



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, November 24, 2009 at 7:35 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Charles Crowley presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

*Present at roll call were: Councilor's Barbour, Buffington, Carr, Marshall, Fiore,
Pottier, Costa-Hanlon, Hoye
Councilor Croteau was absent*

At this time, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Eleanor Croteau, wife of Councilor Croteau, former City Clerk Mary Gordon's Husband, and David McGlynn, retired employee of the Water Department.

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

Motion was made to revert out of the regular order of business to Communications from the Mayor. So Voted.

Communications from Mayor:

At this time the Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming the week of November 29 – December 5, 2009 as Jolly Jaunt Week for Special Olympics Massachusetts in the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to move adoption. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Jay O'Brien, Regional Director, Special Olympics into the enclosure to accept the proclamation. Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Motion was recess at 7:45 PM. So Voted.

Motion was made to return to the full Council Meeting at 9:20 PM.

Hearings:

Hearing came up by assignment for the Board of Assessors FY2010 Classification Hearing. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted.** Com. from the City Assessor requesting to continue the hearing until December 1, 2009. **Motion was made to move approval and continue to December 1, 2009. So Voted.**

At this time, the Mayor stated that the City has applied for two grants for our Police and Fire Departments. He regrets to say that the only monies the City received was for the Fire Department (overtime) of approximately \$129,000.00

Communications:

Com. from Superintendent of Buildings providing a response on the ADA compliance request regarding the Taunton High School bleachers stating that he is in possession of the application form for a variance from the State Plumbing Code and that the application will need to be reviewed and accompanied with a letter stating their position on the matter prior to submission. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from General Manager, TMLP submitting a street lighting report for Pole #6 Sherwood Ave. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Department requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise the Taunton Firefighters Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 5, 2009 from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the PACC. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Kenneth and Anita Taylor, 17 Bassett Street, Taunton requesting an extension of their Special Permit for 15 Bassett Street for a twelve dog commercial kennel. **Motion was made to refer to the City Planner to determine if the Municipal Council is able to grant an extension and that he report back to the Municipal Council. So Voted.**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries, and Public Grounds requesting street closures and “No Parking Signs” for the Annual Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 6, 2009. **Motion was made to move approval and refer to the Acting Police Chief, Interim Fire Chief, and Ambulance Service. So Voted.**

Com. from Attorney David T. Gay, Gay, Gay & Field, 73 Washington Street, Taunton responding on pedestrian sign/Mill Pond Apartments/CVS Project. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and ask the City Engineer for his opinion on Condition #24 for a response to the Committee to the Council as a Whole and also bring the plan with him. That the City Engineer be present at the meeting. Councilor Costa-Hanlon requested a copy of the minutes on the CVS Hearing. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, EDI Board submitting revised Tax Increment Financing Project for Tribe, Inc. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole. Application includes new jobs (total #) by year, written status of past TIF. So Voted.**

The City Clerk read an extra communication submitted by the City Solicitor requesting an appropriation from available funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 to the Law Department for the Solid Waste Project. All costs associated with this project are 100% reimbursable under the RFP. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor’s Office. What happens if we keep incurring all these costs and this project is not viable – are these companies who we put out to bid? Are they still going to pay these costs? What is the itemized list of costs of the \$150,000? Is the \$150,000.00 for services already Rendered or is this a front load to continue the process move? Either from the Treasurer or Auditor – What has been put into escrow from the RFP Process and what account under spent against it? So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

The following are RENEWALS for Class II Licenses:

1. Frank's Auto Body, Inc. located at 265 Broadway, Taunton
Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Application submitted by Thomas Centofanti, 223 Broadway, Taunton requesting a renewal of his Constable License to serve civil process and as a crossing guard. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by David B. Cowan, 30 Edgehill Road, Taunton requesting a new Second Hand Article License –DBA- Taunton Flea Market to be located at 437 Whittenton Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Christopher McGrath, 21 Hickory Ridge Road, Rehoboth seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a manhole cover that was exposed in front of 381 Weir Street. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by William J. Hannigan, II 635 Foundry Street, South Easton requesting the five (5) year moratorium waived to have natural gas service installed at their new home at 120 Solitude Drive, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Brian M. Andrade, 66 Lordan Road, Raynham requesting to have the five (5) year moratorium waived for Bay State Gas to perform repair work at the home on 10 Fern Street. This roadway was repaved in 2006. Councilor Hoye stated this is a repair that we would normally grant and asked to move approval. **Motion was made to invite Mr. Andrade to speak. So Voted. Mr. Andrade stated the repair is for a leak in the gas main coming into his property and this is an emergency repair. Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for Department Site Plan Review for an office use with 2 apartments at 40 Summer Street, Taunton which is located in an Urban Residential District submitted by Pro Home. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted. Councilors Barbour and Pottier voting present. 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.

Orders, Ordinances, and Enrolled Bills

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

Ordered That,

\$2,000,000 is appropriated in addition to the \$6,000,000 previously appropriated for the purpose of financing (1) various capital improvements to the City's water system, including the development of and improvements to the Dever Wells and the laying and relaying of water mains on various City streets and the construction of a new Water Storage Tank (2) engineering services for plans and specifications for upgrades and improvements to the water treatment plant and the evaluation of the Harris Street Bridge, and including without limitation with respect to each project all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow **\$2,000,000** and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects. **The Council motioned to pass to a second reading, The Council also motioned that this be referred to the Committee to the Council as a Whole for discussion. Councilor Marshall motioned that the Water Supervisor provide a copy of the Water Department's budget expenses versus income and where we are with revenue versus expenses. Councilor Carr motioned that he provide a review of the whole \$8 million dollar project and present from Senator Pacheco, the clarification on the Life Science Money. Additionally, Councilor Carr motioned that he report back if the Taunton Development Corporation has any other funding sources other than the enterprise system. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

Rose Marie Blackwell

City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 24, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR
POTTIER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:42 P.M.

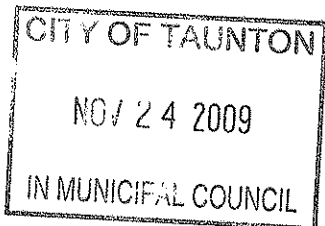
- 1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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CITY CLERK

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, PRESIDENT AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CARR, MARSHALL, FIORE, COSTA-HANLON AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WAS ATTORNEY MARK BORBEAU.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:55 P.M.

1. **MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS RECENT LITIGATION ACTIVITY**
MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. COUNCILORS BUFFINGTON, CARR, MARSHALL, FIORE, COSTA-HANLON, HOYE AND POTTIER VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILOR BARBOUR VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

MOTION CARRIES.

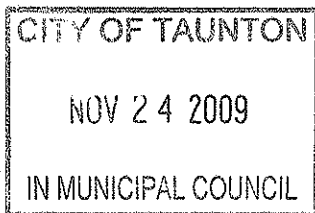
MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

COUNCILORS HOYE, COSTA-HANLON, FIORE, MARSHALL, CARR, BUFFINGTON, BARBOUR AND POTTIER ALL VOTING IN FAVOR

NO MOTIONS WERE MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

2. **MEET FOR INTERVIEWS FOR ASSESSORS POSITION.**
THESE INTERVIEWS HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK'S COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE MEETING. THE TWO INTERVIEWS WILL BE AT 6:30 AND 6:45 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:21 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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Rose Marie Blanchard
CITY CLERK