



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers  
Minutes, December 1, 2009 at 8:46 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Charles Crowley presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

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

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

*Hearings:*

Continued Hearing came up by assignment on the Board of Assessors FY2010 Classification Hearing. **Motion was made to reopen the hearing. So Voted.** Com. from Board of Assessors was read providing information regarding the classification hearing stating they would like to continue the hearing until December 15, 2009. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

*Communications from Mayor:*

The Mayor stated he will present the FY 2010 Supplemental Budget next week with new growth figures.

*Appointments:*

At this time the Mayor appointed Debra Ann Botellio, 49 Fremont Street, Taunton to the Taunton Conservation Commission for a term of Three (3) years. Her term shall expire in December of 2012. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Ms. Botellio into the enclosure to be sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk. So Voted. Councilor Croteau motioned to thank Robert Newhall for his service and urge the Mayor to reappoint him at his earliest convenience. So Voted.**

At this time the Mayor appointed Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk as the Liaison Officer for the City of Taunton as part of the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission's Conflict of Interest Program. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

*Communications:*

Com. from Acting Police Chief informing the Council that his department did not receive the Municipal Police Staffing Grant (Federal Recovery funds). **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Building Commissioner providing a response on burned buildings located at 390 Washington St., 401 Washington Street, and 122 Winthrop Street for a status of the burned buildings. **Motion was made that the Building Commissioner provide an update in three weeks on the 449 Weir Street structure even though the building is secure at ground level. How can he address this one particular issue. Instruct the City Solicitor, Tax Collector and Assessor to begin the process to take possession and report back in two weeks with a progress report. So Voted. Councilor Croteau motioned that the Building Commissioner update the Council on whether any permits have been issued for 390 Washington Street, the date the permit was issued and whether the structure will be taken down or rebuilt. Additionally, that the City Planner report back if any permits have been issued for this property through his department. So Voted. Councilor Carr also stated that children stand under the awning of this building to wait for the bus and motioned that the Building Commissioner have the safety of the structure checked to make sure no accidents occur. So Voted.**

Com. from Economic Development Director providing the TIF Agreement for the City of Taunton and Tribe Mediterranean Foods, Inc. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee Reports. So Voted.**

**Petitions and Claims:**

**The following are RENEWALS for Class II Licenses:**

1. Manco Industries, Inc. DBA Auto Gallery located at 283 Broadway, Taunton
2. Northeast Auto Exchange, Inc. located at 577 Winthrop St., Taunton

**Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Gabriel Almeida, A&B Realty Trust, 288 Broadway, Taunton requesting a meeting to discuss the renewal of this Class II License with the Committee on Police and License. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. 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.

**New Business:**


Councilor Croteau asked for a status report on the Dever Wells and the Mayor stated he would provide an update next week.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Council meet with the current City Solicitor and the incoming City Solicitor to discuss the landfill situation. He stated he is aware of the current landfill going from 40" to 60" in height and provisions will need to be made to carry the additional 20". So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

  
Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 1, 2009

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WAS CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:56 P.M.

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

- 2. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**  
DISCUSSED WAS A LETTER SUBMITTED BY THE CITY SOLICITOR REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION FOR \$150,000 TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOLID WASTE PROJECT.

THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT MOST OF THIS WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO THE SOLID WASTE PROJECT. ABOUT \$13 OR \$14,000 OF IT IS FOR THE FIRM THAT IS THE LABOR COUNSEL FOR THE CITY, \$100,000 IS FOR ACCUMULATED BILLS SO FAR ON THE SOLID WASTE PROJECT WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE – THE RFP AND THE SELECTION PROCESS. THIS IS ONLY ON THE LEGAL END OF IT. THE TECHNICAL END OF THE PROJECT IS PAID BY THE D.P.W. WHICH PUTS IN AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SERVICES OF A.R.I. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR. THE LAW OFFICE DOES NOT PUT IN A FRONTAL APPROPRIATION JUST FOR THE PROJECT, THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING IT OUT OF THEIR OUTSIDE LEGAL BUDGET.

THE MONEY FOR THE SOLID WASTE PROJECT THAT IS USED ON LEGAL SERVICES OR TECHNICAL SERVICES IS REIMBURSED AT PROJECT FINANCING UP TO \$1,750,000.00 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RFP THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. THEY ARE TRYING TO KEEP THE CONSULTING COSTS DOWN AS THEY MOVE FORWARD ON THE PROJECT. THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO USE SOME OF THE MONEY FROM THE REIMBURSEMENT TO REIMBURSE THE MONEY PAID TO THE CONSULTANTS, BOTH TECHNICAL AND LEGAL, BUT ALSO TO HAVE SOME OF THAT MONEY PAID INTO THE CITY GENERAL FUND AT THAT TIME IN AN AMOUNT THAT REFLECTS THE STAFF HOURS THAT HAVE BEEN PUT ON THIS PROJECT BY THE D.P.W. AND THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

THE REMAINDER OF THE \$150,000 REQUESTED IS WHAT THE SOLICITOR PROJECTS TO USE UP TO JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>.

