



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, March 24, 2009 at 7:29 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.

Communications from Mayor:

The Mayor read a communication submitted by Dennis Proulx extending an invitation to join the Taunton Area Vietnam Veterans Association during their annual POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony on Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 12:00 PM at the Vietnam Memorial on Church Green. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President. So Voted.**

At this time the Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming March 25, 2009 as "Kick Butts Day" in the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to move adoption. So Voted. Motion was made to invite members of the Taunton High School SADD Chapter, Debra Brown and, Stephanie Albanez, Prevention Advisor into the enclosure to accept the proclamation. So Voted.** Debra Brown spoke on behalf of the SADD Chapter and asked the Council for their assistance in spreading the word about not smoking.

At this time the Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming March 22-28, 2009 as Boys & Girls Club week in Taunton. **Motion was made to move adoption. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Lou Riccardi and members of the Boys & Girls Club into the enclosure to receive the proclamation. So Voted.**

Appointments:

Com. from the Dept. of Human Resources Division for the appointment of one (1) Permanent Full-Time Police Captain. **On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor of Michael J. Silvia as a Permanent Full-Time Police Captain. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Michael J. Silvia into the enclosure to be sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk. So Voted.**

Com. from the Dept. of Human Resources Division for the appointment of one (1) Permanent Full-Time Police Lieutenant. **On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor of Paul D. Roderick as a Permanent**

Full-Time Police Lieutenant. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Paul D. Roderick into the enclosure to be sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk. So Voted.

Com. from the Dept. of Human Resources Division for the appointment of one (1) Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeant. Councilor Costa-Hanlon questioned whether the City Councilors would consider appointing one Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeant and also one Temporary Full-Time Police Sergeant as a vacancy will occur for this position in a few months due to a retirement. She stated Captain Reardon, Acting Chief has provided documentation stating that this could save money. The Mayor discussed economic issues and union issues as patrolmen and Sergeants are in different unions and stated he feels it would be better to wait until a few months for the retirement to take place to appoint a Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeant. Numerous Councilors discussed different thoughts on this matter. **On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present eight (8) Councilors voting in favor of Jeffrey D. Martin as a Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeant. Councilor Barbour voting in favor of Glen Jackson. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Jeffrey D. Martin into the enclosure to be sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk. So Voted.** Acting Chief Reardon spoke in support of Officer Jackson and discussed his plan to save money if Officer Jackson was promoted. **Councilor Fiore motioned to refer to the Mayor's Office and the Committee on Police and License to discuss the possibility of appointing a patrolman to the position of Sergeant in the Police Department at this time. So Voted. Councilors Barbour, Costa-Hanlon and Carr voting in opposition. Councilor Buffington motioned to call for a list for a Permanent Full-Time Sergeant. So Voted.**

Motion was made to recess at 8:23 PM. So Voted.

Motion was made to return to the Council Meeting at 1:58 AM. So Voted.

Council President Pottier began presiding over the meeting. So Voted.

Communications:

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

Com. from City Planner stating that the petitioner for the Kennel License to be located at 406 Tremont St. has requested to withdraw the petition and refund the unused portion of the filing fee. The City Planner recommends that \$1,375.00 be refunded by the City Clerk and the remaining \$1,000.00 be retained for the processing and review thus far. **Motion was made to move approval with the recommendation of the City Planner. Councilor Barbour voting in opposition. So Voted.**

Com. from Tim Viall, President of the Taunton High School Student Council requesting to advertise the Student Council's Mr. Taunton High School Competition to be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 from 6PM-9PM on the LED sign. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Pilgrim Congregational Church requesting to advertise their Ham and Bean Supper on March 28, 2009 beginning at 5:00 PM on the LED sign. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from City Treasurer/Collector submitting a response concerning a Grievance Decision/Health Insurance involving employees in which she states that her office is working on this and that it is a lengthy process. **Motion was made to place on the Council Agenda under Old Business in two weeks. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Petition submitted by registered voters of the City of Taunton for a Zoning amendment from open space conservation to industrial use, the property concerned is located in the Myles Standish Industrial Park, West of the Industrial Park Lead Railroad Track, North of the Penn Central Railroad Track, Attleboro Branch, Easterly of Crane Avenue South, and Southerly of Pond View Circle. **Motion was made to refer to a public hearing in three weeks. So Voted.**

Departmental Site Plan Review submitted by General Dynamics, Inc., 425 John Quincy Adams Road, Taunton for an additional of 3 parking spaces and 2,000 sq. ft. of impervious area of 425 John Hancock Dr. located in the Industrial District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Departmental Site Plan Review submitted by City of Taunton Public Works Department for a 143 sq. ft. storage building with a 2,500 sq. ft. outdoor storage area on Lot 29-29 John Hancock Drive located in the 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 Hoye motioned that the Director of Human Resources change any access codes or any departmental equipment Chief O'Berg has access to including computers, firearms, city automobile, etc. So Voted.

Councilor Hoye motioned to name Jennifer Leger to the position of Acting City Clerk pending the investigation of the City Clerk. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned to refer the area between the Three-Mile River and Warren Street to the DPW Commissioner and Rick Ferreira of TEMA in relation to dumping and inaccessibility of the sidewalk on Warren Street. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned to refer the issue of Police and Fire Department vacancies to the appropriate subcommittees for further discussion. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the City Solicitor provide a report on the amount of money spent on consulting legal fees spent for the Landfill project up to March 15, 2009. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau stated a few weeks ago he requested a report from the School Department concerning expenditures and revenues of the Extended Day Program located at the Leonard School and now at the former Elizabeth Pole School and motioned that he receive an update in two weeks. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Acting Police Chief and the Fire Chief provide a copy of the previous recruiting process and the new recruiting process of the Police and Fire Departments to the Municipal Council. So Voted.

Councilor Hoye stated that the mediation on the Morey's Bridge Dam is coming up in the next week or so and wanted to echo the residents' concern for the level of the lake at the lower part of the lake to Councilor Marshall when he attends the meeting on March 31, 2009. **Councilor Marshall stated he received an email stating that Mayor Crowley will be the lone voice at this discussion. Councilor Marshall motioned that the City Council have an equal seat at the table and Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Conservation Commission also have an equal seat. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the DPW Committee the issue of sewer pump station. In a recent DIRB meeting there was a stipulation of a privately owned pumping station and she motioned to refer this issue to the DPW Committee for discussion. So Voted.

The Council motioned to direct the Acting Police Chief to issue the appropriate code sheet to terminate the employment of Joshua Acerra and have it provided to the Human Resource Department effective immediately. So Voted.

The Council motioned that the Acting City Clerk send the appropriate and proper civil service notification to the Personnel Director of Human Resource Division in Boston and the notice is properly copied to the central personnel file located in the City of Taunton Human Resource Department. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by Michael Bonenfant, Community Police Officer, GTCA Board of Directors requesting a road closure of Bay Street from Whittenton Street to the Britannias on June 13, 2009 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for the Whittenton KidCare Day Festivities and that a Police Officer be hired on overtime to direct and assist motorists at each end of the closure. **Motion was made to refer to the Police Department to set up road closures. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by Thaddeus Kuczewski, 785 Somerset Ave., Taunton requesting repair to 15 feet of curb damaged by a snowplow at the corner of 785 Somerset Ave. and Coolidge Street. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW Commissioner. So Voted.**


Councilor Pottier stated that he received an email from Jim McKinnon, 362 Tremont St., Taunton asking for repair of the portion of Tremont Street that intersects with North Walker Street and Worcester Street as it is in poor condition. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW Commissioner. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier motioned that the Mayor's Office calculate the amount of money spent in overtime for witnesses and transcribing services, as well as the overtime bills of Sergeants Nichols and Ferreira over the past several weeks for the hearing and provide a response in two weeks. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 A.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 24, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:45 P.M.

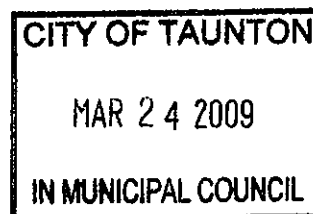
1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY
DEPARTMENTS**
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR
THE WEEK**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:46 P.M.

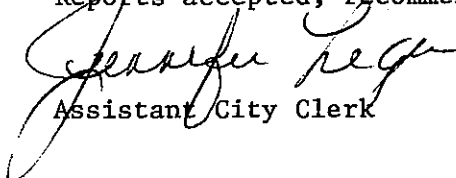
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.



Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 24, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DANIEL BARBOUR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS POTTIER AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR MARIA GOMES, FIRE CHIEF LEMAN PADEFORD, FIREFIGHTER KEVIN FARRAR AND FIRE DEPARTMENT MECHANIC MICHAEL PERRY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:47 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS FIRE CHIEF'S JOB DESCRIPTION AND PROCEDURES FOR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

THE COUNCILORS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVIDED WITH A DRAFT JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE FIRE CHIEF AND HAD BEEN ASKED TO REVIEW IT AND CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES WITH THEIR CONCERNS. THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE ONLY RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNCIL THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED WAS TO CHANGE SOME LANGUAGE IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF THE DRAFT THAT STARTS "SUPERVISION RECEIVED: IT WAS REQUESTED TO ADD IN THE FIRST LINE "THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION" APPOINTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND TO CHANGE THE LAST LINE FROM "THE POSITION IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND EVALUATION ACCORDING TO ACCEDPTED HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS" TO "THE POSITION IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND EVALUATION ACCORDING TO ACCEPTED STANDARDS AND EVALUATION/REVIEW METHODS WITHIN THE HUMAN RESOURCES FIELD."

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION AND WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CHANGES IN THE FIRST LINE WERE FINE, BUT THAT THE LANGUAGE IN THE LAST LINE SHOULD BE KEPT AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BECAUSE THE NEW LANGUAGE COULD BE INTERPRETED IN DIFFERENT WAYS BECAUSE DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES HAVE DIFFERENT STANDARDS. IF CERTAIN POLICIES ARE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THIS GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, THOSE ARE THE POLICIES THAT THE CITY'S HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT WILL ENFORCE. THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR ASSURED THE COUNCIL THAT ANY POLICY THAT IS DEVELOPED WITHIN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR REVIEW AND ADOPTION BEFORE IT IS IMPLEMENTED.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FROM DRAFT TO PERMANENT VERSION, CHANGING THE LANGUAGE IN THE FIRST LINE OF PARAGRAPH THREE "SUPERVISION RECEIVED" TO READ THIS IS A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION APPOINTED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL." AND THE LAST LINE IN THAT SAME PARAGRAPH TO READ "THE POSITION IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND EVALUATION ACCORDING TO ACCEPTED HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS." THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR IS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO WORK WITH THE CHIEF TO IMPLEMENT THIS.

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THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES - CONTINUED

THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH THREE SEPARATE VERSIONS OF THE EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR THEIR REVIEW. THIS MATTER WAS REFERRED FOR A MEETING IN TWO WEEKS.

2. **MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF TO DISCUSS WHY THE AIR TANK EQUIPMENT HAD EXPIRED, WHY HE WAS BORROWING THIS EQUIPMENT FROM MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES, AND WHY HE FELT IT NECESSARY TO RETRIEVE THIS EQUIPMENT HIMSELF INSTEAD OF DELEGATING THIS TO SOMEONE ELSE IN ORDER FOR HIM TO ATTEND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING**

THE FIRE CHIEF REPORTED THAT INFORMATION THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED RELATING TO THE DUTY OF CHECKING THE TANKS WAS REMOVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT MECHANIC IS NOT CORRECT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ON MARCH 10TH HE HAD A MEETING WITH THE COMPANY THAT SERVICES THESE TANKS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PLANNED REPLACEMENT OF A NUMBER OF CYLINDERS THAT ARE REACHING THEIR LIFE LIMIT OVER THE NEXT 12-18 MONTHS. LOOKING AT THE COMPANIES RECORDS IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE A NUMBER OF CYLINDERS THAT WERE OUT OF HYDRO TEST. THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION ON THE NUMBER OF CYLINDERS THAT WERE OUT OF HYDROTEST WHICH BEGAN WITH 12-14 BEING OUT AND BY THE END OF THE DAY ESCALATED TO ABOUT 150. THE REASON THE CHIEF BORROWED CYLINDERS WAS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO REMAIN ABLE TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS. HE BORROWED APPROXIMATELY 25-30 FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. THE CHIEF WENT TO PICK UP THE CYLINDERS BECAUSE THE TRAINING OFFICER WAS IDENTIFYING THE CYLINDERS THAT NEEDED WORK AND THE MECHANIC WAS WORKING ON A VEHICLE. HE COULD HAVE HIRED SOMEONE FOR OVERTIME, BUT HE IS TRYING TO KEEP OVERTIME UNDER CONTROL.

