



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, March 5, 2012 at 8:40 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Council President Ryan Colton presiding

Prayer was offered by the Council President

*Present at roll call were: Councilor's Barbour, Carr, McCaul, Pottier, Costa-Hanlon, Medeiros, Colton, Cleary
Councilor Marshall was absent*

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

Communications from the Mayor:

The Council President read a communication submitted by Daniel J. Raposa, Airport Manager, Taunton Municipal Airport, Westcoat Drive, P.O. Box 441, East Taunton notifying of its Annual Open House and Neighborhood Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM and requesting use of the City's Fine Arts Stage. **Motion was made to move approval of use of the stage and provide a copy to all Councilors. So Voted.**

Council President Colton stated Mayor Hoye has informed him that next week the Council will meet in executive session to discuss collective bargaining.

Communications:

Com. from Director Agent, Veterans Service requesting additional funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 for their Veterans Benefits Account. He stated that the State will reimburse the City at a rate of 75%, therefore making a total for this request of \$50,000.00. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor and the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.**

Com. from Assistant Director of Retirement notifying of a retirement for Superannuation of Joseph Zrebiec, former employee of the Engineering Department on February 28, 2012. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health informing of an enforcement order against 274 Winthrop St., Taunton which is an order to repair the septic system or to connect to sewer by July 14, 2012. Title V gives an owner two years to repair their failed septic system from the date of failure. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Fire Chief requesting to remove and dismantle Engine 21 from Service. He recommends that we remove all usable parts from the truck and have a salvage company scrap the remaining truck body. He would like to use the funds from the salvage company to purchase a new Thermal Imaging Camera. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Fires and Wires. For this meeting, ask the Chief to explain his plan to replenish his vehicles and how working with one less piece of equipment will be. Also what affect will this have on manning and coverage and what type of plan does he have for a replacement schedule. Ask the Chief if he is going to bid for salvaging and what the cost of the Thermal Imaging Camera is for this meeting. So Voted.**

Com. from City Auditor requesting appointment of Sandra Kingsbury as Interim City Auditor to sign warrants only while she and her assistant attend the Massachusetts Municipal Accountant and auditor Association's Annual School at UMASS Amherst from March 18-21, 2012. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Building Commissioner submitting the Building Permit Record for February 2012. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Judith Chambers, 332 Dighton Ave., Taunton expressing her opinion on the trash bag fee. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Solid Waste. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Departmental Site Plan Review submitted by Milad Dbaib, 274 Winthrop Street, Taunton to allow for an auto storage use at 272 Winthrop Street located in the Highway Business District. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and provide a copy of the Site Plan to the Councilors. 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 provided an update on the visit he, some of the Councilors, Board of Health, Water Division, and DPW made to a facility in New Jersey similar to the facility We-Care will be presenting for our community. He stated on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 they are planning to return to New Jersey as it was not possible to entertain both technologies in one day. Councilor Cleary stated this site was chosen, as it is the only one in the area that uses new technology, such as baling and loads the material into freight cars. Councilor Colton stated that the cost of travel was paid for by the company.

Orders, Ordinances, and Enrolled Bills

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE

**PART II
REVISED ORDINANCES**

Chapter 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

Section 1, Chapter 1 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the entirety of Section 1-13 (as appearing on pages 28 through 39 of the 2010 printing) and inserting in place thereof the following:

The division of the city into eight (8) wards is hereby reaffirmed and, until alteration shall be made by the municipal council, the boundaries thereof shall be established as follows:

Ward 1, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Cohannet St and Highland St, and proceeding easterly along Cohannet St to Silver St, and proceeding northerly along Silver St to Winthrop St, and proceeding easterly along Winthrop St to Walnut St, and proceeding southerly along Walnut St to Clinton St, and proceeding southerly along Clinton St to Barnum St, and proceeding easterly along Barnum St to Somerset Ave, and proceeding northerly along Somerset Ave to Weir St, and proceeding southerly along Weir St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding southerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to 1st St, and proceeding westerly along 1st St to Somerset Ave, and proceeding southerly along Somerset Ave to Highland St, and proceeding westerly along Highland St to the point of beginning.

Ward 1, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Winthrop St and the Dighton/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding easterly along Winthrop St to Burt St, and proceeding northerly along Burt St to Rocky Woods St, and proceeding easterly along Rocky Woods St to N Walker St, and proceeding northerly along N Walker St to Fisher St, and proceeding easterly along Fisher St to Three Mile River, and proceeding southerly along Three Mile River to Winthrop St, and proceeding easterly along Winthrop St to Fairview Ave, and proceeding northerly along Fairview Ave to Crossman St, and proceeding easterly along Crossman St to Highland St, and proceeding southerly along Highland St to Whitehill St, and proceeding easterly along Whitehill St to Anderson St, and proceeding northerly along Anderson St to Oak St, and proceeding easterly along Oak St to the westerly property line of East Bay Apt (165 Winthrop St), and proceeding southerly along the westerly property line of East Bay Apt (165 Winthrop St) to Winthrop St, and proceeding easterly along Winthrop St to Silver St, and proceeding southerly along Silver St to Cohannet St, and proceeding westerly along Cohannet St to Dighton Rd, and proceeding southerly along

Dighton Rd to Dighton Ave, and proceeding southerly along Dighton Ave to Baker Rd W, and proceeding easterly along Baker Rd W to Somerset Ave, and proceeding southerly along Somerset Ave to Railroad Ave, and proceeding westerly along Railroad Ave to South St, and proceeding westerly along South St to Dighton/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding westerly along Dighton/Taunton town/city line to the point of beginning.

Ward 2, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Pinckney St and Fremont St, and proceeding easterly along Pinckney St to Danforth St, and proceeding northerly along Danforth St to Mill River, and proceeding southerly along Mill River to West Adams St, and proceeding easterly along West Adams St to N Pleasant St, and proceeding southerly along N Pleasant St to Pleasant St, and proceeding easterly along Pleasant St to Broadway, and proceeding southerly along Broadway to Leonard St, and proceeding easterly along Leonard St to Fruit St, and proceeding easterly along Fruit St to Union St, and proceeding southerly along Union St to Church Green, and proceeding westerly along Church Green to Summer St, and proceeding easterly along Summer St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding southerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to High St, and proceeding westerly along High St to Bow St, and proceeding southerly along Bow St to Somerset Ave, and proceeding southerly along Somerset Ave to Barnum St, and proceeding westerly along Barnum St to Clinton St, and proceeding northerly along Clinton St to Walnut St, and proceeding northerly along Walnut St to Winthrop St, and proceeding westerly along Winthrop St to Cohannet St, and proceeding northerly along Cohannet St to Mason St, and proceeding northerly along Mason St to Wales St, and proceeding westerly along Wales St to Olney St, and proceeding northerly along Olney St to Oak St, and proceeding easterly along Oak St to Tremont St, and proceeding westerly along Tremont St to Fremont St, and proceeding northerly along Fremont St to the point of beginning.

Ward 2, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Crossman St and Highland St, and proceeding northerly along Highland St to Smith Ave, and proceeding northerly along Smith Ave to Kilmer Ave, and proceeding easterly along Kilmer Ave to Clifford St, and proceeding northerly along Clifford St to Cobb Brk, and proceeding northerly along Cobb Brk to Shores St, and proceeding westerly along Shores St to Anawan St, and proceeding northerly along Anawan St to Tremont St, and proceeding easterly along Tremont St to Washington St, and proceeding westerly along Washington St to Oak St, and proceeding westerly along Oak St to Olney St, and proceeding southerly along Olney St to Wales St, and proceeding easterly along Wales St to Mason St, and proceeding southerly along Mason St to Cohannet St, and proceeding southerly along Cohannet St to Winthrop St, and proceeding westerly along Winthrop St to the westerly property line of East Bay Apt (165 Winthrop St), and proceeding northerly along the westerly property line of East Bay Apt (165 Winthrop St) to Oak St, and proceeding westerly along Oak St to Anderson St, and proceeding southerly along Anderson St to Whitehill St, and proceeding westerly along

Whitehill St to Highland St, and proceeding northerly along Highland St to the point of beginning.

Ward 3, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of School St and Grant St, and proceeding northerly along School St to Purchase St, and proceeding northerly along Purchase St to Washington St, and proceeding northerly along Washington St to Thrasher St, and proceeding easterly along Thrasher St to the Raynham/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding southerly along the Raynham/Taunton town/city line to Taunton River, and proceeding westerly along Taunton River to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, approximately 900 feet north of Summer St, and proceeding southerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Summer St, and proceeding westerly along Summer St to Church Green, and proceeding easterly along Church Green to Union St, and proceeding northerly along Union St to Fruit St, and proceeding westerly along Fruit St to Cedar St, and proceeding northerly along Cedar St to Grant St, and proceeding westerly along Grant St to the point of beginning.

Ward 3, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of New York New Haven and Hartford RR and Summer St, and proceeding northerly approximately 900 feet along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Taunton River, and proceeding easterly along Taunton River to the Raynham/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding southerly along the Raynham/Taunton town/city line to Cotley River, and proceeding southerly along Cotley River to Middleboro Ave, and proceeding westerly along Middleboro Ave to Hart St, and proceeding westerly along Hart St to Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School access road, and proceeding southerly along Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School access road to County St, and proceeding northerly along County St to Summer St, and proceeding westerly along Summer St to the point of beginning.

Ward 4, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Cotley River and Middleboro Ave, and proceeding easterly along Cotley River to Taunton River at the Raynham/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding easterly along the Raynham/Taunton town/city line to the Middleborough/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding easterly along the Middleborough/Taunton town/city line to the Lakeville/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding southerly along the Lakeville/Taunton town/city line to the Berkley/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding westerly along the Berkley/Taunton town/city line to Holloway St Bypass, and proceeding northerly along Holloway St Bypass to Staples St, and proceeding northerly along Staples St to Caswell St, and proceeding northerly along Caswell St to Liberty St, and proceeding northerly along Liberty St to Middleboro Ave, and proceeding westerly along Middleboro Ave to the point of beginning.

Ward 4, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School access road and County St, and proceeding northerly along Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School access road to Hart St, and proceeding easterly along Hart St to Middleboro Ave, and proceeding easterly along Middleboro Ave to Liberty St, and proceeding southerly along Liberty St to Caswell St, and proceeding southerly along Caswell St to Staples St, and proceeding southerly along Staples St to Holloway St Bypass, and proceeding southerly along Holloway St Bypass to the Berkley/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding westerly along the Berkley/Taunton town/city line to Boston-Fall River Expressway, and proceeding northerly along Boston-Fall River Expressway to County St, and proceeding northerly along County St to the point of beginning.

Ward 5, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Mill River and W Britannia St, and proceeding northerly along Mill Riv to Whittenton St, and proceeding easterly along Whittenton St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding northerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to the Raynham/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding southerly along the Raynham/Taunton town/city line to Thrasher St, and proceeding westerly along Thrasher St to Washington St, and proceeding northerly along Washington St to Elizabeth St, and proceeding westerly along Elizabeth St to Brightman St, and proceeding southerly along Brightman St to E Britannia St, and proceeding westerly along E Britannia St to W Britannia St, and proceeding westerly along W Britannia St to the point of beginning.

Ward 5, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of W Britannia St and Mill River, and proceeding easterly along W Britannia St to E Britannia St, and proceeding easterly along E Britannia St to Brightman St, and proceeding northerly along Brightman St to Elizabeth St, and proceeding easterly along Elizabeth St to Washington St, and proceeding southerly along Washington St to Purchase St, and proceeding southerly along Purchase St to School St, and proceeding southerly along School St to Grant St, and proceeding easterly along Grant St to Cedar St, and proceeding southerly along Cedar St to Fruit St, and proceeding westerly along Fruit St to Leonard St, and proceeding westerly along Leonard St to Broadway, and proceeding northerly along Broadway to Pleasant St, and proceeding westerly along Pleasant St to N Pleasant St, and proceeding northerly along N Pleasant St to W Adams St, and proceeding westerly along W Adams St to Mill River, and proceeding northerly along Mill River to a point of intersection of W Britannia St and Mill River, the point of beginning.

Ward 6, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Berkley St and the Berkley/Taunton town/city line, and

proceeding northerly along Berkley St to Pratt St, and proceeding easterly along Pratt St to Hart St, and proceeding easterly along Hart St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding northerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Weir St, and proceeding northerly along Weir St to Bow St, and proceeding northerly along Bow St to High St, and proceeding easterly along High St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding northerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Summer St, and proceeding easterly along Summer St to County St, and proceeding easterly along County St to Boston-Fall River Expy, and proceeding southerly along Boston-Fall River Expy to the Berkley/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding westerly along the Berkley/Taunton town/city line to the point of beginning.

Ward 6, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Dighton/Taunton town/city line and New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding southerly along the Dighton/Taunton town/city line to South St, and proceeding easterly along South St to Railroad Ave, and proceeding easterly along Railroad Ave to Somerset Ave, and proceeding northerly along Somerset Ave to Baker Rd W, and proceeding westerly along Baker Rd W to Dighton Ave, and proceeding northerly along Dighton Ave to Dighton Rd, and proceeding northerly along Dighton Rd to Cohannet St, and proceeding easterly along Cohannet St to Highland St, and proceeding easterly along Highland St to Somerset Ave, and proceeding northerly along Somerset Ave to 1st St, and proceeding easterly along 1st St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR (Somerset Br), and proceeding northerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR (Somerset Br) to New York New Haven and Hartford RR (New Bedford and Fall River Br), and proceeding southerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR (New Bedford and Fall River Br) to Hart St, and proceeding westerly along Hart St to Pratt St, and proceeding westerly along Pratt St to Berkley St, and proceeding southerly along Berkley St to the Berkley/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding westerly along the Berkley/Taunton town/city line to Taunton River, and proceeding southerly along Taunton River to Three Mile River at the Berkley/Dighton/Taunton town/town/city line at Three Mile River, and proceeding northerly along the Three Mile River to the point of beginning.

Ward 7, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of Short St and Norton Rd, and proceeding northerly along Short St to Norton Ave, and proceeding easterly along Norton Ave to Dunbar St, and proceeding northerly along Dunbar St to Fremont St, and proceeding southerly along Fremont St to Tremont St, and proceeding westerly along Tremont St to Anawan St, and proceeding southerly along Anawan St to Shores St, and proceeding easterly along Shores St to Cobb Brk, and proceeding southerly along Cobb Brk to Clifford St, and proceeding southerly along Clifford St to Kilmer Ave, and proceeding westerly along Kilmer Ave to Smith Ave, and proceeding southerly along Smith Ave to Highland St, and proceeding southerly along Highland St to Crossman St, and proceeding westerly along Crossman St to Fairview Ave, and proceeding southerly along Fairview Ave to Winthrop St, and proceeding westerly along Winthrop St to Three Mile River, and proceeding easterly

along Three Mile River to Fisher St, and proceeding westerly along Fisher St to N Walker St, and proceeding northerly along N Walker St to Tremont St, and proceeding easterly along Tremont St to Alfred Lord Blvd, and proceeding westerly along Alfred Lord Blvd to Worcester St, and proceeding northerly along Worcester St to Norton Rd, and proceeding northerly along Norton Rd to the point of beginning.

Ward 7, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Norton/Taunton town/city line and the Rehoboth/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding northerly along the Norton/Taunton town/city line to Norton Ave, and proceeding southerly along Norton Ave to Short St, and proceeding southerly along Short St to Norton Rd, and proceeding southerly along Norton Rd to Worcester St, and proceeding southerly along Worcester St to Alfred Lord Blvd, and proceeding southerly along Alfred Lord Blvd to Tremont St, and proceeding westerly along Tremont St to N Walker St, and proceeding southerly along N Walker St to Rocky Woods St, and proceeding westerly along Rocky Woods St to Burt St, and proceeding southerly along Burt St to Winthrop St, and proceeding westerly along Winthrop St to the Dighton/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding westerly along the Dighton/Taunton town/city line to the Rehoboth/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding northerly along the Rehoboth/Taunton town/city line to the point of beginning.

Ward 8, Precinct A

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Norton/Taunton town/city line and Norton Ave, and proceeding northerly along the Norton/Taunton town/city line to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding easterly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Penn Central RR, and proceeding southerly along Penn Central RR to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding southerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Fremont St, and proceeding northerly along Fremont St to South Boundary Rd, and proceeding easterly along South Boundary Rd, to Bassett St, and proceeding easterly along Bassett St to Bay St, and proceeding northerly along Bay St to Edgewater Ln, and proceeding northerly along Edgewater Ln to the property line between house numbers 39 and 40 Edgewater Lane, and continuing northerly along said property line to point on the shoreline of Sabbatia Lake, and continuing southerly along the shoreline of Sabbatia Lake to the Mill River, and proceeding southerly along Mill River a point on the shoreline of Sabbatia Lake on the property line between house numbers 66 and 72 Lakeview Place, and proceeding easterly along said property line to Lakeview Place, and proceeding easterly along Lakeview Pl to Lakeview Ave, and proceeding southerly along Lakeview Ave to Bay St, and proceeding easterly along Bay St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding southerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Whittenton St, and proceeding westerly along Whittenton St to Mill River, and proceeding southerly along Mill River to Danforth St, and proceeding westerly along Danforth St to Pinckney St, and proceeding westerly along Pinckney St to Fremont St, and proceeding northerly along Fremont St to Dunbar St, and proceeding southerly along Dunbar St to Norton Ave, and proceeding northerly along Norton Ave to the point of beginning.

Ward 8, Precinct B

All of that portion of Taunton City bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the Norton/Taunton town/city line and New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding northerly along the Norton/Taunton town/city line to the Easton/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding easterly along the Easton/Taunton town/city line to the Raynham/Taunton town/city line, and proceeding southerly along the Raynham/Taunton town/city line to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding westerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Bay St, and proceeding northerly along Bay St to Lakeview Ave, and proceeding northerly along Lakeview Ave to Lakeview Pl, and proceeding westerly along Lakeview Pl to the property line between house numbers 66 and 72 Lakeview Place, and continuing westerly along said property line to a point on the shoreline of the Mill River, and continuing northerly along the Mill River to the shoreline of Sabbatia Lake, and continuing northerly along the shoreline of Sabbatia Lake to the property line between house numbers 39 and 40 Edgewater Lane, and continuing along said property line to Edgewater Lane, and continuing southerly along Edgewater Lane to Bay St, and proceeding southerly along Bay St to Bassett St, and proceeding westerly along Bassett St to South Boundary Rd, and proceeding westerly along South Boundary Rd to Fremont St, and proceeding southerly along Fremont St to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding northerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to Penn Central RR, and proceeding northerly along Penn Central RR to New York New Haven and Hartford RR, and proceeding southerly along New York New Haven and Hartford RR to the point of beginning.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **On a roll call vote, eight (8) Councilors present, eight (8) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Marshall was absent.**

New Business:

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Treasurer/Collector provide an explanation to the Council as to why the senior excise tax bills no longer have return envelopes enclosed. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour stated that the Council recently passed an Ordinance prohibiting parking on the portion of Whittenton Street that lies between Bay Street and Washington Street. Residents are requesting that this area have signage for resident parking only. Therefore, a motion was made that you investigate this request and provide your opinion on the feasibility of this request versus no parking. So Voted.

Councilor Carr stated that she received a call from a resident that when they paid their taxes, they requested a receipt and were informed that it would cost \$1.00 to provide the receipt. Therefore, she motioned to refer this matter to the Mayor's Office for reconsideration. So Voted.

Councilor McCaul stated that along the Frederick Martin Parkway near CVS and Dunkin Donuts there is a tremendous amount of trash. Therefore, the Municipal Council motioned to refer this situation to the owners of the Mill River Professional Center located at 1 Washington Street to have the area cleaned up. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole the issue of a potential casino in Taunton and discussions with the tribe and the administration. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier requested that the Mayor's Office place any public documents or any public information regarding the casino on the City's website for residents to view. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Mayor's Office to locate a venue for our youth between the ages of 12-17 years old for them to congregate to during the summer months for a report as to whether the Mayor's transition team is looking into this matter and respond back in the next 3-4 weeks. Councilor Cleary stated that the Taunton Area School to Career organization places economically eligible students in approximately 30-50 jobs each summer and provide tutoring for the 15-17 year olds. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she has spoken with the organization and they stated they are having difficulty funding this program. Therefore, she motioned that the Mayor's Office look into this matter as well. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Council address the development of the Liberty and Union Industrial Park with the Taunton Development Corporation, including any mitigation of traffic issues at the intersection of Caswell Street, Pinehill Street, and Middleboro Avenue. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


City Clerk

RMB/JLL

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

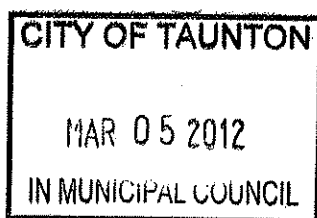
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND COLTON

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

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

2. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**
COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT THE CITY AUDITOR PROVIDED DOCUMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE SHOWING WHERE DEPARTMENTS ARE IN THEIR BUDGETS AT THE HALF YEAR MARK. HE STATED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL LINE ITEMS THAT HAVE TO BE REVIEWED. IT SEEMS TO HIM THAT THERE MAY BE A PROBLEM IN THE TELEPHONE COSTS AS ALL THE DEPARTMENTS SEEM TO HAVE EXPENDED MOST OF THEIR TELEPHONE BUDGETS SO THEY WILL NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDS. ALSO ELECTRICAL COSTS ARE VERY HIGH IN MANY DEPARTMENTS. OVERTIME IN EIGHT DEPARTMENTS SHOWS THAT THEY HAVE EXPENDED MOST OF THIS LINE ITEM. HE ALSO STATED THAT SOME DEPARTMENTS ARE OVER IN THE LONGEVITY FIGURES.
MOTION: REFER THESE QUESTIONS TO THE BUDGET DIRECTOR. HE IS TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH INFORMATION, AT THIS POINT, HOW HE INTENDS TO ADDRESS THESE SHORTFALLS IN THE BUDGET.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis
COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rose Marie Blackwell
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2012

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR PRESIDENT RYAN COLTON AND COUNCILORS CLEARY, MEDEIROS, COSTA-HANLON, MCCAUL, BARBOUR, CARR AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE MR. LEONARD SHANI AND PAUL PATNEAUDE, ENGINEER FOR MR. SHANI, AND ATTORNEY DAVID GAY FOR ROBERT SOARES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M.

1. MEET FOR A PRE-REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF LEONARD SHANI, 93 SILVERSMITH LANE, TAUNTON FOR 350 ½ WINTHROP STREET FOR AN AUTO REPAIR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE REQUIRING A SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN REVIEW FROM THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MR. PATNEAUDE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 350 ½ WINTHROP STREET AND IS CLOSE TO FOGG AUTO. MR. SHANI RECENTLY PURCHASED THE PROPERTY. THERE IS AN EXISTING HOME ON THE PROPERTY WITH A LARGE GARAGE TO THE BACK WHICH HAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED, JUST PRIOR TO MR. SHANI PURCHASING THE PROPERTY. MR. SHANI LIVES IN TAUNTON AND HAS AN AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS IN RAYNHAM ON BROADWAY WHERE HE LEASES SPACE. HE WOULD LIKE TO BRING HIS OPERATION TO THIS LOCATION. THE BUILDING IS SUITED FOR IT, DESIGNED FOR HEAVY VEHICLES AS WELL AS CARS. THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH A LONG PROCESS TO THIS POINT. HE HAS GONE BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BECAUSE OF THE MIXED USE THAT THE PROPERTY HAS EVEN THOUGH IT IS ZONED BUSINESS DUE TO THE RESIDENTIAL HOME ON THE PROPERTY. ANY ISSUES BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN BEFORE THE D.I.R.B. FOR THEIR EXTENSIVE REVIEW AND THAT WAS APPROVED AS WELL. THEY HAVE RECENTLY BEEN BEFORE THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THEIR REVIEW AND RECEIVED THEIR APPROVAL AS WELL.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF MR. PATNEAUDE HAD ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS SHOWING THE APPROVALS FROM THE VARIOUS BOARDS. MR. PATNEAUDE SAID HE DID NOT. HE DID SAY THAT THE PLANNING BOARD INDICATED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD NEED THIS FOR THE HEARING. SHE FURTHER ASKED IF THEY HAD BEEN TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION. MR. PATNEAUDE SAID THERE IS NO CONSERVATION INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT, BUT THAT THE DIRB HAS A REPRESENTATIVE, THE CONSERVATION AGENT. WETLANDS ISSUES DID NOT APPLY, THEY ARE ACROSS THE STREET. SHE ALSO QUESTIONED HOW MANY BAYS THERE WOULD BE AND THE HOURS OF OPERATION. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE THREE BAYS AND THE HOURS WILL BE M-F 8-5, AND SATURDAY 8-3. SHE ASKED IF THERE WOULD BE ANY REASON FOR MR. SHANI TO STORE OILS OR ANY OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE IN BULK. MR. PATNEAUDE STATED MR. SHANI ALREADY HAS THE PERMIT. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED F THERE WAS ANY REASON MR. SHANI WOULD REQUIRE A PERMIT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. PATNEAUDE STATED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO REVIEWED THE PROJECT AND THAT IT IS GOOD TO GO.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT BEFORE THE NEXT HEARING, THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO GET THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS DOCUMENTS, THE DIRB DOCUMENT, THE PLANNING BOARD DECISION AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REVIEW IN A PACKET BEFORE THE HEARING.

MR. PATNEAUDE REPORTED THAT THE COMBINATION OF THE HOUSE AND GARAGE TRIGGERED THE ZONING BOARD REQUIREMENT BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH IT IS AN EXISTING NONCONFORMING LOT, ONCE YOU HAVE A MIXED USE, IT MAKES YOU GO BACK TO CONFORM TO ALL ZONING REQUIREMENTS, SO MR. SHANI NEEDED TO GET THE FRONTAGE ISSUE RESOLVED AND ALSO THE REAR SET BACK LINE CAME INTO

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PLAY.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ALSO FOR THE HEARING SAID SHE WOULD LIKE A STAMPED ENGINEER PLAN. COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID REGARDING THE SIZE OF THE SITE, HE IS CONCERNED THAT A NUMBER OF VEHICLES COULD BE PUT THERE. MR. PATNEAUDE SAID THAT THE INTENT IS TO GET THE VEHICLES OUT THE SAME DAY. MR. SHANI WILL HAVE TWO EMPLOYEES. HE DOES NOT HAVE A CLASS II LICENSE.

MOTION: THAT FOR THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE HEARING THE COUNCIL RECEIVE THE DIRP, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, PLANNING BOARD AND FIRE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS. SO VOTED.

MOTION: REFER THIS TO A FULL HEARING ON MARCH 13, 2012. SO VOTED.

2. **MEET FOR A PRE-REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION OF ROBERT SOARES, 195 THRASHER STREET FOR 19 KILTON STREET FOR A 24 BED GROUP HOME (SOBER HOUSE) WHICH REQUIRES A SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN REVIEW FROM THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT COLTON STATED THAT FOR FULL DISCLOSURE, ATTORNEY FRANCIS O'BOY HAS BEEN RETAINED BY SOME OF THE ABUTTERS. COUNCILOR COLTON STATED THAT HE HAS A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH ATTORNEY O'BOY, SO HE ASKED THAT A MOTION BE MADE ALLOWING HIM TO RECUSE HIMSELF AND THAT THE DEAN OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILOR BARBOUR, BE ALLOWED TO CHAIR THE MEETING.

MOTION: SO VOTED

ATTORNEY GAY PROVIDED EACH COUNCILOR WITH A COPY OF THE RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT AND HOUSE RULES FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

ATTORNEY GAY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THIS IS A SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR A PUBLI HEARING NEXT WEEK, MARCH 13, 2012 BEFORE THE FULL COUNCIL. IT IS A SPECIAL PERMIT SEEKING A PERMIT FOR WHAT IS LISTED IN THE ORDINANCE AS A SOBER HOUSE, THEY LIKE TO CALL IT A RECOVERY HOUSE. WHAT HE HAD JUST PASSED OUT WAS A DRAFT OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT WOULD BE GOVERNING THE PEOPLE THAT WOULD BE RESIDING IN THIS FACILITY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD, AND THAT BOARD HAS SENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TO THE COUNCIL WITH A NUMBER OF CONDITIONS. ALL OF THESE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO MR. GAY'S CLIENT. THEY HAVE ALSO MET WITH THE PLANNING BOARD WHICH HAS SENT A UNANIMOUS POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION IN A LETTER DATED 1/6/2012. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD MEETING, THEY WERE CONTACTED BY SOME OF THE ABUTTERS WHO ASKED TO HAVE A SUPPLEMENTAL MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD ON MARCH 1, 2012.

THIS IS A PROPOSAL FOR A RECOVERY FACILITY FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A DRUG ADDICTION OR AN ALCOHOL ADDICTION. IT IS NOT FOR PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE COURT SYSTEM. IT IS NOT FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN PUT ON PROBATION AND HAVE BEEN SENT TO A PLACE LIKE THIS. IT IS FOR SOMEBODY WHO HAS BEEN DETOXED FOR EITHER DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE AND WHO HAS BEEN CERTIFIED TO BE OFF OF THE DRUG OR ALCOHOL, THEY COME AS PART OF A RECOVERY PROCESS AND THE PROCESS OF GOING BACK TO BE A GOOD AND USEFUL CITIZEN AND FAMILY MEMBER.

THE PROCESS IS A LONG ONE AND THOSE WHO COME HAVE PROBABLY REACHED THE BOTTOM AND HOPEFULLY HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION TO RIGHT THEIR LIVES AND BECOME SOBER. THE CLIENTS ARE SUBJECT TO RANDOM DRUG SCREENING AND REGULAR DRUG SCREENING. THEY KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE SCREENED AT LEAST THREE TIMES A WEEK, AND THEY MIGHT BE SCREENED EVEN MORE. IF THEY ARE FOUND TO BE EITHER WITH ALCOHOL USE OR ABUSE OR DRUG ABUSE, THEY ARE GONE. THEY GO BACK TO DETOX OR BACK TO WHERE THEY WERE BEFORE THEY WENT INTO DETOX. THERE IS A

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NO NONSENSE POLICY HERE.

ATTORNEY GAY SAID THERE IS A TREMENDOUS NEED FOR THESE RECOVERY FACILITIES. THE GENTLEMAN RUNNING THIS FACILITY IS A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC AND HE PROVIDED TESTIMONY AT THE MEETING OF THE ABUTTERS THE OTHER NIGHT.

ATTORNEY GAY FURTHER STATED THAT FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE, HE WOULD EXPLAIN THAT THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS IN AN URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, THAT THE CITY ORDINANCE ALLOWS FOR THIS TYPE OF USE BY SPECIAL PERMIT ONLY IN AN URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. HE FURTHER SAID THAT URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS ARE THE SMALLEST LOTS IN THE CITY WITH THE MOST RESTRICTIVE SIDELINES. THIS LOT EXCEEDS THE SIZE REQUIRED BY THE URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT BY ALMOST TWICE. THIS LOT EXCEEDS ALL OF THE ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR SIDE LINE AND SET BACKS, SO DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT IS IN A RELATIVELY CONNECTED NEIGHBORHOOD, IT IS ONE OF THE FEW PARCELS IN THE CITY IN THE URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WITH AN OLDER HOME, THE SIZE THAT THIS IS, THE CAPACITY THAT THIS PROPERTY HAS, THAT EXCEEDS ALL OF THE ZONING ORDINANCES. THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT THERE AREN'T CLOSE ABUTTERS BECAUSE THERE ARE. AT THE DIRB MEETING DISCUSSED WAS A LOT OF THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE TO LESSEN IMPACT OF ANY USE AT THIS PROPERTY ON THE ABUTTERS. ONE OF WHICH WAS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CARS THAT COULD BE ON THE PROPERTY EVEN THOUGH THERE IS PARKING FOR A LARGE NUMBER. A SECOND ONE WAS ONE THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO DO BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT CHANGING THE SITE BUT THEY AGREED TO DO. THIS WAS TO SOLVE A DRAINAGE ISSUE THAT INVOLVES ONE OF THE ABUTTING PROPERTIES. THEY HAVE AGREED TO PUT UP APPROPRIATE FENCING AND ADOPT A NUMBER OF RULES AND REGULATIONS ALL OF WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANDOUT.

ATTORNEY GAY SAID THAT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING THEY WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON BOTH THE ZONING ASPECTS AND WHY THIS LOT COMPLIES OR EXCEEDS THE ZONING REQUIREMENTS, THEY WILL EXPLAIN THE PROGRAM AND THE RULES, AND HE BELIEVES THAT THE COUNCIL WILL COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THIS IS A PROGRAM THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE CITY. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THE CITY HAS ALLOWED IT BY ORDINANCE BY SPECIAL PERMIT, AND HE SUGGESSED THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO FIND MANY PROPERTIES IF ANY OTHER IN THE CITY OF TAUNTON IN THE URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE A BULDING OF THIS SIZE, WITH A LOT AS LARGE AS THIS.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT HE HAS TOURED THE FACILITY, AND A LOT OF THINGS THAT MR. GAY SAID ABOUT THE SITE ARE APPROPRIATE. HE ASKED HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS WHEN THEY HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS AND ALMOST FEAR ABOUT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEING IN THE AREA, THEIR PROPERTY VALUES GOING DOWN, THE TRAFFIC THIS IS GOING TO CREATE, AND OVERALL SAFETY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL FROM ONE OF THE ABUTTERS THAT WENT TO THE MEETING ON MARCH 1ST AND IN THE PRESENTATION IT WAS SAID THAT IN THIS KIND OF A PROGRAM THERE IS 50% SUCCESS OF RECOVERY, WHICH INDICATES THERE IS A 50% FAILURE. ALSO IT WAS SAID AT THE MEETING THAT RELAPSE IS A COMMON ISSUE WHEN DEALING WITH THIS ILLNESS. HOW DO YOU ASSURE THIS RESIDENTIAL AREA THAT IT IS NOT GOING TO IMPACT THEM. ATTORNEY GAY SAID HE WILL HAVE RESPONSES TO THOSE ISSUES FOR THE HEARING.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID ANOTHER ISSUE IS THE CORI CHECKS. ATTORNEY GAY SAID THAT THEY WILL ALL BE CORI CHECKED, AND THESE ARE NOT PEOPLE WHO HAVE CRIMINAL HISTORIES.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THEY ARE DOING CORI CHECKS ON THE CLIENTS, WHAT TYPES OF INCIDENTS WILL EXCLUDE THEM. THE ONLY THING HE SAW WAS LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDERS. ATTORNEY GAY SAID HE WILL HAVE THAT INFORMATION FOR THE HEARING. COUNCILOR CLEARY ALSO STATED THAT THE STAFF TO CLIENT RATIO IS A REAL CONCERN FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE AS IT IS 1 TO 24. MR. GAY SAID THEY ARE LOOKING AT THE STAFF RATIOS AND WILL HAVE A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FOR THE HEARING. MR. CLEARY ALSO SAID THAT HE LOOKED AT THE HOUSE RULES, AND ONE

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OF THE RULES IS THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO BECOME AN EMPLOYEE. HE IS NOT SURE THAT IS SUFFICIENT. HE SAID PEOPLE NEED SOME ASSURANCE THAT THERE WILL BE PROPER SUPERVISION AND SUPPORT FROM CAPABLE INDIVIDUALS.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW A COUPLE OF THINGS BEFORE SHE MAKES A DECISION. SHE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WOULD BE THE ONGOING MONITORING OF THE FACILITY. SHE ASKED THAT ATTORNEY GAY APPROACH HIS CLIENTS AND SEE WHAT REASONABLE AMOUNT OF OVERSIGHT FROM EITHER OUR BOARD OF HEALTH OR SOMEONE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY THAT WOULD DEAL WITH THE KIND OF CLIENTELE THEY WOULD BE SERVICING, WHAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO DO ON AN ONGOING BASES. ATTORNEY GAY SAID THEY HAVE A PLAN FOR THAT. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID TO POSSIBLY HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT SOMETHING LIKE THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ALSO STATED THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS ZERO TOLERANCE WHEN IT COMES TO USING AGAIN, BUT SHE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THESE OTHER RULES ARE NOT FOLLOWED. IS THERE PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE, WHAT WILL HAPPEN ALONG THOSE LINES. SHE ALSO ASKED THAT ATTORNEY GAY DISCUSS WITH HIS CLIENT HAVING SOME MECHANISM SO THAT IF SOMEONE IS ASKED TO LEAVE, THEY ARE ESCORTED FROM THE PREMISES OR THE NEIGHBORHOOD, OR IF THEY ARE ASKED TO LEAVE THERE IS A SPECIFIC POINT WHERE THEY ARE BROUGHT. SHE STATED THAT SOME MAY NOT BE FROM TAUNTON AND SHE DOES NOT WANT PEOPLE TO JUST LEAVE THE FACILITY AND BE WONDERING AROUND THE COMMUNITY. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT THE FACILITY WOULD MAKE A CONNECTION FOR THOSE PEOPLE SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE DETOX.

ATTORNEY GAY SAID THAT THE RESIDENTS ARE THERE VOLUNTARILY. THEY ARE NOT CRIMINALS. THEY LIVE AMONGST US NOW. HE WILL ADDRESS ALL OF THE ISSUES.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE ARE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS THAT ARE CONSCIOUS OF ISSUES OF PERMITTING AND ZONING AROUND THESE TYPE OF RESIDENTIAL HOUSES. ATTORNEY GAY STATED THAT HE FEELS THAT THERE IS A GOOD LEGAL ARGUMENT THAT THEY DO NOT EVEN NEED TO COME BEFORE THIS BOARD FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT. THEY HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO DO SO BECAUSE THEY FEEL IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE MONITORING, IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON. THEY ARE NOT TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM THE NEIGHBORS OR ANYONE ELSE. HE DID SAY HE UNDERSTANDS THAT WITH A SPECIAL PERMIT THE COUNCIL CAN PUT IN RESTRICTIONS AND REVIEWS. THE DIRB CAME UP WITH SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF MR. GAY'S CLIENT HAS CONSIDERED REDUCING THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS FROM 24, WHICH IS ALLOWED ESPECIALLY IF THE NUMBERS DON'T MAKE SENSE TO HIS CLIENT TO ADD MORE STAFF. ATTORNEY GAY STATED THAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT STAFFING AND WILL HAVE A PLAN FOR THE HEARING. THEY ARE WILLING ALSO TO HAVE PERIODIC REVIEWS BY THE COUNCIL AND PERHAPS START WITH A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS, AND IF THINGS ARE GOING WELL THE NUMBER COULD GO UP, OR IF NOT THE NUMBER COULD GO DOWN. THEY ARE FLEXIBLE IN THAT RESPECT. ATTORNEY GAY SAID THAT HIS CLIENT CURRENTLY WORKS AT A FACILITY LIKE THIS IN ATTLEBORO.

COUNCILOR MEDEIROS SAID THAT IN READING OVER THE CONTRACT AND HOUSE RULES, IF THE TENANTS USE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL THEY WILL BE EVICTED IMMEDIATELY. HE ASKED IF THERE WAS SOME TYPE OF PROCEDURE IN THE LAW THAT ALLOWS SOMEONE TO BE KICKED OUT OF A PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS IMMEDIATELY OR WOULD THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE REGULAR HOUSING COURT PROCESS.

ATTORNEY GAY STATED THAT THEY ARE PAYING FOR THE SERVICES OF BEING IN THIS DRUG FREE ALCOHOL FREE ENVIRONMENT. THAT IS WHAT THEY SIGN ONTO WHEN THEY COME IN. THE GENERAL RULE IS THAT IF THEY BREAK A RULE, THE PROCESS IS THAT THEY ARE ESCORTED BACK FROM WHENCE THEY CAME, WHETHER IT IS A DETOX CENTER, HOSPITAL, SOMEPLACE WHERE THEY CAN BE EVALUATED

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BEFORE THEY ARE LET GO ON THEIR OWN. THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE 30 DAY NOTICE. COUNCILOR POTTIER REQUESTED TO BE PROVIDED WITH THE ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY IN ATTLEBORO. COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT THAT THE RESIDENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE A RESIDENT OF TAUNTON. ATTORNEY GAY SAID THAT IS CORRECT. COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE HAS TOURED THE HOUSE. SHE FURTHER STATED THAT EVERYONE REALIZES THE NEED FOR SUCH A FACILITY, BUT IN THE END, SHE WILL WIEGH IN WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE NEIGHBORS.

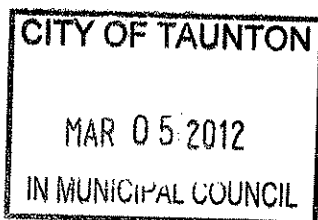
COUNCILOR MCCAUL STATED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLS ON THIS ISSUE. THE MAJOR CONCERN IS THE SAFETY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ALSO THERE IS A CONCERN WITH WHO WOULD BE ADMINISTERING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND DOES THE PERSON RUNNING THIS FACILITY HAVE A LICENSE TO DISPENSE THE DRUGS. IT WAS NOTED THAT THEY WON'T TAKE ANYONE WHO REQUIRES SERIOUS MEDICATIONS DUE TO SERIOUS MEDICAL ISSUES.

COUNCILOR BARBOUR ASKED IF ATTORNEY GAY COULD SHARE THE ALTERNATE USES IF THIS BOARD DOES NOT PASS THIS APPLICANT'S REQUEST. HE ALSO SUGGESTED HAVING THE NEIGHBORS VISIT AND SEE THE FACILITY. ATTORNEY GAY SAID THEY DO NOT OWN THE PROPERTY YET. COUNCILOR BARBOUR ALSO ASKED TO HAVE THE SIZES OF THE ROOMS FOR NEXT WEEK AND ALSO THAT ATTORNEY GAY SPEAK TO ANY ADA REQUIREMENTS.

MOTION: THAT ATTORNEY GAY PROVIDE THE DIRB DECESION, THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD DECISION AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS FROM ANY OTHER BOARDS. ALSO THAT A STAMPED PLAN AND A LAYOUT OF THE BUILDING BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL BY FRIDAY NOON.

MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER TO A FULL HEARING NEXT WEEK.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:52 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PRESENT WERE: ACTING CHAIRMAN RYAN COLTON AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL, MEDEIROS AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FRED CORNAGLIA, ASSISTANT D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TONY ABREAU, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN, STREET DIVISION SUPERVISOR JOHN LAWRENCE, JOE FEDERICO OF BETA AND BENJAMIN LEVESQUE OF C.D.M.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO APPROVE SEWER CONTRACT FOR UPGRADES TO THE SYSTEM

BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR THE PHASE 8 REHABILITATION WORK TO THE EXISTING SEWER SYSTEM. THERE WERE 11 BIDDERS AND THE LOWEST BIDDER WAS SB GENERAL CONTRACTING. THEY ARE CURRENTLY DOING THE WORK ON WINTHROP STREET AND THEY DID THE DUFFY DRIVE SEWER EXTENSION. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEMS WITH THEM. THEY CAME IN AS THE LOW BIDDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,481,586.33.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE BID OF SB GENERAL CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,481,586.33. SO VOTED.

2. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER AND WATER SUPERINTENDENT TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES

THIS IS FOR 2012 WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS AND THE PROJECT STREETS INCLUDE COHANNET STREET FROM HIGH STREET TO TAUNTON GREEN, WINTHROP STREET FROM HIGH STREET TO TAUNTON GREEN, HIGH STREET FROM COHANNET STREET TO WINTHROP STREET, POST OFFICE SQUARE, DIGHTON AVENUE, DEAN STREET, (RT 44/104), AGAWAM STREET AND RIVERVIEW STREET, DISAMAR ROAD AND RIVER ROAD THE T.H.S. ACCESS ROAD (OFF GORDON OWEN PARKWAY) AND PINE RIDGE CIRCLE AND OVERLOOK DRIVE. THERE WERE SEVEN BIDDERS AND THE LOW BID WAS CELCO CONSTRUCTION CORP. AT \$1,325,596.64. THE AVAILABLE FUNDING UNDER THE SRF LOAN WAS \$1.2 MILLION. THE PROJECT WAS BID WITH A "DEDUCT ALTERNATE" – COHANNET STREET AND POST OFFICE SQUARE. THE THREE LOW BIDDERS STAYED THE SAME WITH THE DEDUCT ALTERNATE WITH THE LOWEST AGAIN BEING CELCO CONSTRUCTION CORP AT \$1,159,519.61. THERE ARE TWO PROJECT AWARD OPTIONS. OPTION 1 IS THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEDUCT ALLOWS FOR PROJECT AWARD UNDER AVAILABLE FUNDING. OPTION 2 WOULD BE TO VOTE TO INCREASE THE OVERALL PROJECT APPROPRIATION FROM \$6.3 MILLION TO \$6.5 MILLION. THE PREVIOUS DRINKING WATER SRF LOANS CARRY A BLANCE OF UN-BORROWED FUNDS THAT IS \$230,000. INCREASING THE CURRENT LOAN AMOUNT WOULD NOT IMPACT THE RATES AND WOULD NOT INCREASE THE DEBT SERVICE. THE RATES WERE PREVIOUSLY SET BASED ON THE FULL BORROWED AMOUNT OF ALL LOANS. A COUNCIL VOTE IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT AND THE CITY BOND COUNCIL WOULD NEED TO APPROVE THE INCREASE WITH A "GREEN LIGHT" LETTER. IF THIS IS AWARDED BY APRIL 1, 2012, THE PROJECT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS WHICH HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN BETWEEN 10-35%.

MOTION: MOVE THE \$6.53 MILLION FOR THE REQUESTED WATER PROJECTS. SO VOTED. THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER NOTED THAT HE HAS HAD CONFERENCE CALLS WITH D.E.P. SO THEY ARE FULLY AWARE.

COUNCILOR MEDEIROS ASKED IF THEY FELT CONFIDENT THEY CAN GET THE GREEN LIGHT LETTER FROM BOND COUNSEL BEFORE APRIL 1ST. THEY SAID YES. IF THERE IS AN ISSUE THEY WILL REDUCE IT TO \$6.3

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MILLION.

3. **MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FOR AN UPDATE ON HARTS FOUR CORNERS INTERSECTION**

THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER REPORTED THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE SAFETY OFFICER AND THE TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER FROM BETA AND THEY TALKED ABOUT THE SEQUENCE AND THE CYCLE ON THE TIMING OF THE LIGHTS COMING SOUTHERLY OUT OF THE CITY AND NORTHERLY COMING INTO THE CITY, AND BOTH SIDES OF HART STREET. THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK AT A STUDY FOR WHAT WOULD BE THE PHASING OF THE TRAFFIC LIGHT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK IN 2-4 WEEKS AS THEY DO WANT TO DO THIS FURTHER STUDY.

MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS FOR FOUR WEEKS.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ASKED THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO LOOK INTO HAVING THE RIGHT LANE FOR LEFT TURN ONLY AND THE LEFT TURN FOR STRAIGHT AND RIGHT TURNS.

COUNCILOR MEDEIROS ASKED IF THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVAL OF MASS. D.O.T. THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER SAID YES. COUNCILOR MEDEIROS ASKED TO HAVE SOME RESPONSE FROM MASS.D.O.T. FOR THE MEETING IN FOUR WEEKS.

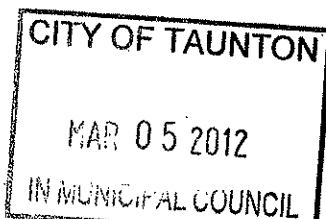
4. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**

A. THE ASSISTANT D.P.W. COMMISSIONER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY HAD GOTTEN AN UPDATE ON THE DESIGN FOR HARTS FOUR CORNERS INTERSECTION. THIS WILL BE A COMPLETE REBUILD. THE CONSULTANTS FOR THE D.P.W. HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS SINCE JULY 8TH, THE SUBMITTAL TO MASS. HIGHWAY WITH THE 25% HAS BEEN IN, AND THEY HAVE BEEN GETTING ALL THE COMMENTS BACK FROM THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES AT MASS. D.O.T. IT COULD BE ANOTHER 6 MONTHS TO A YEAR BEFORE EVERYTHING IS COMPLETED. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE FUNDING FOR THE 100% PLAN IS IN PLACE, BUT THEY WILL NEED FUNDING FOR THE ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION

B. IT WAS NOTED THAT NO PARKING SIGNS POPPED UP ON FLORAL STREET. THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER WILL CHECK INTO THIS.

C. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT MOREY'S BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WILL START NEXT WEEK. BOTH BENJAMIN'S AND ANDY'S MARKET WERE PROMISED APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE. THERE ARE NO SIGNS YET. THE ASSISTANT D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TALKED TO D.O.T. AND TWO ELECTRIC SIGNS WILL BE ON ROUTE 495. THERE WILL BE SIGNS ON BAY STREET. THE D.P.W. AND MASS. D.O.T. WILL HOPEFULLY BE MEETING THIS WEEK, AND THEY ALSO HAVE TO MEET WITH THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS. COUNCILOR CARR ALSO WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS THE DATES OF THE CLOSING, AND SHE ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER THE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. SHE WOULD LIKE SIGNS AT ALL INTERSECTIONS. THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER SAID THERE WILL BE A FLOOD OF SIGNS. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT SCADDINGS STREET BRIDGE HAS A WEIGHT LIMIT SO TRUCKS CANNOT TAKE THIS ROAD

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis
COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Kate Marie Blackwood
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH AND RECREATION

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JOHN MCCAUL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR, MEDEIROS AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE ANNEMARIE MATULS, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE, DEBORAH BROWN, ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR, BENJAMIN A. FRIEDMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, GEORGE LARKIN, CHAIR, SEMA-VAV AND TRACEY MEDEIROS, ALTERNATE CHAIR, SEMAVAV.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:55 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH ANNEMARIE MATULIS, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE, GEORGE LARKIN, CHAIR, SEMA-VAV, DEBORAH BROWN, ADJUSTMENT COUNCILOR AT FRIEDMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TRACEY MEDEIROS, ALTERNATE CHAIR OF SEMA-VAV TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN A COLLABORATIVE AND COOPERATIVE MANNER TO SERVE THE YOUTH OF TAUNTON**

MS. MATULIS, THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. SHE STATED THAT THE THREE TASK FORCES ARE FUNDED BY THE MASS. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THE PURPOSE OF THEM BEING HERE IS THAT THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SOLID MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SUPPORT AND THIS IS THE PERCEPTION OF THE COMMUNITY.

IT WAS NOTED THAT FOR REGIONAL EVENTS ON THE SUBJECTS OF SUICIDE, VIOLENCE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, IF JUST THE NAME OF THE COMMUNITY IS ATTACHED IT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE. THE NAME GETS PEOPLE'S ATTENTION. THE MAYOR HAS THESE ISSUES AND TASK FORCES ON HIS PRIORITY LIST.

MS. BROWN STATED THAT SHE HAS SERVED WITH THE PEOPLE ON THESE TASK FORCES AND THEY ARE GENUINELY COMMITTED AND CONCERNED WITH THE YOUTH OF THE CITY AND THEY DESERVE THE CITY'S HELP.

IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT THEY ARE APPLYING FOR A 5 YEAR GRANT WHICH IS DUE MARCH 22ND. REQUEST WAS MADE THAT MS. MATULIS WORK WITH THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

MOTION: SO MOVED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT WHEN SHE WAS COUNCIL PRESIDENT IT WAS DISCUSSED HAVING A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TASK FORCES.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SUGGESTED LOOKING AT PERHAPS THREE TIMES A YEAR SCHEDULING A MEETING WITH THE TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVES AND THEN SOME COUNCILORS COULD ATTEND WHICH WOULD IMPROVE COMMUNICATION.

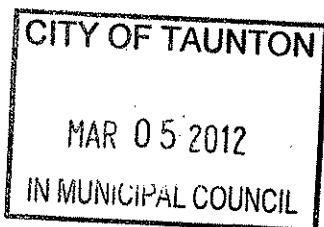
COUNCILOR CARR SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL TO SEND THE COUNCIL THE MINUTES OF MEETINGS WITH ANY NOTES THAT THEY MAY NEED THE COUNCIL TO ACT ON.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

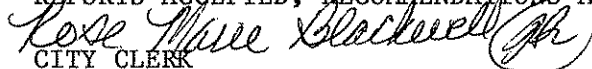
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



ROSE MARIE BLACKWELL
CITY CLERK