



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, July 7, 2009 at 7:00 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, Marshall,
Croteau, Barbour
Councilors Carr and Buffington were absent*

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

The Mayor asked that the Council invite into the enclosure Gina Johnson with portraits this evening of two fallen soldiers entitled "Operation Home Ties." Gina creates portraits of soldiers from Massachusetts who died in the Iraq War and also calls the portraits "the Moving Wall" exhibit. The Mayor presented her a Liberty and Union medal. **Motion was made to invite Marie Conlon, on behalf of her son Paul, the Duffy Family on behalf of Shane Duffy, and Patrolman John Borges into the enclosure. So Voted.**

Communications:

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Department notifying that the Taunton Fire Department Honor Guard has decided to return to duty. **Motion was made to send a letter of gratitude and also refer to next week's hearing. So Voted.**

Com. from Scott Hackett, Longbranch Café, Inc., 34 Old Colony Ave. Taunton advising of a fundraiser to benefit Morton Hospital Breast Care Program on July 18, 2009 from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Longbranch Café and requesting use of the electronic sign. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Diana Martell, Community Coordinator, Taunton/Attleboro WIC Program, Citizens for Citizens, Inc., One Taunton Green requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their Celebration of Parenthood on Friday August 7, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Liberty and Union Park. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director of Retirement submitting a change of retirement status from Superannuation to Accidental Disability for Dennais S. Avila, former employee of the Fire Department effective July 5, 2004. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted. Motion was made that the Director report back to the Council on whether this was a classification change. So Voted.**

Com. from Louis Ricciardi, President, Taunton Development Corporation submitting a letter of support of the water works improvements proposed for the area supporting the Myles Standish Industrial Park. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works for a meeting in a couple of weeks. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read an extra communication submitted by Michael Bonenfant, Community Police Officer, Taunton Police Department stating that a member of the board of trustees of Whitesmith Condominiums on Bay Street about a problem with quads and dirt bikes behind their property. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Com. from the Superintendent of Buildings submitting his explanation as to why Dorsey Plumbing was recommended over Anytime Plumbing to provide plumbing services to the city of the next fiscal year even though Dorsey was not the absolute "low bidder". **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Constable application submitted by Alberto DeSousa, Jr., 19A White St., Taunton for a renewal of a Constable License desiring to serve as a security guard. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Rachel Labrecque requesting a renewal of a Bowling Alley License, AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. -DBA- AMF Taunton Lanes located at 555 Winthrop St., Taunton. (32 lanes) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by John Downing requesting the renewal of his Billiard Table License, A.C. Inc. -DBA- Downings Lounge 44 located at 15 Winthrop 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 Jeffrey Kendzierski requesting the renewal of his Billiard Table License -DBA- Pioneer Flying Club located at 330 Whittenton St., Taunton. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted Steven Fernandes requesting the renewal of his Second Hand Article License -DBA- Estate Marketplace located at 95 Summer Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Megan Proplesch requesting the renewal of her Second Hand Article License -DBA- Lori's Attic located at 235 Whittenton Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Nelson Gomes, 48 Porter Street, Taunton requesting the installation of a "no parking" sign between the entry way of 99 Winthrop Street and the driveway of

48 Porter Street as he is constantly having problems with people parking in front of his driveway. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer. 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 motioned that the Acting Police Chief have radar and the radar trailer stationed on North Walker Street and report his findings to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Hoye motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss a citizen's request of prohibiting tractor trailers on Porter Street as they have been hitting parked cars and refer this matter to the Police Chief and Safety Officer. Additionally, that the Safety Officer contact Billie J., 51 Porter Street, Taunton on this issue. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Building Commissioner and the Executive Director of the Board of Health provide an update to the Council on the status of the following burned buildings: Art's Bakery on Washington, the home across the street from Art's Bakery on Washington Street, the building on Weir Street near DeAvilla's Restaurant on Weir Street. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Mayor's Office make a step-by-step presentation on the status of the Dever Wells and what the next step for completion would be. Additionally, that the Mayor's Office discuss the booster station and the water tanks. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned to discuss the authorization of the water agreement between the North Dighton Water Commission and the City of Taunton and refer this matter to for the Committee on the Department of Public Works' July 21st meeting. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Committee to the Council as a Whole discuss all delinquent accounts of Tax Title Property. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour stated a citizen contacted him who would like to propose some parking as he has a piece of land and would like to discuss future parking for the new courthouse and motioned to refer this matter to the Committee to the Council as a Whole. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned to refer to the Mayor and the DPW to have the lawn maintained near Danforth Street and Barton Street. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Mayor the issue of trash and mowing of the lawn at the Cohannet School. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

A true copy: .

Attest:

Rm Blackwell
City Clerk

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 7, 2009

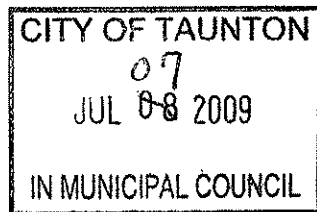
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS
CROTEAU AND POTTIER.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 P.M.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:36 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK