



City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

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In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, June 30, 2009 at 8:45 O'clock P.M.

REVISED

Regular Meeting

Mayor Charles Crowley presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

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

Communications from Mayor:

The Mayor stated that he needs a formal vote of the Council to implement Meals Tax and Hotel/Motel Tax. He stated the motion would be that the City of Taunton accepts M.G.L. c. 64L, § 2A for the purposes of imposing a local meals excise as well as the purposes of imposing a local hotel/motel tax. **On a roll call vote, seven (7) Councilors present, seven (7) Councilors voting in favor.**

On a roll call vote, seven (7) Councilors present, seven (7) Councilors voting in favor of passing the FY10 Preliminary Budget for the City of Taunton as \$167,420,028.64.

Communications:

Com. from Executive Director of Retirement submitting Retirement's FY2010 Expense Budget. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying of a public hearing for the Form J Plan and Special Permit for a common driveway at 34 ½ Briggs Street by Kevin Wells on Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 5:30 PM in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from the City Planner providing a proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance for the Federal Flood Insurance Program and a change to the reference date to reflect the updated zoning map that was produced last year. **Motion was made to refer to the Planning Board and a Public Hearing. So Voted.**

Com. from Eve Beland, Publicity Member, Silver City Quilt Guild requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their quilt show September 19 and 20th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Friedman Middle School. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Joshua Freeman, 25 Fayette Place, Taunton requesting a meeting to look at economic aspects of this area. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President. So Voted.**

Com. from Superintendent of Buildings submitting bid results and recommending the following: Electrical Supplies and Materials – Munro Distributing Co., Inc, Electrical Services – Fernandes Electric, Electronic Supplies and Materials – Alarm Distributors, Electronic Systems Services – Sawejko Communications, Heating and Plumbing Supplies and Materials – Plumbers Supply Co., Plumbing Services – Jim Dorsey & Son, Inc., and Roofing Services – Skyline Roofing. **Motion was made to move approval and ask Mr. Walkden, for next week, why the low bidder was not chosen. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that a citizen has asked for an update on Somerset Avenue. The Mayor provided a progress update and will also submit an up-to-date status at a later date.

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by the Building Commissioner in which he states that twenty-five jobs have been issued “stop work orders” to homeowners and contractors performing work without permits. Councilor Pottier also read a communication submitted by Peter Fortin, Fortin Co. expressing gratitude to Mr. Walkden for doing something about individuals who do not pull permits. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Constable application submitted by Leonard F. Rose, Jr., 28 Harold Street, Taunton, requesting a new Constable License desiring to work details in Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Joe Cabral, President requesting a renewal of a Billiard Table License -DBA- Taunton Sports Club, Inc. located at 33 Baker Rd., Taunton. (1 table) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Edward Medas requesting a renewal of his Billiard Table License – DBA- Atlantic Café located at 10 Plain Street, Taunton. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Frank Teixeira, requesting a renewal of his **2008 and 2009** Billiard Table Licenses –DBA- Frank’s Good Time Lounge located at 381 Winthrop Street Taunton. (1 Table) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Charlene Hackett requesting a renewal of her Billiard Table License –DBA- The Longbranch Café located at 34 Old Colony Ave., Taunton. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Jill Ferreira requesting a renewal of her Old Gold, Junk Dealer, and Second Hand Article Licenses –DBA- The Money Tree 53 Weir St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the Petition for the Departmental Site Plan Review for a 950 sq. ft. addition and a 115 space parking lot at 17 Sheridan Street, Taunton which is located in an Urban Residential 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.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Barbour arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made at the June 9, 2009 Municipal Council Meeting to discuss, in Executive Session, legal action concerning F.B. Rogers. The Assistant City Solicitor provided an update submitted by the City Solicitor who is requesting an extension until July 21, 2009 to research some issues. **Motion was made to refer to the July 21, 2009 agenda to allow time to research the issues and instruct the City Solicitor to attend said meeting and be prepared. So Voted.**

A motion was made at the June 9, 2009 Municipal Council Meeting to discuss the retirement of a former employee of the Police Department. The Assistant City Solicitor stated that the Retirement Board for the City of Taunton is the sole decision maker on who receives retirement. He stated the Council really does not have the authority to determine who receives retirement and who does not. He further stated that as the Council knows, there is only two ways to hold up someone's retirement. First if the individual commits a moral crime of turpitude and second, if the individual misappropriates funds from their position. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Committee to the Council as a Whole is looking for an update on the Morey's Bridge Mediation. The Mayor read a letter from the City Engineer stating that he spoke with MassHighway's Project Manager for the Bay Street Bridge project regarding its current status. He stated the project is scheduled for a February 2010 advertisement and that the Right-of-Way needs to be secured. He stated the project is behind schedule and that they met with DCR and scoped a project for the replacement of the dam. The current plan is to have MassHighway hire a consultant to design the dam, fund its construction, and then turn it over to the DCR. He stated that while the project may be delayed, the City may finally be getting a new dam at no expense. The Council had a brief discussion on this issue. **A motion was made to send a copy of the letter to each Councilor by email. So Voted.**

Councilor Croteau stated that he is concerned that the traffic light at the intersection of Purchase Street and Broadway is out of sync. Therefore he motioned that the Police Department, City Engineer and TMLP review this matter. *(The City Clerk spoke with Mark Bissonette, TMLP, the Acting Police Chief and the City Engineer on this issue. The TMLP called back stating this traffic light is working properly at this time.)* Councilor Croteau asked what the status is with the Soper Estate monies and why it is dragging on? What can we do to get an answer from the court. The Assistant City

Solicitor stated he will pull the docket # to find out why. Councilor Croteau stated if we cannot find out anything from the court, we should pursue this on a higher level. The Mayor stated he as soon as he receives an update on the Soper funds, he will send a notice to the Council.

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills discuss Section 18-46 of the Revised Ordinances, *Officer in charge in absence or death of Chief of Police*, with the City Solicitor. So Voted.

Orders, Ordinances, and Enrolled Bills

FY10 City Budget for a second reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

FY10 Preliminary Budget - City of Taunton				
	Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	Capital Expenses	Total Budget
General Government	\$2,551,815.70	\$1,736,552.32	\$	\$4,288,368.02
Public Safety	\$18,286,276.34	\$982,256.37	\$192,707.76	\$19,461,240.47
Education	\$	\$65,803,468.00	\$	\$65,803,468.00
Public Works/Facilities	\$2,852,818.80	\$8,272,957.99	\$196,016.23	\$11,321,793.02
Health/Citizen Services	\$1,313,356.71	\$894,485.66	\$	\$2,207,842.37
Culture & Recreation	\$1,612,211.31	\$618,339.87	\$	\$2,230,551.18
Debt & Interest	\$ -	\$9,623,289.63	\$	\$9,623,289.63
Miscellaneous	\$	\$9,041.80	\$	\$9,041.80
Employee Benefits	\$72,797.52	\$40,136,536.90	\$	\$40,209,334.42
Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$5,000.00	\$	\$5,000.00
Enterprise Accounts	\$5,569,394.87	\$6,610,704.86	\$80,000.00	\$12,260,099.73
Total Budget	\$32,258,671.25	\$134,692,633.40	\$468,723.99	\$167,420,028.64

On a roll call vote, 8 Councilors present, 8 Councilors voting in favor to ordain the FY10 City Budget. Councilor Carr was absent.

New Business:

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Police Chief and the DPW Commissioner investigate the speed signs that were on Oak Street but are no longer there and report back to the Council in two weeks. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she attended the Fiesta de San Juan Bautista in which seven Taunton residents were honored and motioned to send a letter of congratulations to each of them. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier motioned that they strongly suggest that the Mayor look at bi-weekly pay periods and direct deposit. So Voted.

Councilor Fiore motioned that the Committee on the Department of Public Works consider the installation of sidewalks on Hopewell Street near Hopewell Park. Additionally, that the Committee on the Department of Public Works look into the feasibility of the placement of sidewalks on Cohannet Street in the vicinity of the Gertrude E. Boyden Refuge Park. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned that the DPW Commissioner have the street sweeper clean Cove Drive and Sao Paulo Drive. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour Council motioned that the Acting Police Chief have radar and the radar trailer stationed on South Walker Street. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour stated that having the PACC and Ward 5 fiestas on the same weekend was very complicated for the village area and created safety concerns plus concerns with Fire and Police. Therefore, the Council motioned that next year, the Committee on Police and License take these concerns into consideration. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 30, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

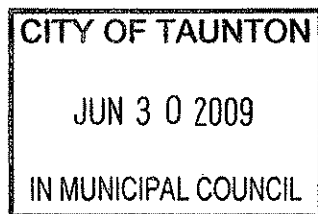
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WAS GILL ENOS, BUDGET DIRECTOR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:38 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 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$18,500.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-210-203-5849 – FY 09 CAPITAL EXPENSES TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-210-202-5301. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED AS TO WHAT THIS MONEY WAS ORIGINALLY BUDGETED FOR.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$9,162.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-201-5123 – FIREFIGHTER SALARY TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-202-5581 – FIREFIGHTING SUPPLIES.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:41 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted

Rm Blairwell

City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 30, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS COSTA-HANLON AND BUFFINGTON. ALSO PRESENT WAS ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR WILL FLANAGAN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:11 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW ORDINANCE INCREASING BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES**
AN ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED INCREASING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES, ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS FEE SCHEDULE, MECHANICAL FEES AND PLUMBING AND GAS FEES.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE AND REFER FOR SECOND READING.

