DELINQUENT FOR TWELVE MONTHS, SO THE ORDINANCE NEEDS TO BE CHANGED TO SAY THAT IF ANYTHING IS OWED TO THE CITY NO PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE CITY NEEDS TO LOOK INTO OBTAINING SOME KIND OF SOFTWARE THAT WOULD ENABLE DEPARTMENTS TO ACCESS THIS INFORMATION FROM THEIR COMPUTERS. MOTION: REFER FOR ONE WEEK

2. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR CROSSWALK AND STOP SIGNS AT HOPEWELL/HAMILTON STREETS NEAR HOPEWELL PARK THE SOLICITOR PROVIDED A DRAFT ORDINANCE REMOVING THE YIELD SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION AND A DRAFT ORDINANCE FOR ADDING THE STOP SIGNS.

MOTION: MOVE TO ACCEPT THE ORDINANCES AND REFER FOR FIRST READING

3. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR RESTRICTING PARKING ALONG PORTION OF BRIGGS STREET AS RESULT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT 34 ½ BRIGGS STREET MOTION: CONTINUE FOR ONE WEEK

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:19 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON

OCT 2 0 2009

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS

ADOPTED. PlacnWell

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OCTOBER 20, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCILOR JASON BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN AND

COUNCILORS HOYE AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES, D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FRED CORNAGLIA AND CITY ENGINEER MARK SLUSARZ

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:40 P.M.

MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FOR UPDATE ON ISSUES WITH 1. INTERSECTION OF TREMONT AND WASHINGTON STREETS THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER READ A LETTER DATED 10/20/09 FROM KIEN HO, BETA GROUP ENGINEER WHICH STATED THAT BETA MET WITH THE CITY ENGINEER AND JOE FERNANDEZ OF T.M.L.P. AT THE INTERSECTION OF WASHINGTON STREET/TREMONT STREET/OAK STREET/MILL RIVER PLACE DRIVEWAY THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 5, 2009 TO EVALUATE THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL TIMING OPERATION. IT IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MAIN CONCERN WAS THAT SIGNIFICANT QUEUING OCCURS THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON THE MILL RIVER PLACE DRIVEWAY APPROACH TO THE INTERSECTION. THE QUEUING IS MAINLY DUE TO PEOPLE USING THAT APPROACH AS A CUT THROUGH ROUTE. BASED ON THE TRAFFIC VOLUMES PROVIDED FOR THEIR REVIEW AND FIELD OBSERVATION, THEY RECOMMENDED A 5 SECOND DECREASE IN LEAD TIME FOR THE OAK STREET EB LEAD PHASE AND A 5 SECOND INCREASE FOR THE MILL RIVER PLACE DRIVEWAY APPROACH FOR A TOTAL OF 17 SECONDS OF GREEN TIME. THIS CHANGE IN TIMING DOES NOT CHANGE THE OVERALL CYCLE LENGTH. T.M.L.P. APPROVED THEIR RECOMMENDATION AND THE SIGNAL TIMING WAS IMPLEMENTED DURING THEIR MEETING. THEY AGREED THAT THIS TIMING WILL REMAIN FOR AT LEAST 2-3 WEEKS AS A TRIAL PERIOD AND THE CITY WILL MONITOR THE INTERSECTION TRAFFIC OPERATING CONDITIONS AND NOTIFY BETA OF ANY FEEDBACK/CONCERNS THEY RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC. THE NEXT STEP, IF THE REVISED SIGNAL TIMING IS SATISFACTORY TO T.M.L.P. AFTER THE 2-3 WEEKS, BETA WILL UPDATE THE EXISTING SIGNAL PLAN FOR THE INTERSECTION TO REFLECT THE NEW SIGNAL TIMING.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

2. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR, CITY ENGINEER AND D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS INTERSECTION OF WEIR STREET AND TAUNTON GREEN

IT WAS REPORTED THAT CHAPTER 90 MONEY HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR A SURVEY AND THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER HAS MET WITH THE T.M.L.P. ON THIS ISSUE. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT MANHOLE UNDER THE SIDEWALK AT THIS LOCATION. THEY WILL NEED TO DETERMINE THE COST TO DEAL WITH THE T.M.L.P. MANHOLE, THE LIGHT STAND AND ALSO MAKING THE SIDEWALKS ADA COMPLIANT. BASICALLY NO CONSTRUCTION CAN BE DONE UNTIL THE COST TO REMOVE THE MANHOLE IS KNOWN.

