



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers  
Minutes, July 28, 2009 at 8:10 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 Executive Director of Retirement stating that the classification of Mr. Dennais Avila's group 4 classification status did not change and only the retirement classification type changed from regular to disability retirement. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Senator Marc R. Pacheco informing that federal stimulus finding in the amounts of \$20 million for fire departments and 45.9 million for police departments will soon be available to Massachusetts. Any police or fire departments intending to apply must submit a letter of intent no later than July 24, 2009. **The Mayor stated that a letter of intent is in Boston. All information is being gathered for the grant application. Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office for approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Mayor providing an update on the Taunton High School/Parker School Project stating that the up-to-date accurate amount of money that has been authorized by the Municipal Council to expend on this project is \$112,850,000.00. Numerous Councilors discussed this matter. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor submitting his opinion on removing the position of police chief from civil service. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole for discussion for 3 to 4 weeks. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read an extra communication submitted by Reverend Timothy Reis, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 19 Kilmer Ave., Taunton requesting a waiver of the connection fee for the City Water connection. **Motion was made to move approval to grant the waiver. So Voted.**

**Petitions and Claims:**

Petition submitted by David W. Boyer, 56 Fiddlers Way, East Taunton requesting a new Junk Dealer's License –DBA- Scrap Bros. Recycling to be located at 56 Fiddlers Way, East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

**Committee Reports:**

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. So Voted.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilor Hoye motioned that the DPW Commissioner determine if the placement of an overlay is warranted on the roadways of Southeast Street, Thrasher Place, Thrasher Avenue and refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that Joel Wolk, Gilbane Company, provide, in two weeks, copies of all the bids that were received for the construction and engineering of the Taunton High School/Parker Middle School Dental Clinic Project as well as all the invoices from this project. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Superintendent of Public Buildings report back to the Council what the City's construction costs (labor costs of the projects) have been on the Taunton High School/Parker School Project. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that Kevin Shea, MOCD inform the Council whether the \$200,000.00 CBG Funds that have been allocated for the Taunton High School/Parker Middle School Dental Clinic Project has been spent and if so, for what purposes. Additionally, that he provide the amount of the CGB funds that have been expended from this \$200,000.00 for the Dental Clinic. If the \$200,000.00 was not spent for the Dental Clinic, what would these monies have been spent on? So Voted.

**New Business:**

Councilor Hoye stated that as you are traveling on Myles Standish Boulevard toward John Hancock Road in the direction of Harvey Street taking a left, there is a large tree or bush in the way that is affecting the sight line of traffic. Therefore, Councilor Hoye motioned that the Commissioner of Parks, Cemeteries, and Public Grounds and Richard Shafer, Industrial Development take care of this matter. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the DPW Commissioner provide an update to the Committee on the Department of Public Works concerning the project being performed off of Oak Street. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the DPW Commissioner send out letters to residents of Donna Terrace informing them whether they will be receiving sewer or not. So Voted.

Councilor Hoyer motioned that the Acting Police Chief have the Safety Officer investigate the tractor trailer parking overnight in the vicinity of 455 John Hancock Road at the Vera Cold building as it is causing difficulties for vehicles traveling through this area during the night time hours and the Council wants to be sure this is not an ongoing problem. Therefore, he motioned that the Acting Police Chief refer this issue back to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier stated that there is a directional sign on Williams Street coming from Route 140 at the intersection of Gordon Owen Boulevard. The sign is green and there is a straight arrow which points to the high school and a left turn arrow which points to Elizabeth Pole School. Therefore, he motioned that the DPW Commissioner have the sign changed or removed. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that he receive a status report on the Star Theater Building regarding who the owner is and what the condition of the building is. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Committee on Police and License set up a meeting to discuss creating and executing a contract for Acting Chief John Reardon. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Assessor's Office place MLC forms on their website. So Voted. *(The City Clerk investigated this matter and found that these forms are currently on the Tax Collector's Website.)*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

  
City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

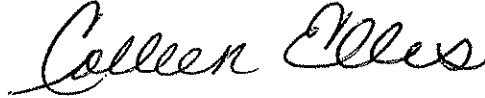
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR  
POTTIER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:35 P.M.

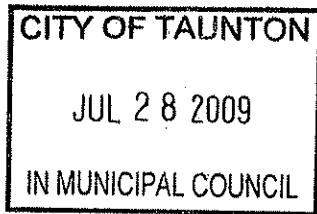
- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS  
**MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:36 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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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.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:31 P.M.

1. **MEET TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION**  
DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AND POTENTIAL  
LITIGATION WILL BE DISCUSSED, A MOTION WAS MADE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION.

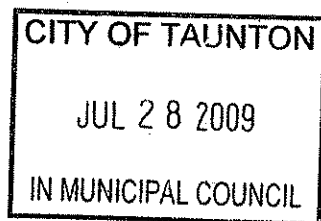
**MOTION:** ON A ROLL CALL VOTE EIGHT COUNCILORS VOTED TO  
GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, ONE VOTING IN  
OPPOSITION

**COUNCILORS HOYE, COSTA-HANLON, FIORE, MARSHALL, CROTEAU,  
CARR, BUFFINGTON AND POTTIER VOTING IN FAVOR  
COUNCILOR BARBOUR VOTING IN OPPOSITION.**

**MOTION:** ON A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT  
VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**THE WERE TWO VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Colleen Ellis*

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR THOMAS HOYE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS  
BUFFINGTON, CROTEAU, MARSHALL AND CARR.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 6:02 P.M.**

**1. MEET TO REVIEW BETTERMENTS FOR GARDEN, SPRUCE AND  
WOODLAWN STREETS**

AN E-MAIL WAS READ FROM JOSEPH FEDERICO OF BETA GROUP WHICH SAID  
PROVIDED THEIR FINDINGS ON THE MATTER OF 45 WOODLAWN AVE.

(1) ONE SERVICE CONNECTION HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE ADDRESS OF 45A &  
45B WOODLAWN AVE.

(2) THE SERVICE CONNECTION IS LOCATED ON SPRUCE STREET ADJACENT TO 45A.

(3) 45A & 45B WOODLAWN HAVE ONCE COMMON SEPTIC SYSTEM SERVICING THE  
DUPLEX HOUSE

(4) CINDY BLAIS WHO OWNS 45A REQUESTED THE SERVICE CONNECTION

(5) THE CITY ENGINEER AT THE TIME DIRECTED BETA TO PROVIDE ONE SERVICE  
CONNECTION FOR HOUSE NO. 45 WOODLAWN.

**MOTION: E-MAIL TO BE PART OF THE RECORD**

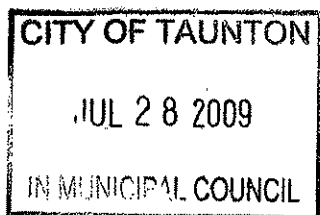
**MOTION: MOVE TO APPROVE THE BETTERMENTS FOR GARDEN,  
WOODLAWN AND SPRUCE STREETS IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$20,737**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:04 P.M.**

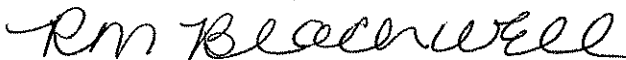
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

  
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