THE DEPARTMENT MECHANIC STATED THAT HISTORICALLY HE HAS OVERSEEN THE TESTING AND SCHEDULING. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE CHIEF WAS MADE AWARE OF THIS MATTER IN DECEMBER.

IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT DIVE TIME WAS OUT OF SERVICES FOR TWO MONTHS DUE TO THE EXPIRATION OF CYLINDERS.

THERE IS NO WRITTEN POLICY FOR THE TESTING OF THE CYLINDERS AND THE CHIEF WILL PUT IN PLACE A LOG FOR TESTING.

MOTION: THE CHIEF IS TO PROVIDE A REPORT AS TO WHETHER THE DIVE TEAM WAS IN FACT OUT OF SERVICE FOR TWO MONTH IS. REPORT IS TO BE PROVIDED IN ONE WEEK AND IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO PROVIDE THIS REPORT IN ONE WEEK, HE IS TO INFORM THE COMMITTEE WHY.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNION INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE PERSONALLY SPOKE TO THE CHIEF REGARDING EXPIRING CYLINDERS AND WITH HIS CONCERNS FOR FUNDING SAME IN THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. CAPTAIN LAVIGNE ALSO HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHIEF. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE DIVE TEAM HAS HAD NO TRAINING IN FOUR YEARS.

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MOTION: THE CHIEF IS TO PROVIDE A REPORT IN ONE MONTH AS TO WHY FROM 1993 – 2007 THERE WAS NEVER A PROBLEM WITH THE CYLINDERS.

MOTION: AN UPDATE ON THE TRAINING OF THE DIVE TEAM IS TO BE PROVIDED IN TWO WEEKS.

MOTION: THE CHIEF IS TO PROVIDE AN ANSWER TOMORROW AS TO WHEN THE COMPANY WILL CONTINUE WITH THE TESTING OF THE CYLINDERS.

3. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF AND FIREFIGHTER KEVIN FARRAR FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TAG SYSTEM

MR. FARRAR REPORTED THAT THEY ARE MUCH CLOSER TO WHAT THEY WANTED. THE CHIEF TOLD MR. FARRAR THAT BY APRIL 1ST THE TAG SYSTEM WILL GO INTO EFFECT AND END THE TRIAL PERIOD. THE QUALITY OF THE TAGS IS NOT WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD WANTED. THEY REQUESTED BRASS TAGS, BUT THEY ARE USING PLASTIC AND WILL WORK WITH THE PLASTIC TAGS.

MOTION: THAT THE FIRE CHIEF PROVIDE THE COST FOR BRASS TAGS AND THE COST ACTUALLY PAID FOR THE PLASTIC TAGS IN ONE WEEK.

MOTION: THAT FIREFIGHTER FARRAR PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE TAG SYSTEM ON MAY 1ST ON HOW HE FEELS THIS PROGRAM IS WORKING.

4. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF FOR AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TELE-STAFF PROGRAM

THE TELESTAFF PROGRAM CONTINUES TO MOVE ALONG. DEPUTY NASTRI AND DEPUTY SILVIA ARE SCHEDULED TO GO TO CALIFORNIA FOR A WEEK IN EARLY MAY. THERE ARE SOME TRANSFERS TO BE DONE FOR 2009 MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AND A TRANSFER FOR OVERTIME TO DO SOME PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE TRIP TO CALIFORNIA IN MAY. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE REQUESTS FOR TRANSFERS AS THIS PROGRESSES.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS SYSTEM IS NOT IN EFFECT AS YET. THE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE HOWEVER WAS PAID FOR LAST YEAR. IT IS HOPED THAT THE SYSTEM WILL BE IN EFFECT THE THIRD OR FOURTH QUARTER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR.

MOTION: TO REFER TO THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE AS TO WHY MAINTENANCE FEES ARE PAID WHEN THIS SYSTEM IS NOT YET IN PLACE. REPOSE TO BE PROVIDED IN TWO WEEKS.

5. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF TO DISCUSS CONDITION AND REPAIRS TO ALL DEPARTMENT VEHICLES INCLUDING THE RESERVE FIRE TRUCK AND THE USE OF THE RAYNHAM VEHICLE

THE FIRE CHIEF REPORTED THAT ENGINE #21 IS IN SERVICE AT THE CENTRAL STATION REPLACING ENGINE 1 THAT IS UNDERGOING REPAIRS TO DAMAGE

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SUSTAINED IN AN ACCIDENT LAST SEPTEMBER. ENGINE 1 IS DUE BACK FROM REPAIRS ON MARCH 12TH. HOWEVER, AFTER THE CHIEF SPOKE WITH GREENWOOD, DUE TO FURTHER DAMAGE IDENTIFIED, THE WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED SOMETIME THE WEEK OF MARCH 16TH.

THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY BORROWING AN ENGINE FROM RAYNHAM THAT IS IN SERVICE AT THE BAY ST. STATION REPLACING ENGINE 4 WHICH IS UNDERGOING REPAIRS TO PUMP TRANSFER CASE AND CONTROLS. THE MECHANIC HAS RECEIVED PARTS AND WILL PROCEED ON REPAIRS.

ON MARCH 12TH, ENGINE 21 WAS PLACED OUT OF SERVICE DUE TO BROKEN SPRINGS. AN ENGINE WAS BORROWED FROM NORTON AND PLACED IN SERVICE AT CENTRAL STATION. REPAIRS WERE COMPLETED ON MARCH 13TH AND ENGINE 21 RETURNED TO SERVICE AT THE CENTRAL STATION AND THE NORTON ENGINE WAS RETURNED TO THEM

THE COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THEY HAD HEARD THAT SOME VEHICLE PARTS WERE BEING HELD TOGETHER WITH DUCT TAPE AND BUNGEE CORDS. THE CHIEF STATED HE DID NOT KNOW OF THIS. THE CHIEF WAS FURTHER ASKED THAT IF IT WERE THE CASE THAT HE WAS AWARE OF VEHICLES BEING HELD TOGETHER WITH TAPE AND BUNGEE CORDS THAT IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. THE CHIEF AGREED.

MOTION: THAT MR. PERRY, THE DEPARTMENT MECHANIC, IS TO RECTIFY FORTHWITH - AND BRING TO THE CHIEF'S ATTENTION - ANY TRUCKS BEING HELD TOGETHER WITH TAPE, BUNGEE CORDS OR WHAT HAVE YOU AND TO BRING THIS VEHICLES UP TO FULL CODE WITH THE PROPER MANUFACTURER SPECIFIED FIXES, AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL IN ONE WEEK THROUGH THE CHIEF.

MOTION: THE CHIEF IS TO PROVIDE A DATE BY WHICH ENGINE 1 WILL BE IN PLACE AND IN SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK.

THE MECHANIC REPORTED THAT THIS ENGINE MAY HAVE TO GO BACK BECAUSE HE HAS FOUND SOME ISSUES WITH THE REPAIRS DONE. HE FEELS THAT THIS TRUCK SHOULD HAVE BEEN INSPECTED ALL ALONG THE REPAIR PROCESS AT THE COMPANY.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT ENGINE 21 IS THE VEHICLE WITH THE TAPE AND CORDS. IT HAS BEEN LIKE THIS FOR ABOUT A MONTH. THE TRUCK IS LOCATED ON SCHOOL STREET. THE MECHANIC WILL ORDER THE PARTS.

HE ALSO REPORTED THAT ENGINE 4 HAD AN INITIAL PROBLEM IN NOVEMBER OF 2008. IT WAS REPAIRED, WORKING UNTIL JANUARY BUT NEEDED THE SAME REPAIR AGAIN. THIS SAME PROBLEM KEPT OCCURRING AND THE ORIGINAL PROBLEM CREATED A SECOND PROBLEM.

MOTION: THAT A DATE BE PROVIDED AS TO WHEN ENGINE FOUR WILL BE BACK IN SERVICE AND THE RAYNHAM VEHICLE WILL BE RETURNED TO RAYNHAM.

IT WAS NOTED THAT RESERVE TRUCK NO. 22 IS IN EAST TAUNTON AND TRUCK 21 IS AT THE CENTRAL STATION.

MOTION: THAT A STATUS REPORT BE PROVIDED FOR NEXT WEEK ON THE REPAIRS ON THE EAST TAUNTON FIRE STATION

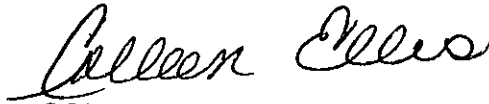
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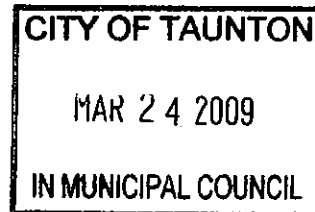
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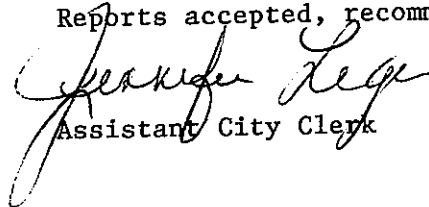
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.



Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 24, 2009

THE COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR ANDREW MARSHALL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR, COSTA-HANLON, FIORE AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES, JAMES BINDER OF ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES DIVISION AND ATTORNEY TINO WEST

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

1. **MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR, D.P.W. COMMISSIONER AND JIM BINDER OF A.R.I. FOR AN UPDATE ON THE SOLID WASTE PROJECT**
IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE PROJECT IS ACTIVE. THE CITY HAS PURCHASED THE SITE. THE RFQP WAS ISSUED AT THE END OF JUNE, 2008 WITH 16 COMPANIES INTERESTED. A.R.I. IS WORKING TO KEEP THEIR INTEREST LEVEL HIGH. THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR ADDENDUMS TO THE RFP ISSUED. THE PROPOSALS ARE DUE ON JUNE 2, 2009. IT IS HOPEFUL THAT 4 TO 6, POSSIBLY 7 PROPOSALS WOULD BE RECEIVED IN JUNE. PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER OF 2009 WITH CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2009. WE ARE OUT OF TIME TO GIVE ANY EXTRA TIME ON PROPOSALS. THEY ARE STILL WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ON MORATORIUM ISSUES. NOTHING HAS BEEN RESOLVED AS YET ON THE MORATORIUM, BUT THE STATE KNOWS THE CITY'S TIMETABLE. HOWEVER, THE STATE MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION. AT THIS POINT THE CITY HAS DONE ALL IT CAN.
A.R.I. IS ALSO TRYING TO GET OTHER COMMUNITIES INTERESTED IN TERMS OF SENDING WASTE HERE. THEY ARE LOOKING AT GREEN COMMUNITY ACT OPPORTUNITIES AND FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FROM THE STIMULUS BILL. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE BE PROVIDED WITH A LIST OF THE COMPANIES THAT SUBMIT PROPOSALS THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE, 2009.
MOTION: **WORKING WITH THE LAW OFFICE AND MR. BINDER, A LETTER THAT THE COUNCIL CAN SIGN BE PREPARED TO THE GOVERNOR AND MR. BOWLES STATING THE CITY'S CONCERNS AND WHY THEIR HELP IS NEEDED ON THIS MATTER. ALSO LETTER IS TO BE SENT TO OUR AREA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION WITH ANOTHER LETTER ASKING FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN LOBBYING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS PROJECT. ALSO A LETTER IS TO BE SENT TO FEDERAL LEGISLATORS AND CRAFT IT TOWARDS THE STIMULUS MONEY. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WILL WORK WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR AND MR. BINDER TO CRAFT THESE LETTERS.**

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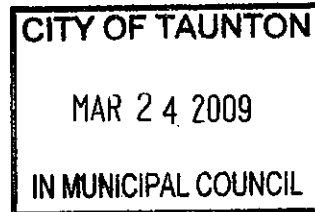
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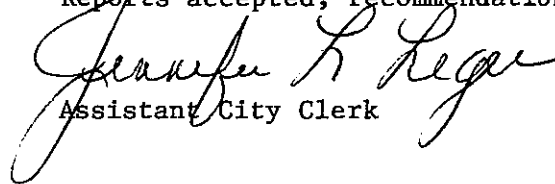
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CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.



Assistant City Clerk