



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, May 1, 2012 at 7:35 O'clock P.M.
Good Government Day*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

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

Communications from the Mayor:

The Mayor stated that today is Good Government Day. At this time, the students introduced themselves.

The Mayor stated that beginning June 25, 2012 the hours of operation for City Hall office, the Treasurer/Collector and Auditor at 55 Weir Street, the Board of Health, and Taunton Emergency Management will change as follows: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesdays 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, and Fridays 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Additionally, as of yesterday, the Board of Health no longer closes their office at lunchtime. Councilor Marshall asked if the signatories for building permits would be available on Tuesday evenings for people to have their permits signed until 7:00 PM. The Mayor stated that is the intention on this. He will be working with software companies to make permitting process easier. Councilor Pottier asked if anything was bargained away due to the agreement of these hours by the unions. The Mayor stated no. Councilor Carr asked if there were any changes to the contracts and if the hours were written in. The Mayor stated there were no monetary changes and the days and hours will be written in. Time off will be changed to an hourly accrual system versus a daily system by the Human Resource Director. Councilor Carr stated that she feels there is a definite need for extended hours but she would have rather have seen staggered schedule on certain days rather than a half day on Fridays. The Mayor stated that this plan worked for everyone so that is why they moved forward with it. The Mayor expressed gratitude to the COTMA Union and the 1144 Unions for their cooperation.

The student Mayor read a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May, 2012 as Mental Health Awareness month in the City of Taunton. John Brennan and Roberta Guez were presented with the proclamation. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

At this time, the Mayor presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 5, 2012 as Paint the Town Purple Day which marks the official kick-off of Relay for Life in the City of Taunton to Lori Ippolito, publicity chair for the Relay For Life of Greater Taunton which will be held at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School on June 15-16, 2012.

Motion was made to move adoption. So Voted.

Communications:

Com. submitted by City Solicitor submitting the ballot question for the Proposed Destination Resort Casino. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Conservation Agent submitting a response regarding trash at 1 Mozzone Boulevard, Mill River Plaza, and 17 Park Street stating that she has spoken with all the property owners who agreed to take care of this matter. **Motion was made to thank Michelle Restino, Conservation Agent and receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board submitting a recommendation on the "Approval Not Required Plan (Form A): to define the layout of Broadway as it currently exists stating that the Planning Board voted to endorse the plan and forward a recommendation to have the Municipal Council accept this section of roadway as a public way in the City of Taunton. Councilor Barbour asked for a copy of the map. Councilor Marshall stated he would email the Council a copy. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works Committee. So Voted.**

Com. from Willitts Mendonca, President, Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc. requesting a waiver of the portable stage usage fee for the annual Day of Portugal on June 9, 2012. **Motion was made to move approval to waive the fee.**

Com. from Jeffrey Hunt, Treasurer, PRIDE, Inc., 3 Maple Street, Taunton requesting a waiver of a building permit fee for the roofing of a section of their building at 3 Maple Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Francis Lagace, 36 Stevens Street, East Taunton requesting equal opportunity be given to those in opposition of the proposed casino as was given to those in favor of this project during their May 5, 2012 open house. Councilor Pottier asked what the plans are for allowing people with opposing views to speak? The Mayor stated the plan is to provide public information. Not to support the pros or the cons. Anyone can rent space by contacting the Superintendent of Schools to hold a meeting within their building. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Jose Fernandes, Jr., Principal Electrical Engineer, TMLP responding on the Harts Four Corners Pedestrian Signals Timing Concerns stating that after observing the operation of the traffic lights, he found no issues. He stated it may be beneficial for the City of Taunton to consider utilizing "Countdown" pedestrian signals at its heavily traveled pedestrian crossings. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read a communication submitted by Michele Restino, Conservation regarding land adjacent to Taunton Municipal Airport at Betsy Road Map-Lot 110-131

stating that some of the land is upland but the majority of the property is wetland with the convergence of a brook at the northwest corner of the proper and a potential vernal pool due west of #70 Bettsy Road. She also states there is an estimated 3 of the 4.25 acres of land that is wetland. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Petition submitted by Donna M. Francis requesting a renewal of her Livery License A&D Enterprises –DBA- Pegasus Airport Service located at 48 Worcester Street. (3 Vehicles) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by John Pacheco requesting a renewal of his Livery License for Airport Express Direct, Inc. located at 66 Mary Drive, Taunton. (1 Vehicle) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Nancy Souza, President 33 Chester Street, Taunton requesting a renewal of the Second Hand Article License for The Bargain Bazaar Thrift Shop, Inc., located at 320 Bay Street and requesting a waiver of the license fee as they are non-profit. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by James Silvia, Jr. requesting a renewal of his Antique Deal's License –DBA- Memorable Memorabilia located at 45 Baylies Road, Taunton for internet sales. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Vivienie Thorpe, Sr. Claims Adjuster, Dane Shulman Associates, LLC, 1629 Blue Hill Avenue, P.O. Box 269100, Mattapan on behalf of her client Carolyn Hardy who slipped and fell due to water on the floor at Mulcahey School near the front door. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by John Fan, 39 Welch Road, Brookline seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a sharp pipe on the roadway on John Adams Road near Kopin Corporation. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Special Permit/Site Plan Review for a modification of a special permit/site plan review for a four family use at 63 Plain Street located in the Urban Residential District submitted by Jose Camara, 63 Plain Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to a public hearing. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. So Voted.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that the breakout of the costs on the actual plan for economic benefits consultant only listed the total benefits and costs of the two major bidders. Therefore, he motioned that IWT and We Care provide a breakout of costs by line item for next week's agenda. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Mayor provide an update to the Council on the Health Care Trust Audit once he receives the information. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills meet on May 15, 2012 to continue the discussion on the trash fee. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour stated he received an email from Frank Campbell, IWT informing him that he has yet to hear from Mr. Gregory to discuss a third party resolution as requested by the Municipal Council.

New Business:

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that a tree fell in the river near the Weir Bridge and motioned to refer this matter to the Department of Public Works, Taunton Emergency Management, and Mosquito Control. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour motioned to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole to meet no later than the first week in June with the Risk Manager and the City Solicitor regarding insurance renewal options. So Voted.

Council motioned to meet in the next thirty (30) days in executive session for an informal update on the City Hall fire and the progress that has been made in the past year and a half with the City Solicitor, Police Chief, and Mr. Spencer, Lead Investigator.

Councilor Carr expressed gratitude to the Citizens who participated in the Earth Day Cleanup of the City.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated she received a communication from Karen Kullas, TEAM regarding cameras on Stevens Street as there is a section of railroad tracks off of Stevens Street that receives a lot of illegal dumping and Ms. Kullas was questioning who is responsible for monitoring the cameras and she would like signs erected discouraging dumping and that there are cameras in use. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Councilor Colton motioned to refer the issue of large truck traffic on Burt Street to the Police Chief and the Safety Officer. So Voted.

The Mayor thanked everyone for their participation in Good Government Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR COLTON

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:36 P.M.

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

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL FOR THE WEEK

A SECOND WARRANT WAS PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE WHICH REPRESENTED THE EMPLOYEE'S SHARE OF THE EARLY RETIRE REINSURANCE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OF 2010. EACH QUALIFYING EMPLOYEE WHO SUBSCRIBED TO THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2012 WAS ISSUED A CHECK FOR \$110.00.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE WARANT FOR THE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,660.00

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS FOR THE WEEK

2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

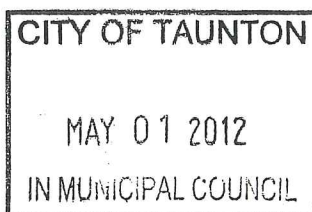
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF WAYNE WALKDEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS TO TRANSFER \$1,600.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-192-202-5599 – CITY HALL EXPENSES TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-192-201-5109 – CITY HALL SALARIES AND WAGES

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$6,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-202-5301 – MEDICAL EXPENSES FY12 TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-206-5301 – MEDICAL EXPENSE FY 11 TO PAY A PRIOR YEAR BILL

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF ASSISTANT D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO TRANSFER \$51,000.00 AS FOLLOWS:

\$15,000.00	FROM ACCOUNT NO. 60-400-202-5319 – COMMISSIONER PROF/TECH
	TO ACCOUNT NO. 60-480-202-5481 – VMD – GAS/DIESEL
\$20,000.00	FROM ACCOUNT NO. 60-422-202-5213 – OIL & HEAT - STREET
	TO ACCOUNT NO. 60-480-202-5481 – VMD – GAS/DIESEL
\$10,000.00	FROM ACCOUNT NO. 60-443-202-5377 – TRASH - RECYCLE
	TO ACCOUNT NO. 60-422-201-5130 – STREET – OVERTIME
\$6,000.00	FROM ACCOUNT NO. 60-422-202-5213 – OIL & HEAT - STREET
	TO ACCOUNT NO. 60-480-201-5130 – VMD – OVERTIME

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:41 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Jennifer R. Regan
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND MCCAUL.
ALSO PRESENT WAS FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY BRADSHAW

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF TO DISCUSS HIS REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED CIVIL SERVICE LISTS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF, CAPTAIN AND LIEUTENANT.

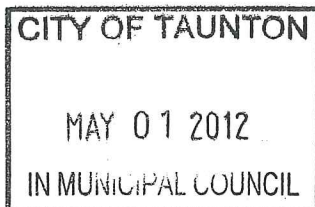
THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT HE IS REQUESTING THAT THE CLERK FORWARD TO HIS OFFICE THE NEWEST CERTIFIED CIVIL SERVICE LISTS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF, CAPTAIN, AND LIEUTENANT SO THAT HE CAN PROCEED TO APPOINT A PROVISIONAL DEPUTY CHIEF IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO FILL THE VACANCY OF DEPUTY EDWARD BOIROS WHO WILL BE OUT OF WORK BEYOND 30 DAYS DUE TO A LINE OF DUTY INJURY. THESE ARE ALSO ALL CONTRACTUAL.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL TO CALL FOR THE LISTS.

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. THE FIRE CHIEF WAS ASKED ABOUT A FIRE ON ARLINGTON STREET. HE STATED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON IT YET.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR BARBOUR.
ALSO PRESENT WERE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH AND JENIFER BASTILLE OF THE SAE
NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND JENNIFER BASTILLE OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE TO REVIEW THE SNI MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND TO FOLLOW UP WITH ISSUES DISCUSSED WITH THE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 13, 2012

PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE WERE THE MARCH AND APRIL CRIME WATCH MEETING MINUTES AND PLAN OF ACTION REPORTS. ALSO A MAY MEETING SCHEDULE WAS PROVIDED.

MOTION: DOCUMENTS TO BE PART OF THE RECORD

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC PROBLEM HOUSES IN THE SHORES STREET AREA AND THE WEIR AREA, AND ALSO POSSIBLE DRUG DEALING AT CERTAIN HOUSES. THE SHORES STREET AREA IS ALSO HAVING A PROBLEM WITH ATV AND DIRT BIKES AND THE WEIR AREA HAS ISSUES WITH THE CEMETERY ON COHANNET STREET. IN THE WHITTENTON AREA THE TOP CONCERNS WERE WHITTENTON PARK, ATV AND DIRT BIKE ISSUES AND ISSUES WITH SPEEDING ON WHITTENTON AND HOPEWELL STREETS. IT WAS NOTED THAT COUNCILOR CLEARY HAD SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, AND DUE TO HIS ABSENCE, HE WILL BE ASKED TO E-MAIL HIS QUESTIONS DIRECTLY.

DISCUSSED AGAIN WAS HAVING A ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR COUNCILORS TO ATTEND THE SNI MEETINGS.

A GENTLEMEN IN THE AUDIENCE ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE AND SAID HE FEELS THAT THE CRIME WATCH MEETINGS ARE VERY HELPFUL, COMPLAINTS ARE BEING ADDRESSED AND THERE IS GOOD SUPPORT. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PATROL OFFICERS AT THE MEETINGS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM THE OFFICERS AND THEY HAVE COME IN ON THEIR OWN TIME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

COUNCILOR BARBOUR STATED THAT ON WEST BRITANNIA STREET SOME RESIDENTS ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH ATV'S. HE WILL PROVIDE THE CHIEF BY E-MAIL THE INFORMATION.

IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT CHIEF WALSH AND MS. BASTILLE ARE ALWAYS INTERACTING WITH THE TAUNTON HOUSING AUTHORITY. THEY ARE KEPT INFORMED REGARDING THE HOPE VI GRANT AND THEY WILL BE ADDRESSING SECURITY ISSUES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE AS WELL.

2. MEET FOR AN UPDATE ON NORTH WALKER STREET

THE POLICE CHIEF REPORTED THAT THE TMLP WILL PUT LIGHTS ON SOME ADDITIONAL POLES. HE HAS DONE A SPEED STUDY AND HE IS NOT REALLY SEEING EXCESSIVE SPEED. HE WILL CONTINUE WORK UP IN THIS AREA. HE NOTED THAT RADAR HAS BEEN ON THE STREET AND THAT THE SPEED LIMIT IS 45 MPH.

3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT PROMOTIONAL EXAMS AND THAT HE RECOMMENDS THE EXAM AND ASSESSMENT CENTER OPTION. BOTH HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE CITY SOLICITOR ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS.

MOTION: TO TABLE THIS MATTER UNTIL MR. CLEARY RETURNS

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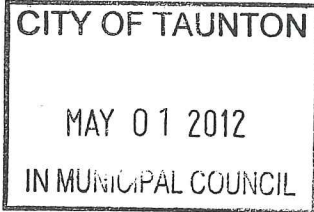
THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE – CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:31 P.M.

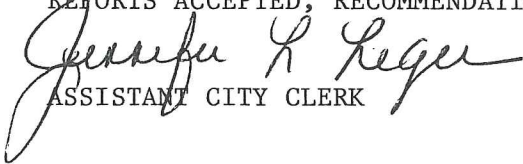
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2012

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT RYAN COLTON AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, CARR, MCCAUL, POTTIER, COSTA-HANLON, MEDEIROS AND MARSHALL. ALSO PRESENT WAS MARK ALLEN OF W. H. RILEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:54 P.M.

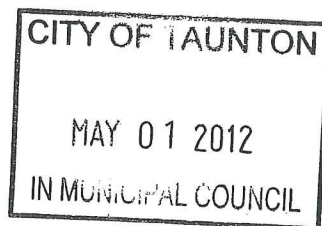
1. **MEET FOR A PRE-REVIEW HEARING ON SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR AN EXPANSION OF A LP GAS STORAGE USE AT 125 WINTER STREET**
MR. ALLEN OF W. H. RILEY IS PROPOSING TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL 30,000 GALLON STORAGE TANK. HE CURRENTLY HAS PROPANE ON THE SITE. THE TANK WILL BE 25 FEET LONG AND ABOUT 15 FEET IN DIAMETER AND WILL BE LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY. MR. ALLEN IS AWARE OF THE D.I.R.B. CONDITIONS AND HAS NO ISSUE WITH THEM.
MOTION: TO REFER THIS TO A FULL HEARING
MOTION: TO RECESS THE MEETING AT 5:59 P.M.

MEETING CALLED BACK FROM RECESS AT 6:34 P.M.

2. **MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN UPDATE ON LITIGATION FROM THE LAW DEPARTMENT**
MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

NO MOTIONS WERE MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #13
FY 2012
MAY 1, 2012

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF SIX THOUSAND

DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$6,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-202-5301 – MEDICAL EXPENSES FY 12

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-220-206-5301 – MEDICAL EXPENSE FY 11

..... *Clerk.*



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #12
FY 2012
MAY 1, 2012

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND

SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,600.00) BE AND HEREBY IS

TRANSFERRED FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-192-202-5599 –

CITY HALL EXPENSES

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 1-192-201-5109 – CITY HALL SALARIES AND WAGES

..... *Clerk.*



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #14
FY 2012
MAY 1, 2012

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF FIFTY ONE

THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$51,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED

AS FOLLOWS:

\$15,000.00 FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT NO.

60-400-202-5319 – COMMISSIONER – PROF/TECH

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 60-480-202-5481 – VMD – GAS/DIESEL

\$20,000.00 FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT NO.

60-422-202-5213 – OIL & HEAT – STREET

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 60-480-202-5481 – VMD – GAS/DIESEL

10,000.00 FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT NO.

60-443-202-5377 – TRASH – RECYCLE

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 60-422-201-5130 – STREET – OVERTIME

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TO: ACCOUNT NO. 60-480-201-5130 – VMD - OVERTIME

..... *Clerk.*