2. **MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW ORDINANCE INCREASING CITY CLERK FEES**
AN ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED INCREASING THE CITY CLERK FEES.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE AND REFER FOR SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED INCREASING FEES FOR LICENSING OF DOGS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE AND REFER FOR SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED INCREASING FEES FOR HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS LICENSES
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE AND REFER FOR SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED INCREASING FEES FOR JUNK, OLD METAL, ANTIQUES AND SECOND HAND ARTICLES LICENSES
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE AND REFER FOR SECOND READING

3. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**
REQUEST WAS MADE TO SCHEDULE AN ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS MEETING TO DISCUSS ANY OUTSTANDING MATTERS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:17 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON
JUN 30 2009
IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
Colleen Ellis
COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

Rm Blaenwell
City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 30, 2009

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID POTTIER AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CROTEAU, MARSHALL, FIORE, COSTA-HANLON AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR CHARLES CROWLEY, KEVIN SHEA, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, KELLY WHITMORE OF THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS AND DAVID MCGOWAN OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

1. MEET TO DISCUSS LETTER DATED JUNE 20, 2009 OF GREATER WESTVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CONCERNING PROPERTY OF CARLOS MELLO ON NORTH WALKER STREET

DISCLOSURE WAS MADE BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT POTTIER THAT HIS FATHER WAS, IN 2003, A TRUSTEE OF A NUMBER OF PROPERTIES, THIS BEING ONE OF THEM. THERE IS NO DIRECT FINANCIAL ISSUE.

MOTION: THIS DISCLOSURE TO BE PART OF THE MINUTES
THE PROPERTY CONSISTING OF 54 ACRES LIES BETWEEN NORTH WALKER STREET AND THE THREE MILE RIVER, WITHIN A RECENTLY DESIGNATED AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN. THE MAYOR IS ENDORSING A GRANT OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE THIS PIECE OF LAND, WHICH HAS SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL VALUE. A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY, THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS (TTOC) AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY WOULD LEVERAGE THE FUNDING NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS \$1,265,000.00. THIS INCLUDES THE PURCHASE PRICE, STILL TO BE CONFIRMED WITH AN APPRAISAL, LEGAL EXPENSES, APPRAISAL COSTS, DUE DILIGENCE AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS SO THE PROPERTY CAN BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING COMMITMENTS OF \$245,000.00 PLUS A FORMAL COMMITMENT FROM THE TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF \$220,000 TO FULFILL AN AGRICULTURAL MITIGATION REQUIREMENT. FURTHER, A \$300,000 REQUEST FOR THIS PROJECT WAS WELL RECEIVED BY A FOUNDATION WISHING TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS. THE FOUNDATION WILL DECIDE BY OCTOBER IF IT WILL SUPPORT THE PROJECT.

THE LOCAL ACQUISITIONS FOR NATURAL DIVERSITY PROGRAM PROVIDES GRANTS FOR CONSERVATION PROJECTS AND COULD PROVIDE THE BALANCE OF THE FUNDS NEEDED (\$500,000) TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. THE GRANT DEADLINE IS JULY 15TH.

A VOTE IN SUPPORT OF APPLYING FOR THIS GRANT IS NEEDED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

THE STATE WILL ANNOUNCE THE AWARDS OF THE GRANTS IN OCTOBER, AND ONCE THE PARKING LOT AND SIGNAGE IS IN AT THE PROPERTY, THE CITY CAN APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

LETTER DATED 6/29/09 OF STEPHEN SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SRPEDD WAS READ IN WHICH HE SUPPORTS THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF TAUNTON TO THE STATE'S LOCAL ACQUISITION AND NATURAL DIVERSITY (LAND) PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE 54-ACRE PARCEL OF

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LAND LOCATED OFF OF NORTH WALKER STREET. SRPEDD ENDORSES THE APPLICATION AS A BENEFIT TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE THREE MILE RIVER ACEC AND THE CITIZENS OF TAUNTON.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

LETTER DATED 6/29/09 OF JAMES HENDRICKSON, CHAIRMAN, THREE MILE RIVER ACEC STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE WAS READ IN WHICH HE ENCOURAGES THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL ACQUISITION AND NATURAL DIVERSITY PROGRAM. HE STATES THAT THE PROJECT WILL PROTECT A PROPERTY WITH ¾ OF A MILE OF FRONTAGE ON THE THREE MILE RIVER.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

LETTER UNDATED OF THE GREATER WESTVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WAS READ IN WHICH THEY ENDORSED THE ACQUISITION OF THIS PROPERTY AS A MEANS OF PRESERVING VERY ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND IN A DESIGNATED AREA OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

LETTER DATED 6/30/09 OF KATHLEEN CAMPANIRIO OF 110 NORTH WALKER STREET WAS READ IN WHICH SHE SUPPORTS THE PLAN TO PRESERVE THIS PROPERTY. HOWEVER, SHE RECOMMENDED ONE RESTRICTION TO THE PROPERTY'S USE, AND THAT WOULD BE THAT HUNTING BE PROHIBITED ON THIS LAND AS WELL AS ATV'S.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

LETTER DATED 6/30/09 OF BRIAN MARQUES, CHAIR, TAUNTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION WAS READ NOTIFYING OF THE TAUNTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S VOTE TO CONDITIONALLY SUPPORT THE LAND GRANT FOR THIS PROPERTY ON NORTH WALKER STREET.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

LETTER DATED 6/22/09 OF THE FRIENDS OF BOYDEN REFUGE, INC. WAS READ ENCOURAGING THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE LAND PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION OF THE 54 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED OFF NORTH WALKER STREET.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

LETTER DATED 6/29/09 OF LOUIS RICCIARDI, PRESIDENT, TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WAS READ ENCOURAGING THE SUPPORT OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION BY THE CITY TO THE STATE LOCAL ACQUISITION AND NATURAL DIVERSITY PROGRAM FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A 54 PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED OFF NORTH WALKER STREET
THE LETTER ALSO STATES THAT AS PART OF THIS PROJECT THE TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTED ON 5/21/09 TO PARTICIPATE BY COMMITTING UP TO \$220,000 TO PRESERVE OVER 28 ACRES OF THE FARM LAND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THEIR AGRICULTURE MITIGATION REQUIREMENT FROM DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIBERTY AND UNION INDUSTRIAL PARK IN EAST TAUNTON. THE TDC FUNDS WILL BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS OF THE 46 ACRE PHASE III PARCEL AND WILL REQUIRE MEPA APPROVAL.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

THE MAYOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT IF THE APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, THE \$500,000 WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT, THEN WILL BE RETURNED ONCE REIMBURSEMENT IS RECEIVED.

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – CONTINUED

ROGER DESROCHERS AND JANICE LAWLOR BOTH SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THIS APPLICATION.

DISCUSSED WAS THAT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS LAND BY MR. MELLO, SEWERAGE WAS TO BE INSTALLED. WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT, THE AREA IS NOT GETTING SEWERAGE. HOWEVER, THE MAYOR WILL BE LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES TO SEWER THE AREA.

IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT FUNDS WILL BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS OF THE 46 ACRE PHASE III PARCEL AND WILL REQUIRE MEPA APPROVAL. DISCUSSED WAS THAT IF THE T.D.C. CANNOT CONTRIBUTE DUE TO THE PARCEL NOT BEING SOLD, THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS WILL PROVIDE A BRIDGE LOAN TO ACCOMPLISH ACQUIRING THE LAND ON NORTH WALKER STREET.

IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT NO CITY MONEY WILL BE EXPENDED UNTIL ALL OTHER CONDITIONS AND COMMITMENTS ARE MET. PAPERS WILL NOT PASS UNTIL ALL FUNDING IS FIRM.

DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WAS THE NEED TO HAVE A PLAN FOR MAINTAINING THE PROPERTY IN PLACE. AN ENDOWMENT IS INTENDED TO BE CREATED TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE NEED TO SEE SOME USES FOR THE PROPERTY AND A DRAFT OF A MANAGEMENT PLAN. MS. WHITMORE WILL WORK ON THIS. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE NEED TO SEE A MANAGEMENT PLAN, ASCERTAIN THAT THERE WILL BE MONEY FOR THE ENDOWMENT, SOMETHING IN WRITING SHOWING THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS, AND WHEN THE PARKING LOT IS CONSTRUCTED WHERE THE NEIGHBORS WOULD GO TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED WITH TWO CONDITIONS: (1) THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVE ELECTRONICALLY BOTH THE FULL APPRAISAL WITHIN ONE WEEK AND THE PROFESSIONAL REVIEW APPRAISAL WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND (2) A COMMUNICATION FROM THE T.D.C. ASKING THEM TO COMMENT ON THE IDEA OF THE BRIDGE LOAN AND IF THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT AS STATED THIS EVENING AS PART OF THEIR CONDITION OF PONYING UP THE \$220,000.00 – IF THEIR \$220,000 IS NOT AVAILABLE BY DECEMBER, ARE THEY GOING TO ENTER INTO A BRIDGE LOAN AT INTEREST RATE THE TTOR AS AGREED TO WORK OUT WITH THEM. ALSO THAT A COPY OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING THE TIMELINE FOR THE PARKING AND THE SIGNAGE BE PROVIDED. ALSO THAT SOME DOCUMENTATION BE RECEIVED FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE RELATIVE TO HIS WILLINGNESS TO SET UP THE STEWARDSHIP FUND AND TO FUND IT IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT.

IT WAS NOTED BY KELLY WHITMORE THAT THE MANAGEMENT PLAN SHOULD BE DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION. REQUEST WAS THEN MADE FOR A DRAFT OF SAID PLAN.

DISCUSSED WAS WHETHER THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE VOTE WOULD

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ADVERSELY EFFECT THE GRANT APPLICATION. MR. SHEA STATED THAT IT WOULD MAKE IT MESSIER.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION: THAT AN APPRAISAL BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL WITHIN ONE WEEK AND THE PROFESSIONAL REVIEW OF THE APPRAISAL WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF TTOR'S RECEIPT OF SAME.

MOTION: THAT A COMMUNICATION BE RECEIVED FROM THE TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STATING THAT THEIR INTENT, IF IT IS THEIR INTENT, TO ENTER INTO SOME TYPE OF FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH THE TTOR IF COME DECEMBER THEIR \$220,000 IS NOT AVAILABLE.

MOTION: THAT THE COMMITTEE RECEIVE FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS AN OUTLINE OF A MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING IN CONCERT WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND THE TTOR.

MOTION: THAT WITH IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE TO COMMIT TO A STEWARDSHIP FUND THAT WOULD BE USED FOR THIS PROPERTY AND THAT IT BE FUNDED IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY AND THE TTOR.