THE SOLICITOR ALSO ADDRESSED THE ISSUE REGARDING THE FACILITY VISITS. EACH COMPANY THAT BID HAD TO PUT IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF \$5,000 WHICH WAS USED TO PAY FOR THE FACILITY VISITS – TWO IN JAPAN, ONE IN FLORIDA AND ONE IN MARLBORO.

**MOTION: THAT THE COMMITTEE BE PROVIDED WITH WHAT LIABILITIES ARE OUTSTANDING, AFTER THIS \$150,000, BETWEEN NOW AND JULY, 2009. ALSO, A RECAP IS TO BE PROVIDED REGARDING HOW MUCH HAS BEEN PAID IN LEGAL FEES AND TECHNICAL FEES, SEPARATELY, SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE PROJECT, ALSO INCLUDING ANY MONIES PAID FOR TRANSPORTATION SINCE THE NIGHT**

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THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES – CONTINUED

**THAT THE COUNCIL VOTED TO TRANSFER FROM C.D.M. TO A.R.L. - HOW MUCH CASH IS LEFT IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.**

DISCUSSED WAS CONCERN WITH THE FACT THAT THE TECHNOLOGY STILL HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED, BILLS WILL STILL BE INCURRED WITH THE HOPE THAT THE TECHNOLOGY CHOSEN IS APPROVED AND THE CITY WILL BE REIMBURSED. THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT THEY ARE FINISHING THE SELECTION PROCESS NOW AND THE NEXT PHASE IS CONTRACT NEGOTIATION. HE FEELS THAT MOST OF THE SPENDING IS BEHIND US.

IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT D.E.P. STILL HAS NOT ISSUED A REVISION OF THE SOLID WASTE MASTER PLAN AND IT WILL NOT BE AS ECONOMIC FOR THE CITY IF THE CITY CANNOT GO WITH THE TECHNOLOGY IT FEELS IS BEST. IF IT IS NOT APPROVED AS A GASIFICATION FACILITY AN ADDENDUM WILL HAVE TO BE DONE FOR A TRANSFER STATION. THE CITY WOULD NOT GET A TIP FEE IF THIS HAPPENS. THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT THE CITY OF TAUNTON IS THE ONLY PLACE ACTIVELY PURSUING A NEW SOLID WASTE FACILITY.

REQUEST WAS MADE THAT THE AUDITOR PROVIDE FOR NEXT WEEK A LIST OF ACCOUNTS AS TO WHERE THE MONEY THAT CAME IN WITH THE RFQP WENT AND ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN EXPENDED FROM THESE ACCOUNTS.

DISCUSSED ALSO WAS ANAEROBIC DIGESTION. THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT THIS IS NOT AS LUCRATIVE AS GASIFICATION.

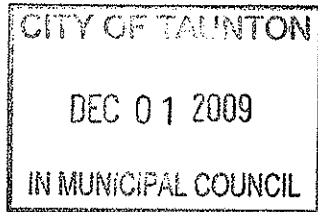
IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT A DECISION TO INCREASE THE CURRENT LANDFILL MUST BE MADE BY APRIL, 2010.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:37 P.M.**

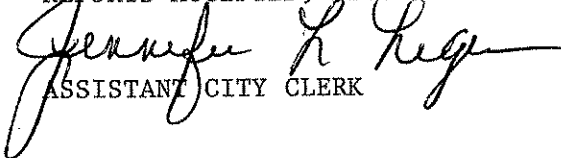
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 1, 2009

**THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID POTTIER AND COUNCILORS HOYE, COSTA-HANLON FIORE, CROTEAU, CARR, BUFFINGTON AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE KATHERINE GREIN AND SHEILA SCADUTO, CANDIDATES FOR THE ASSESSOR POSITION, KEVIN SHEA AND DICK SHAFER OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LYNN TOKARCZYK, TIF CONSULTANT AND SCOTT WEBSTER C.F.O. OF TRIBE INC.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:44 P.M.**

