

City of Taunton Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers Minutes, August 25, 2009 at 10:55 O'clock P.M.

REVISED

Regular Meeting Council President Pottier presiding Prayer was offered by the Council President

Present at roll call were:

Councilor's Barbour, Buffington, Carr, Croteau, Marshall,

Fiore, Pottier, Costa-Hanlon, Hoye

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

Communications from Mayor:

Council President Pottier stated they received a communication from Chief Padelford informing that he had a family emergency and would not be available for tomorrow evening. Motion was made for the Council President to refer the hearing to either next week or the following week. So Voted. Councilor Croteau motioned that the Mechanic's computer be brought over to City Hall. So Voted. Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the City Solicitor issue a subpoena for the computer and for his attendance. So Voted.

At this time, the Municipal Council discussed the methadone clinic van that has been stationed on the grounds of Taunton State Hospital for over ten years. The Council has been informed that this van can no longer park in its current location and is looking at a downtown, Main Street location. There is great concern over this new location. At the current Taunton State Hospital location, there are 13-20 cars lined up to visit this van at any given time and the Council is concerned about the traffic and congestion issues. Therefore, a motion was made by the Municipal Council to seek the assistance of our Senator and the Representatives for Taunton to contact the Department of Mental Health to find a suitable location for the methadone clinic, preferable on the campus of Taunton State Hospital. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Mayor provide an update to the Council on the Melo property on North Walker Street concerning the entire process. So Voted.

Communications:

Com. from Superintendent of Public Buildings requesting to pay prior year invoice out of Capital Expense in the amount of \$4,616.00 to EFI Global, Inc. for the emergency asbestos study done at Maxham School. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. So Voted.

Com. from Human Resource Director requesting to pay prior year invoice in the amount of #330.00 for Drug Testing for DOT compliance. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. So Voted.

Com. from City Planner submitting proposed zoning change to provide additional control, regulation and review of facilities dealing with the treatment and care of individuals with drug addictions. Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds submitting a response on a request for the removal of a tree in front of the Fire Pit Restaurant on Weir Street. Motion was made to receive and place on file and send a copy of this communication to the owner of the Fire Pit Restaurant. So Voted.

Com. from Fire Chief requesting to fill a vacancy due to the retirement of Lieutenant Dennis Furtado for one (1) Permanent Fire Lieutenant. Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Department extending an invitation to attend the Luminaria to honor all military men and women who have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in Hopewell Park from 9:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Motion was made to receive and place on file and have this message placed on the electronic sign. So Voted.

Com. from Robert McGarva, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Taunton submitting a letter of support for Agar's proposed expansion in Taunton and application for property tax relief. Motion was made to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole. So Voted.

Com. from Darlene Whittemore, 42 Bunnys Road, Carver requesting permission to hang a banner on County Street to advertise the race/walk on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School in honor of her nephew to raise funds for a scholarship. Motion was made to move approval and also place on the electronic sign. Refer the placement of the banner to the TMLP. So Voted.

Com. from Irene Fernandes, 21 Hodges Ave., Apt. 206, Taunton extending an invitation to the Municipal Council and School Committee members to join in the 8th anniversary of the aftermath of September 11, 2001 at the John Shea Court on Friday, November 11, 2009. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Application submitted by Todd Castro, 325 Worcester Street, Taunton requesting a new Constable License for City of Taunton Business. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Application submitted by Patricia DeSilva, 161 Lothrop St., Taunton requesting a renewal of her Constable License to serve as a crossing guard. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Petition submitted by Rick Kohl, The Vault of Forsyth, Inc. 578 Arbor Hill Road, Kernersville, NC 27284 requesting a new Second Hand Article License and Old Gold License to purchase antiques, old gold and sports collectables at the Holiday Inn located at 700 Myles Standish Boulevard. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Claim submitted by Joseph and Jeri Allen Uva, 209 Highland Street, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to their basement and driveway due to a water main break in front of their home. Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.

Claim submitted by Cathy Burt, TransGlobal Adjusting Corp., 24 Leader Lane, Hermon, NY on behalf of her client who sustained injuries on Galleria Mall Drive notifying of a potential future claim. Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for a Departmental Site Plan Review for a 6,707 sq. ft. construction business at 250 Cape Road, Taunton which is located in an Industrial 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 Pottier motioned that the Committee to the Council as a Whole discuss the staffing of the Assessor's Office in two weeks. So Voted.

Orders, Ordinances, and Enrolled Bills

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

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 13

Sec 13-82. Prohibited parking places.

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

That Section 13-82 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Bay Street, on both sides going north from the intersection of Bay Street and Field Street to the entrance of the Myles Standish Industrial Park.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. Motion was made to pass to a third reading. So Voted.

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

AN ORDINANCE

Article XIII. Development Impact Review Board, Section 2-331 Composition

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

That Section 2-331 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, by and hereby is further amended thereto by adding the following language changes;

- (a) The board shall consist of Nine (9) permanent members. The members being the Planning and Conservation Director (who shall serve as chairman), the DPW Director or designee, the City Engineer, the Conservation Agent, the Director of the Board of Health (or designee), and Four Abutter Representatives
- (b) The Abutter Representatives shall be appointed by the municipal council for a term to be specified at the time of appointment. Abutter Representatives shall be selected with one member residing in East Taunton, one member residing in North Taunton, one member residing in West Taunton and one member residing in Central/South Taunton

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. Motion was made to pass to a third reading. So Voted.

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

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

That Section 13-82 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Waverly Street, north side from the intersection at Washington Street to the intersection with Arthur Street. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. Motion was made to pass to a third reading. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier motioned that the Committee on the Department of Public Works discuss the plywood on the Plain Street Bridge. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she has read some of the comments on a newspaper article concerning colleges coming to our downtown area. Therefore, she motioned that a letter be sent to Senator Pacheco and the Mayor regarding the Old Cohannet School (currently the District Court) building be considered and that Wheaton College be approached. If it is a public building that they consider, instead of fair market value to allow reduced fees for Taunton residents. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Committee to the Council as a Whole discuss with the Assistant City Solicitor and the City Solicitor, in two weeks, the neglected properties in our City. So Voted. Additionally, that the property at 398 Somerset Avenue be added to the list if it is not already on it. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Mayor provide the status of the Dever Wells for next week's meeting. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Mayor and the City Solicitor look into why the invoice from February for Jeanne "Cookie" Mastro-Showstead has not been paid to date. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned that you update the Council on "The Refuge" at the corner of Cohannet Street and High Street, informing whether they are in zoning compliance and how this establishment came into existence. Additionally, Councilor Barbour motioned that the Mayor provide an update for next week on the crosswalks and sidewalks on Bay Street (north) near the North Taunton Baptist Church. Councilor Barbour stated that the Mayor could send him an email on this issue if he chose. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Zoning Enforcement Officer investigate a home on Purchase Street that places their trash out for removal every week on the day following the street's trash removal day as residents are concerned. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss the new Police Chief Civil Service List. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned that the Committee to the Council as a Whole invite the government relations person from Verizon to a meeting in a few weeks to discuss Verizon Fios' weather channel. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills discuss ensuring that all City boards and commissions have the correct certifications and placing them in ordinance form. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the DPW Commissioner have the school crosswalks repainted. So Voted. (The City Clerk called and spoke with Angela in the DPW Office on this matter)

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

RM BlackWill
City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AUGUST 25, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS

CROTEAU AND POTTIER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:55 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR THE

WEEK

MOTION:

MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR

THE WEEK.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:56 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON

AUG 2 5 2009

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AUGUST 25, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCILOR JASON BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN AND

COUNCILORS HOYE AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE ACTING CHIEF JOHN REARDON, DETECTIVE SMITH, ANTONIO

SARANTOS & LEE ANN DREWNIAK OF MISS QUE'S, RICK GLEASON OF MASS. MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION, PAUL

VERADT OF THE LAFAYETTE CLUB, CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN

TORRES AND CITY ENGINEER MARK SLUSARZ

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:23 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CONSTABLE:

A. ROBERT ADAMS, 6 RUSSELL ST., TAUNTON – RENEWAL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL - UNRESTRICTED

B. RICHARD CORDEIRO, 23 MARVEL STREET, TAUNTON – RENEWAL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – CIVIL PROCESS ONLY

C. DAVID DICENSO, 9 LYDON LANE, UNIT C-1, HALIFAX, MA – NEW

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – CIVIL PROCESS ONLY

D. MANUEL MASSA, 1153 LOCUST ST., RAYNHAM – RENEWAL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL - UNRESTRICTED

E. CHARLES MOSHER, JR., 821 WEST WATER ST., TAUNTON – RENEWAL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL - UNRESTRICTED

F. JOHN ROY, 9 REED ST., TAUNTON – NEW

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL -CIVIL PROCESS ONLY

- 2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF TAUNTON DAILY GAZETTE FOR APPROVAL OF 50 NEWSPAPER VENDOR LICENSES FOR EXISTING LOCATIONS AS WERE APPROVED IN 2008
 IT WAS REPORTED BY DETECTIVE SMITH THAT THE NEWSPAPER BOX LOCATED AT 128 BROADWAY HAS BEEN REMOVED NO. 33 ON THEIR APPLICATION
 MOTION:
 MOVE APPROVAL OF THE EXISTING LOCATIONS (49
 TOTAL), WITH THE EXCEPTION OF #33, 128 BROADWAY
- 3. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF BISSIE MITCHELL & SONIA MITCHELL, 262 TAUNTON AVE., SEEKONK FOR RENEWAL OF FORTUNE TELLER'S LICENSE D/B/A SONIA'S PALM READING, 396 WINTHROP ST.

 MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL
- 4. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY FIXED VENDOR LICENSES:
 - A. JOSEPH NOBERINI, 21 PAUL REVERE TERRACE D/B/A NOBER WEENIES, 10 PLAIN ST. RENEWAL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

B. LILLIAN AMARO ROCHA, 915 MIDDLEBORO AVE. E. TAUNTON TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AT 515 MIDDLEBORO AVE. – NEW MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

- 5. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR LIVERY LICENSES:
 - A. GABRIEL PIRES, 29 ORCHARD ST., TAUNTON D/B/A LINK TRANSPORT, 447 BROADWAY - 5 VEHICLES - RENEWAL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

B. DONNA FRANCIS, 48 WORCESTER ST. FOR A & D ENTERPRISES D/B/A PEGASUS AIRPORT SERVICE, 48 WORCESTER ST – RENEWAL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

- 6. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF BILLIARD TABLE LICENSES:
 - A. BRIAN PLATT, 73 ORCHARD ST., TAUNTON FOR ITALIAN NATURALIZATION CLUB, 46 WALES ST. 2 TABLES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 2 TABLES

B. HELDER FREITAS, 63 COUNTY RD., BERKLEY D/B/A WARD 5 ATHLETIC CLUB, 29 WINTER ST. – 2 TABLES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

C. ANTONIO SARANTOS, 49 SO. MEADOW RD., CARVER, MA D/B/A MISS QUE'S BILLIARDS, 15 W. BRITANNIA ST. – 7 TABLES

LETTER DATED 8/21/09 OF ACTING CHIEF JOHN REARDON WAS READ IN WHICH HE STATED THAT AFTER REVIEWING THE PETITION OF ANTONIOS SARANTOS D/B/A MISS QUE'S, 15 WEST BRITANNIA STREET, HE WOULD RECOMMEND IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY THE DENIAL OF THIS LICENSE FOR SEVEN BILLIARD TABLES.

HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE PETITIONER HAS OUTSTANDING TAXES DUE AT THIS PROPERTY.

THE PETITIONER'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS DIFFERS FROM THAT SUPPLIED TO POLICE ON JULY 31, 2009.

THE LETTER ALSO STATED THAT DURING AN INVESTIGATION OF A REPORTED DOUBLE STABBING AT HIS ESTABLISHMENT HE WAS UNCOOPERATIVE WITH THE OFFICERS, BECAME DISORDERLY AND WAS ARRESTED.

A REVIEW OF CALLS AT THIS ESTABLISHMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

2009 - 5 INCIDENTS TO DATE

2008 - 10 INCIDENTS

2007 - 9 INCIDENTS

2006 - 10 INCIDENTS

2005 - 11 INCIDENTS

2004 - 46 INCIDENTS

2003 - 25 INCIDENTS

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MR. SARANTOS PROVIDED TAX RECEIPTS TOTALING \$13,268.00 THAT HE HAD PAID ON AUGUST 24, 2009

MR. SARANTOS INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE FEELS THAT THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF THE LATEST INCIDENT IN JULY WAS NOT CORRECT. HIS ESTABLISHMENT WAS CLOSED AND THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF HIS BUSINESS. MR. SARANTOS REQUESTED REPORTS ON THE CALLS TO HIS BUSINESS.

HE FURTHER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAS POOL TABLES FOR LEAGUES ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. HE IS LOOKING TO OPEN AS A PIZZA SHOP IN THE FRONT ROOM OF THE BUSINESS, WITH THE POOL TABLES REMAINING IN THE BACK ROOM.

HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO RE-OPEN HIS BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST INCIDENT, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS ARRESTED. HE STATED THAT HE WAS ASSAULTED BY A POLICE OFFICER AND THAT THEY BROKE THE DOOR DOWN TO HIS BUSINESS.

AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS NOTED THAT MR. SARANTOS NAME SHOULD NOT BE ON THE BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE, THE OWNER OF THE BUSINESS SHOULD BE ON THE LICENSE. MR. SARANTOS STATED THAT LEE ANN DREWNIAK OWNS THE BUSINESS. HE OWNS THE BUILDING.

IF MR. SARANTOS PLAN FOR A PIZZA SHOP MOVES FORWARD, THE PIZZA SHOP WILL CLOSE AT 10:00 P.M. IF POOL LEAGUES USE THE BACK PORTION OF THE BUILDING WHERE THE POOL TABLES ARE, THAT MAY STAY OPEN UNTIL 11:00 OR 12:00.

MR. SARANTOS STATED THAT HE WILL NOT RE-OPEN THE BUSINESS UNTIL RENOVATIONS ARE DONE FOR THE PIZZA SHOP,

IT WAS AGAIN NOTED THAT THE OWNER OF THE BUSINESS SHOULD BE ON THE LICENSE AND MR. SARANTOS WAS ASKED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERNS ARE PASSED ON TO HER.

MOTION: THAT THE CHAIRMAN, AT HIS DISCRETION, SET A SECOND MEETING AND HAVE THE ACTUAL OWNER PRESENT

MOTION NOT SECONDED.

LEE ANN DREWNIAK OF 24 NORTH WALKER STREET ARRIVED AND WAS INVITED INTO THE MEETING. SHE IS THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURE OF T. J. GUPPIES, INC. SHE IS THE OWNER OF THE CORPORATION. SHE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY HAVE TRIED TO CLEAN UP THE PLACE BUT NOTHING SEEMS TO WORK. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN OPENING EXCEPT FOR POOL TEAMS – AS OF NOW THE BUSINESS IS CLOSED EXCEPT FOR THE POOL TEAMS. SHE ASKED IF A LICENSE COULD BE ISSUED LIMITED TO POOL TOURNAMENT PLAYING. THIS WOULD ALLOW SOME CONTROL BECAUSE THE BUSINESS WOULD NOT BE OPEN TO ANYONE EXCEPT THE PEOPLE IN THE TOURNAMENT AND THE POOL LEAGUE. THE FRONT PART, THE BAR AREA WOULD NOT BE OPEN AT ALL. IT WAS STATED THAT MR. SARANTOS AND MS. DREWNIAK WILL NOT OPEN THE BUSINESS AGAIN UNLESS IT OPENS AS A PIZZA SHOP.

MOTION:

THAT A REPORT FROM THE LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF THIS LICENSE FROM MR. SARANTOS TO MS. DREWNIAK BE PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION AS TO HOW THE COMMISSION HANDLED THE TRANSFER.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MOTION:

TO DENY THE APPLICATION WITHOUT PREJUDICE, ALLOW MS. DREWNIAK TO SUBMIT THE PROPER APPLICATION ALONG WITH THE CORPORATION PAPERS.

7. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS REQUEST OF MASS.

MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION FOR A PARADE ON AUGUST 29, 2009

THE ACTING POLICE CHIEF STATED THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO THE REQUEST BY

THE MASS. MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR A

PARADE WHICH MIGHT ALLOW UN-HELMETED RIDERS ON OPEN CITY STREETS.

MOTORCYCLE RUNS HAVE BEEN ALLOWED IN THE PAST WITHOUT PERMITS, BUT

RIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE HELMETED AND COMPLY WITH MASS. LAWS. HE IS

ALSO NOT IN FAVOR OF THIS BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF INTERSECTIONS

PROPOSED TO BE TRAVELED THROUGH FOR THE 21.7-MILE PARADE.

MR. GLEASON OF THE MASS. MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION STATED THAT THIS IS A

NON PROFIT CORPORATION WHICH RAISES MONEY FOR MANY CHARITIES. THERE

WOULD PROBABLY BE 100-125 PARTICIPANTS, DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER.

THEY DO HAVE INSURANCE BINDERS, ROAD CAPTAINS, AND THE PARADE IS

DONE BELOW SPEED LIMITS AND "BLOCKERS" STOP TRAFFIC AT INTERSECTIONS.

MOTION:

REFER THIS MATTER BACK TO THE CHIEF TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE ROUTE. THIS EVENT IS NOT TO BE ISSUED A PARADE PERMIT, IT IS TO BE CONSIDERED A RUN SO THAT HELMETS MUST BE WORN. ALSO, THERE IS TO BE A PAID DETAIL OR TWO HIRED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF. THE ISSUE OF THE DISTANCE AND TURNS WILL BE AT THE CHIEF'S DISCRETION

8. MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE T.M.L.P. AND CITY ENGINEER TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT WASHINGTON & TREMONT STREETS DISCUSSED WAS THAT THE ISSUE WITH THIS INTERSECTION IS THAT WHEN VEHICLES ARE LEAVING MILL RIVER COMPLEX& TURNING ONTO OAK STREET, THE LIGHT IS TOO SHORT. THE ENGINEER RECOMMENDS THAT A TRAFFIC ENGINEER – HE RECOMMENDS THAT THE D.P.W. DO THIS THROUGH BETA – DO NEW COUNTS AT PEAK AND MID DAY HOURS.

MOTION: SEND COMMUNICATION TO THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER AND ASK FOR A REPORT IN TWO WEEKS.

9. MEET WITH THE CITY ENGINEER, POLICE CHIEF AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS INTERSECTION OF WEIR STREET AND TAUNTON GREEN. THE CITY ENGINEER REPORTED THAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS TO TAKE THE LAND IN ORDER TO CUT THE CORNER. HE DOES NOT RECOMMEND MOVING THE STOP LINE ON WEIR STREET AS IT WOULD HAVE TO BE 50-70 FEET BACK. HE HAS PREPARED A PLAN TO TAKE THE LAND. HE STATED THAT THE APPRAISAL ON THE LAND WAS HIGH BECAUSE THE LAND IS FOR A 5 STORY BUILDING. ALSO 151 SQUARE FEET IS NEEDED TO BE TAKEN. THE CITY SOLICITOR STATED THAT THE COST MAY ONLY BE \$15,000 BUT THE MAYOR FELT THAT THE FIGURE WAS MUCH HIGHER.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MOTION:

THAT A MEETING BE SCHEDULED IN TWO WEEKS WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR, MAYOR, ENGINEER AND POLICE CHIEF – WITH THE APPRAISAL.

10. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

- A. IT WAS REPORTED THAT ONE BUSINESS HAS NOT APPLIED FOR A BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE. DETECTIVE SMITH WILL FOLLOW UP.
- B. THE POLICE CHIEF PROVIDED REPORTS REGARDING RADAR ON NORTH WALKER STREET.
- C. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE STOP SIGN AT BRUSHWOOD DRIVE AND SHORT STREET IS UP.
- D. REGARDING A MOTION MADE BY THE COUNCIL TO HAVE THE SAFETY OFFICER INVESTIGATE THE TRACTOR TRAILER PARKING OVERNIGHT IN 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, THE SAFETY OFFICER REPORTED THAT THE CITY ORDINANCE SEC. 13-81 PART (B) DEFINES THE PARKING OF TRUCKS ON CITY STREETS OVERNIGHT. HE BELIEVES THE WORDING OVERNIGHT IS TOO VAGUE AND SHOULD BE CHANGED TO A TIME LIMIT.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO WANTS INFORMATION PROVIDED REGARDING SITE ISSUES CAUSED BY THESE TRUCKS PARKING IN THIS AREA.

MOTION: HAVE THE SAFETY OFFICER FURTHER INVESTIGATE.

- E. DISCUSSED AGAIN WAS PARKING ISSUE AT ENTRANCE OF WATSON POND PARK. THERE IS ALREADY AN ORDINANCE FOR NO PARKING 20 FEET ON EACH SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE. IT WAS NOTED ALSO THAT THE PARK PEOPLE WERE GOING TO LOOK AT HAVING A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO DROP OFF INSIDE THE PARK. THE ACTING CHIEF IS CONCERNED WITH PEOPLE PARKING ON THE STREET AND UNLOADING AND DROPPING OFF AT THE STREET.
- F. THE ACTING CHIEF REPORTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL USE FUNDS FROM A TOPS GRANT FOR AREAS THAT THE COUNCIL IS RECEIVING COMPLAINTS FOR SPEEDING.
- G. THE ACTING CHIEF WAS ASKED TO CHECK ON ISSUE OF CARS PARKING ON EARL STREET NEAR WINTHROP STREET.
- H. THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE A COST ANALYSIS ON PROMOTING SERGEANTS. HE REPORTED THAT HE IS WORKING ON IT.
- I. THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS OF A RED AUDI RACING ON HOPEWELL STREET.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:21 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON

AUG 2.5 2009

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

RM Blackwell

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AUGUST 25, 2009

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID POTTIER AND COUNCILORS HOYE, COSTA-HANLON, FIORE, MARSHALL, CROTEAU, CARR, BUFFINGTON AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE KEVIN SHEA, DIRECTOR, MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RICHARD SHAFER, CHAIRMAN, EDI BOARD, KAREN BRESSLER, CEO OF AGAR, CHRIS

KELLERMAN OF AGAR, GREG BURGESS CFO OF AGAR, AND

LYNN TOCRYZ.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:30 P.M.

1. MEET WITH KEVIN SHEA, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, RICHARD SHAFER, CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE BOARD AND REPRESENTATIVES OF AGAR TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED PROJECT AMENDMENT STATUS FOR NEW EXPANSION PROJECT.

AGAR SUPPLY IS LOCATED IN THE MYLES STANDISH INDUSTRIAL PARK AND WISHES TO EXPAND THEIR BUILDING BY 50,000 SQUARE FEET AT A COST OF \$8.05 MILLION FOR PHASE II. THE COMPANY IS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THEIR CURRENT CERTIFIED PROJECT. REQUEST IS MADE TO AMEND THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS TO THEIR CURRENT TIF AGREEMENT FOR PHASE II ONLY. THIS REQUEST IS ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR GROWTH AND CRITICAL FOR THE COMPANY.

THE 7-YEAR EDI BENEFITS FOR PHASE II ONLY ARE (1) RETAIN THE 398 FULL TIME CURRENT POSITIONS AND ADD 25 NEW PERMANENT FULL TIME POSITIONS; (2) CURRENT ANNUAL TAXES TO CITY FROM AGAR WILL BE \$260,040.00; (3) TOTAL ADDITIONAL TAXES TO THE CITY WILL BE \$266,816.00 OVER THE 7-YEAR PERIOD AND THE TOTAL ADDITIONAL BENEFIT TO AGAR OVER THE 7 YEAR PERIOD WILL BE \$171,290.00.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE AMENDMENT OF THE PHASE II TIF WILL ONLY APPLY TO THE NEW EXPANSION PROJECT. THE EXISTING PHASE I TIF SCHEDULE FOR THE EXISTING BUILDING WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

MOTION: APPROVE THE TIF FOR AGAR SUPPLY, INC. UNDER THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY MR. SHEA AND MR. SHAFER

MOTION: TO RECESS THE MEETING (9:17 P.M.)

MOTION: TO CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER (9:26 P.M.)

2. MEET WITH KEVIN SHEA, RICHARD SHAFER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS CURRENT TIF ORDINANCE.

MR. SHAFER REPORTED THAT ALL CERTIFIED PROJECTS HAVE FILED THEIR REPORTS AND ARE IN GOOD STANDING. THERE ARE TWO COMPANIES WITH NEW OWNERS AND HE HAS ASKED THE STATE TO RESPOND TO HIM WITH GUIDELINES ON AMENDING THE TIF AGREEMENTS. THEY ARE BOSTON APPAREL (FORMERLY CHADWICKS) AND TRIBE INC.

DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WERE THE EMPLOYEE FIGURES ON ALL TIF AGREEMENTS.

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MR. SHAFER WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON MILESTONE PROJECTION AND FINAL PROJECTION ON THE EMPLOYEE INFORMATION FOR ALL COMPANIES IT WAS NOTED THAT IN ECONOMICAL CYCLE LIKE WE HAVE NOW, THE STATE WOULD NOT REVOKE A TIF DUE TO THE EMPLOYEE ISSUE.

MR. SHEA SUGGESTED THAT PRIOR TO MEETING ON A TIF, THAT THERE BE SOME SORT OF WORKSHOP, AND ALSO THAT THE GOALS FOR THE NUMBER OF JOBS BE SPLIT BY YEARS. ALSO SUGGESTED WAS HAVING A QUARTERLY OR BI-ANNUAL REPORT RATHER THAN AN ANNUAL REPORTING.

THE MITIGATION FUNDS/CHARITABLE FUND ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED.

ALSO IT WAS NOTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TO BE MORE UNIFORM, THERE SHOULD BE BENCHMARKS FOR EMPLOYEES YEAR TO YEAR, AND THERE NEEDS TO BE A PHILOSOPHY CHANGE IN THE WAY JOBS ARE CREATED AND IT SHOULD BE PUT IN THE AGREEMENT THAT IF A COMPANY FAILS TO MEET THE JOBS, THE COMPANY COULD LOSE SOME OF THEIR BENEFIT.

REQUEST WAS MADE TO HAVE FOR A MEETING IN ONE MONTH FROM ALL TIF

COMPANIES HOW MANY JOBS WERE CREATED EACH YEAR AND HOW MANY THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO CREATE. ALSO, REQUEST WAS MADE TO HAVE BOSTON APPAREL AND TRIBE, INC. HERE WITHIN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS TO TALK ABOUT THEIR TIF.

FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD REGARDING COMPANIES WHO RENT PART OF THEIR BUILDING AND USE THOSE TENANTS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEE NUMBERS. REQUEST WAS ALSO MADE TO DETERMINE, IF THE TIF RUNS WITH THE LAND, CAN IT BE RECORDED. ALSO, WILL THE STATE ALLOW RENEGOTIATION IF EMPLOYEE NUMBERS ARE NOT MET, CAN IT BE PUT IN THE AGREEMENT AND BE AN AUTOMATIC TRIGGER. THE CITY SOLICITOR WILL CHECK ON BOTH OF THESE ISSUES. MR. SHEA AND MR. SHAFER ARE TO REVIEW ALL SUGGESTIONS AND MEET WITH THE COMMITTEE IN FOUR WEEKS.

MOTION TO EXCUSE THE GENTLEMEN
COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND FIORE VOTING IN OPPOSITION. MOTION
CARRIES.

MOTION: TO RECESS THE MEETING (10:46 P.M.)

MOTION: TO CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER (11:30 P.M.)

MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT

VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT

VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:51 A.M.

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IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

RM BlackWell

CITY CLERK