MOTION: CITY WILL VOTE TO BORROW AND/OR APPROPRIATE \$500,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION BY GIFT, NEGOTIATED PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF A PARCEL OF LAND APPROXIMATELY 54+/- ACRES OWNED BY THE MELLO INVESTMENT TRUST AS DESCRIBED ON ASSESSORS MAP 75, PARCEL 51, TO BE MANAGED AND CONTROLLED BY THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAUNTON IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 40, SECTION 8C FOR CONSERVATION AND PASSIVE RECREATION PURPOSES, AND TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION WITH FUNDS TRANSFERRED AND/OR BORROWED FROM THE CITY'S RESERVED FUNDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TO ISSUE ANY BOND OR NOTES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE, AS AUTHORIZED BY M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OR MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO FILE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TAUNTON ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE SELF-HELP ACT (M.G.L. CHAPTER 132A, SECTION 11), NOW KNOWN AS THE LOCAL ACQUISITIONS FOR NATURAL DIVERSITY (LAND) PROGRAM, OR ANY OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS IN

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ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE SCOPE OF THIS ACQUISITION, AND THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED, AS THEY DEEM APPROPRIATE, TO ENTER INTO ALL AGREEMENTS AND EXECUTE ANY AND ALL INSTRUMENTS INCLUDING THE CONVEYANCE OF A PERPETUAL CONSERVATION RESTRICTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. CHAPTER 184 AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 12(A) OF CHAPTER 44B OR CHAPTER 293 SECTION 10 OF THE ACTS OF 1998 AS AMENDED, AS MAY BE NECESSARY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TAUNTON TO AFFECT SAID PURCHASE. SAID CONSERVATION RESTRICTION MAY BE GRANTED TO THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION QUALIFIED AND WILLING TO HOLD SUCH A RESTRICTION. THE PROJECT WILL PROCEED ONLY IF THE LAND GRANT IS AWARDED TO THE CITY. FUNDS BORROWED FROM THE CITY'S RESERVE ACCOUNT WILL BE REPAID IN FULL BY THE STATE LAND PROGRAM.

MOTION SECONDED – ON DISCUSSION

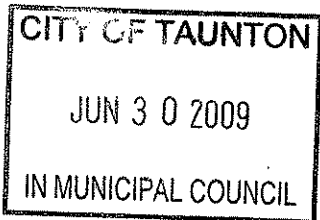
DISCUSSED WAS ELIMINATING THE TERM EMINENT DOMAIN, AS SOME COUNCILORS WERE NOT INTERESTED IN EMINENT DOMAINING THIS PROPERTY.

MOTION: TO STRIKE OUT THE WORKS EMINENT DOMAIN

ALSO, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS VOTING TO TAKE THIS PROPERTY OFF THE TAX ROLLS.

ALSO DISCUSSED WAS WHY THE VOTE AS MADE ABOVE, AUTHORIZES THE TREASURER TO ISSUE BONDS IF THE FUNDS ARE BEING TAKEN OUT OF THE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT. IT WAS STATED BY THE MAYOR THAT THE FIRST PART OF THE VOTE STATES EITHER BORROW AND/OR APPROPRIATE – HE IS NOT GOING TO BE BORROWING THE FUNDS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT STABILIZATION IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE VOTE. IT WAS THEN NOTED THAT THERE WILL BE A REQUEST FOR A VOTE OF THE COUNCIL TO TAKE THE FUNDS OUT OF THE STABILIZATION ACCOUNT. A CONFIRMATION VOTE OF THE COUNCIL IS NEEDED TO TRANSFER THE FUNDS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rm Blanchard".
City Clerk



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #55
FY 2009
JUNE 30, 2009

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED

DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$18,500.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM POLICE

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-210-203-5849 – FY 09 CAPITAL EXPENSE

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-210-202-5301

..... *Clerk.*



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #56
FY 2009
JUNE 30, 2009

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED

SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$9,162.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED

FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-201-5123 – FIREFIGHTER SALARY

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-202-5581 – FIREFIGHTING SUPPLIES

..... *Clerk.*

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 8, 2009

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

BUDGET HEARINGS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID POTTIER AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CARR, CROTEAU, MARSHALL, FIORE, COSTA-HANLON AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WERE GILL ENOS, BUDGET DIRECTOR, MARIA GOMES, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, CAROL SOUZA, RISK MANAGER, WILLIAM FRANGIAMORE, JOSEPHINE ALMEIDA, CHRISTINE FAGAN, PETER CORR, JOSEPH MARTIN AND CATHAL O'BRIEN OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, KEVIN SCANLON OF PLANNING & CONSERVATION, MARILYN GREENE OF PARKS, CEMETERIES & PUBLIC GROUNDS, JOHN BRENNAN AND JOSEPH MARTIN OF THE TAUNTON NURSING HOME, RICK FERREIRA OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, ACTING CHIEF JOHN REARDON & CAPTAIN EDWARD WALSH OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FRED CORNAGLIA, TONY ABREAU, JOHN LAWRENCE, CATHAL O'BRIEN & ANGELA SANTOS OF THE D.P.W., MARK SLUSARZ, CITY ENGINEER, AND FIRE CHIEF LEMAN PADELDFORD

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:03 P.M.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. TREASURER FORECLOSURE #144
THIS BUDGET IS LEVEL FUNDED.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. TREASURER/COLLECTOR #145
THIS BUDGET REFLECTS A LAYOFF. THE METHOD USED TO DECIDE WHO WAS TO BE LAID OFF WAS DONE THROUGH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE. REQUEST WAS MADE FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION AS TO THE METHOD USED TO DETERMINE LAY-OFFS.

THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT DEMAND FEES HAVE INCREASED AND THE MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATE FEE HAS INCREASED. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT DIRECT DEPOSIT WILL SAVE MONEY ALSO, BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE A MANDATE AND THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE IT. ALSO, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE TREASURER'S OFFICE DOES NOT CHARGE IF A PERSON LOOSES THEIR CHECK, BUT THAT THE CITY IS CHARGED \$25.00 TO STOP PAYMENT ON THE CHECK.

SHE ALSO STATED THAT IF THE CITY WERE TO CHANGE TO PAYING EMPLOYEES EVERY TWO WEEKS IT COULD SAVE MONEY, BUT THIS HAS BEEN RESISTED BY EMPLOYEES. THIS ALSO COULD BE MANDATED BUT THE COUNCIL MUST BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLAINTS.

SHE SAID THAT IF WE WENT TO AN EVERY OTHER WEEK PAYROLL IT WOULD REDUCE COSTS FROM \$82,000 TO ABOUT \$40,000. IF DIRECT DEPOSIT WAS TO BE

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**THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – BUDGET HEARINGS –
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MANDATED, IT WOULD DECREASE THE CURRENT COST (\$20,000) BY \$5-\$8,000.

MOTION: THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR IS TO PROVIDE A REPORT SHOWING THE COST SAVINGS FOR DIRECT DEPOSIT, BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL AND A LOST CHECK FEE. ALSO, HUMAN RESOURCES IS TO DETERMINE AND ADDRESS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUES.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. TAX TITLE #147
THERE IS AN INCREASE IN THIS BUDGET DUE TO POSTAGE. IF COSTS \$710 JUST TO FILE IN LAND COURT. WHEN THE PROPERTY IS REDEEMED, COSTS ARE RECOUPED.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

DEBT & INTEREST

1. DEBT – LONG TERM (PRINCIPAL) #710

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. INTEREST – LONG TERM DEBT #751

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. INTEREST – SHORT TERM DEBT #752

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

2. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION #913
THIS BUDGET SHOWS ACCOMMODATIONS MADE FOR THE ELEVEN LAY-OFFS. THE COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$26,000 PER LAY-OFF. \$360,000 INCLUDES THE CITY HALL WORKS LAID OFF, NOT INCLUDED IS PUBLIC SAFETY.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. HOSPITAL & GROUP INSURANCE #914

MOTION: THAT AN OPINION BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR AND/OR D.O.R. AS TO WHETHER THE HEALTH CARE TRUST MONEY CAN BE USED FOR GENERAL USES.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

4. MEDICARE #915

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

1. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION #912

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

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5. DISABILITY RETIREMENT #916
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

HEALTH & CITIZEN SERVICES

2. PERSONNEL/TRAINING #549
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

6. RISK MANAGEMENT #945
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

7. CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES #946
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

EDUCATION

1. SCHOOL #300
MOTION: COUNCILOR HOYE TO VOTE PRESENT

THE BUDGET DOES NOT PROJECT ANY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE. THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE HAS NOT VOTED ON ISSUES CONCERNING THE BUDGET. THEY NEED TO REVIEW THE BUDGET WITH THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT. THERE ARE NO LAY-OFFS IN THIS BUDGET, HOWEVER, PINK SLIPS WERE ISSUED TO NON-TENURED INDIVIDUALS – ABOUT 5 PINK SLIPS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS BUDGET IS LESS THAN THE CURRENT YEAR BECAUSE CHAPTER 70 MONEY WAS CUT BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT. AFTER JULY 1ST, THEY WILL HAVE MORE DEFINITE NUMBERS.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4. PLANNING AND CONSERVATION #175
MOTION: MR. SCANLON IS TO PROVIDE HOW MUCH WAS ASSESSED IN VIOLATIONS AND HOW MUCH WAS COLLECTED.
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

CULTURE AND RECREATION

1. RECREATION, CEMETERY & PUBLIC GROUNDS #630
IT WAS REPORTED THAT WITH THE LAYOFFS IN THIS DEPARTMENT THE SUMMER BRUSH PROGRAM IS NON-EXISTENT. THIS DEPARTMENT WAS ALREADY DOWN IN STAFF NUMBERS. THEY ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE FIVE ACTIVE CEMETERIES. THIS DEPARTMENT DID GET TWO PART TIME EMPLOYEES FOR MAY & JUNE.

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**THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – BUDGET HEARINGS –
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DISCUSSED WAS THAT THERE IS SOME MONEY IN A PERPETUAL CARE FUND AND WHETHER THIS CAN BE USED FOR SALARIES. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT IN THIS ACCOUNT. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT ONLY THE INTEREST CAN BE USED.

