



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, September 25, 2012 at 7:01 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

The Mayor requested a moment of silence in memory of Stanley Brezinski, longtime businessman and resident of the City of Taunton who passed away. His daughter Charlene works in our Human Services Department

Present at roll call were: Councilors Marshall, Cleary, Colton, Medeiros, Costa-Hanson, Pottier, McCaul, Carr, Barbour

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

Communications from the Mayor:

The Mayor stated we will be reinstating the Information Technology Advisory Board Committee and Councilor Marshall has agreed to serve on it one more time. Anyone interested should contact the Mayor. He stated we will have changes in our IT Department, formerly the Automation Department, to move the department forward.

The Mayor stated he has a proclamation that he will read at the end of the meeting.

Communications:

Com. from City Engineer requesting to pay a prior year bill in the amount of \$96.00 for reimbursement for his PE License renewal which is required for his position as an engineer. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Director, Planning and Conservation requesting an appropriation to either purchase or lease a new photocopier. **Motion was made to move approval and refer to the Mayor's Office to buy or lease. Council Cleary suggested looking at local merchants that are also on state bid. So Voted.**

Com. from Sanitary Inspector, Board of Health responding on 524 Hodges Ave. stating that during an inspection in September they only found high grass in the very rear of the property and the rest of the area looks well cared for. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Sanitary Inspector, Board of Health responding on the condition of the interior of a dwelling at 53 Berkley St. stating that significant progress has been made in the upstairs however, the lower level is still in a state of disrepair and a re-inspection will

conducted in October. **Motion was made to refer back to the Board of Health for a follow-up back to the Council in one month and refer to Ms. Ellis to refer this communication to the residents of the area who notified the Board of Health of this situation. So Voted.**

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

Com. from Alie Soutan, owner of Grampy's Corner Store, 165 High Street, Taunton requesting the Council reconsider approval of a 24 hour operating license. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief for his recommendations. Additionally, that the Police Chief provide statistics on crime calls from when they close and show statistics from before. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read an extra communication he sent regarding an email he received from Chris Lopes, 5 Biltmore St., Taunton who stated he received his excise tax bill along with a demand and interest in the amount of \$30.33 and he has never received any bills so he does not understand why he is receiving it. Councilor Pottier stated he informed Mr. Lopes that he would forward this to the Treasurer/Collector. **Motion was made to refer this to the Treasurer/Collector to communicate with Mr. Lopes and that Ms. Graves is to keep the Council updated. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Diane Paiva, President, Clube Irmandade Do Espirito Santo Dos Acores, Inc. located at 88 Wales Street, Taunton requesting a renewal of her Billiard Table License. (1 Table) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by John Chadwick, 41 Park St. Apt. 1, Taunton requesting reimbursement for medical expenses due to injuries sustained tripping over a piece of cement on the sidewalk. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Sarah Davis, 125 Highland St. #205, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from a fire truck hitting it at Bloom's Bus Terminal parking lot. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor's Office and that the Fire Chief provide a communication as to what happened. So Voted.**

Special Permit for a 59 ft. x 33 ft. wastewater storage tank expansion to the existing wastewater treatment facility at 35 Mozzone Blvd located in the Industrial District submitted by Attorney David Gay, 73 Washington Street, Taunton on behalf of his client Arthur Gareau, Water Solutions Group, 35 Mozzone Boulevard, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk to schedule a 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 Barbour motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner to have the DPW Sign Division for the “No Parking” on School Street signs that were passed by ordinance. So Voted.

Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions**Ordinance for a first reading to be passed to a second reading****AN ORDINANCE****Chapter 13 MOTOR VEHICLES & TRAFFIC****ARTICLE II OPERATION OF VEHICLES****Section 13.56. Speed zones designated.**

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

That Section 13-56 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, and hereby is further amended by adding thereto the following:

Special Speed Regulation No. 7915. MA DOT

Thirty-five (35) and Forty (40) miles per hour

JOSEPH E. WARNER BOULEVARD – NORTHBOUND

Beginning at the Dighton Town Line, thence northerly on Joseph E. Warner Boulevard 1.20 miles at 45 miles per hour; 0.34 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the junction Route 44 (Winthrop Street); the total distance being 1.54 miles.

JOSEPH E. WARNER BOULEVARD – SOUTHBOUND

Beginning at the junction of Route 44 (Winthrop Street), thence southerly on Joseph E. Warner Boulevard 0.27 miles at 35 miles per hour; 1.27 miles at 45 miles per hour ending at the Dighton Town Line; the total distance being 1.54 miles.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to pass to a second reading. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Barbour motioned that the Police Chief have live radar and the radar trailer stationed on Hodges Street near Shay Apartments. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour stated that sometime ago a swale was built and there is no weed barrier at the corner of Bliss Street and Kilmer Avenue and a resident has asked for

assistance with the weeds. Therefore, Councilor Barbour motioned that the DPW and Conservation have the flail mower used at this location. So Voted.

Councilor Barbour stated that Mrs. Areias from Butler Avenue sends a big thank you for her road being paved.

The Mayor stated that a crew from the Department of Corrections has been in the City assisting with brush trimming on Warner Boulevard and they have done a wonderful job. The Mayor stated the Building Department has begun construction on the ramp in the rear of the Council Chambers.

Councilor Pottier expressed gratitude to Dennis Proulx and the individuals who worked on the POW/MIA Vigil this past weekend. He stated the Councilors were given POW/MIA decals for their vehicles.

Councilor Pottier motioned that in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays being on a Tuesday, the Municipal Council meetings scheduled for that day be held on the Monday prior to the holiday at 7:30 AM. So Voted.

Councilor Cleary stated that he received several complaints concerning the campus lighting at Taunton High School. Also, the lights in the three parking lots along the Williams Street side are not correctly working and the Council is concerned for the safety of the students. Therefore, he motioned that the Superintendent of Buildings report back to the Council for next week's agenda by Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 2:00 PM. So Voted.

Councilor Cleary asked about the downtown sidewalk project delay. The Mayor stated they are 13 days behind schedule. City Solicitor stated there was a meeting at the MOECD Office with representatives from BETA who were the engineers on the project. He stated the contract is with Pavao Construction. Work began on June 4, 2012 and under the contract they had 90 days to finish which would have expired September 2, 2012. There were a couple approved change orders that extended the time limit to September 12, 2012 and today that makes them 13 days late. At today's meeting, they were informed this is not acceptable and this must be a priority.

Councilor McCaul motioned that the Councilors review the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School information that was submitted this week and report back for next week's Council meeting. So Voted.

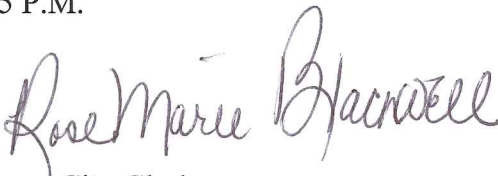
Councilors Barbour and Costa-Hanlon motioned to request the assistance of Dennis Proulx in crafting two letters. The first is to challenge our sister communities (Berkley, Raynham, Dighton) to consider having all their vehicles display the POW logo in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Vietnam Vigil. The second letter would be addressed to our Federal Representatives requesting that they fund the JPEG project. So Voted.

Motion was made to invite Ann Marie Metulius and her students into the enclosure. So Voted. The Mayor read a proclamation proclaiming the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **Motion was made to move adoption. So**

Voted. Ms. Metulius extended her thanks to everyone and discussed upcoming events. The students involved in this event introduced themselves. Deb Brown, volunteer, stated she supports the Mayor, Council, and School Committee, to support Mr. Mattos to be sure groups such as THS SADD Chapter or THS MVP Chapter programs that no longer exist are still a voice along with the students present today. They need support of an adult advisor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest: 
City Clerk

RMB/JLL

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND COLTON. ALSO PRESENT WERE BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS AND BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE WALKDEN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:39 P.M.

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

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,337,104.70. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,004,805.66. SO VOTED.

2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF CITY CLERK FOR AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,495.00 TO PURCHASE A CASH REGISTER. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784 TO CITY CLERK ACCOUNT NO. 1-161-202-5420. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$121,700.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF HONORABLE GORDON OWEN RIVERWAY AND WILLIAMS STREET. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784 TO D.P.W. COMMISSIONER ACCOUNT NO. 1-400-202-5319. SO VOTED.

THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER REQUESTED AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE RESERVE ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$116,250.00 FOR THE LEONARD SCHOOL AND FORMER E. POLE SCHOOL PRE-DEMOLITION SURVEY.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL

MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN

THE CHAIRMAN READ A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 IN WHICH HE INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE LEONARD SCHOOL CONTRACT IS FOR \$46,000 AND THE FORMER E. POLE SCHOOL CONTRACT IS FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$70,250.

THIS MONEY IS FOR THE PRE-DEMOLITION SURVEYS.

MR. WALKDEN NOTED THAT BETA HAS A GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE D.P.W. AND BETA COMPILED THE PROPOSALS. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE SURVEY IS EXTENSIVE AS THERE IS AN OIL TANK THAT HAD BEEN LEAKING SO UNDERGROUND TESTING IS NEEDED. THERE IS ALSO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN BOTH BUILDINGS.

COUNCILOR CLEARY VOICED HIS CONCERN THAT THE PRICE SEEMS TOO HIGH, AND THAT THERE WAS NO BID PROCESS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WRITTEN PROPOSALS BEFORE VOTING ON THIS.

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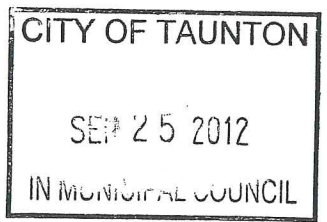
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES - CONTINUED

MOTION: HOLD THIS MATTER FOR ONE WEEK. THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT IS TO PROVIDE THE PROPOSALS TO ALL COUNCILORS BY FRIDAY. ALSO, REFER TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT FOR AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THIS NEEDS TO GO OUT TO BID.

3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT A MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 30 WITH THE CITY AUDITOR, CITY TREASURER AND REPRESENTATIVE OF K.P.M.G. TO DISCUSS THE 2010 AUDIT.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:55 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 "Rm Blackwell".
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WAS DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:14 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS CONSTABLE OF ALBERT SOUTO, 14 CROCKER STREET, TAUNTON – RENEWAL
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL LIMITED TO CROSSING GUARD
2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE PETITION OF JEFFREY SMITH, 82 JOHNSON ST. FOR A NEW BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE FOR SMITTY’S SPORTS PUB, INC., 445 BAY STREET – 1 TABLE
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL
3. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE PETITION OF JOE SILVA, 316 MIDDLEBORO AVENUE, E. TAUNTON FOR RENEWAL OF HIS TEMPORARY FIXED VENDOR LICENSE D/B/A JOE’S FRESH SEAFOOD, 255 CAPE HIGHWAY, TAUNTON
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL
4. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE PETITION OF GEORGE ANDREWS, OFFICER OF THE ITALIAN NATURALIZATION CLUB, 46 WALES ST., TAUNTON FOR RENEWAL OF BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE – 2 TABLES
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL
5. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF SEAN MOORE, 114 VERNON ST., MIDDLEBORO FOR RENEWAL OF JUNK COLLECTOR’S LICENSE FOR OLD COLONY SCRAP, INC., 655 W. WATER STREET, TAUNTON
MOTION: THAT THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES SEND A LETTER TO MR. MOORE INFORMING HIM THAT HIS LICENSE WAS NOT APPROVED DUE TO OUTSTANDING TAX ISSUES. HE IS TO BE GIVEN A 30 DAY TIME LIMIT TO STRAIGHTEN THIS ISSUE OUT.
MOTION WAS SECONDED AND ON DISCUSSION COUNCILOR BARBOUR STATED THAT 30 DAYS IS TOO LONG A TIME PERIOD. HE REQUESTED THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED and THAT THE MATTER IS TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT IN TWO WEEKS.
MOTION: TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REFLECT THAT MR. MOORE IS TO BE GIVEN A TWO WEEK TIME LIMIT TO CORRECT THE TAX ISSUES. THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES IS TO SEND THE LETTER OUT CERTIFIED MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL. SO VOTED.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

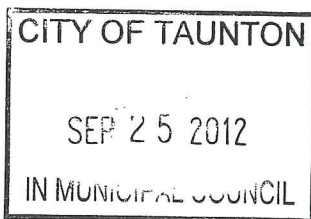
6. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

- A. REFERRED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS A REQUEST TO INCREASE PATROLS IN THE POWDERHORN DRIVE/CRANE AVENUE AREA.
- B. THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE GETTING A REPORT FROM THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE.

**MOTION: TO INVITE THE POLICE CHIEF AND JENNIFER BASTILLE OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE TO DO A BRIEF PRESENTATION. THE TIME AND DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON WITH THE POLICE CHIEF.
SO VOTED.**

- C. IT WAS NOTED THAT IN THE COUNCIL PACKET GRAMPY'S WAS LOOKING TO EXTEND THEIR HOURS. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS STORES PROMOTING THE SELLING OF ITEMS THAT ARE NOT BEING USED FOR WHAT THEY ARE INTENDED, SUCH AS BATH SALTS. QUESTIONED WAS WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT MAY HAVE ORDINANCES REGARDING STORES SELLING CERTAIN ITEMS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rm Blackwell

CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #1
FY 2013
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND FOUR

HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,495.00) BE AND HEREBY IS

TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784

TO: CITY CLERK ACCOUNT NO. 1-161-202-5420

..... *Clerk.*



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #2
FY 2013
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY

ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$121,700.00) BE AND HEREBY IS
TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784

TO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT NO. 1-400-202-5319

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Clerk.