MOTION: UPDATE IN THREE WEEKS

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

- A. DISCUSSED WAS THE NEW STOP SIGNS AT HOPEWELL AND HAMILTON STREETS. THE D.P.W. NEEDS TO DO THE CROSSWALKS IN THIS AREA BEFORE THE COLD WEATHER. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE NEED TO PUT SOME KIND OF MESSAGE SIGN WARNING MOTORISTS OF THE CHANGES TO THE AREA. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE ORDINANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO FIRST READING TONIGHT.
- B. REQUEST WAS MADE TO HAVE THE CROSSWALKS AT THE EAST TAUNTON POST OFFICE REPAINTED. THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED TO THE D.P.W.
- REPORT OF SAFETY OFFICE BRUCE PONTES DATED 10/19/09 WAS READ IN WHICH HE STATED THAT A CROSSWALK ON WASHINGTON ST. AT HODGES AVE. HAS APPEARED. THIS IS A DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS WHO BELIEVE IT IS SAFE TO CROSS STREET AT LOCATION. HE BELIEVES THE CROSSWALK WAS REMOVED YEARS AGO WHEN A PERSON WAS HIT CROSSING THE STREET AND IT WAS DEEMED A DANGER TO CROSS STREET AT LOCATION. THE REASON HE BELIEVES IS BECAUSE THERE IS FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC AND NO SIGNS AND THE FACT THAT THERE IS A CROSSWALK A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY AT WASHINGTON ST. AND TREMONT ST. THAT HAS PROPER MARKING AND SIGNALS. ALSO THERE WERE SIGNS PLACED AT HODGES AVE. AND FREDERICK MARTIN PARKWAY THAT POINTS TO THE CROSSWALKS AT WASHINGTON ST. AND TREMONT ST. AND THE CROSSWALK AT WASHINGTON ST. AND COURT ST. THAT ADVISED PEDESTRIANS TO USE THESE CROSSWALKS. IT APPEARS THESE SIGNS HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THE SAFETY OFFICER FURTHER STATED THAT HE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDING THAT THE CROSSWALK ON WASHINGTON ST. AT HODGES AVE. BE REMOVED BEFORE ANOTHER PERSON IS HIT CROSSING STREET AT LOCATION.

MOTION: REFER TO D.P.W. TO COVER UP THIS CROSS WALK AND PROVIDE REPORT AT NEXT MEETING AS TO HOW IT GOT THERE.

D. REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER MARK SLUSARZ WAS READ REGARDING STOP ON TURNER STREET AT SOUTH PRECINCT STREET. HE STATES THAT CURRENTLY THE INTERSECTION OF TURNER STREET AT SOUTH PRECINCT STREET IS CONTROLLED BY A FADED STOP BAR ACROSS TURNER STREET. CITY ORDINANCES MAKE NO PROVISION FOR A STOP SIGN AT THAT LOCATION. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF VISIBILITY OF VEHICLES ENTERING SOUTH PRECINCT STREET, AND THE LACK OF NOTICE THAT THE INTERSECTION IS NEARING, HE RECOMMENDS THAT A STOP SIGN BE PLACED AT THE END OF TURNER STREET, WESTBOUND. HE ALSO RECOMMENDS A STOP AHEAD SIGN BE PLACED 150 FEET TO 200 FEET IN ADVANCE OF THE INTERSECTION, AND THE STOP BAR BE REPAINTED FOR GREATER VISIBILITY.

SEC. 13-171 OF THE CITY ORDINANCES WILL NEED TO BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THIS. IF REQUESTED, HE CAN PROVIDE THE SUGGESTED WORDING FOR THE ORDINANCE.

HE FURTHER STATES THAT TURNER STREET TRAFFIC TENDS TO STOP AT THIS INTERSECTION ALREADY. HE DOES NOT SEE A NEED TO PLACE A MESSAGE BOARD WARNING OF THE NEW CONDITION, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO DO SO.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MOTION:

MOVE APPROVAL AND REFER TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE, CITY ENGINEER TO PROVIDE WORDING FOR PROPER ORDINANCE

E. REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER MARK SLUSARZ WAS READ REGARDING STOP ON SCHOOL STREET EXTENSION AT THRASHER STREET. HE STATES THAT IN RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT AND SUGGESTION RECEIVED REGARDING THE INTERSECTION OF SCHOOL STREET EXTENSION AT THRASHER STREET, SPECIFICALLY THAT THE EXISTING YIELD SIGN BE REPLACED BY A STOP SIGN, HE HAS REVIEWED THE CITY ORDINANCES AND VISITED THE SITE. CURRENTLY THE INTERSECTION IS CONTROLLED BY A YIELD SIGN FACING SOUTH ON SCHOOL STREET EXTENSION, AS PER ORDINANCE SEC. 13-172. THE SITE VISIT REVEALED THAT THERE IS LIMITED SIGHT DISTANCE TO THE LEFT (VEGETATION) AND TO THE RIGHT (HILL). IT IS HIS OPINION A STOP CONDITION EXISTS HERE.

HE RECOMMENDS THAT THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REMOVE THIS INTERSECTION FROM SEC. 13-172 OF THE ORDINANCES, AND INCLUDE IT IN SEC. 13-171 OF THE ORDINANCES SO THAT A STOP SIGN MAY BE ERECTED IN PLACE OF THE YIELD SIGN.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

F. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE ISSUE OF THE POLICE CHIEF LIST WAS REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE

MOTION:

MOVE TO CALL FOR A LIST FOR POLICE CHIEF

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON

OCT 2 0 2009

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK