



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, July 21, 2009 at 9:30 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Charles Crowley presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

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

Hearings:

Hearing came up by assignment on the petition of the City of Taunton for the proposed changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance dated June 10, 2009 relative to the following:

Section 13.8.1.2 – Special Flood Hazard District

Section 4.2 – Zoning Map

Section 15.1.5 - Authority

Section 15.2 – Site Plan Review Thresholds

Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted. Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board was read submitting a positive recommendation regarding Proposed revisions to the Zoning Ordinance – Special Flood Hazard Districts dated June 22, 2009.

Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted. Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board was read submitting a positive recommendation regarding Proposed changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance dated June 10, 2009. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.**

Motion was made to invite the City Planner into the enclosure. So Voted. Kevin Scanlon, City Planner stated there will be three changes. The first is updating the Zoning Map (Date) to update the Zoning Ordinance. The second change is the Flood Plain. FEMA has come out with a new flood map - now doing on the county level as FEMA is requiring us to update our ordinances to reference the new maps correctly. The third change – Site Plan Review – is to send some of the large projects in DIRB back to the Municipal Council for Site Plan Review with a threshold of 100,000 sq. ft. Councilor Fiore stated that the Flood Zones are mandated by the Federal Government. No one speaking in favor. Speaking in opposition is Juanita Gallagher, 145 Winthrop Street asking the City Planner if he removed 13.8.1.1 and replaced it with 13.8.1.2. He stated no. The only section that is being altered is 13.8.1.2. Section 13.8.1.1 is staying as is and will still exist. **Motion was made to close the hearing and grant the petition as presented. So Voted.**

Hearing came up by assignment on the petition of Morton Hospital at the location of 88 Washington Street, Taunton, MA 02780 for a license to store and use existing #2 Fuel Oil

aboveground 5,000-gallon tank. Additionally, an existing #2 Fuel Oil aboveground 5,000 gallon tank and a proposed Class II Diesel aboveground 3,000-gallon tank. Total quantity of combustible liquids to be stored is 13,000 gallons at 88 Washington Street to be kept in above ground tanks. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted.** Com. from Fire Inspector submitting a recommendation with the following conditions was read: 1. Maintenance and installation shall comply with applicable requirements of 527 CMR 9.0 and NFPA 30. 2. Physical protection will be required. The proposed tank shall comply applicable requirements. The proposed tank should be enclosed with a chain link fence at least six feet high. The fence shall be separated from the tank by at least 6 feet (1.5m) and shall have a gate that is properly secured against unauthorized entry. A minimum of four bollards not more than six feet apart shall protect the tank from driveway traffic. Additionally, he stated he would make positive recommendations on the use of (2) 5,000 gallon aboveground tanks that are currently in operation. Although it appears the license was not updated, these tanks were inspected by the Office of Fire Prevention in 2000. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** **Motion was made to invite Chris LeBlanc, Director of Plan Operations at Morton Hospital, Robert Douglas, Professional Engineer, and also the Engineer for the Plans for Morton Hospital. So Voted.** Basically, Chris stated they need to update the license to reflect the existing tanks which are behind the hospital and Fire Prevention inspected the tanks as part of the installation. This project is being completed to update the existing system as it is getting old and to protect the environment to replace the underground tanks with aboveground tanks. The new tanks will also be protected with a monitoring system with overfill protection and alarms and also bring them up to code. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked about the LSP on site. Chris stated if required by the Fire Department, they will have on-site. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if they are concerned with leaks in the tank that is being removed. Chris stated they are not as there are no leaks. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if they agree with Captain Bastis' letter. Chris stated there is no problem and they will comply with the chain link fence. No one speaking in favor or opposition. **Motion was made to grant the petition as presented, close the hearing, and excuse the parties. So Voted.**

Motion was made to recess at 9:50 PM. So Voted.

Motion was made to revert back to the regular order of business at 10:50 PM. So Voted.

Communications from Mayor:

The Mayor read a communication stating that under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 143 section 3, he is authorizing Wayne Walkden, Superintendent of Buildings to provide inspectional services for the City of Taunton as needed under the director of Robert Pirozzi, Building Commissioner/Chief of Inspections. **Motion was made to receive and place on file for two weeks. So Voted. Council Marshall in opposition.**

The Mayor stated that during the budget process we discussed meals tax and room tax and the Department of Revenue stated we need a specific vote to include certain language. **On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor of the acceptance of the City of Taunton voting to increase the local room**

occupancy excise to a rate of 6% under provisions Of General Laws Chapter 64G Section 3A. (See June 30, 2009 minutes for the acceptance of the local meals tax.)

Communications:

Com. from Office Manger, Human Resources Department requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$45.47 to pay a prior year bill. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Assistant Director of Retirement notifying of a retirement for Dennis Furtado, an employee of the Fire Department of August 15, 2009. **Motion was made to move approval and send the appropriate scroll. So Voted.**

Com. from Willitts S. Mendonca, President, Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc., P.O. Box, Taunton extending gratitude to the City for its support of this year's Day of Portugal. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Building Commissioner submitting the Building Permit Record for June 2009. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor submitting an Order of Taking for property located on Bay Street that has been identified for the location of a water pump station. **The appraisal was \$67,000.00. Motion was made to transfer funds from the stabilization account. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon read an extra communication submitted by Juanita Gallagher, resident of Winthrop Street expressing her sincere gratitude and pride in the Taunton Fire Department for the manner in which they battled a recent house fire on Winthrop Street. **Motion was made to receive and provide a copy to the Fire Department. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Constable application submitted by Richard Cordeiro, 23 Marvel Street, Taunton for a renewal of a Constable License desiring to serve civil process/unrestricted. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Acting Police Chief. So Voted.**

Constable application submitted by Robert Adams, 6 Russell Street, Taunton for a renewal of a Constable License desiring to serve civil process/unrestricted. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Acting Police Chief. So Voted.**

Constable application submitted by John Roy, 9 Reed Street, Taunton for a new Constable License desiring to serve civil process. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Acting Police Chief. So Voted.**

Constable application submitted by David DiCenso, 9 Lydon Lane, Unit C-1, Halifax for a new desiring to serve civil process. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Acting Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Andrew Welch requesting a new Temporary Fixed Vendor License –DBA- Dutdogys located at 447 Broadway, Taunton to sell hot dogs. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Acting Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Joseph Noberini requesting a renewal of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License –DBA- Noberweenies located at 10 Plain Street, Taunton to sell hotdogs, chips, soda. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Acting Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Bissie Mitchell and Sonia Mitchell requesting a renewal of their Fortune Teller's License –DBA- Sonia's Palm Reading located at 396 Winthrop Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Acting Police Chief. So Voted.**

Departmental Site Plan Review for a 54,193 sq. ft. expansion to the existing facility at 225 John Hancock Road located in the Industrial District submitted by Greg Burgess, AGAR, 255 John Hancock Road, Taunton. **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:

in Executive Session, legal action concerning F.B. Rogers. A motion was made at the June 30, 2009 Municipal Council Meeting to discuss with the City Solicitor. Councilor Buffington motioned that the City Solicitor provide an update on the FB Rogers Litigation in a couple of weeks on the August 4, 2009 agenda. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour inquired about the status of the potential installation of sidewalks and crosswalk near North Taunton Baptist Church and Lands End Condominiums. The Mayor stated he will report back.

Councilor Croteau asked about the outstanding \$190.00 owed to Ms. Showstead. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor to track. So Voted.**

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Mayor report back on the renovations for the Dental Clinic for next week. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier provided an update on the Home Rule Petition in regards to the Primary.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Assessor give an update on the status of the Foreclosing Residential Property Ordinance to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills for their meeting on August 4, 2009. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the City Solicitor give an update on the Nuisance Ordinance that was drafted for the August 4th meeting of the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Budget Director have the Automation Department place the entire budget on the City's website. So Voted.

Councilor Hoye motioned that the Acting Police Chief have the Safety Officer look at the overgrown brush along the side of 293 South Crane Avenue and refer their findings to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Orders, Ordinances, and Enrolled Bills

(TABLED ON JULY 14, 2009)

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

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 attached fee schedules

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made that this is still tabled and to place on the agenda in two (2) weeks. So Voted.**

New Business:

Costa-Hanlon requested that the Mayor present to the Council which departments fall under the 50/50 Ordinance. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Acting Police Chief and the Safety Officer look into the placement of stripping Poole Street as it comes on to Middleboro Avenue and allows a left or a right and report back to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that if the Council has to be trained in relation to the Open Meeting Law, it should be scheduled for a Tuesday evening. So Voted. Councilor Croteau voting in opposition. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier motioned that the Mayor work with the TMLP concerning parking for the new restaurants on Weir Street. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned to refer the issue of trash bags left at 49-50 Plain Street to the Board of Health. So Voted. *(The City Clerk spoke with Matt at the Board of Health on this matter.)*

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Mayor ask a representative from Comcast to speak at a Council Meeting concerning a recent letter sent to City of Taunton residents (customers) to switch out cable boxes as they are concerned it will increase the cost. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Committee on the Department of Public Works discuss the corner of Taunton Green and Weir Street to start the appropriate action. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Acting Police Chief have the Safety Officer look into moving back the stop line on Weir Street traveling into the Taunton Green and submit his findings to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Acting Police Chief investigate the placement of a stop sign at the intersection of Brushwood Drive and Route 140 and report your findings to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest: 
City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:40 P.M.

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

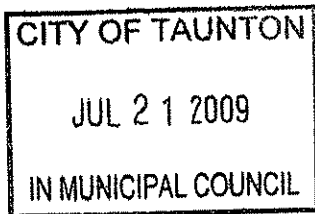
2. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**
 IT WAS NOTED THAT BROCK ROMANO FROM KPMG WILL BE HERE ON AUGUST 11, 2009 TO DISCUSS THE FY 2008 AUDIT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:41

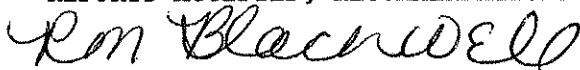
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:02 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CONSTABLE:
 - A. ALBERTO DESOUSA, JR., 19A WHITE ST., TAUNTON – RENEWAL
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL - UNRESTRICTED
 - B. ERNEST MILOT, 103 PROSPECT HILL ST., TAUNTON – RENEWAL
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – CIVIL PROCESS ONLY
 - C. PRISCILLA MILOT, 103 PROSPECT HILL ST., TAUNTON – RENEWAL
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – SCHOOL CROSSING ONLY
 - D. LEONARD F. ROSE, JR., 28 HAROLD ST., TAUNTON – NEW
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL - UNRESTRICTED
 - E. DONALD WHEELER, 85 PRINCESS KATE CIRCLE, TAUNTON – NEW
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – SCHOOL CROSSING ONLY

2. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF TAUNTON DAILY GAZETTE FOR APPROVAL FOR 50 NEWSPAPER VENDOR LICENSES FOR EXISTING LOCATIONS APPROVED IN 2008
THIS PETITION WAS HELD FOR NEXT MEETING AS DETECTIVE SMITH WAS ASKED TO CHECK ON ONE LOCATION.

3. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF EDWIN DEBRUM, 57 STEVENS ST., E. TAUNTON FOR RENEWAL OF JUNK COLLECTOR'S LICENSE D/B/A EDWIN DEBRUM, 57 STEVENS ST., E. TAUNTON
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

4. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITIONS OF ALBERT TUCAN, 157 ½ SHORES ST., TAUNTON AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. RENEWAL OF LIVERY LICENSES FOR ALBERT TUCAN D/B/A ALEXANDER'S LIMOUSINE, 295 BROADWAY (2 VEHICLES)
 - B. RENEWAL OF LIVERY LICENSE FOR ALBERT TUCAN D/B/A TAUNTON MOTORIZED CARRIAGE, INC., 295 BROADWAY (21 VEHICLES, 2 HANDICAPPED)
 - C. RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND STANDS FOR TAUNTON CARTAGE CO D/B/A CHECKER CAB, 295 BROADWAY

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D. RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND STANDS FOR TAUNTON
CARTAGE CO. D/B/A COZY CAB, 295 BROADWAY

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

5. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON
PETITION OF ALI ABOUZEID, 73 CAVALIER AVE., TAUNTON FOR
RENEWAL OF OLD GOLD LICENSE D/B/A HANNOUSH JEWELERS, 2
GALLERIA MALL DR.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

6. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE
FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SECOND HAND ARTICLE
LICENSES:

A. PAUL RIENDEAU, 27 SANFORD ST., BERKLEY MA FOR ST.
VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY D/B/A PENNIES FROM HEAVEN, 141
WASHINGTON ST., TAUNTON. REQUEST TO WAIVE FEE AS THIS
IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL AND WAIVE FEE.

B. MICHAEL VENTURA, 59 WASHINGTON ST., TAUNTON D/B/A
COLLECTOR'S CORNER, 1 ST. MARY'S SQUARE

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

7. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON
PETITION OF ROBERT BRADY, 20 COUCH ST., TAUNTON FOR RENEWAL
OF ANTIQUE DEALERS LICENSE D/B/A BRADY'S ANTIQUES, 20 COUCH
ST.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

8. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE
FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF BILLIARD TABLE LICENSES:

A. EDWARD MEDAS, 89 JOHNSON ST., TAUNTON D/B/A ATLANTIC
CAFÉ, 10 PLAIN ST. – 2 TABLES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

B. CHARLENE HACKETT, 34 OLD COLONY AVE., E. TAUNTON D/B/A
LONGBRANCH CAFÉ, 34 OLD COLONY AVE. – 2 TABLES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

C. THOMAS CUNNIFF, 154 FAIRVIEW AVE., REHOBOTH & ARTHUR
TRAVERS, JR., 701 WINTHROP ST., TAUNTON D/B/A MCGRATH'S
CAFÉ, 125 W. WATER ST. – 1 TABLE

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

D. DONALD CLEARY, TRUSTEE OF TAUNTON LODGE OF ELKS, 119
HIGH ST., TAUNTON – 2 TABLES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

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E. JOE CABRAL, PRESIDENT OF TAUNTON SPORTS CLUB, INC., 33
BAKER RD., TAUNTON – 1 TABLE

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

F. ERNEST CARDOZA, TREASURER D/B/A VFW POST 611, 82 INGELL
ST., TAUNTON

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

G. WILLIAM J. SANFT, 15R SHORES ST., TAUNTON FOR WILL-O-BEE
ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A WILLY J'S PUB, 599 WINTHROP ST. – 1
TABLE

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

H. JEFFREY KENDZIERSKI, 330 WHITTENTON ST. D/B/A PIONEER
FLYING CLUB, 330 WHITTENTON ST. – 2 TABLES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

9. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON
PETITION OF RACHEL LABRECQUE FOR RENEWAL OF BOWLING
ALLEY LICENSE FOR AMF BOWLING CENTERS, INC. D/B/A AMF
TAUNTON LANES, 555 WINTHROP ST. – 32 LANES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

10. MEET WITH THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS SPEED SIGNS ON
OAK STREET

THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF PROVIDED A REPORT OF SAFETY OFFICER BRUCE
PONTES WHICH STATED THAT OAK STREET IS NOT A POSTED SPEED ZONE AREA
AND WOULD NOT HAVE THE BLACK AND WHITE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON IT OTHER
THAN FOR THE AREA OF SCHOOL WHERE IT IS A 20 MPH SCHOOL ZONE.
THE BLACK AND YELLOW 30 MPH THICKLY SETTLED SIGNS COULD BE PLACED ON
OAK STREET. AS OF THIS DATE HE FOUND NO SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON OAK
STREET NOR DOES HE RECALL SIGNS BEING THERE OTHER THEN IN THE SCHOOL
ZONE.

MOTION: REFER TO D.P.W. TO INSTALL THE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS.

11. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. DISCUSSED WAS ISSUE OF SPEEDING ON NORTH WALKER STREET. THE
ACTING CHIEF INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE RADAR TRAILER HAS BEEN
OUT THERE AND ENFORCEMENT HAS BEEN DONE WITH CITATIONS BEING ISSUED.

B. THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO HAVE RADAR PRESENCE AT WINTER STREET
AND WASHINGTON STREET.

C. THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO SEND THE SAFETY OFFICER OUT TO SOUTH
CRANE AVE. AND HAVE HIM LOOK AT THE VICINITY OF #293. IT IS A NARROW
ROAD WITH PROBLEMS OF SITE LINES AROUND THE POLES AND LOTS OF
OVERGROWN BRUSH IN THE AREA.

MOTION: SAFETY OFFICER IS TO LOOK AT THIS AREA AND SEE
WHAT NEEDS TO BE TRIMMED THERE AND REFER IT TO
PARK, CEMETERIES AND PUBLIC GROUNDS.

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D. THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF PROVIDED A REPORT OF THE SAFETY OFFICER CONCERNING A PARKING PROBLEM ON WAVERLY STREET. THE REPORT STATED THAT HE FOUND WAVERLY STREET IS ABOUT 27 FEET WIDE AT THE WASHINGTON STREET END AND WITH VEHICLES PARKED ON BOTH SIDES THERE IS JUST SPACE FOR ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC AND POSSIBLY A LARGE TRUCK WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THROUGH AND MAKE THE TURN. HE RECOMMENDS THAT THE NORTH SIDE OF WAVERLY STREET BE POSTED NO PARKING FROM THE INTERSECTION AT WASHINGTON STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH ARTHUR STREET.

MOTION: REFER TO THE CITY ENGINEER, LAW DEPARTMENT AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

E. THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF PROVIDED A REPORT OF THE SAFETY OFFICER IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE CHANGING THE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND/OR THE PLACEMENT OF "GO SLOW CHILDREN" SIGNS AT POWHATTAN ESTATES. THE SAFETY OFFICER IN HIS REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THICKLY SETTLED 30 M.P.H. SIGNS AND CAUTION CHILDREN SIGNS BE POSTED IN THE POWHATTAN ESTATES COMPLEX.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL AND REFER TO THE D.P.W.

F. THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO LOOK INTO A CITIZEN'S REQUEST TO PROHIBIT TRACTOR TRAILERS ON PORTER STREET AS THEY HAVE BEEN HITTING PARKED CARS. THE SAFETY OFFICER PROVIDED A REPORT WITH ATTACHED COPY OF THE HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE EXCLUSION REQUIREMENTS. AN ENGINEERING STUDY FOR PORTER STREET WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN AND REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE STATE FOR APPROVAL.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF STUDY AND REFER TO MAYOR'S OFFICE AND FINANCE AND SALARIES COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING

G. A REQUEST WAS MADE BY THE OWNERS OF THE PORTUGUESE FIRE PIT LOCATED AT 91 WEIR STREET FOR AT LEAST THREE 15 MINUTE PARKING SIGNS IN FRONT OF THEIR BUSINESS. ACTING CHIEF PROVIDED REPORT OF SAFETY OFFICER IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THIS BUSINESS IS A TAKE OUT AND DELIVERY RESTAURANT WHERE CUSTOMERS RUN IN AND OUT.

HE OBSERVED THE AREA AND PARKING IS LIMITED AS THERE IS NO OFF STREET PARKING FOR THE BUSINESS AND ON STREET PARKING IS RESTRICTED WITH A LOADING ZONE AREA ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE BUSINESS.

THE SAFETY OFFICER REPORTED THAT THERE IS SPACE FOR THREE PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF THE BUSINESS AND HE IS RECOMMENDING THAT THREE SPACES BE POSTED FOR 15 MINUTE PARKING FOR THE TIME THAT THE BUSINESS IS OPEN – 11 AM – 8 PM

MOTION: APPROVE THE SAFETY OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION ALSO, THE ACTING CHIEF NOTED THAT THERE IS A LARGE TREE IN THE SIDEWALK AT THIS LOCATION WHICH MAY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED.

MOTION: REFER ISSUE WITH TREE TO THE TREE WARDEN TO LOOK AT REMOVING THE TREE.

H. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER OF FREMONT AND DUNBAR STREETS, THE SAFETY OFFICER PROVIDED A REPORT WHICH STATED THAT IN THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, SECTION 2B.07 MULTI-WAY STOP APPLICATIONS READS AS FOLLOWS: A CRASH PROBLEM, AS INDICATED BY 5 OR MORE REPORTED CRASHES IN A 12-MONTH

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PERIOD THAT ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO CORRECTION BY A MULTI-WAY STOP INSTALLATION. SUCH CRASHES INCLUDE RIGHT AND LEFT TURN COLLISIONS AS WELL AS RIGHT ANGLE COLLISIONS.

AS OF THIS DATE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A YEAR WITH 5 OR MORE REPORTED ACCIDENTS AT LOCATION.

MOTION: REFER REPORT TO COUNCILOR CROTEAU

I. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR A CROSSWALK TO BE INSTALLED ON BROADWAY AT AVON STREET AND AT AVON STREET AT WASHINGTON STREET. SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT WAS PROVIDED WHICH STATED THAT THE INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON BROADWAY AT AVON STREET WOULD REQUIRE A PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC LIGHT AND ADA RAMP IN THE SIDEWALKS. BROADWAY HAS FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC AT THE LOCATION AND A CROSSWALK WITHOUT A LIGHT WOULD BE TOO HAZARDOUS TO PEDESTRIANS. ALSO A TRAFFIC STUDY MAY BE REQUIRED AS TO THE EFFECT TO TRAFFIC WITH THE INTERSECTION OF BROADWAY AND EAST BRITANNIA STREET BEING A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE LOCATION.

THE REPORT FURTHER STATED THAT ON THE INSTALLATION OF A CROSSWALK ON WASHINGTON STREET AT AVON STREET HE SEES NO PROBLEM AS LONG AS ADA RAMP ARE INSTALLED ON THE SIDEWALKS.

MOTION: REFER TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

J. THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF ALSO PROVIDED A REPORT OF SAFETY OFFICE REGARDING A HAZARDOUS PARKING PROBLEM ON BAY STREET IN FRONT OF WATSON POND AREA. THE SAFETY OFFICER BELIEVES THIS IS A HAZARDOUS SITUATION FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE PARKING ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE LOCATION ARE GETTING OUT AND UNLOADING VEHICLES WITH CHILDREN ON THE STREET SIDE OF VEHICLES. THIS IS DANGEROUS AS BAY STREET HAS A HEAVY VOLUME OF TRAFFIC TRAVELING ON IT WITH SOME VEHICLES GOING GREATER THAN 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT. SECOND, WITH VEHICLES PULLING OUT OF THE PARKING LOT AT WATSON POND THE VIEW IS SOMEWHAT BLOCKED BY THE VEHICLES PARKING IN FRONT. THE SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDS THAT NO PARKING BE POSTED ON BAY STREET ALONG THE FRONT OF WATSON POND TO POINT THAT IS POSTED NO PARKING ON THAT SIDE ON ROAD.

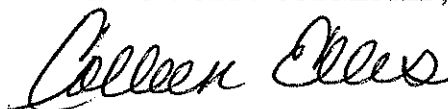
MOTION: TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

MOTION WAS NOT SECONDED – DOES NOT CARRY.

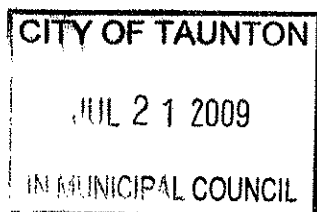
AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS ISSUE, AND WILL BE BROUGHT UP UNDER OLD BUSINESS AT THE NEXT MEETING.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR THOMAS HOYE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS BUFFINGTON, CROTEAU, MARSHALL AND CARR. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES, ASSISTANT D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TONY ABREAU, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN, JOE FEDERICO OF BETA GROUP, ATTORNEY DAVID GAY AND RICHARD TRACEY OF THE NORTH DIGHTON WATER FIRE DISTRICT.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:23 P.M.

1. MEET WITH ATTORNEY DAVID GAY, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS UPDATED INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED SALE OF WATER TO NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CURRENT AGREEMENT IS SIMPLY AN UPDATE OF AN AGREEMENT THAT WAS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE. THE AGREEMENT WAS UPDATED BASED ON THE CITY'S CURRENT STANDARDS. THE AGREEMENT ENSURES THAT THE DIGHTON CUSTOMERS ARE BILLED IDENTICALLY TO THE TAUNTON CUSTOMERS WHICH IS AN ITEM REQUIRED UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. THE CITY DOES NOT PAY TO DO REPAIRS.