MOTION: THAT THE DIRECTOR, FOR NEXT WEEK, PROVIDE THE AMOUNT IN THE PERPETUAL CARE FUND, AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL VS. INTEREST. THE BUDGET DIRECTOR IS TO FIND OUT IF THE MONEY CAN BE USED FOR SALARIES FOR UPKEEP AND MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERIES. IF THE MONEY CANNOT BE USED FOR SALARIES AND WAGES, AN OPINION IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SOLICITOR AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF THE TRUST ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH PARK AND RECREATION TO HIRE INDIVIDUALS.

THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT SHE FEELS THAT ONE POSITION COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED AND WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW HER BUDGET IN AN EFFORT TO DO SO.

MOTION: THE DIRECTOR IS TO PREPARE HER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT WEEK AS TO WHAT SHE COULD DO TO SAVE ONE POSITION IN HER DEPARTMENT. SHE IS TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CUT NON-SALARY ITEMS THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO RESTORE ONE OF THE POSITIONS.

DISCUSSED WAS A SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR THE BOYDEN REFUGE. THIS IS NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF PARK AND RECREATION.

MOTION: TO ASK THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER PROVIDING FUNDING FROM THIS ACCOUNT TO PARK & RECREATION FOR UPKEEP AT BOYDEN REFUGE. RESPONSE IN ONE WEEK.

MRS. GREENE STATED THAT SHE NEEDS AT LEAST 19 LABORERS TO GET THE JOB DONE, BUT HER DEPARTMENT STILL WOULD NOT BE FULLY STAFFED.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

HEALTH & CITIZEN SERVICES

1. TAUNTON NURSING HOME

#520

MR. BRENNAN PROVIDED AN ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS FOR FY 2009 AND FY 2010. HE FURTHER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY ARE ABOVE 90% COLLECTIONS. IF THE NURSING HOME COLLECTED WHAT HAS BEEN BILLED IT WOULD BE IN THE BLACK.

MR. BRENNAN STATED THAT IT IS THE BELIEF OF THE NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT FY 2010 WILL SEE THE HOME PAYING ITS BILLS, MEETING CITY BUDGET, AND CONTINUING TO PROVIDE QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO THE CITIZENS OF TAUNTON. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE CAPITAL FUNDING FROM FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, WILL COMPLETE THE ASSISTED LIVING STUDY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MORTON HOSPITAL, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE

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THE CAPITAL FACILITY. CONTROL OF CENSUS, REVENUE, CASH, PAYROLL, OVERTIME, AGENCY, UTILITIES, PHARMACY, FOOD EXPENSE, AND REHABILITATION ON A DAILY BASIS IS THE MANAGEMENT KEY TO THEIR SUCCESS.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT #291

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

1. POLICE #210

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DOWN EIGHT PATROLMEN. THE LAST TIME A PATROLMAN WAS HIRED WAS OFFICER ACERRA IN APRIL, 2008. THEY ARE RUNNING AT 74% OF 1989 LEVELS. IF THE 11 LAYOFFS IN THE DEPARTMENT TAKE PLACE THEY WILL STILL MAINTAIN SIX SECTORS BUT WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT SOME INTERNAL SHUFFLING. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT OVERTIME WOULD INCREASE DUE TO THE LAYOFFS. THEY ARE UNDER FUNDED IN OVERTIME.

THE ACTING CHIEF WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE HOW MUCH IS RAISED IN REVENUES BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO HOW THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING IN COLLECTING EXTRA PAID DETAIL MONEY.

THERE IS NO FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF CRUISERS IN THE BUDGET AND THE ACTING CHIEF STATED THAT THIS COULD BE A PROBLEM. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE 5 MORE CRUISERS PURCHASED.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES

2. ENGINEERING #410

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

5. ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION #196

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES

1. D.P.W. COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE #400

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. OIL & ROAD CONSTRUCTION #421

IT WAS NOTED THAT CRACK SEALING FUNDING COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH

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CHAPTER 90 FUNDS AS WELL AS FUNDING FOR POT HOLE REPAIRS.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

4. STREETS & DRAINS

#422

THERE IS ONE LAYOFF IN THIS DEPARTMENT WITH FOUR BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THAT IF THEY ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT CAN THEY BE USED BY THE D.P.W. IF NEEDED. AN OPINION WAS REQUESTED FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR. DISCUSSED ALSO WAS THAT TWO CLERKS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND WHETHER THESE ARE SOUND CHOICES AS THEY ALSO MUST BE DOING ONLY WATER DEPARTMENT WORK. IT WAS NOTED THAT THEY WILL BE WORKING FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT BUT CAN HELP OUT THE D.P.W. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT WITH THESE TWO CLERKS GOING TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT IT WILL CAUSE AN ISSUE IN THE D.P.W. OFFICE AS THEY WILL BECOME SHORT STAFFED. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT NO DRAIN PROJECTS WILL BE DONE THIS YEAR.

MOTION: THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER IS TO TRY TO COME UP WITH A BETTER SOLUTION AND LOOK AT POSSIBILITY OF OTHER EMPLOYEES BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: THAT AN OPINION FROM THE AUDITOR OR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BE PROVIDED SURROUNDING THE TRANSFERRING OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

5. SNOW REMOVAL

#423

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

6. STREET LIGHTING

#424

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

7. TRASH PICK-UP

#433

REQUEST WAS MADE FOR A TIMETABLE FOR RE-IMBURSEMENTS REGARDING THE NEW TRASH FACILITY.

THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER PROVIDED A DOCUMENT ENTITLED REQUESTED SOLID WASTE BUDGET ITEMS. ON PAGE THREE OF THIS HANDOUT WAS A SPREADSHEET CONTAINING A COLUMN ENTITLED "TRANSACTION FEE"

MOTION: REFER THIS SPREADSHEET TO THE CITY SOLICITOR. HE IS TO PROVIDE IN WRITING A CLARIFICATION OF THIS TRANSACTION FEE LOCATED ON PAGE THREE OF THE D.P.W. HANDOUT.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

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8. WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY #442
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT
9. SEWER MAINTENANCE #443
MOTION: THAT THE BUDGET DIRECTOR PROVIDE REVENUES VS. EXPENSES IN SEWER DEPARTMENT INCLUDING DEBT SERVICE.
MOTION: THAT THE BUDGET DIRECTOR PROVIDE WHAT THE REVENUE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THIS DEPARTMENT WAS ENTERPRISED AND WHAT THE REVENUE IS NOW.
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT
10. WATER #450
COUNCILOR MARSHALL WAS EXCUSED.
 IT WAS REPORTED THAT THIS DEPARTMENT HAS MET Its EXPENSES IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF FY 09.
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT
11. VEHICULAR MAINTENANCE #480
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT
- PUBLIC SAFETY**
3. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES #244
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT
2. FIRE #220
MOTION: FIRE CHIEF TO PROVIDE HOW MUCH HIS DEPARTMENT HAS GENERATED IN REVENUE. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IN ONE WEEK.
 IT WAS NOTED THAT IF THE REVENUE INCREASES PROPOSED ARE APPROVED THAT WILL NOT BE 15 LAYOFFS IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE CHIEF STATED THAT THE BUDGET IS INADEQUATE TO RUN HIS DEPARTMENT. THERE MAY BE MORE REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES, BUT THEY WILL BE BASED ON THE FINAL DETERMINATION IN THE NUMBER OF LAYOFFS. THERE COULD BE ONE OR MORE ENGINE CLOSINGS, REDUCTIONS IN RANK, JOB CLOSINGS AS NEEDED. WITH 15 LAYOFFS TWO ENGINE COMPANIES WOULD CLOSE, PROBABLY EAST TAUNTON AND NORTH WALKER STREET. IF A THIRD ENGINE COMPANY WERE TO CLOSE IT WOULD EITHER BE WEIR STREET OR BAY STREET.
 THE CHIEF STATED THAT A LEVEL FUNDED BUDGET WILL NOT PROVIDE THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE AS WAS IN FY 2009.
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

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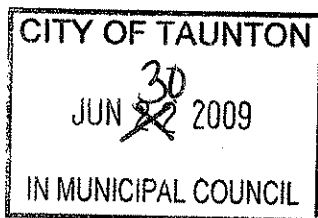
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MEETING RECESSED AT 11:18 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 15, 2009

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

BUDGET HEARINGS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, PRESIDENT AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CARR, MARSHALL, FIORE, COSTA-HANLON AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR CHARLES CROWLEY, BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS, COLLEEN ELLIS, CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES/ OFFICE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILLIAM TRANTER & CAROL WELCH OF REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, CITY AUDITOR ANN HEBERT, BARRY COOPERSTIEN, ASSESSOR, CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES, RICHARD GROSS, NADINE ROSE, MR. BORGES & PETER CORR OF BRISTOL PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL, SUZANNE DUQUETTE AND WILLIAM HANNA OF THE LIBRARY, CINDY LARSON OF HEAD START, GERARD BOUCHARD OF THE AUTOMATION DEPARTMENT, ROSE BLACKWELL, CITY CLERK, KEVIN SHEA OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WAYNE WALKDEN AND ROBERT PIROZZI OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MANNY MASSA, ANN BISSON OF HUMAN SERVICES, HEATHER GALLANT AND ADAM VICKSTROM OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, BOLI RUBIANO OF VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND PAUL SLIVINSKI OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:16 P.M.

LETTER OF JAYNE ROSS, TREASURER/COLLECTOR DATED 6/12/09 WAS READ IN WHICH SHE STATED THAT THE CITY COULD SAVE APPROXIMATELY \$40,000.00 BY PAYING BI-WEEKLY AND DIRECTOR DEPOSIT. SHE FURTHER STATES THAT ALL NEW EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO GO DIRECT DEPOSIT AND CURRENTLY ABOUT 58% OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYEES ARE DIRECT DEPOSIT.

MOTION: RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

LETTER OF CONSERVATION AGENT MICHELE RESTINO DATED 6/9/09 WAS READ IN WHICH SHE STATED THAT THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION RECEIVED A PAYMENT OF \$50 THROUGH THE 21D PROCESS FOR DUMPING YARD WASTE IN JUNE OF 2008. THE COMMISSION ALSO ASSESSED A TOTAL OF \$17,400 IN FINES AND AFTER LITIGATION, RECEIVED \$4,350, OR 25% OF THE TOTAL. THE TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD WAS \$4,400.

MOTION: PART OF THE RECORD

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

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**MOTION: TO GO OUT OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND HEAR THE
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS BUDGET.**

10. ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS #162
DISCUSSED WAS WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY ISSUE WITH NOT HAVING A
PRIMARY. IT WAS NOTED THAT A HOME RULE PETITION MUST BE FILED SOON.
THE SAVINGS IN NOT HAVING A PRIMARY WOULD BE ABOUT \$40,000.00. HAVING
NO PRIMARY WOULD CUT PUBLIC SAFETY COSTS, PRECINCT OFFICER COSTS PLUS
SOME OVERTIME COSTS. VOTING MACHINE BALLOTS AND CODING COSTS
WOULD ALSO BE REDUCED.
ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE NEED FOR MAILING OUT POSTCARDS TO ALL PEOPLE
WHO VOTE AT CHAMBERLAIN SCHOOL DUE TO A CHANGE IN LOCATION TO
FRIEDMAN SCHOOL. IT WAS NOTED THAT STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT VOTERS
MUST BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL. REQUEST WAS MADE FOR THE CITATION WHERE
THIS LAW IS.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. RESERVE ACCOUNT #132
**MOTION: BUDGET DIRECTOR TO E-MAIL TO COUNCILORS A LIST OF
ALL MONIES TAKEN OUT OF THE RESERVE ACCOUNT**
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

4. AUDITOR #135
IT WAS NOTED THAT CONTRACTED SERVICES IS UP \$60,000. THIS IS DUE TO THE
HIRING OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AS RECOMMENDED IN THE AUDIT. THE CITY
IS CURRENT ON THE AUDITS. THIS BUDGET ALLOWS FOR LEVEL STAFFING IN THE
DEPARTMENT.
DISCUSSED FURTHER WAS THE INTERNAL AUDITOR. HIS PRIMARY ROLE NOW IS
TO DEAL WITH THE SICK AND VACATION TIME RECORDS. THE TERM OF HIS
CONTRACT IS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. HIS HOURLY RATE IS \$150.00 PER HOUR.
HE WILL BE MAKING DIRECTIVES TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN THE SICK AND
VACATION RECORDS.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

5. ASSESSOR #141
IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE IS CONSIDERABLY
UNDERSTAFFED.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

6. LAW #151
IT WAS NOTED THAT STAFF WAS ADDED TO THIS OFFICE IN OCTOBER 2008. THE
DECISION TO ADD STAFF GOES BACK TO 2000 WHEN THERE WAS A LARGE
BUDGET FOR OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES. IT WAS FELT THAT IT WAS CHEAPER TO
HIRE AN ASSISTANT SOLICITOR RATHER THAN SEND OUT LEGAL WORK.
IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT OUTSIDE LEGAL SERVICES IS BEING USED ON THE
SOLID WASTE PROJECT AND COTMA NEGOTIATIONS. THEY ARE NO LONGER
USING OUTSIDE LEGAL FOR EMPLOYMENT CASES.

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SALARIES AND WAGES ITEM CALLED MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER WAS QUESTIONED. THIS IS A STIPEND THAT IS PART OF THE SOLICITOR'S SALARY. THE SOLICITOR WAS ASKED IF HE COULD CUT ANYTHING IN HIS BUDGET, WHERE WOULD HE CUT FROM. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE SOME OUT OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND TRY TO DO MORE IN HOUSE. ALSO APPRAISALS COULD BE CUT AS HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY TAKINGS THIS YEAR. HE ALSO DOESN'T ANTICIPATE USING EXPERT WITNESS MONIES, AND COULD CUT ABOUT ONE-HALF IN SUBSCRIPTIONS AND WITNESS FEES COULD BE CUT. THE SOLICITOR HAS THE ONLY CITY CELL PHONE.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. MAYOR

#121

DISCUSSED WAS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE BOTH A BUDGET DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR. THE MAYOR STATED THAT THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS MAYOR HIS SCHEDULE IS DEMANDING AND HE CANNOT BE EVERYWHERE.

DISCUSSED WAS LONGEVITY PAID TO THE MAYOR. THIS HAS BEEN WITH THE POSITION AND IN THE BUDGET EVERY YEAR. IT WAS NOTED IN 2003 THAT A MOTION WAS MADE TO CUT THE MAYOR'S LONGEVITY BUT IT DID NOT PASS. THERE ARE NO CITY PAID CELL PHONES IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

THE EDUCATION INCENTIVE PAID TO THE ASSISTANT AND BUDGET DIRECTOR IS IN THE CITY ORDINANCE. THERE IS A MONTHLY TRAVEL ALLOWANCE PAID TO THE MAYOR, BUDGET DIRECTOR AND MAYORS ASSISTANT AMOUNTING TO \$3,300 PER YEAR.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY

2. POLICE AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL

#293

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. FISH WARDEN

#296

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

CULTURE AND RECREATION

4. HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

#690

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

MISCELLANEOUS

1. SRPEDD

#840

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

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5. COMMISSION ON HANDICAPPED AFFAIRS #548
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

**MOTION: TO GO OUT OF REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS AND GO TO
EDUCATION**

EDUCATION

1. BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL #380
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. B-P REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL #390
MOTION: COUNCILOR CARR BEING RECORDED AS PRESENT
IT WAS REPORTED THAT BASED ON INFORMATION FROM THE STATE THEY WILL CONTINUE WITH MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION LEVEL. CONCERN WAS RAISED REGARDING THE DOWNSIZING OF SOME SHOPS. THE SCHOOL IS STRIVING TO KEEP CONTRIBUTION LEVELS AT AN AMOUNT THE COMMUNITIES CAN AFFORD WHILE TRYING TO MINIMIZE LAYOFFS AND STUDENT DISRUPTION. SOME SHOPS THAT WERE LARGER IN PAST YEARS HAVE DECLINED IN ENROLLMENT SO THEY WANT TO CREATE PROGRAMS THAT STUDENTS WANT. SOME OF THE LARGER SHOPS THAT HAD FOUR TEACHERS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO THREE TEACHERS. THEY ARE STRIVING TO MATCH THEIR RESOURCES TO THE DEMAND FOR THE RESOURCES. THE IMPACT ON STUDENTS AND PROGRAMS IS MINIMAL. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING CONCERN WITH THE REALIGNMENT IN SHOPS AND THAT IT MAY EFFECT THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS/CREWS GOING OUT AND ACTUALLY DOING WORK FOR ORGANIZATIONS. THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS WERE ASKED TO RETHINK THEIR DECISIONS BECAUSE A LOT OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WILL SUFFER. MR. GROSS STATED THAT THERE WILL STILL BE CARPENTRY CREWS HOWEVER THE DEMAND HAS LESSENED. THEIR GOAL IS TO TRY TO PUT MORE STUDENTS INTO THEIR FIRST CHOICE SHOP. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT TAUNTON HAS THE LOWEST PER PUPIL INCREASE. THE SCHOOL IS ALSO ACTIVELY SEEKING STIMULUS MONEY. REQUEST WAS MADE THAT A COMPLETE COPY OF THE BRISTOL PLYMOUTH BUDGET BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCILORS BY FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT OF THE OTHER FOUR COMMUNITIES WITH STUDENTS ATTENDING BRISTOL PLYMOUTH, TWO ARE SEEING A DECREASE IN THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND TWO ARE SEEING AN INCREASE. DISCUSSED ALSO WAS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THEIR BUDGET WAS CUT. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THIS WOULD BE A LEGAL MATTER. ALSO THAT THE STATE IS SAYING THIS IS THE AMOUNT THE CITY HAS TO PAY. THE STATE MANDATES THE MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION THE SCHOOL MUST REQUEST.
**MOTION: TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT AND MAKE FINAL DECISION
AT LATER TIME.**

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MOTION: TO TAKE A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS (8:40 P.M.)

MOTION: CALLED BACK TO ORDER AT 8:50 P.M.

CULTURE & RECREATION

1. LIBRARY #610
THE AVERAGE CLIENT BASE PER DAY HAS RISEN FROM 33 PEOPLE PER HOUR TO 57 PER HOUR. CIRCULATION IS AT 161,000 – UP 12,000. SINCE JANUARY 2007 FIVE PEOPLE WERE HIRED. ALL WERE REPLACEMENTS EXCEPT ONE WHICH WAS A SECOND CUSTODIAN. THE BUDGET ALLOWS FOR LEVEL STAFFING AND IS ADEQUATE TO MAKE CERTIFICATION. THERE ARE NO CUTS IN SERVICES OR HOURS.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

3. AIRPORT #650
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. GOLF COURSE #640
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

5. CABLE COMMISSION #695
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

HEALTH & CITIZEN SERVICES

3. HEAD START #542
MOTION: COUNCILORS HOYE AND BARBOUR VOTING AS PRESENT
MS. LARSON STATED THAT THE FUNDING REQUEST WILL ALLOW HEAD START TO REMAIN STABLE, BUT CITY FUNDING IS CRITICAL.
MOTION: TO APPROVE THE BUDGET

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

7. AUTOMATION #155
DISCUSSED WAS THE LINE ITEM FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,000.00. THE AUTOMATION DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT THIS INCLUDES MAJOR UPDATES AND UPGRADES. IT IS A MANDATORY UPDATE AND WILL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

8. OFFICE SERVICES #159
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

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9. CITY CLERK

#161

THE CITY CLERK PROPOSED INCREASING THE COST OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES FROM \$7.00 TO \$10.00 WHICH WOULD INCREASE REVENUE TO \$27-28,000. SHE ALSO PROPOSED INCREASING THE COST OF ABSTRACT BIRTH CERTIFICATE FROM \$6.00 TO \$7.00. SHE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE LAST TIME THERE WAS A FEE INCREASE WAS IN 2000. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT IF SHE COULD CUT HER BUDGET, THE ONLY POSSIBILITY WOULD BE IN THE ADVERTISING LINE ITEM. THERE ARE NO CITY PAID CELL PHONES USED IN HER OFFICE.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL ON THE FEE INCREASE FOR BOTH BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES & REFER TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. IF ORDINANCE IS NOT REQUIRED APPROVE THE INCREASES TO BEGIN ON JULY 1, 2009.

DISCUSSED ALSO WAS INCREASING THE FEE FOR DOG LICENSES. CURRENTLY IT IS \$10. IF THE DOG IS SPAYED OR NEUTERED, THE FEE IS \$8. FOR SENIOR'S IT IS \$2.00 LESS. SHE PROPOSES GOING UP \$2.00 ON ALL. IT WAS NOTED THAT HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE FEES ARE REGULATED BY THE STATE.

THE CITY CLERK WAS ASKED TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION REGARDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS WITH THE FEE INCREASES BY JULY 1ST.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

11. LICENSE COMMISSION

#165

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

12. EOECD

#182

DISCUSSED WAS THAT THERE ARE MORE EMPLOYEES IN THIS DEPARTMENT THAN ARE LISTED ON THE BUDGET SHEET. MR. SHEA STATED THAT FOUR ARE FUNDED THROUGH FEDERAL GRANTS AND THAT ONLY RICHARD SHAFER AND JUDY CLEATHRO ARE CITY PAID.

IT WAS NOTED THAT IN 2003 THE TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT CORP. REIMBURSED 50% OF MR. SHAFER'S SALARY. MR. SHEA WAS ASKED TO LOOK INTO HOW THIS WAS DONE AND TO DETERMINE IF THEY WOULD DO THIS AGAIN.

MOTION: THAT KEVIN SHEA LOOK INTO HAVING THE TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT CORP. PAY 50% OF RICHARD SHAFER'S SALARY AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

13. CITY HALL MAINTENANCE

#192

MR. WALKDEN STATED THAT TAUNTON RANKS AS ONE OF THE LOWEST IN PERMIT FEES AND PROVIDED A PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE WITH INCREASES. HE STATED THAT WITH THESE INCREASES HE'D BE LOOKING AT ABOUT \$500,000 IN REVENUE.

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WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET HE LOST FOUR PEOPLE OUT OF 29 IN HIS DEPARTMENT. HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE HVAC CUT. HE DOES NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO GO OUTSIDE TO GET HVAC WORK DONE. THE ESTIMATED COST WOULD BE \$130 PER HOUR. HE IS TO PROVIDE THE APPROXIMATE COST PER YEAR BY FRIDAY TO THE COMMITTEE.

**MOTION: REFER TO MAYOR TO DETERMINE HOW HE PLANS TO
FUND OUTSIDE SERVICES TO TAKE CARE OF ISSUES
CAUSED BY HVAC LAYOFF.**

MR. WALKDEN FURTHER REPORTED THAT THERE ARE BUILDINGS REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO SUCH AS THREE-FAMILY HOMES, RESTAURANTS, THEATERS, MALLS AND NURSING HOMES. THERE IS AN ESTIMATED 1,400 SUCH BUILDINGS. THESE INSPECTIONS ARE ALL MANDATED UNDER STATE LAW.

HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE LAYOFF OF THE HVAC TECHNICIAN WILL CAUSE ISSUES WITH INDOOR AIR QUALITY. ALSO THIS TECHNICIAN HANDLES THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS. IT IS A HIGHLY TECHNICAL JOB.

MR. WALKDEN REPORTED THAT THE MAYOR IS GIVING \$100,000 FOR ROOF REPAIRS AND \$50,000 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS. MR. WALKDEN WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP THE BUILDINGS SAFE BUT NOT IMPROVE THE BUILDINGS.

HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF ILLEGAL WORK BEING DONE IN THE CITY. THERE IS A NEED TO PURSUE THESE ISSUES.

WITH THE INCREASED FEES AND ENFORCEMENT FINES HE FEELS THAT THE REVENUE COULD BRING BACK THE 11 PEOPLE LAID OFF. WHAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BRING IN WILL MORE THAN COVER HIS DEPARTMENT. HE REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNCIL IN INCREASING FEES.

THE COUNCIL STATED THAT THEY WOULD NEED A REALISTIC AMOUNT OF WHAT THE REVENUE WILL BE AND THAT THE PROJECTION SHOULD BE CONSERVATIVE. THEY WANT MORE SPECIFICS. MR. WALKDEN WILL MAKE PROJECTIONS THAT HE FEELS ARE REALISTIC. HE WAS REQUESTED TO SHOW EACH FEE HE PROPOSES TO INCREASE, HOW MUCH IT WILL BRING IN, HOW HE PROPOSES BRINGING THE PEOPLE BACK AND JUSTIFYING BRINGING IN OTHER PEOPLE.

**MOTION: TAKE BUDGET NOS. 192, 193, 492, 493 AND 496 UNDER
ADVISEMENT**

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. ANIMAL CONTROL

#292

THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER WAS ASKED WHETHER HE COULD COME UP WITH FUNDS TO KEEP THE SHELTER MANAGER. HE STATED THAT HE COULDN'T CUT THE BUDGET ANYMORE, HE CAN SURVIVE WITH WHAT HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED BUT THE MANAGER WAS NOT FUNDED IN THE BUDGET. HE DID REITERATE THAT RAISING LICENSE FEES WILL BRING IN MORE REVENUE.

TWO E-MAILS WERE READ FROM RESIDENTS BOTH IN FAVOR OF KEEPING THE SHELTER MANAGER POSITION. (SEE ATTACHED)

MOTION: PART OF THE RECORD

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MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF INCREASE OF DOG LICENSE FEES AND REFER TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND LAW DEPARTMENT. ORDINANCE TO BE DONE BY JULY 1ST. THE LICENSE FEE IS TO BE INCREASED \$2.00 AS FOLLOWS:
SPAYED/NEUTERED – FROM \$8.00 TO \$10.00
NON-SPAYED OR NEUTERED – FROM \$10.00 TO \$12.00
SENIOR CITIZEN FEE WILL GO FROM \$6.00 TO \$8.00.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

HEALTH & CITIZEN SERVICES

1. HUMAN SERVICES

#500

THIS DEPARTMENT LOST ONE FULL TIME EMPLOYEE, ONE PART TIME EMPLOYEE AND ONE LINE DANCE INSTRUCTOR. THEY ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN GRANTS FOR THE PART TIME PERSON AND THE INSTRUCTOR. THE FULL TIME POSITION THAT WAS ELIMINATED WAS THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE ADVISOR. SHE RE-INSTITUTED THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUPS, ADDRESSED ELDERLY SCAMS AND THE GRAFFITI ISSUE.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. BOARD OF HEALTH

#510

THE DEPARTMENT LOST ONE POSITION, AN INSPECTOR. THE POSITION ELIMINATED IS A REVENUE POSITION AS SHE INSPECTED RESTAURANTS, FOOD HANDLERS, ETC. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE ARE STATE REQUIREMENTS TO MEET IN REGARD TO RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS LOOKING AT RESTRUCTURING THEIR FEE SCHEDULE. THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING AT HAVING RENTAL UNITS INSPECTED AND WILL PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE BROUGHT IN BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH. THEY ALSO WANT TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE EXISTING FEES AND THE PROPOSED INCREASES. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE THE AMOUNT PAID OUT IN PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL.

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD OF HEALTH DIRECTOR PROVIDE BY FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WILL BE LOST DUE TO THE LOSS OF THE POSITION IN HER DEPARTMENT

ALSO, DUE TO THE LOSS OF THE POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT THEY WOULD LOSE THE HAZMAT PROGRAM. THIS IS A BIG REVENUE PROGRAM – ABOUT \$70,000.00.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

4. VETERANS SERVICE

#543

VETERANS BENEFITS ARE MANDATED BY THE STATE AND 75% OF IT IS REIMBURSED.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

1. NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION #909
MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

2. PENSION FUND #910
THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED THE RAMIFICATIONS OF LEVEL FUNDING. MR. SLIVINSKI WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH THE BOARD.

**MOTION: FORWARD RESULTS OF DISCUSSION WITH THE
RETIREMENT BOARD TO THE COMMITTEE.**

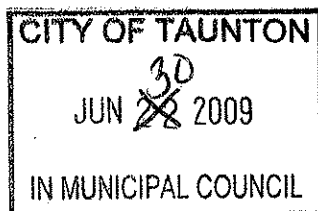
DISCUSSED ALSO WAS IF EARLY RETIREMENT WAS OFFERED, HOW MANY PEOPLE COULD RETIRE. IT WAS NOTED THAT EARLY RETIREMENT ONLY WORKS IF YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REPLACE THE POSITIONS.

**MOTION: THE RETIREMENT BOARD IS TO PROVIDE A ROUGH
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY
RETIREMENT AND THE FINANCIAL LIABILITY FOR SAME.**

ALSO ASKED WAS WHETHER THE RETIREMENT BOARD IS LOOKING AT EXTENDING THE FUNDING REQUIREMENT. MR. SLIVINSKI INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT MANY ASPECTS.

MOTION: TAKE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 A.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Ron Blackwell
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID POTTIER AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CARR, CROTEAU, MARSHALL, FIORE, COSTA-HANLON AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR CHARLES CROWLEY, BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS, ANN HEBERT, RICHARD AVILLA AND PETER CORR OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD, WAYNE WALKDEN AND ROBERT PIROZZI OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, HEATHER GALLANT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND ROSE BLACKWELL, CITY CLERK

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH THE MAYOR, BUDGET DIRECTOR, WAYNE WALKDEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS, RETIREMENT BOARD, DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, D.P.W. COMMISSIONER, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR AND CITY CLERK TO DISCUSS PROPOSED REVENUES FOR MAYOR'S BUDGET AND POTENTIAL CHANGES**
2. **MEET TO REVIEW MAYOR'S PROPOSED FISCAL 2010 BUDGET**

THE MAYOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE ARE BASICALLY TWO PROPOSALS. IF NO INCREASE IN THE TRASH FEE, LAYOFFS WOULD INCLUDE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. IF A \$1.00 INCREASE WAS APPROVED FOR THE TRASH BAGS, THERE WOULD BE NO LAYOFFS IN POLICE AND FIRE, HOWEVER THERE WILL STILL BE THE OTHER 9 LAYOFFS AND THE D.P.W. PERSONNEL TRANSFER TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

HOWEVER, \$518,000.00 HAS BEEN RESTORED IN LOCAL AID, AND IF THE COUNCIL APPROVES SOME REVENUE GENERATING OPPORTUNITIES, THERE WOULD THEN BE A THIRD OPTION.

THE MAYOR FURTHER NOTED THAT THE CITY SOLICITOR HAD STATED THAT HE COULD CUT ABOUT \$42,000 FROM HIS BUDGET, \$60,000 COULD BE CUT FROM THE POLICE BUDGET FOR SUPPLIES, AMMUNITION, ETC. WHICH COULD BE PURCHASED WITH DRUG FORFEITURE MONEY. ALSO THE MEAL TAX COULD BE IMPOSED RESULTING IN ABOUT \$439,000 IN REVENUE AND THE HOTEL MOTEL TAX, IF IMPOSED WOULD RESULT IN ABOUT \$62,000 IN REVENUE.

IF THE REVENUE GENERATION OPTIONS ARE APPROVED, THEN ABOUT \$500,000 WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE RAISED. THEN, OTHER OPTIONS COULD BE LOOKED AT INCLUDING A TRASH INCREASE OF \$.50 INSTEAD OF \$1.00, OR APPROVE AN INCREASE IN THE FEES AS PROPOSED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. THE MAYOR CAUTIONED THAT WHATEVER IS APPROVED MUST BE DONE IN A WAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WILL ACCEPT.

IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THE STATE, THE MAYOR AGREES AND IS READY TO APPLY IT TO THE CITY BUDGET.

THE ADDITIONAL LOCAL AID PLUS THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE IDEAS COULD RESULT IN PULLING BACK SOME OF THE PINK SLIPS THAT WERE ISSUED. DISCUSSED ALSO WAS THE NEW GROWTH FIGURE AND HOW IT WAS ESTIMATED. THE NEW GROWTH FIGURE FOR FY 2010 IS \$599,000. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE

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LAST FIVE YEARS THE FIGURE WAS NO LESS THAN \$1.2 MILLION. THE BUDGET DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE LOWER FIGURE WAS ARRIVED AT BECAUSE OF THE BAD ECONOMY AND IT WAS A NUMBER THE ASSESSOR FEELS COMFORTABLE WITH.

THE RETIREMENT BOARD WAS ASKED TO REPORT ON THE RAMIFICATIONS OF LEVEL FUNDING THE FY 2010 APPROPRIATION.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE FUNDING SCHEDULE IS A CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION OF THE CITY. THE BOARD DOES NOT SUPPORT "DE-FUNDING" THE PLAN FROM THE CURRENT 68% FUNDED STATUS. ALSO, IF THE FUNDED STATUS DROPS BELOW 65% IT COULD RESULT IN A STATE TAKEOVER. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT ANY CHANGES TO SCHEDULE REQUIRE A RE-VALUATION AND PERAC APPROVAL. IT MAY TAKE SPECIAL LEGISLATION EITHER VIA STATE FY 2010 BUDGET OR HOME-RULE PETITION TO LEVEL FUND OR REDUCE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

THE BOARD WAS ASKED IF IT IS CONSIDERING EXTENDING THE FUNDING SCHEDULE. CHANGING THE SCHEDULE WOULD REQUIRE A RE-VALUATION OF THE SYSTEM'S ACTUARIAL EXPERIENCE AND WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNIZING 2008'S SEVERE INVESTMENT LOSSES. THERE WOULD BE A COST INCURRED TO HIRE AN ACTUARY OF ABOUT \$11-12,000. RECOGNIZING THESE LOSSES NOW WOULD LIKELY INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION MORE THAN LEAVING THE SCHEDULE AS IS. THEY FEEL IT IS BEST TO WAIT FOR THE MARKETS TO RECOVER LOSSES AND LEAVE THE SCHEDULE ALONE UNTIL NEXT VALUATION ON JANUARY 1, 2011. THEY FURTHER NOTED THAT TO LEAVE THE SCHEDULE ALONE WOULD MEAN AN INCREASE OF \$1,672,945. TO EXTEND THE SCHEDULE TO 2028 WOULD MEAN AN ESTIMATED INCREASE OF \$1.8-\$2.8 MILLION.

THE RETIREMENT BOARD FURTHER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE ARE 26 EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ATTAIN 80% FOR THE FIRST TIME IF EARLY RETIREMENT IS GRANTED. CURRENTLY ANOTHER 27 EMPLOYEES ALREADY AT 80% DO NOT BENEFIT FROM EARLY RETIREMENT. LEGISLATION FROM THE STATE OR HOME RULE PETITION IS NEEDED TO APPROVE AN EARLY RETIREMENT, AN ACTUARY MUST BE HIRED TO COMPUTE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT.

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS WAYNE WALKDEN AND INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS ROBERT PIROZZI ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. MR. WALKDEN INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE FEELS THERE IS A NEED TO ALTER THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT EXISTING FEE STRUCTURE AWAY FROM A "PER SQUARE FOOT" CALCULATION MODEL TO A "PERCENTAGE OF AN ACTUAL CONTRACT/JOB PRICE" MODEL. HE FEELS THAT THE PAST METHOD OF CALCULATING PERMIT FEES BASED UPON THE SIZE OF A GIVEN BUILDING IS FLAWED IN THAT THEY HAVE NO HISTORICAL DATA WITH WHICH TO BASE REVENUE PROJECTIONS. BY OBTAINING A COPY OF A CONTRACT AS A REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT, HE CAN EASILY ASSESS A PERCENTAGE BASED FEE AND WILL BE ABLE TO PROJECT FUTURE REVENUES QUICKLY. THE PAST METHOD OF CALCULATING FEES WAS TIME CONSUMING. SECONDLY, THERE IS A VAST "UNDERGROUND" ECONOMY IN THE COMMUNITY. THE MOST RECENT 9 JOBSITES THAT HE HAS DRIVEN BY IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS WERE ALL PERFORMING WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT. THIS CAN BE CHANGED WITH GREATER

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ENFORCEMENT EFFORT. INCREASED ENFORCEMENT WILL ENSURE THAT JOB COSTS WILL NO LONGER BE UNDERSTATED, FINES WILL BE COLLECTED AND EVENTUALLY QUALITY OF LIFE IN TAUNTON WILL IMPROVE.

MR. WALKDEN STATED THAT THERE ARE THREE OPTIONS: (1) DO NOTHING AND HIS PREDICTION IS A DECLINE IN REVENUES IN FY 10 AS COMPARED TO FY 09. (2) INSTITUTE FEES INCREASES, WHICH WOULD ALLOW MOST FEES TO BE CALCULATED AS A PERCENTAGE OF A "VERBAL JOB/CONTRACT PRICE". THIS IS THE MOST CONSERVATIVE OPTION AND HE DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS. AND (3) MOST FEES WILL BE CALCULATED ON A 1%-1.2% RATE OF THE "ACTUAL CONTRACT/JOB PRICE". JOB PRICES WILL NO LONGER BE UNDERSTATED AND A GREATER EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED UPON "TRIPLE FEES" OR FINES FOR "WORKING WITHOUT A PERMIT". THIS IS MR. WALKDEN'S RECOMMENDED OPTION.

HE FEELS THAT HE CAN DO THIS THIRD OPTION WITH THE STAFF THAT HE CURRENTLY HAS. IT JUST MEANS CHANGING A DOCUMENT.

MR. WALKDEN ALSO HOPES TO BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR STOP WORK ORDERS. THIS WOULD ASSIST MR. PIROZZI AND MS. BENKER. HE WOULD LIKE THIS TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO ASSIST IN FINDING THE PROJECTS BEING DONE WITHOUT PERMITS.

DISCUSSED WAS CONCERN WITH THE PERCENTAGE BASE FEES. THIS COULD BECOME SUBJECTIVE. MR. WALKDEN STATED THAT IF HE FEELS THE CONTRACT IS UNDERSTATED, HE WOULD GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THE CONTRACT, BASED ON HIS PAST EXPERIENCE. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS WHETHER THERE WOULD BE AN APPEALS PROCESS. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING A GRADUATED INCREASE ON THE SQUARE FOOTAGE BASED FEE. PERHAPS INCREASE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE PRICE TONIGHT THEN DO A GRADUATED INCREASE.

MOTION: TO INCREASE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE BASED FEE TO \$.40 A SQUARE FOOT FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL. INCREASE ALL OTHER FEES BY 30% EACH. REVIEW IN THREE MONTHS.

COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND MARSHALL VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILORS HOYE, COSTA-HANLON, FIORE, CARR, BUFFINGTON,

BARBOUR AND POTTIER VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

MOTION DOES NOT CARRY.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS RECOMMENDATIONS. REVIEW IN 12 MONTHS. ALSO, ADD A COLUMN FOR SQUARE FOOTAGE IN ORDER TO TRACK THIS INFORMATION.

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

COUNCILORS MARSHALL AND CROTEAU VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION: TO EXPRESS THAT THIS PARTICULAR MOTION JUST TAKEN ADDS \$200,000 TO THE BUDGET.

COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CARR, COSTA-HANLON, HOYE

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**AND POTTIER VOTING IN FAVOR
COUNCILORS FIORE, CROTEAU AND MARSHALL VOTING IN
OPPOSITION.**

MOTION CARRIES.

THE MAYOR STATED THAT A PERIOD OF TIME IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO MAKE REVENUE PROJECTIONS ON THESE INCREASES.

MOTION: TO TAKE A 10-MINUTE RECESS (9:15 P.M.)

MOTION: TO CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER (9:30 P.M.)

HEATHER GALLANT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REPORTED THAT A RENTAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM IS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD WHICH WOULD MANDATE ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES TO REGISTER WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND BE INSPECTED YEARLY. THE PROGRAM WOULD NOT ONLY MAKE THE CITY A BETTER PLACE BY ENSURING THAT RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS KEEP THEIR PROPERTIES IN GOOD CONDITION, BUT IT WOULD ALSO BRING IN NEEDED MONEY TO THE CITY. A CONSERVATIVE REVENUE PROJECTION WOULD BE AT THE MINIMUM \$200,000 PER YEAR. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL STAFFING WOULD BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO INSPECT EVERY RENTAL UNIT IN THE CITY. HOWEVER, THE PROGRAM WOULD PAY FOR ITSELF.

THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER OPTION FOR THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO INSPECT ONLY VACANT UNITS PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY OR RE-OCCUPANCY AND THIS WOULD BRING IN ROUGHLY \$50,000 WHILE USING A FULLY STAFFED DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD IS ALSO LOOKING INTO ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR REPEAT NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOOD CODE AND REVAMPING ITS FEE SCHEDULE FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT ALL FEE INCREASES MUST GO THROUGH THE BOARD OF HEALTH FIRST, SO THE CITY COULDN'T COUNT ON REVENUES FOR THIS BUDGET. HOPEFULLY IT COULD BE REALIZED IN TIME FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. DISCUSSED ALSO WAS THAT FOR A NEW TITLE 5 THERE IS AN APPLICATION FEE AND A TECHNICAL REVIEW FEE. HOWEVER, TO REPAIR/UPGRADE A TITLE 5 THERE IS ONLY A FEE FOR THE PERMIT, AND THE CITY PAYS FOR THE TECHNICAL REVIEW BY THE ENGINEER. DISCUSSED WAS WHY SHOULD THE CITY PAY FOR THE ENGINEER. THE REPAIR RULES SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME RULES USED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

MOTION: SEND TO BOARD OF HEALTH DOCTORS TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE - THAT THE CONSUMER IS TO PAY FOR ENGINEERING REVIEW WHEN A REPAIR/UPGRADE IS DONE - TO USE THE SAME PROCEDURE AS REQUIRED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

THE CITY CLERK RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED FEE INCREASES:
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS - \$25 TO \$35.00
BUSINESS CERTIFICATES - \$20 TO \$30.00

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BIRTH/DEATH/MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES - \$7 TO \$10.00

DOG LICENSE FEES – INCREASED AS FOLLOWS:

MALE/FEMALE - \$10 TO \$12.00

SPAYED/NEUTERED - \$8 TO \$10.00

SENIOR CITIZEN MALE/FEMALE - \$8 TO \$10.00

SENIOR CITIZEN SPAYED/NEUTERED - \$6 TO \$8.00

JUNK COLLECTOR LICENSES, ANTIQUE DEALER LICENSES, SECOND HAND ARTICLE LICENSES AND JUNK DEALER LICENSES INCREASED FROM \$50.00 TO \$100.00. IT WAS NOTED THAT THESE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN INCREASED FOR 15 YEARS.

TEMPORARY FIXED VENDOR LICENSES FROM \$200 TO \$250.00

OLD GOLD LICENSES FROM \$50 TO \$100.00

ALSO, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTING A FEE INCREASE FOR CONSTABLES FROM \$30.00 TO \$100.00

CLASS III AND CLASS II LICENSES INCREASE FROM \$100.00 TO \$200.00.

THE CITY CLERK REPORTED THAT THIS WILL REALIZE EXTRA REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,265.00.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE FEE INCREASES AS PROPOSED BY THE CITY CLERK AND REFER TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

MOTION: TO REFER THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT INCREASES TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR WAS ASKED TO ADDRESS HIS REVENUE PROJECTIONS. HE REPORTED TO THE COMMITTEE THAT HE FEELS THEY NEED TO BE REDUCED FURTHER BECAUSE EXCISE IS DOWN \$600,000, MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES IS DOWN \$500,000 AND DEPARTMENT REVENUES ARE DOWN \$600,000. THE BUDGET DIRECTOR STATED THAT HE FEELS MORE REDUCTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT BUDGET - #151 - WAS DISCUSSED.

**MOTION: REDUCE LINE ITEM 5387 - WITNESS FEES -BY \$2,500.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5362 – APPRAISALS - BY \$6,000.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5361 – EXPERT WITNESS – BY \$2,500.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5586 – SUBSCRIPTIONS – BY \$3,700.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5304 – LEGAL ASSISTANCE – BY \$45,000.00**

MOTION: REDUCE LINE ITEM 5195 – MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER – BY \$2,500.00

COUNCILOR HOYE VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

DISCUSSED WAS LONGEVITY FOR THE CITY SOLICITOR AND ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE IS NO CONTRACT FOR EITHER OF THESE EMPLOYEES. HOWEVER, THEIR LONGEVITY IS PROVIDED UNDER CITY ORDINANCE, WHICH SAYS THAT LONGEVITY IS BASED ON PERSONNEL POLICY – BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHERE THIS POLICY IS.

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MOTION: REFER LONGEVITY FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES TO THE
SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

MOTION DOES NOT CARRY.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET - #220 – WAS DISCUSSED.

MOTION: TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 5386 - SERVICE CONTRACTS – BY
\$7,000.00

THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED, BUT WAS NOT VOTED ON.

THE RISK MANAGEMENT BUDGET - #945 – WAS DISCUSSED.

MOTION: TO REDUCE LINE ITEM 5760 – LOSS FUND, SETTLEMENTS –
BY \$50,000.00.

COUNCILORS FIORE, HOYE AND CARR VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

MOTION CARRIES.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT BUDGET - #913 - WAS DISCUSSED.

MOTION: REDUCE THE UNEMPLOYMENT BUDGET BY \$201,000.00

THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS BUDGET - #162 - WAS DISCUSSED

MOTION: REDUCE LINE ITEM 5241 – REP/MAINTENANCE-BLDGS – BY
\$62.50

REDUCE LINE ITEM 5273 – RENTAL/VEHICLES – BY \$625.00

REDUCE LINE ITEM 5270 – RENTAL/LEASES BLDG – BY
\$650.00

REDUCE LINE ITEM 5291 – CUSTODIAL SERVICES – BY
\$2,000.00

REDUCE LINE ITEM 5309 – PUBLIC SAFETY – BY \$12,850.00.

REDUCE LINE ITEM 5317 – PRECINCT OFFICERS – BY
\$13,500.00

COUNCILOR FIORE VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

MOTION: REDUCE LINE ITEM 5599 – VOTING MACHINE
BALLOTS/CODING BY \$10,000.00

COUNCILOR FIORE VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

THE CITY CLERK'S BUDGET - #161 - WAS DISCUSSED

MOTION: REDUCE LINE ITEM 5346 – ADVERTISING – BY \$1,000.00

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET - #220 – WAS DISCUSSED.

MOTION: REDUCE LINE ITEM 5124 – IN LIEU OF VACATION – BY
\$20,000.00

THE MEALS TAX WAS DISCUSSED. THE MOST THIS CAN INCREASE IS .75% WHICH
WOULD PUT THE TAX AT 7%. THIS WOULD PROVIDE \$439,000 IN REVENUE.

MOTION: TO INCREASE THE MEAL TAX BY .75%

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COUNCILOR MARSHALL VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX WAS DISCUSSED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE HOTEL TAX 1%

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM MARIA GOMES, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR INFORMING THE COMMITTEE OF THE NECESSITY TO LAY OFF 21 PEOPLE.

MOTION: TO REJECT THE COMMUNICATION AND LAY OFF NO ONE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SALARIES FOR THE POTENTIAL LAY OFFS TOTALED \$1,480,887.12. THE FEE INCREASES VOTED ON TONIGHT WOULD AMOUNT TO \$1,240,268.00, THE CUTS MADE TO THE BUDGET TOTAL \$433,887.50. RESULTING IN A POSITIVE AMOUNT OF \$193,268.38. DISCUSSED WAS THAT THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO RESTORE EVERYONE THAT WAS ISSUED A LAY OFF NOTICE AND NOT DO THE D.P.W. TRANSFERS TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT BUDGET WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN.

MOTION: TO RESTORE LINE ITEM 5195 – \$2,500.00 - MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER TO THE BUDGET.

DISCUSSED WAS THAT NO LINE ITEM REDUCTIONS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET - #210 - TO TOTAL THE \$60,000 RECOMMENDED REDUCTION IN THE BUDGET.

**MOTION: REDUCE LINE ITEM 5585 – CRIME PREVENTION SUPPLIES BY \$1,000.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5588 – EDUCATION/TRAINING SUPPLIES – BY \$40,000.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5589 – IDENTIFICATION SUPPLIES – BY \$7,000.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5590 – AMMUNITION SUPPLIES – BY \$9,000.00
REDUCE LINE ITEM 5598 – K9 SUPPLIES – BY \$3,000.00**

MOTION: TO RECESS COMMITTEE MEETING (11:15 P.M.)

MOTION: MEETING CALLED BACK FROM RECESS AT 11:20 P.M.

MOTION: TO APPROVE ALL BUDGETS AS AMENDED WITH ALL FEE INCREASES AND ADJUSTMENTS FROM THE ORIGINAL BUDGET. REQUEST THAT ALL FEE INCREASES AND ADJUSTMENTS BE USED TO BRING BACK ALL PERSONS WHO RECEIVED LAY OFF NOTICES.

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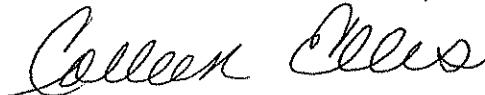
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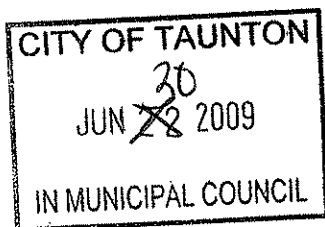
**MOTION: REFER ALL FEE INCREASES FOR FIRST READING
TONIGHT. REFER TO CITY SOLICITOR FOR PROPER FORM
FOR ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING NEXT WEEK –
JUNE 30TH. CITY SOLICITOR TO BE PRESENT AT
ORDINANCE MEETING FOR REVIEW OF THESE
ORDINANCES.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK