



*City of Taunton*  
*Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers*  
*Minutes, March 31, 2009 at 8:58 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*

Moment of Silence for former Mayor Thaddeus Strojny who passed away after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

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

**Communications from Mayor:**

The Mayor read a communication submitted by Susan Winter-Clark, Taunton Kiwanis Club requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their "Men with Taste" fundraiser on May 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

The Mayor read a communication submitted by Chalrene Fiore, Secretary, THS Drama Advisory Board requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their production of "Guys and Dolls" at Taunton High School on May 15-16, 2009. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Jean Goldsberry, Executive Director, Pride, 3 Maple St., Taunton – Requesting a waiver of fees. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

**Communications:**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds advising of the Annual Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday April 4, 2009 at Watson's Pond at 10:00 AM and requesting use of electronic sign. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Director, Department of Human Services notifying that they have been awarded the FY09 Executive Office of Elder Affairs Service Incentive Consortium Grant in the amount of \$2,900.00. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Building Commissioner informing that the Building Department has sent notification of unsafe structures to the owners of: 2 Red Lane, 41 Short St., 44 Summer St., 390 and 401 Washington St., 70 and 74 Weir St., and 9 and 11 Winthrop St. and that if an owner does not comply to make the structure safe, the City may assemble a survey board and serve a written report of the survey to the owner. **Motion was made to**

**provide an update in three weeks and if City has to pay anything, make sure the City can put a lien on the property and there is equity in the property before incurring any expense. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying of public hearing for the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment for Prince Henry Drive on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 5:30 PM. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from City Planner stating that the City has been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 and requesting the Council to approve a process and regulations implementing the Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting process. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole. So Voted.**

Com. from Conservation Agent providing an update on the demolition of the Morey's Bridge Dam House. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Department requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise a number of charity events they are hosting this spring. **Motion was made to move approval for all listed events. So Voted.**

Com. from David Gay, Gay, Gay and Field, 73 Washington St., P.O. box 988, Taunton requesting an extension of the Special Permit granted to BJ's Wholesale Club to allow a filling station at 2089 Bay Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to a public hearing. So Voted.**

Com. from Kathleen Bart, CPC Manager, Triumph, Inc., 100 Gordon Owen Riverway, Taunton requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise their Children's Resource Fair on may 2, 2009 at the PACC from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Robert Brown, II, R.E. Brown & Co., 25 Cemetery St., P.O. Box 230, Mendon submitting a letter of introduction of his auditing firm. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor requesting vote of authorization to extend the paving contract with P.J. Keating beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. **Motion was made to move approval and excuse Councilor Marshall. So Voted.**

Com. from DPW Commissioner to extend the paving contract with P.J. Keating beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010. **Motion was made to move approval and excuse Councilor Marshall. So Voted.**

Councilor Barbour read an extra communication submitted by the Risk Manager requesting an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 due to expenditures for losses beyond the \$50,000.00 budget appropriation for the Loss Fund. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Councilor Barbour read an extra communication submitted by the City Solicitor requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$75,000.00 to the Law Department Other Expense Account. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Councilor Marshall informed the Council that the Morey's Dam mediation scheduled for today has been postponed for 3-4 weeks by the Commonwealth.

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by Darlene Domingos, Project Manager, Veolia Water North America, Northeast LLC requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise the household hazardous waste day on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9:00 am – 12:00 PM at the Taunton Wastewater Treatment Plant on 825 West Water St., and Taunton Municipal Sanitary Landfill at 330 E. Britannia Street. **Motion was made to move approval and refer to the Municipal Channel and the Press. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read an extra communication from V. Pamela Crowell, Friends of Boyden Wildlife Refuge, 1298 Cohannet Street, Taunton requesting use of the electronic sign to advertise three upcoming events. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted. Additionally, Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the Mayor's Office for a procedure to be established so any postings approved by the Council for the electronic sign are also posted on the website. So Voted.**

**Petitions and Claims:**

Constable application submitted by Philip Warish requesting a new 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 Lorraine Fredette, 48 Belmont St., Taunton requesting a renewal of her 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.**

Constable application submitted by Edward Vasconcellos, 10 N. Pleasant St., 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.**

Petition submitted by James Lyons, Jr., 12 Highvale Lane, Andover requesting a renewal of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License –DBA- Dandi-Lyons located at 649 County St., Taunton to sell flowers. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Richard Furtado, 158 Lincoln Ave. Apt. 4, No. Dighton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a hole in the road on Highland Street across from Wilson St. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and the DPW Commissioner to fill the potholes. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Jessica Kandarian, 27 Fayette Place, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Cohannet Street near St. Thomas Church Parking Lot. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and the DPW Commissioner to fill the potholes. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Bryan and Deborah Klugh, 720 Norton Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to their driveway from a snowplow. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Maria Henry, 765 Bay St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damage to her fence from a snow plow. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Michelle Loura seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Broadway in front of Gaff's Third Base Pub. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and the DPW Commissioner to fill the potholes. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by John Santos, 23 Pinecrest Dr., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Pinecrest Dr. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and the DPW Commissioner to fill the potholes. So Voted.**

Departmental Site Plan Review for the construction of a canopy and reopening of the drive thru window at 33 Weir Street located in the Central Business District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Departmental Site Plan Review for a 6,600 sq. ft. building and 38,500 sq. ft. salt pile storage at 37 Cushman Street located in the Industrial District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Decision of the Development Impact Review Board on the petition for a Departmental Site Plan Review for the construction of 3 industrial buildings totaling 349,916 sq. t. at 223 Fremont Street which is located in an Industrial District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted. Councilors Hoye and Carr motioned that the Councilors receive a copy of all DIRB decisions. 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 stated he received a verbal update from the Fire Chief concerning issues with breathing apparatus, engine repairs, etc. Therefore, he motioned to refer to the Committee on Fires and Wires for next week to meet with the Fire Chief to discuss these issues and that the Fire Department Mechanic provide a response to these issues through the Fire Chief. Additionally, he motioned that the Fire Chief submit all his communications in writing. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned to refer the matter of dirt bikes and ATV vehicles on Hodges Street and Heritage Way to the Police Chief and the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned that the DPW Commissioner have the street sweeper clean Hart Street on both sides of County Street. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned that the Committee to the Council as a Whole have the EMS Committee members appear before their Committee in one month. Additionally, Councilor Pottier motioned that any materials they will be presenting be provided to the Council prior to the meeting. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Acting Police Chief respond to his previous request for a breakdown of Police Detail monies owed to the City broken down by vendor and date (past due – 30, 60, 90 and 120 days and past due) for next week's meeting. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier stated he received a communication from the TMLP providing information on the Washington Post Streetlights on Solitude Drive and motioned that the Council go on record approving these streetlights. However, Councilor Pottier motioned to place a moratorium on any other future requests for streetlights of this type unless a fee structure is established to reimburse the City or for the overages to be covered. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Mayor provide the Council with an update on a program that allows department heads to process real time purchase orders that was discussed some time ago. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that part of the purchase and sales for the site the City purchased for the solid waste facility included borings by RLSP within a specific timeframe. Therefore, she motioned that the City Solicitor provide a response updating the Council on this matter. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the City Solicitor provide the Council with a list of custodians for each department in relation to the Freedom of Publication Act. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Committee on the Needs of the TMLP come before the Municipal Council to discuss Unit 10 and the entire consortium within the next three weeks. So Voted.

**New Business:**

Councilor Pottier motioned that the City Auditor place the FY08 Audit on line. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the budget or summary pages for each department be placed on-line. The Mayor stated he would take care of this.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the 50/50 Ordinance Committee will hold an Application Day on April 16, 2009 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM with the sub-contractors working on the renovations of Taunton High School and Parker School to conduct interviews. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to place this information on the Municipal Channel and the Community Board. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills meet in two weeks to discuss changing the wording in the 50/50 Ordinance from Taunton residents to include Taunton residents and certain surrounding communities. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that each department head notify Maria Gomes, Human Resource Director and a representative of the 50/50 Ordinance Committee of any upcoming projects that utilize City funds or State Revolving Funds. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to bring the issue of removing trashcans from public parks before the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills for discussion. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that relative to the Green Communities Act Committee, the Mayor email the final IRFs to each of the Councilors. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the Mayor's Office the issue of trash being left out at 27 and 29 Leonard Court for the enforcement of the ordinance and fines in an attempt to remedy this situation as residents are complaining. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned that the Mayor's Office assist a resident on Orchard Street who is experiencing issues with their landlord to help them speak with the appropriate individuals to resolve the situation. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned that the DPW Commissioner have the potholes repaired on Charles Street. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned that Kevin Scanlon, Chairman of the DIRB consider changing the time of their public hearings from 2:00 PM to a more convenient time for the public to attend and provide a response within two weeks. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

  
Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 31, 2009

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE GILL ENOS, BUDGET DIRECTOR, ANN HEBERT, CITY AUDITOR AND BROCK ROMANO AND SCOTT WARNESKI OF K.P.M.G.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:42 P.M.

- 1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS**

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK**

- 2. **MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$7,142.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-203-5849 – PERSONAL COMPUTERS TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-202-5257 – COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAIN. TO PAY THE BILL FOR TELESTAFF ANNUAL SERVICE AND SUPPORT**

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$3,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-203-5849 – PERSONAL COMPUTERS TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-201-5130 – OVERTIME FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING OVERTIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL WORK AND ATTEND FUTURE TELECONFERENCE CALLS AS PART OF THE TELE-STAFF IMPLEMENTATION.**

**MOTION: THE CHIEF IS TO PROVIDE AN ANSWER AS TO WHAT THE ABOVE \$10,000.00 WAS ORIGINALLY BUDGETED FOR.**

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$42,000.00 AS FOLLOWS:**

- \$4,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-203-5889 – CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5246 – REPAIR/MAIN. VEHICLES**
- \$13,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-203-5889 – CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5432 – ELECTRIC WORK**
- \$20,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-492-201-5100 – SALARIES & WAGES-DEPT. HEAD TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5258 – SCHOOL BUILDING MAINT.**
- \$5,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-492-201-5102 – SALARIES & WAGES OFFICE MANAGER TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5258 – SCHOOL BUILDING MAINT.**

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**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES – CONTINUED**

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR PROVIDED AN ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF THE POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS ANALYSIS TO THE COMMITTEE.

**MOTION: RECEIVE AND PLACED ON FILE**

3. **MEET WITH THE BUDGET DIRECTOR, CITY AUDITOR AND K.P.M.G. TO DISCUSS FISCAL YEAR 2007 & FISCAL YEAR 2008 AUDITS**  
 KPMG PROVIDED BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE AUDITOR'S REPORTS. KPMG REINFORCES THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUDITORS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT. MANAGEMENT'S JOB IS TO PRODUCE THE DOCUMENTS AND KPMG'S JOB IS TO AUDIT IT. IN KPMG'S OPINION, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CITY HAS NOT RECORDED A LIABILITY FOR COMPENSATED ABSENCES AND ACCORDINGLY, HAS NOT RECORDED AN EXPENSE FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD CHANGE IN THAT LIABILITY. EXCEPT FOR THIS ISSUE, THE REST OF THE REPORT IS O.K. IT WAS NOTED THAT MR. DOM COPOLLA IS WORKING ON THIS ISSUE AND HE HAS FINISHED WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE CITY OF TAUNTON HAS STRUGGLED TO PRODUCE TIMELY AND ACCURATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. FOR THE AUDIT PERIOD ENDING 6/30/07, KPMG NOTED SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT INTERNAL CONTROL WEAKNESSES DEALING DIRECTLY WITH FINANCIAL REPORTING. BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE, IF ANY PROGRESS MADE TO RECTIFY THE ROOT CAUSES OF THESE DEFICIENCIES, KPMG IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY ADDRESS THREE HIGH LEVEL GOVERNANCE ISSUES THAT THEY BELIEVE WILL BE A REQUIRED FIRST STEP IN RESOLVING THIS CHRONIC FINANCIAL REPORTING DEFICIENCY. THEY ARE ESTABLISHING AN AUDIT COMMITTEE, CREATING A CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER POSITION AND ESTABLISHING AN INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION. IT WAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY ESTABLISH YEAR-END CLOSING PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT IT IDENTIFIES ALL LIABILITIES AT YEAR END. THIS WOULD INCLUDE REVIEWING INVOICES PAID SUBSEQUENT TO YEAR-END AND DETERMINING WHICH FISCAL YEAR THE EXPENDITURE WAS INCURRED.  
**MOTION: THAT A FOLLOW UP REPORT FROM MR. COPOLLA BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE IN ONE MONTH AND A PROJECTION AS TO WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE FOR FISCAL 2010 AND THE COST.**

4. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**  
 IT WAS NOTED THAT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO THE ISSUE OF STREET LIGHTS ON SOLITUDE DRIVE WAS QUESTIONED BECAUSE THEY ARE MORE FANCY AND ARE HIGH PRESSURE STREET LIGHTS – MORE DECORATIVE. COUNCILOR MARSHALL QUESTIONED IF THE CITY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXTRA COST AND REFERRED IT TO FINANCE AND SALARIES. THE RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM T.M.L.P. WAS THAT THE DEVELOPER PICKS UP THE EXTRA COSTS SO IT DOES NOT COST THE CITY ANY EXTRA MONEY.  
**MOTION: RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**

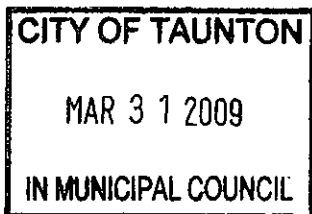


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THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES – CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Reger".  
Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 31, 2009

**THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JASON BUFFINGTON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS HOY AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR CHARLES CROWLEY, ACTING CHIEF JOHN REARDON, LIEUTENANT PAUL RODERICK AND SERGENAT MATTHEW MCCAFFREY

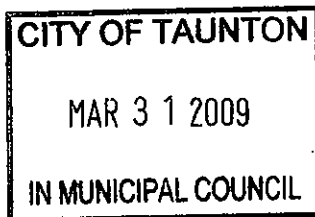
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:55 P.M.**

**1. MEET WITH ACTING CHIEF REARDON & THE MAYOR TO DISCUSS THE ACTING CHIEF'S PROPOSAL TO SAVE MONEY THROUGH A SERGEANT PROMOTION**

ACTING CHIEF REARDON STATED THAT LAST WEEK WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS PLAN HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS A LINE ITEM SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS THAT HE WAS GOING TO BACKFILL. SINCE THEN, HE HAS GONE OVER THE BUDGET AND FOUND THAT THERE IS NO LINE ITEM FOR THIS PARTICULAR INVESTIGATION, IT COMES OUT OF OVERTIME. AT THIS TIME THE OVERTIME BUDGET IS ABOUT GONE AND HE IS LOOKING AT A \$435,000 DEFICIT. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO MONEY TO FUND THE SERGEANT POSITION. HE RECOMMENDS NOT FILLING THIS SERGEANTS POSITION AT THIS TIME. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE LIST EXPIRED YESTERDAY. THE NEW LIST IS BEING CONTESTED AND IS BEING RECALLED. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT BY ORDINANCE, THERE SHOULD BE 14 SERGEANTS, BUT ACTUALLY RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 15. DISCUSSED ALSO WAS THE NEED TO CURB THE USE OF OVERTIME AS THERE IS NO SURPLUS OF MONEY.

**2. MEET TO DISCUSS SCHEDULING A HEARING DATE FOR GRIEVANCES**  
THE SUPERVISORY POLICE GRIEVANCES ARE TO BE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009 IN THIS COMMITTEE.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 P.M.**



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Colleen M. Ellis*

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

*Jennifer Reger*  
Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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**THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, PRESIDENT AND COUNCILORS HOYE, COSTA-HANLON, FIORE, MARSHALL, CROTEAU, CARR, BUFFINGTON AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE KEVIN SHEA, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ALAN HANSCOM OF BETA GROUP

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:26 P.M.**

**1. MEET WITH KEVIN SHEA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO REVIEW BIDS RECEIVED ON THE F. B. ROGERS BUILDING**

LETTER DATED 3/20/09 OF KEVIN SHEA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS READ IN WHICH HE STATED THAT HE INTENDS TO UTILIZE UP TO \$200,000 OF THE CITY'S FY08 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TOWARDS THE COST OF THE REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTE AND DEMOLITION OF THE FORMER F. B. ROGERS SILVER MILL.

THESE FUNDS WOULD BE RE-PROGRAMMED FROM THE "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION" LINE ITEM IN THE CITY'S FEDERAL FY 08 CDBG PLAN WHICH EXTENDS TO JUNE 30, 2009. THESE FUNDS WERE ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED IN THE FY 08 BUDGET TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS, TO CREATE JOBS AND/OR MAKE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. OVER THE PAST YEAR HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH PROPERTY OWNERS TO RENOVATE BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN IN ORDER TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES AND TO CREATE HOUSING UNITS. HE DOES NOT ANTICIPATE THAT ANY PROJECTS IN THE DOWNTOWN WOULD BE FULLY DEVELOPED BEFORE THE END OF FY 08, JUNE 30, 2009.

HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THESE FUNDS BE RE-PROGRAMMED FROM HIS FY 08 CDBG GRANT BUDGET IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF FUNDS NEEDED FROM ANY OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES OF CITY FUNDS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE F. B. ROGERS DEMOLITION PROJECT. HE HAS ADDED \$200,000 TO AN "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION" LINE ITEM IN HIS FY 09 BUDGET YEAR WHICH BEGINS ON JULY 1, 2009.

**MOTION: LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD**

BIDS WERE OPENED ON MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> FOR BOTH THE DEMOLITION AND THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. THE BIDS WERE TABULATED AND QUALIFICATIONS REVIEWED. THE BIDS WERE REVIEWED WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OPTIONS:

1. DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS B THROUGH G, PLUS BLDGS J AND M, WITHOUT PRIOR OFF REMOVAL, INCLUDING ENCLOSURES AT BUILDINGS TO REMAIN;
2. DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS B THROUGH G, PLUS BLDGS J AND M, WITH PRIOR ROOF REMOVAL, INCLUDING ENCLOSURES AT BUILDINGS TO REMAIN
3. DEMOLITION OF ALL BUILDINGS, EXCEPT BUILDINGS A AND A1, WITHOUT PRIOR ROOF REMOVAL; AND

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**THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED**

4. DEMOLITION OF ALL BUILDINGS, EXCEPT BUILDINGS A AND A1 WITH PRIOR ROOF REMOVAL.

BASED UPON REVIEW OF THE BIDS SUBMITTED BY THE TWO APPARENT LOW BIDDERS (STAMFORD WRECKING AND COSTELLO DISMANTLING) IT IS APPARENT THAT PRIOR REMOVAL OF THE ROOFING MATERIALS WILL BE COST EFFECTIVE AND REQUIRED UNDER THE DEP APPROVED WORK PLAN. THEREFORE OPTIONS 1 AND 3 ARE NO LONGER VIABLE.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO GO WITH THE LOW BIDDER UNDER OPTION NO. 4 - COSTELLO DEMOLITION AT \$646,000, AND THE LOW BIDDER FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL - SMI AT \$97,777.00. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE IS A COST FOR BETA TO OVERSEE THIS PROJECT AMOUNTING TO \$77,000.00.

**MOTION: MOVE RECOMMENDATION FOR OPTION 4 AND TO AWARD THE BIDS TO COSTELLO DISMANTLING, THE DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR, AND SMI, THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REMOVAL CO. AND THE EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WITH BETA GROUP TO OVERSEE DEMOLITION**

**COUNCILOR FIORE VOTING IN OPPOSITION.**

2. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**

A. COUNCILOR BARBOUR STATED THAT HE WAS HOPING THAT THE COUNCIL COULD HAVE DISCUSSION WITH REGARDS TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK. AFTER BEING ADVISED BY ATTORNEY TORRES WHO RECOMMENDED THAT IN ORDER FOR THIS TO BE DONE APPROPRIATELY, THE FOLLOWING MOTION WOULD BE REQUIRED, AND WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR BARBOUR.

**MOTION: TO SCHEDULE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR NEXT TUESDAY, AND PROVIDE MS. BLACKWELL WITH REQUIRED CHPATER 39, SECTION 23B NOTICE TO DISCUSS AND RE-CONSIDER HER PRESENT SUSPENSION AND CHARGES AND CONSIDER DISCIPLINARY PLAN OF ACTION IF ANY.**

HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE DOES NOT WANT ANYONE TO THINK THAT HE IS MAKING ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION WHICH HE SUPPORTS WHOLEHEARTEDLY AND NO ONE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM. HOWEVER, HE FEELS THAT RETURNING MS. BLACKWELL TO WORK DURING THE INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT IMPAIR THE INVESTIGATION. THE OFFICE IS VERY STRAINED. THEY ARE DOWN ONE PERSON BY ATTRITION AND NOW THE DEPARTMENT HEAD IS OUT.

HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WAS THE LONE VOTE AGAINST SUSPENDING HER ON PAID LEAVE LAST WEEK BECAUSE HE FELT THAT THE EVIDENCE SET FORTH, OR ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HER WERE MORE HEARSAY THAN ANYTHING.

COUNCILOR BARBOUR STATED THAT HE IS ASKING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION NEXT WEEK IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. IN ORDER TO DO THIS MRS. BLACKWELL WOULD HAVE TO BE PROPERLY NOTIFIED.

DISCUSSED WAS THAT SINCE THE SUSPENSION DECISION WAS DONE IN FULL COUNCIL, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE IN FULL COUNCIL, AND SECOND, IT CANNOT BE DECIDED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOW, IT WOULD

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HAVE TO BE DONE AT THE MOMENT.

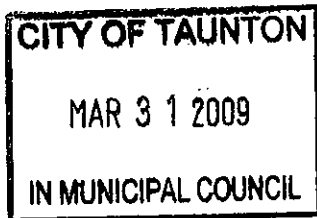
MOTION: TO AMEND THE ABOVE MOTION TO MEET IN FULL COUNCIL WITH MRS. BLACKWELL AND HER COUNSEL FOR THIS DISCUSSION.

MOTION SECONDED.

COUNCILORS COSTA-HANLON, FIORE, CROTEAU, CARR, BARBOUR AND POTTIER VOTING IN FAVOR

COUNCILORS HOYE, MARSHALL AND BUFFINGTON VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 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 "Jennifer Reger".  
Assistant City Clerk



# CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #35  
FY 2009  
MARCH 31, 2009

*In Municipal Council* ..... 20.....

*Ordered, That*

**THE SUM OF SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED  
FORTY TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$7,142.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED  
FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-203-5849 – PERSONAL COMPUTERS**

**TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-202-5257 – COMPUTER SOFTWARE MAINT.**

..... *Clerk.*



# CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #36  
FY 2009  
MARCH 31, 2009

*In Municipal Council* ..... 20.....

*Ordered, That*

**THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND  
NO CENTS (\$3,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-203-5849 - PERSONAL COMPUTERS**

**TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-201-5130 - OVERTIME**

..... *Clerk.*



# CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #37  
 FY 2009  
 MARCH 31, 2009

*In Municipal Council* ..... 20.....

*Ordered, That*

**THE SUM OF FORTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND**

**NO CENTS (\$42,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:**

**\$4,000.00 FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-203-5889 – CAPITAL  
 BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

**TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5246 – REP./MAINT. VEHICLES**

**\$13,000.00 FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-203-5889 – CAPITAL  
 BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

**TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5432 – ELECTRIC WORK**

**\$20,000.00 FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-492-201-5100 – SALARIES &  
 WAGES – DEPT. HEAD**

**TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5258 – SCHOOL BUILDING MAINT.**

**\$5,000.00 FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-492-201-5102 – SALARIES &  
 WAGES – DEPT. HEAD**

**TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-493-202-5258 – SCHOOL BUILDING MAINT.**

..... *Clerk.*