THE CHANGES FROM WHAT WAS IN PLACE, IS THAT THEY WILL NOW PAY THE ASCENDING BLOCK RATES SAME AS A TYPICAL TAUNTON CUSTOMER, THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION WILL BE UPDATED AT BOTH METER SITES AND ALL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT STANDARDS FOR DRINKING WATER WILL BE UP TO DATE. THE LENGTH OF THE AGREEMENT IS 25 YEARS AND THEN WILL BE RENEGOTIATED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

2. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR AND JOE FEDERICO OF BETA GROUP ON BETTERMENTS FOR GARDEN STREET AND RAILROAD AVENUE

ON GARDEN, SPRUCE AND WOODLAWN STREETS THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 17 CONNECTIONS, A TOTAL PROJECT COST (DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, INSPECTION, POLICE) TOTALED \$352,529 FOR A COST OF \$20,737 PER CONNECTION. THE RESIDENTS WILL HAVE 20 YEARS TO PAY AT 2%, HOWEVER THEY CAN PAY THE TOTAL OFF AT ONCE IF THEY WISH. IT WAS NOTED THAT 45B WOODLAWN HAS NO BETTERMENT CHARGE AND IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THIS BE CHECKED INTO.

MOTION: HOLD FOR ONE WEEK

THE RAILROAD AVENUE PROJECT TOTAL WAS \$875,472.00 FOR A COST OF \$22,448 PER CONNECTION. THERE ARE 39 SERVICE CONNECTIONS.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

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3. **MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER AND CITY ENGINEER FOR STATUS ON BETTERMENTS AND HOOK-UPS FOR HARRIS STREET.**
THE TOTAL COST FOR THE PROJECT WAS \$142,800.00 WITH A COST OF \$11,900 PER SERVICE. THE CITY IS TO PROVIDE GRINDER PUMPS, BUT THE CITY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF THE PUMPS.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

4. **MEET FOR AN UPDATE ON WATER ISSUES ON WALKER AVENUE**
IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE WATER DEPARTMENT IS FLUSHING TWO TIMES PER WEEK AND THIS HAS MADE A NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCE. THE WATER MAIN WILL BE REPLACED WITH A NEW MAIN WITH BIDS GOING OUT THIS FALL.

5. **MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER & WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR FOR UPDATE ON DEVER WELLS.**
IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE DESIGN SUBMITTED IS AWAITING STATE REVIEW COMMENTS BECAUSE IT IS A REHAB OF EXISTING WELLS. THE WATER SUPERVISOR EXPECTS THIS VERY QUICKLY. THE APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED AUGUST 3RD AND IT WILL BE BID THIS FALL. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED RIGHT AFTER WALKER AVENUE.
THE ISSUE WITH THE DEVER WELLS IS THAT THE LEASE AGREEMENT HAS TO BE EXECUTED, SO THE CITY IS WAITING ON THE STATE AT THIS TIME.

6. **MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER & WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR TO DISCUSS WATER STORAGE TANK FOR MYLES STANDISH INDUSTRIAL PARK**
THE DESIGN HAS BEEN DONE AND WILL GO OUT TO BID THIS FALL. THE WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR WILL COME BACK WITH FURTHER DETAILS. THEY ARE APPLYING FOR A GRANT, BUT IF NO GRANT IS OBTAINED, THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE ABILITY TO BORROW FOR THIS PROJECT. THE TANK IS NEEDED FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND TO SUSTAIN THE PRESSURE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. IT DOES INCLUDE SOME RESIDENCES ALSO. THE TANK WILL BE ON LAND LEASED FROM THE STATE AND WILL BE LOCATED BEHIND THE CULTURAL CENTER OFF OF CONSTITUTION DRIVE.

7. **MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FOR AN UPDATE ON ISSUE WITH STONE WALL AT 419 SOMERSET AVENUE**
THE ASSISTANT D.P.W. COMMISSIONER HAS MET WITH THE OWNER AND WILL RESOLVE THE ISSUE WITH THE WALL AND PUT IT BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL HEIGHT.

8. **MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS STORM WATER DRAIN MAINTENANCE**
MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER TO THE NEXT MEETING IN AUGUST

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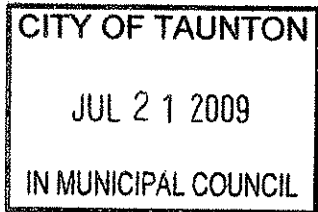
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES.



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 21, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MARSHALL, BUFFINGTON, HOYE AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR CHARLES CROWLEY, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS WAYNE WALKDEN, BUILDING COMMISSIONER ROBERT PIROZZI, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DR. JULIE HACKETT, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS JOSEPH MARTIN, JODY ALMEIDA & CATHAL O'BRIEN, ROBERT VOGEL OF DESIGN PARTNERSHIP, JIM DUVALL OF GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY AND STEVE AGOSTINI OF BACON & AGOSTINI.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.

2. MEET WITH THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION, SCHOOL COMMITTEE, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT AND REPRESENTATIVE OF GILBANE BUILDING CO. FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL/PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE BUILDING COMMITTEE IS MEETING REGULARLY, THE PROJECT IS MOVING FORWARD AND PARKER SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN ON TIME. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED, HOWEVER THAT SOME CLASSROOMS MAY NOT BE TOTALLY FINISHED, BUT THAT WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY THANKSGIVING. SOME SPECIALISTS CLASSROOMS WILL BE USED AS REGULAR CLASSROOMS FOR ABOUT A TWO-MONTH PERIOD. ALL GRADES WILL BE IN THE PARKER BUILDING IN THE FALL. ALSO SOME OUTSIDE SITE WORK MAY NOT BE COMPLETED.

IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT SOME ISSUES WILL NOT BE ADDRESSED UNTIL CLOSER TO THE END OF THE PROJECT BECAUSE AT THAT TIME A DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE AS TO AVAILABLE FUNDS.

MOTION: BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT IS TO PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LIST OF ITEMS TAKEN OUT OF THIS PROJECT, WHAT WERE ADDED BACK IN, ALSO THE CHANGE ORDERS AND THE COSTS OF THE CHANGE ORDERS. AND A LIST OF THE BIDS THAT HAVE GONE OUT IS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL.

DISCUSSED ALSO WAS WHETHER THE BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT IS \$104 MILLION OR \$112 MILLION. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE \$104 MILLION FIGURE DID NOT INCLUDE THE COST OF THE SEWER ISSUE SO THAT AMOUNT IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$104 MILLION.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT IN AUGUST OF 2011, \$112 MILLION WILL HAVE BEEN SPENT. \$104 MILLION WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS. 83% OF THE ADDITIONAL \$8 MILLION WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE STATE AND THE CITY WILL ABSORB THE REST. PRICES ARE CURRENTLY BEING OBTAINED FOR ADDING IN ITEMS THAT WERE ORIGINALLY TAKEN OUT OF THE PROJECT.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL FELT THAT THE COST WAS GOING TO BE \$104 MILLION, THEN A DECISION WOULD BE MADE LATER TO SPEND THE EXTRA \$8 MILLION. THE MAYOR STATED THAT THE BUILDING COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY GATHERING COSTS FOR DIFFERENT ITEMS

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AND THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD GO OVER THE \$104 MILLION DUE TO THE SEWER ISSUE.

THE DENTAL CLINIC WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE COST WAS FOR MOVING THE DENTAL CLINIC AND THE COST FOR THE RENOVATIONS.

MOTION: KEVIN SHEA TO PROVIDE TO COUNCIL THE AMOUNT SPENT TO MOVE THE DENTAL CLINIC.

FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING SPENDING ABOVE THE \$104 MILLION THAT WAS VOTED ON. IT WAS FELT BY SOME COUNCILORS THAT THE EXTRA \$8 MILLION SHOULD NOT BE SPENT WITHOUT COUNCIL APPROVAL, SO THE PROJECT SHOULD BE HELD TO THE \$104 MILLION COST.

MOTION: THAT A MEETING BE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 WITH THE SAME GROUP OF PEOPLE PRESENT TODAY, THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE OR THE PROJECT MANAGER PROVIDE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15TH A NUMBER AS TO WHERE THE PROJECT STANDS IN RELATION TO THE \$104,430,000. THAT THIS NUMBER BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL BY THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH UNTIL THIS PROJECT IS COMPLETED. ALSO MINUTES OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL

MOTION: TO RECESS COMMITTEE MEETING (7:59 P.M.)

MEETING CALLED BACK FROM RECESS AT 9:45 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT AND BUILDING COMMISSIONER TO RECEIVE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING FEE INCREASES**
DISCUSSED WAS CONCERNS OF CONSTITUENTS WHO WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT A FEE WOULD BE CHARGED FOR SUCH THINGS AS INSTALLING AN AIR CONDITIONER OR REPLACING AN APPLIANCE. MR. WALKDEN EXPLAINED THAT INSTALLING AN AIR CONDITIONER IN A WINDOW DOES NOT NEED A PERMIT, HOWEVER, IF ELECTRICAL WORK IS REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE THE AIR CONDITIONER, THEN A PERMIT MIGHT BE REQUIRED. REPLACING AN APPLIANCE DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT, UNLESS ELECTRICAL WORK/PLUMBING WORK IS REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE THE USE OF THE APPLIANCE. MR. WALKDEN FURTHER STATED THAT THESE FEES ARE BASED ON EXISTING FEES JUST BEING TWEAKED A LITTLE BIT. THE INTENT OF THE INCREASES WAS JUST TO WORK WITH THE EXISTING FEES TO TRY TO CONSOLIDATE AND GROUP THE EXISTING FEES.
DISCUSSION WA ALSO HELD REGARDING THE USE OF BACKYARD CANOPIES OR TENTS REQUIRING A PERMIT. THE STATE BUILDING CODE HAS A 120 SQUARE FOOT MINIMUM FOR A PERMIT.
MOTION: TO REPEAL FEE FOR PUTTING UP SMALL CANOPY FOR PARTIES ETC.

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MOTION SECONDED.