**2. MEET FOR INTERVIEWS FOR ASSESSORS POSITION**

THE FIRST INTERVIEW WAS WITH KATHERINE GREIN OF BRIDGEWATER, MA. MS. GREIN IS CURRENTLY A PRINCIPAL CLERK/FIELD WORKER IN THE TAUNTON ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. IN PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING HER ASSESSOR'S CERTIFICATION WITH THE MASS. ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS, SHE HAS COMPLETED THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE COURSE 101, THE MAAO COURSE 1 (SALES APPROACH TO VALUE AND COURSE 2 (COST APPROACH TO VALUE). SHE ALSO HAS FHA/HUD APPRAISER CERTIFICATION AND IS A MASS. CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISER. SHE CURRENTLY DOES FIELD WORK AND DATA ENTRY IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND IS ALSO INVOLVED IN OTHER ISSUES IN THE OFFICE. SHE HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED WITH GETTING VALUES CERTIFIED.

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MS. GREIN AND TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT**  
THE SECOND INTERVIEW WAS WITH SHEILA SCADUTO OF EAST FREETOWN. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE ASSISTANT ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF WAREHAM AND IS AN ASSESSOR IN FREETOWN, MA, WHICH IS AN ELECTED POSITION. SHE HAS A DEGREE FROM BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN FALL RIVER AND HAS TAKEN MANY COURSES FOR HER ASSESSING EDUCATION. SHE ALSO HAS EXPERIENCE AS A REAL ESTATE APPRAISER.

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE MS. SCADUTO AND TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT**

**MOTION: TO TAKE A THREE MINUTE RECESS**

**MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS VOTED TO APPOINT KATHERINE GREIN TO THE ASSESSOR'S POSITION, ALSO THAT HER APPLICATION IS FULLY CHECKED BEFORE AN OFFICIAL LETTER OF OFFERING IS ISSUED. IF THERE ARE ANY CRITERIA OR CREDENTIALS THAT MS. GREIN STILL NEEDS TO COMPLETE, THIS IS TO BE A CONTINGENCY OF EMPLOYMENT. ALSO, THAT HUMAN RESOURCES SEND A LETTER OF THANKS TO SHEILA SCADUTO.**

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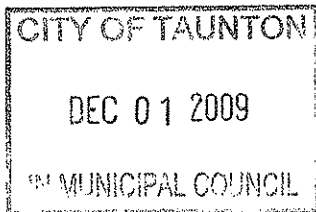
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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – CONTINUED

- 1. **MEET TO REVIEW CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION OF TRIBE MEDITERRANEAN FOODS, INC., 110 PRINCE HENRY DRIVE, TAUNTON**  
 TRIBE, INC. IS A COMPANY LOCATED IN THE MYLES STANDISH INDUSTRIAL PARK. THE PROJECT INVESTMENT IS ESTIMATED AT \$13 MILLION COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND \$5 MILLION FOR NEW MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND PROJECTED FUTURE INVESTMENTS OF APPROXIMATELY \$6 MILLION OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.  
 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS TO TAUNTON INCLUDE THE RETENTION OF 66 FULL-TIME JOBS AND THE CREATION OF 59 NEW FULL TIME JOBS. THE CITY WILL KEEP A FOOD MANUFACTURER IN THE COMMUNITY, GENERATE NEW COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUE AND MAINTAIN/COLLECT VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES FROM THE COMPANY. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT MEDITERRANEAN FOODS AND ITS EMPLOYEES SPEND AN ESTIMATED \$200,000 ANNUALLY WITH LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS. THEY HAVE A SOLID TRACK RECORD OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PLAN TO ADVERTISE JOBS IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL JOB FAIRS.  
 THE 20 YEAR EDI BENEFITS ARE (1) RETAIN THE 66 FULL TIME CURRENT POSITIONS AND ADD 59 NEW PERMANENT FULL TIME POSITIONS (2) TOTAL COMBINED TAXES TO THE CITY - \$1,386,022.00 AND TOTAL BENEFIT TO TRIBE, INC. - \$140,016.00

**MOTION: TO APPROVE APPLICATION AMENDMENT OF THE MYLES STANDISH INDUSTRIAL PARK #4 EOA TO THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC ASSISTANT COORDINATING COUNCIL (EACC) – BY REMOVING THE TRIBE MEDITERRANEAN FOODS PARCEL – MAP 29, LOT 27 WHILE LEAVING THE BALANCE OF THE EOA UNCHANGED. TO APPROVE APPLICATION TO DESIGNATE NEW SITE SPECIFIC EOA KNOWN AS 110 PRINCE HENRY DRIVE FOR MAP 29, LOT 27 TO THE EACC – BASIS FOR EOA DESIGNATION – THE AREA PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION AS AN EOA IS A “BLIGHTED OPEN AREA”. TO APPROVE THE CERTIFIED PROJECT APPLICATION TO THE EACC. TO ADOPT A TIP PLAN IN THE NAME OF TRIBE MEDITERRANEAN FOODS, INC. WHICH INCLUDES TIF ZONE, TIF AGREEMENT, AND SUBMIT TO THE EACC FOR APPROVAL PURSUANT TO ITS REGULATIONS.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

 A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer K. Keegan".
 

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 1, 2009

**THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JASON BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN AND  
COUNCILORS HOYE AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE  
ACTING CHIEF JOHN REARDON AND DETECTIVE DENNIS  
SMITH

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:34 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF ALAN MEDEIROS, TREASURER, ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB, 2 COLUMBUS BLVD., TAUNTON FOR RENEWAL OF BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 1 TABLE**
  
2. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS II LICENSES:**
  - A. **B & J AUTO SALES, 14 WHITTENTON STREET**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 2 VEHICLE LIMIT**
  - B. **CRUISIN CLASSICS, 632 WINTHROP STREET**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 20 VEHICLE LIMIT**
  - C. **LOPES USED TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES D/B/A G. LOPES CONSTRUCTION, INC., 490 WINTHROP STREET**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL**
  - D. **M & M SERVICE CENTER, INC., 63 BROADWAY**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 3 VEHICLE LIMIT**
  - E. **NEW ENGLAND AUTO, 157 WEST WATER STREET**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 12 VEHICLE LIMIT**
  - F. **R & F MOTORS, INC., 35 DANA STREET**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL**
  - G. **RICHARD P. COSTA D/B/A TAUNTON AUTO & TRUCK SALES, 603 WINTHROP STREET**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL**
  
3. **MEET TO DISCUSS GRIEVANCE**  
THIS MATTER WAS CONTINUED TO THE NEXT MEETING
  
4. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**
  - A. **DETECTIVE SMITH INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT IN REGARD TO AN APPLICATION OF STEPHEN CAIN, 96 OLD COLONY AVE., #222, E. TAUNTON THAT WAS APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 10, 2009 A RESTRICTION WAS PUT ON THE APPLICATION FOR CIVIL PROCESS. DETECTIVE SMITH SAID THIS SHOULD BE WITHOUT RESTRICTION.**  
**MOTION: MOVE MODIFICATION**
  - B. **DISCUSSED WAS ISSUE WITH CHERRY AVENUE AND A MOTION MADE A YEAR AGO TO RESTRICT PARKING TO ONE SIDE FOR FIRE SAFETY ISSUES. THE CHIEF REPORTED THAT CHERRY AVENUE IS ON THE LIST OF STREETS TO BE ACCEPTED. UNTIL THE TIME THAT IT IS ACCEPTED THE SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LOOK INTO HAVING ONE SIDE**



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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE – CONTINUED

RESTRICTED TO NO PARKING FOR FIRE SAFETY REASONS.

**MOTION:** REFER THIS ISSUE TO THE FIRE CHIEF FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR TO SEE IF THIS STREET COULD QUALIFY FOR A FIRE LANE FOR SAFETY PURPOSES AND REPORT BACK TO FULL COUNCIL IN WRITING WITH HIS RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER OR NOT A FIRE LANE SHOULD EXIST.

C. THE CHIEF PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH A LIST OF OUTSTANDING POLICE DETAILS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2009

**MOTION:** TO REFER THIS LIST TO THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION. HE IS TO NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE AS TO WHAT ACTION HE IS GOING TO TAKE IN TERMS OF COLLECTION AND IDENTIFY THOSE COMPANIES THAT ARE NO LONGER IN BUSINESS OR EXISTING BUT HOW WE CAN STILL IF AT ALL GO AFTER THEM. TO MEET ON THIS ISSUE FOR FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY, 2010.

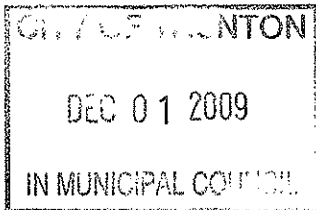
D. IT WAS REPORTED THAT COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM SCHOOL BUS VAN DRIVERS REGARDING VEHICLES NOT STOPPING WHEN THEIR LIGHTS ARE FLASHING. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AND DO SOME TYPE OF ENFORCEMENT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:41 P.M.

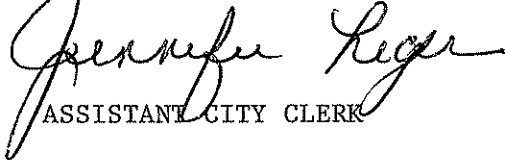
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK