



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, July 14, 2009 at 7:03 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Charles Crowley presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

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

Communications:

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying of a public hearing on the proposed revisions to the City of Taunton Ordinance dated June 22, 2009 – Special Flood Hazard Districts scheduled for 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.**

Petitions and Claims:

Claim submitted by Laurie Anne Kruger, Claims Department, Amica Insurance, P.O. Box 9690, Providence, RI on behalf of her client Andrea Carnes, 168 Hart Street, Apt. 16 seeking reimbursement for damages to her property due to water damage. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by John Donovan, 54 Porter Street, Berkley, MA seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Jerome Street near the town line. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Attorney Thomas Hensley, 30 Taunton Green, Suite Three, Taunton on behalf of his client Tina Souza, 28 Weir Street seeking reimbursements for injuries sustained on a Main Street sidewalk. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. 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 Croteau stated he made a few motions last week and asked for an update concerning two (2) burned buildings, Porter Street truck traffic, Dever Wells and the

Sopher Trust. The Committee on the Department of Public Works will meet next week (Dever Wells) and the City Solicitor gave an update which is in court proceedings.

Councilor Buffington motioned that Chief Reardon asked to call for 2 Lieutenants to fill the vacancies from Lt. Warish and Lt. Cardoza. Councilor Buffington motioned to send the Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant lists back as they have expired. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned that the Committee to the Council as a Whole invite the Green Communities Committee and the Mayor's representation to discuss the status of the Green Communities Grant. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss the following: speed signs on Oak Street, speeding on Oak Street, and Powhattan Drive concerning the signage. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Committee on the Department of Public Works discuss what the procedure is going to be for roadside memorials. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked that the City Solicitor give the docket entries for the Sopher account. The City Solicitor stated it is continued for trial to September or October. Within the next few weeks we will have an executive session meeting.

Orders, Ordinances, and Enrolled Bills

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

AN ORDINANCE

DIVISION XI CITY CLERK

Sec 2-167 – City Clerks Fees.

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

That Section 2-167 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Following fee changes to:

Clause 13	For furnishing certificate of birth	\$ 10.00
Clause 13A	For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of birth	\$ 7.00
Clause 20	For filing certificate of a persona conducting business under any title other than his real name	\$ 30.00
Clause 22	For furnishing certified copy of certificate of person conducting business under any title other than his real name or a statement by such person of his discontinuance, retirement, or withdrawal from such	\$ 10.00

	business	
Clause 30	For furnishing a certificate of death	\$ 10.00
Clause 42	For entering notice of intention of marriage and issuing certificates thereof	\$ 35.00
Clause 44	For issuing certificate of marriage	\$ 10.00

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to pass from a second reading to a third reading. So Voted. On a roll call vote, motion was made for the suspension of the rules. Nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. On a roll call vote, motion was made to pass from a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote. Nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.**

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

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 3

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec 3-17. Licensing of dogs.

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

That Section 3-17 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Following fee change to:

Section (g) first line fee changed to: The fee for every license shall, except as otherwise provided, be ten dollars (\$10.00) for a neutered male or spayed female dog and twelve dollars (\$12.00) for a non-spayed female or non-neutered male dog.

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ARTICLE V. HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS

Sec 12-81 – License, temporary fixed-location vendors; requirements

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

That Section 12-81 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Following fee change to:

(b) *Application for license; investigation; fee* – in fifth line down change fee from \$200.00 to \$250.00

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to pass from a second reading to a third reading. So Voted. On a roll call vote, motion was made for the suspension of the rules. Nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. On a roll call vote, motion was made to pass from a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote. Nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.**

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ARTICLE VI. JUNK, OLD METAL, ANTIQUES AND SECONDHAND ARTICLES

Sec 12-98 – To be signed by city clerk; record book; fee.

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

That Section 12-98 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Following fee change to:

That fee be changed from \$50.00 to \$100.00 in last line of section

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to pass from a second reading to a third reading. So Voted. On a roll call vote, motion was made for the suspension of the rules. Nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. On a roll call vote, motion was made to pass from a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote. Nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.**

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AN ORDINANCE

BUILDINGS

Article 111. Building Code

Section 4-41. Building permit fee schedule

Section 4-41.1. Electrical Inspections; fee schedule

Section 4-41-2 Mechanical Fees

Section 4-41.3 Plumbing and Gas Fees

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

That Sections 4-41, 4-41.1, 4-41.2 and 4.41-3 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

See separate fee schedules

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to pass from a second reading to a third reading. Councilors Marshall and Croteau voting in opposition. Councilor Buffington motioned to reconsider sending from a second reading to a third reading. So Voted. At this time, the Council motioned to table. So Voted. Councilor Fiore motioned to refer this ordinance to the Committee on Public Property for next week's meeting. So Voted. Councilor Hoyer motioned to review the fee structure of the Building Department during the first week in December for more discussion. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier motioned that the DPW Commissioner have the potholes filled in on Staples Street near the pig farm. So Voted. *(The City Clerk spoke with Dave at the DPW office on this matter)*

Councilor Pottier motioned that due to the weather, residents of City have decided not to open their swimming pools. It is requested that the Executive Director of the Board of Health investigate if anything can be done about the standing water being a problem concerning mosquitoes. Can she mandate the discs that are placed in the standing water? Therefore, a motion was made that she report back to the Municipal Council on this matter. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier motioned that the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills discuss the placement of covers on inflatable swimming pools in our City. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that all department heads prepare and submit, within four weeks, an organizational chart of their department, including any commission that fall under their departments. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon questioned whether the DPW Commissioner has a scheduled maintenance program for cleaning out storm drains and motioned that he submit his answer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned to provide a list of residents of our City who would like to be considered as a community representative for the Development Impact Review Board to the City Planner. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss Worcester Street as there is a concern of a traffic problem, especially truck traffic. Additionally, near the section of Worcester Street between Route 140 and the intersection of Tremont Street and North Walker Street there is a concern of a telephone pole in the roadway. Councilor Croteau motioned to refer this issue to the TMLP, Safety Officer and that a report be provided back to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the TMLP General Manager submit a written report on the traffic light at Purchase Street and Route 138 as the timing is off and it is very dangerous. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that on Stevens Street from the railroad bridge to Pinehill Street, directly across the street from the cemetery, brush cutting needs to be done. So Voted. The Mayor stated he will take care of this matter.

Councilor Pottier stated that near the Longbranch Café, coming out of Campbell Court there is a safety concern that when cars are pulling out, there is brush that needs to be cut and motioned to refer this issue to the Safety Officer. So Voted. *(The City Clerk spoke to the Acting Police Chief on this issue.)*

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 14, 2009

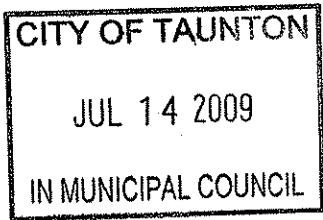
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:20 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**
 - A. THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES IS TO COORDINATE WITH THE CITY AUDITOR TO SCHEDULE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FY 08 AUDIT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:24 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

City Clerk