



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, January 6, 2009 at 7:25 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-Hanlon, Hoye*

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

Hearings:

Hearing came up by assignment upon the petition of the following for the renewal of Class III Motor Vehicle Licenses:

1. Arthur's Auto Junkyard, 147 Fremont St.
2. Automotive Recovery Services, Inc.-DBA-Insurance Auto Auctions, 580 Myricks St.
3. Caramelo's Auto Body, 2 Porter St.
4. Harry's Auto Wrecking, Whitsborough St.
5. Reynold's Auto Wrecking, Inc., 733 So. Precinct St.
6. Ventura's Auto Wrecking Company, 895 Somerset Ave.
7. Tony's Auto Wrecking, 303 Broadway

Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Detective Dennis Smith into the enclosure. So Voted. A communication from the Police Chief recommending the approval of all of the above except number 7, Ventura's Auto Wrecking. Chip Santos, Ventura's Auto Wrecking stated that he is cleaning up the property and it is nearly perfect but wants to do it better and if he keeps the license it would be to cleanup, not to conduct business. Councilor Barbour stated we should refund his application fee and not grant him a license. Councilors Barbour, Pottier, and Costa-Hanlon voting in opposition of granting Ventura's Auto Wrecking his license. **Motion carries to grant Ventura's License. So Voted.** No one speaking in favor or in opposition. **Motion was made to continue Tony's Auto Wrecking for two weeks and move approval on numbers 1-5 and number 7. So Voted.**

Hearing came up by assignment upon the petition of the City of Taunton for the Proposed Zoning Changes dated October 7, 2008. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Kevin Scanlon into the enclosure. So Voted.** Com. from Vice Chairperson, Taunton Planning Board submitting a positive recommendation with changes was read, including the following: Section 7.3.1 - Parking and Loading Requirement – Residential Uses and Section 7.5.9 – Projecting Signs. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** Councilor Marshall stated

that Section 7.5.5 and 7.5.9 should have further discussion and further review. Councilor Costa-Hanlon spoke about smart plan growth that the City Solicitor should look at the Supreme Court decision on Smart Plan Growth. Councilor Marshall motioned that the City Planner have a phasing plan for contractors with DIRB and Site Plan Reviews. Councilors Barbour and Carr both agree that there should not be farm animals in the City, which is Section 7.1.6. **Motion was made to separate the vote and keep section 7.1.6 as is. Councilor Fiore voting in opposition. So Voted.** No one speaking in favor. In opposition was John Paine of Attleboro who spoke regarding LED Signs. He stated to draw customers, a small business needs the LED signs to advertise specials, products, etc. Mr. Paine stated if small businesses want to continue to operate, LED Signs are necessary to continue to draw customers in. **Motion was made to continue Section 7.5.5, flashing signs, for one (1) month. So Voted. Motion was made to move approval on the remaining sections. So Voted.**

Communications from Mayor:

The Mayor read a communication submitted by the Treasurer/Collector concerning Land Court Decrees for parcels assessed to Carol Aranjó and Joanne Roberson on Holloway Street in East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property, the Tax Agent and Building Department. So Voted.**

The Mayor read a communication submitted by the Treasurer/Collector concerning Land Court Decrees for parcels assessed to Nicolau, Mary and John DeBarros on Staples Street in East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property, the Tax Agent and Building Department. So Voted.**

Appointments:

On a roll call vote, 9 Councilors present, 9 Councilors voting in favor of electing David W. Pottier as Council President. So Voted.

2009 Election of City Officials
for a Three-Year Term Expiring January 2012

Board of Assessors	Joyce Griffin
Board of Assessors	Scott DeSantis
Board of Health	Dr. Joseph Nates
City Treasurer/Collector	Jayne Ross
Clerk of Council Committees	Colleen Ellis
Trustees of the Public Library	Donald Densmore and Carol Funke

On a roll call vote, 9 Councilors present, 9 Councilors voting in favor of appointing each of the above public officials. So Voted. Joyce Griffin, Assessor was sworn in by the City Clerk.

2009 Election of Fish Wardens
for a One-Year Term Expiring January 2010:

Joseph Ciaglo	50 Whittenton Street
James Buffington	503 Burt Street
Frederick Caiozza, Jr.	49 Davenport Street

Dennis Furtado
 Charles Mendes
 Albert Silvia
 Michael DaRosa

51 Rosewood Drive
 48 Lakeview Place
 1347 Somerset Avenue
 15 Middle Street

On a roll call vote, 9 Councilors present, 9 Councilors voting in favor of appointing each of the above individuals as Fish Wardens for the City of Taunton. So Voted.

At this time, the Mayor reappointed John Gonsalves of 71 Powers Street to the Mayor's Cable Advisory Commission for a term of five (5) years expiring in January 2014. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

At this time, the Mayor reappointed George Mendros of 116 Davenport Street to the Mayor's Cable Advisory Commission for a term of five (5) years expiring in January 2014. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

At this time, the Mayor appointed Council President David Pottier to the Taunton High School/Parker School Building Committee in place of Councilor Andrew J. Marshall. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Communications:

Com. from Executive Director, Retirement Board advising of the reappointment of A. Joan Ventura to the position of the board's appointee to the retirement board for a 3-year term running from January 27, 2009 thru January 27, 2012. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Retirement Board submitting letter of confirmation that the Taunton Retirement Board voted to certify the amount of \$12,678,752.00 for FY2010 in the Pension Appropriation. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office and refer to Budget Deliberations. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying of a public hearing on January 8, 2009 at 5:30 PM in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers on the Form J Plan – Waiver of Frontage Requirements for 1357 Somerset Ave. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Director, Department of Human Services requesting approval to apply for grant funds through the Office of Economic and Community Development to continue and expand the Elder Outreach Case Management Program. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from General Manager, TMLP notifying that they have re-instituted the policy of collecting a security deposit for residential customers prior to service being established. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Councilor Hoye read an extra communication submitted by Deborah Walon, Taunton Western Little League, P.O. Box 2135, Taunton requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise the TWLL registration times. **Motion was made to refer to the Police Department and move approval. So Voted.**

Councilor Hoye read an extra communication submitted by Cathal O'Brien responding to the Council's request that he report back concerning water bills that were sent to residents over the 100 billing days. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works for next week. So Voted.**

Councilor Barbour read an extra communication submitted by Julieann Barbour, Guidance Counselor, Taunton High School requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their Tiger Pride Night for seventh and eighth grade students to view the school on January 15, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. **Motion was made to move approval and refer to the Police Department. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated he has a communication from the City Solicitor and the Police Chief requesting to schedule a disciplinary hearing for January 3, 2009. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read a communication from Mr. Donald French, Taunton Veterans Markers expressing thanks to the Council for their support.

Petitions and Claims:

The following are RENEWALS for Class II Licenses:

1. Breno's Collision & Sales, Inc. to be located at 408 Winthrop Street, Taunton
2. Cambra Auto Sales to be located at 117 Summer St., Taunton
3. Oakland Auto Sales, LLC to be located at 214 Tremont St., Taunton
4. R&F Motors, Inc. to be located at 35 Dana St., Taunton
5. The New Somerset Motors to be located at 303 Broadway, Taunton
6. Mike's Auto Sales to be located at 594 Winthrop St., Taunton
7. Northeast Auto Exchange, Inc. to be located at 577 Winthrop St., Taunton

Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Constable application submitted by Daniel Thomas Dalton, 750 Whittenton St., #1221, Taunton requesting a renewal of his Constable License desiring to serve civil process. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Constable application submitted by Richard E. Enos, 22 Garfield Street, Taunton requesting a renewal of his Constable License desiring to serve as a crossing guard. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Barbara Ubowski, 6 Dale St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole near 37 General Cobb Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and the DPW Commissioner to fill the pothole. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Ashley Silva, 509 Main St., Bridgewater, seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Myrtle Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and the DPW Commissioner to fill the pothole. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Attorney Patrick McDonald, 251 Cherry St., Fall River seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile and personal injuries sustained when his vehicle was stuck in a hole near 101 Oakridge Drive, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Ray Edward Rasar, II, 25 Nina Way, E. Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his lawn at the same address caused by a snowplow. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Reni Nenkova, 18 Cara Circle, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Summer Street just after the Police Station. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and the DPW Commissioner to fill the pothole. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Susan S. Miller, Esq., Law Offices of Aleixo and Murray, 12 Taunton Green, Suite 204, P.O. Box 4008, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from a silicone product that dripped onto her vehicle while parked in the Leonard Street parking garage. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Jonathan Labonte, 62 Bettinson Ct., E. Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile when metal on the roadway from a prior accident punctured his tire on Tremont Street near telephone pole # 34. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Philip Roberts, 547 Tremont Street, Taunton requesting the City push back the corner of Tremont Street and Round Street as his property is continuously damaged by large tractor trailers that cannot make the turn. **Motion was made refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer – Is it possible for large trailers to travel on this road? Can we ban these tricks? So Voted.**

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for a Departmental Site Plan review for an 18 parking space addition to the existing facility at 177 Robert Treat Paine Dr., 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 Barbour motioned that the Conservation Agent respond back to for next week's meeting, concerning the reports Aggregate Industries is required to submit stating whether these reports are submitted in a timely manner and that you submit these reports for the past 12 months. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington stated that the DPW Committee is working on a policy for appealing water and sewer bills if residents feel their bills are too high. Therefore, Councilor Buffington motioned that the DPW Commissioner give the residents of Taunton who have appealed their water and sewer bills a written answer. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Hoyer stated that he has been following the Boston Globe reports of Blue Cross and their relationship with Partners Health Care and today read about Tuft's Medical Center breaking off with Blue Cross. He expressed great concerns with costs involved and the agreement with Blue Cross and Partners Health Care. Some of these deals have gone back to 1993. Councilors want to know how has this negatively impacts our City's finances, the residents who carry these insurances and what impact will this have on our hospital in Taunton? Therefore, Councilor Hoyer motioned that the City Solicitor contact the Attorney General's Office and see if there is going to be a full investigation on these agreements that are being made. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier stated that he has received complaints of snow piles falling onto the playground at the Summer Street School and motioned that the DPW Commissioner determine whether it is possible to remove the snow. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the City Planner work on adding language into the DIRB process or the Site-Plan Process for a phasing plan for any development. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Risk Manager provide an update on the insurance claim for police cruiser 237 that was involved in an accident in February 2008. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss the replacement of police cruiser 237. Additionally, that they discuss other vehicles which are out of commission. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour asked if Verizon was going to have an office established in Taunton. The Mayor stated once they reach a certain number of clients they will. Councilor Barbour asked if this is stated in their contract. The Mayor said he would respond back to the Council. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss wholesale versus retail for Class II Licenses and invite the City Clerk in a few weeks. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Council received a 21E report for the solid waste facility and soil boring was part of the recommendation. At the meeting the City Solicitor stated that this procedure is not necessary. Therefore, Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the City Solicitor submit the 21E report to the Municipal Council including his recommendation that soil boring is not necessary. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS AND TAUNTON NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR JOHN BRENNAN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:46 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 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO TRANSFER \$1,160.48 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-201-5145 – SALARIES & WAGES (LONGEVITY) TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-492-201-5145 – SALARIES & WAGES (LONGEVITY)

3. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**
JOHN BRENNAN, NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR PROVIDED A LEGAL FEE HISTORY SINCE 2005 TO THE COMMITTEE. HE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT IN FY07 \$162,000 WAS SPENT IN LEGAL FEES AND IN FY 08 \$137,000 WAS SPENT. HE FURTHER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT \$30,000 WAS BUDGETED FOR 2009 WHICH HE FEELS IS NOT ENOUGH. THESE FEES ARE FOR BOTH LOBBYING AND LEGAL SERVICES.
THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED A BREAKDOWN OF WHAT WAS SPENT FOR LOBBYING IN FY06, 07 AND 08. MR. BRENNAN ESTIMATED THAT \$60,000 A YEAR WAS SPENT FOR LOBBYING.
MOTION: MR. BRENNAN IS TO PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF THE HOURLY RATE FOR THE LEGAL SERVICES AND A BREAKDOWN OF THE LOBBYING EXPENSE, REVENUE RECEIVED, INDUSTRY COST AND INDUSTRY EXPENSE RELATIVE TO THE NURSING HOME. HE IS TO PROVIDE – BROKEN OUT BY YEAR - THE LEGAL FEES AND LOBBYING FEES, AND TO LIST ALL GRANTS THAT WERE RECEIVED DUE TO THE LOBBYING. ALL INFORMATION IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE END OF JANUARY.

MOTION: THAT THE BUDGET DIRECTOR PROVIDE A SIX MONTH REVIEW ON EXPENDITURES WITH A MORE SPECIFIC BREAKDOWN THAN A PERCENTAGE BASIS. THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE END OF JANUARY AND HE IS TO IDENTIFY AREAS THAT NEED TO BE SCRUTINIZED.

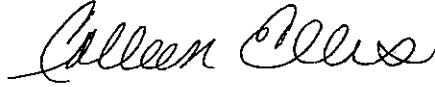
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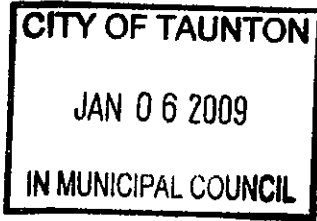
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.



City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DANIEL BARBOUR, CHAIRMAN AND
COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT
WAS FIRE CHIEF LEMAN PADELDFORD

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF FOR A STATUS REPORT ON THE TAG SYSTEM

LETTER DATED 12/29/08 OF FIRE CHIEF LEMAN PADELDFORD WAS READ IN WHICH HE STATED THAT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT CAPTAIN DUMONT WILL RESUME HIS DUTIES AS TRAINING OFFICER ON 1/6/2009, AND THAT HE ANTICIPATES THE ACCOUNTABILITY TRAINING WILL BEGIN ON THIS DATE.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

MOTION: UPDATE IN FOUR WEEKS

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A LETTER DATED 1/5/2009 OF TRAINING OFFICER CAPTAIN ERIC DUMONT WAS READ IN WHICH HE STATED THAT THE FOLLOWING TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL HAVE NOT SIGNED THE LAWS & ORDERS PACKET AS OF TODAY'S DATE.

PAUL ANDERSON
TIM BRADSHAW
DARYL BUSHEE
JAY HAYES
JESSE CORREIRA
RUSSELL LAINE
MICHAEL PERRY
WAYNE CUMBUS

MATT O'BRIEN
NATE VASCONCELLOS
KEITH WRIGLEY
LARRY GANTZ
BRIAN CHARBONNEAU
BRIAN GORDON
TIM MOREAU
LEE BEAUVAIS

ALSO BRIAN SOARES IS ON A LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND JACK CROSNINSHIELD IS OUT ON LINE OF DUTY.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

DISCUSSED WAS THAT BY SIGNING IT WAS MERELY ACKNOWLEDGEING THAT THEY RECEIVED THE TRAINING MATERIALS. THE COMMITTEE QUESTIONED WHY THESE INDIVIDUALS DID NOT SIGN OFF AS RECEIVING SAME.

MOTION: THAT A SECOND COPY BE GIVEN TO THE ABOVE MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT. CAPTAIN DUMONT IS TO HAVE A WITNESS WITH HIM WHEN HE PROVIDES THIS SECOND COPY. IF THE PERSON REFUSES TO SIGN, THE WITNESS IS TO SIGN STATING THAT HE WAS PRESENT AND PROVIDE THE REASON THE PERSON DID NOT SIGN. THE COMMITTEE WANTS AN ANSWER AS TO WHY A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS REFUSED TO SIGN. REPORT BACK IN TWO WEEKS

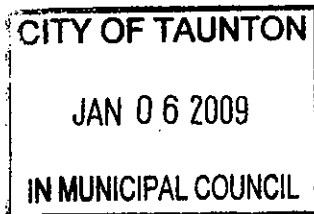
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THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES - CONTINUED

THE FIRE CHIEF ALSO PROVIDED A LETTER HE HAD SENT TO ALL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL INFORMING THEM THAT ALL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS INTENDED FOR THE FIRES & WIRES COMMITTEE FIRST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FIRE CHIEF. THE AUTHOR MAY CC: A COPY TO THE COMMITTEE, HOWEVER THE COMMUNICATIONS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE FIRE CHIEF.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:17 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Colleen M. Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ron Blackwell".

City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JASON BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS HOYE AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WAS CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES, POLICE CHIEF RAYMOND O'BERG AND DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH

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

1. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF TAP ENTERPRISES, INC., 343 N. MAIN ST., FREMONT, NE. TO CONDUCT A TOOL SALE AT THE P.A.C.C., 175 SCHOOL ST., TAUNTON ON JANUARY 13 AND 14, 2009**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

2. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS II LICENSES:**
 - A. **A & M AUTO EXCHANGE, 424 WINTHROP ST. – RENEWAL**
MOTION: TABLE FOR TWO WEEKS
 - B. **BEST PRICE INC., 13 CAPE ROAD – RENEWAL**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL
 - C. **MANCO INDUSTRIES INC., D/B/A AUTO GALLERY, 283 BROADWAY - RENEWAL**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL WITH A 33 VEHICLE LIMIT
 - D. **WALT'S AUTO SPECIALTY, INC., 289 BRAODWAY – RENEWAL**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

3. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF RAYMOND JEFFERSON D/B/A AMORIM AUTO SALES, 265 LONGMEADOW RD., TAUNTON TO TRANSFER CLASS II LICENSE TO ALCINA AMORIM D/B/A AMORIM AUTO SALES, INC., 265 LONGMEADOW ROAD**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF TRANSFER WITH 27 VEHICLE LIMIT

4. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**
 - A. THE POLICE CHIEF REPORTED THAT THE SAFETY OFFICER IS WORKING ON THE ISSUE OF TRAINING FOR CROSSING GUARDS. HE IS DEVELOPING A PLAN WHICH THE SOLICITOR WILL REVIEW. AN UPDATE WAS REQUESTED IN 3 WEEKS.
 - B. DISCUSSED WAS THE ISSUE OF TOW TRUCK DRIVERS LEAVING GLASS AND DEBRIS ON THE ROAD AT ACCIDENT SCENES. ALSO, THAT IN SOME INSTANCES, THE DPW HAS HAD TO GO OUT AFTER AN ACCIDENT AND SPREAD SPEEDY DRY WHEN THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY THE TOW TRUCK DRIVERS.
MOTION: THE POLICE CHIEF IS TO SEND THE TOW TRUCK COMPANIES A MEMORANDUM INFORMING THEM THAT THEY ARE TO MAKE SURE THAT ACCIDENT SCENES ARE CLEARED BEFORE THEY LEAVE.
 - C. DISCUSSED WAS THAT A PLAN NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE FOR TOWING CARS OFF ROADWAYS DURING SNOW STORMS. THE CURRENT PROCEDURE IS

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

THAT THE D.P.W. CALLS THE POLICE STATION AND THEY SEND SOMEONE OUT. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS HAVING MORE THAN ONE TOWING COMPANY ON STANDBY DURING A STORM IF THERE ARE SEVERAL CARS ON A ROADWAY THAT HAVE TO BE TOWED.

MOTION: THE POLICE CHIEF AND D.P.W. COMMISSIONER ARE TO WORK ON THE LOGISTICS IN ORDER TO PUT A PLAN IN PLACE.

D. DISCUSSED WAS THE CHIEFS REQUEST FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN AN EFFORT TO PUT MORE OFFICERS ON THE STREET. THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE CANNOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN OPEN SESSION BECAUSE IT IS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING MATTER. THE CHIEF DOES HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS TO INCREASE MANNING AND HE AND THE SOLICITOR ARE BRINGING THESE MATTERS TO THE UNION.

MOTION: MEET IN THREE WEEKS TO GET REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROPOSALS TO PUT MORE MEN ON THE STREET

E. DISCUSSED WAS DISCIPLINARY ACTION MATTER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE SOLICITOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT A LETTER HAVE BEEN LEFT ON THE COUNCILORS DESKS REQUESTING A CIVIL SERVICE HEARING NEXT WEEK.

THE SOLICITOR WAS ASKED TO DO AN INVESTIGATION AND HE HAS REACHED HIS CONCLUSIONS AND THEREFORE REQUESTED THE HEARING. HE FURTHER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE COUNCILORS WILL RECEIVE DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO THE HEARING AS HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST.

F. A LETTER DATED 1/6/09 OF POLICE CHIEF WAS READ IN WHICH HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING PETITIONERS WHO HAVE AS OF THIS DATE REQUESTED RENEWAL OF THEIR CLASS II AUTO SALES LICENSE BE INVITED TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED POLICE & LICENSE COMMITTEE MEETING. AT THIS TIME NONE OF THOSE LISTED BELOW WILL BE RECEIVING A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION FOR VARIOUS REASONS WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THAT TIME:

- (1) A & B REALTY TRUST, 288 BROADWAY
- (2) ACME FABRICATION, 91 ARLINGTON STREET
- (3) KNOW HOW TRAILER REPAIR, 567 WINTHROP STREET

THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO PUT THIS MATTER ON FOR THE NEXT MEETING IN THREE WEEKS

G. THE POLICE CHIEF PROVIDED A REPORT OF SAFETY OFFICER BRUCE PONTES REGARDING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON NORTON AVE. IN AREA OF SCHOOL COMPLEX. THE REPORTED STATED THAT ON NORTON AVE. IN THE AREA IN FRONT OF SCHOOL COMPLEX SHOULD BE POSTED 20 MPH WHEN STUDENTS ARE PRESENT SIGNS FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. (THE SIGN FOR TRAFFIC TRAVELING EAST IS MISSING AND SHOULD BE REPLACED)

ALSO ON NORTON AVE. ARE THE BLACK AND WHITE ENGINEERED POSTED SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AT 40 MPH. THE CONFUSION IS THAT THERE ARE ALSO BLACK AND YELLOW SLOW CHILDREN SIGNS WITH BLACK AND YELLOW 30 MPH SIGNS. THE BLACK AND YELLOW SIGNS ARE ADVISORY SIGNS. THE SIGNS ARE TO ALERT OPERATORS THAT THERE MAY BE CHILDREN IN THE AREA AND REDUCE SPEED AND USE CAUTION WHEN TRAVELING THROUGH THE AREA. TO

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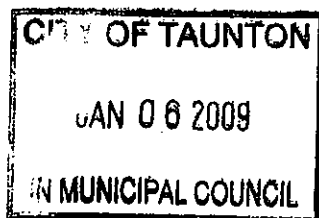
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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE -- CONTINUED

ELIMINATE ANY CONFUSION, HE IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE BLACK AND YELLOW 30 MPH SIGNS BE REMOVED FROM UNDER THE SLOW CHILDREN SIGNS.

THE POLICE CHIEF WILL FURTHER RESEARCH AS TO WHEN THE ENGINEERING WAS DONE ON THIS ROAD, WAS IT PRIOR TO THE SCHOOLS BEING BUILT. THE CLERK WAS ASKED TO PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING FOR AN UPDATE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:56 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Blackwell".

City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 6, 2009

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: ANDREW J. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CARR, CROTEAU, FIORE, POTTIER, COSTA-HANLON AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT KEVIN SHEA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:01 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR AND KEVIN SHEA, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE F.B. ROGERS BUILDING

IT WAS REPORTED THAT BIDS HAVE BEEN SOLICITED TO REMEDIATE THE REMAINDER OF THE HAZMAT MATERIAL. BIDS WERE RECEIVED ON MONDAY AND HAVE NOT BEEN AWARDED YET. BIDS ARE DUE JANUARY 16TH FOR DEMOLITION, WITH 10 DAYS TO MOBILIZE AND 45 DAYS TO DO THE JOB. MR. SHEA ANTICIPATES COMING BACK TO THE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 27TH WITH BID INFORMATION AND TO ASK FOR BONDING. HOPEFULLY, THIS ISSUE WILL BE WRAPPED UP IN APRIL, 2009. THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL COST TO THE CITY, BUT THE FIGURE WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 16TH. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED THAT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT LOOK INTO BOARDING UP WINDOWS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. DISCUSSED WA THAT THE REMEDIATED SITE MAY BE WORTH MORE THAN THE BUILDING WAS BEFORE.

THE RFP PROCESS WILL BE RE-EVALUATED AND HOPEFULLY THE CITY WILL BE ABLE TO RECOUP SOME COSTS.

MOTION: THAT THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CITY SOLICITOR PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND WHAT ACTION THE CITY SOLICITOR IS TAKING AGAINST THE PARTY HE THINKS IS RESPONSIBLE

IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT BEFORE, ONE CONTRACTOR WAS DOING BOTH THE HAZARDOUS WASTE REMEDIATION AND THE DEMOLITION. NOW IT WILL BE A TWO PART PROCESS, ONE RFP FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE REMEDIATION AND ONE RFP FOR DEMOLITION.

MOTION: THAT AN UPDATE BE PROVIDED ON ANY TYPE OF ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST THE ORIGINAL LSP.

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE.

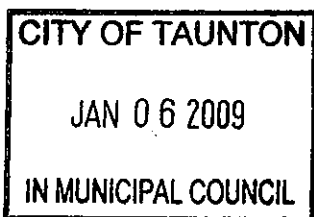
SINCE THIS IS THE LAST MEETING THAT COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARSHALL WILL PRESIDE OVER AS PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, HE EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO HIS FELLOW COUNCILORS AND THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND HARD WORK. THE COUNCIL ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARSHALL FOR HIS COOPERATION IN WORKING WITH THEM DURING THE PAST YEAR AND FURTHER EXPRESSED THEIR THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED T 7:24 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen M. Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rm Blackwell".

City Clerk



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #28
FY 2009
JANUARY 6, 2009

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

**THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED
SIXTY DOLLARS AND FORTY EIGHT CENTS (\$1,160.48) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED
FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-201-5145 – SALARIES &
WAGES (LONGEVITY)**

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-492-201-5145 – SALARIES & WAGES (LONGEVITY)

..... *Clerk.*