MR. WALKDEN REPORTED THAT THERE IS A MINIMUM SIZE THAT YOU WOULD NOT NEED A PERMIT FOR, BUT THAT THE STATE LAW IS WHAT GOVERNS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IF A VERY LARGE CANOPY OR TENT FOR A WEDDING OR SOMETHING SIMILAR, WERE TO BE PUT UP, YOU WOULD DEFINITELY NEED A PERMIT. FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING THE ISSUE OF CANOPIES. SOME OF THE BACKYARD CANOPIES ARE LARGER THAN THE 120 SQ. FOOT LIMIT, SO IF A RESIDENT WERE TO USE A BACKYARD CANOPY FOR A PARTY, A PERMIT WOULD BE REQUIRED. MR. WALKDEN STATED THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE WOULD PUSH THIS ISSUE. MR. PIROZZI STATED THAT THE STATE BUILDING CODE REQUIRES A PERMIT FOR ANYTHING 120 SQ. FEET OR OVER. HE WILL REVISIT THIS ISSUE AND MAKE SURE THAT THE CODE IS WORDED THE SAME FOR TENTS.

MOTION WAS NOT VOTED ON.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE WAY SOME OF THE FEE INCREASES WERE WRITTEN WERE RATHER AMBIGUOUS. WHAT WAS EXPLAINED TONIGHT REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF AN APPLIANCE SHOULD READ "FOR NEW INSTALLATION OF A MAJOR APPLIANCE". THE COMMITTEE FEELS THAT SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE PROPOSED INCREASES SHOULD BE CLARIFIED.

DISCUSSED ALSO WAS HOW THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WAS GOING TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING THESE FEES. MR. WALKDEN AND MR. PIROZZI MAY DO A CABLE SHOW AND POST INFORMATION ON THE WEB SITE.

THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT WAS ASKED TO E-MAIL THE EXISTING FEES AND PROPOSED FEES TO THE COUNCIL.

ALSO DISCUSSED WAS ISSUE OF SWIMMING POOLS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS BLOW-UP POOLS IN THE CITY, WHICH MAKE FOR AN UNSAFE CONDITION IN THAT NO FENCING IS AROUND THEM.

THE MAYOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT A COMMUNICATION WOULD BE READ IN FULL COUNCIL MEETING IN WHICH MR. PIROZZI REQUESTS THAT MR. WALKDEN BE APPOINTED TO ASSIST IN DOING SOME INSPECTIONS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY WORK BEING DONE WITHOUT A PERMIT. IT WAS FURTHER REPORTED THAT ABOUT 80 JOBS WERE SHUT DOWN IN THE CITY IN THE LAST 2-3 WEEKS DUE TO NO PERMITS. THE AMOUNT BROUGHT IN AS OF TODAY IS ABOUT \$78,000.00. LETTER DATED 7/21/09 OF DANIEL DAROSA, PRESIDENT OF B & D CONSTRUCTION WAS READ IN WHICH HE EXPRESSES HIS SUPPORT FOR THE MORE STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN PERMITTING FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE CITY. AS A GENERAL CONTRACTING COMPANY IN THE CITY, HE HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO ADHERE TO THE PERMIT POLICIES. THIS HAS MEANT THAT THEY HAVE MADE THE EFFORT AND SPENT THE MONEY TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE A HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE, THAT MEMBERS OF THEIR MANAGEMENT TEAM HAVE CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISORS' LICENSES AND THAT THE COMPANY CARRIES THE REQUISITE INSURANCE. IT ALSO MEANT THAT THEY HAVE FOLLOWED PROCEDURES AND PULLED PERMITS FOR THE PROJECTS THAT REQUIRED THEM.

HE FURTHER STATES THAT FOR A LONG TIME HE HAS WANTED TO SEE THE PLAYING FIELD LEVELED. IT TAKES MORE TIME AND COSTS MORE FOR A CONTRACTOR TO DO THINGS CORRECTLY. IF EVERYONE IS FORCED TO PLAY BY THE SAME RULES, EVERY CONTRACTOR WILL HAVE THE SAME EQUAL CHANCE TO SECURE PROJECTS. WITHOUT ENFORCEMENT OF THE EXISTING RULES AND

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REGULATIONS, THOSE THAT CHOSE NOT TO FOLLOW PROCEDURE HAD AN ADVANTAGE.

FURTHER, THE OTHER CHANGE THAT HE HAS SEEN IS WITH REGARD TO THE COST OF PERMIT FEES. WHILE NO ONE LIKES TO SPEND MORE MONEY ON PERMITS, THE IDEA OF PAYING 1% OF THE PROJECT COSTS MAKES SENSE, PLACES TAUNTON ON PAR WITH MANY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS, AND PROVIDES CONCRETE PRICING FOR WHAT SOMEONE CAN EXPECT TO PAY FOR THE PERMIT. IT CANNOT BE MISINTERPRETED OR MISREAD. IT IS STRAIGHTFORWARD.

MOTION: LETTER RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

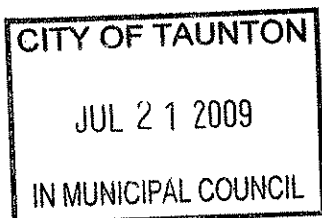
MOTION: TO MEET IN TWO WEEKS TO REVIEW LANGUAGE CHANGES, WITH DOCUMENT PROVIDED SHOWING OLD AND NEW FEES.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:42 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK