

City of Taunton Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

Elizabeth Pole School Library 215 Harris Street, Taunton, MA 02780 Minutes, July 16, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

REVISED

Regular Meeting Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding Prayer was offered by the Mayor Present at roll call were:

> Councilor's Barbour, McCaul, Pottier, Costa-Hanlon, Colton, Cleary and Marshall Councilor Carr and Medeiros were absent.

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

Communications from the Mayor:

The Mayor thanked Dr. Hackett, School Committee and the School Department for allowing the Municipal Council the use of Elizabeth Pole School for Council Meetings.

Due to the hot weather, Hopewell Park pool hours have been extended. Hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1-6pm and Wednesday, 1-5:15pm. The Olney Street location and Taunton Public Library are open for Seniors if need be for air conditioning.

The Mayor thanked Dr. Hackett, the School Committee and the School Department for an outstanding event last week during the dedication of the High School Track to Bob Lane. The event was well attended both by adults and children.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from City Solicitor – Submitting a Home Rule Petition for Additional Liquor Licenses. The request is for four (4) additional all-alcohol retail licenses and four (4) additional beer and wine retail licenses. Councilor Colton thanked Solicitor Buffington for his work on the Petition and the Licensing Commission for their consideration. Councilor Colton motioned to move approval on the Home Rule Petition and refer to the Mayor's Office for approval and to forward to the Legislation. So Voted. On a roll call vote: Seven (7) Councilors present, Seven (7) Councilors voting in favor. Absent were Councilors Carr and Medeiros.

Com. from City Solicitor – Submitting Taunton Fire Department et al. v. Michael O'Donnell et al. Southeastern Housing Court. Hearing on July 9, 2013 ruled in favor of the City. Defendant was ordered to pay the City in the amount of \$1360 as well as an additional amount of \$1327.50 on or before July 11, 2013. Both payments were received on this date in the Law Office. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Police Chief – Submitting a proposed Synthetic Marijuana Ordinance. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills. So Voted. Councilor Cleary motioned to refer to the Ordinance Sub-Committee the correspondence received from Chief Walsh regarding the option of an Ordinance for Synthetic Marijuana. Councilor Colton motioned to move from a First Reading to a Second Reading - Ordinance, Chapter 14 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions. So Voted.

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 5:30pm for the review of a Site Plan Review for construction of a 1,120 sq. ft. additional building and the addition of 28 additional display spaces for an auto sales, auto repair/gas station at 289 Broadway. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 5:30pm for the review of a Form J Plan to split one parcel into 3 parcels at 6 Pleasant Street. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Pastor Jack DaGraca, Father's House Family Church, P.O. Box 120, Raynham – Requesting use of the City's portable stage for use at their 7th Annual Church at the Park event at the Memorial Park on August 24, 2013 and to waive fees associated to the use. Motion was made to move approval with notification to Ms. Greene, Law Department and Public Safety. So Voted.

Com. from City Clerk – Appointment of two (2) additional full-time Firefighters for Requisition number 00613. **Motion was made to refer to Committee on Fires and Wires. So Voted.**

Com. from City Clerk – Appointment of two (2) full-time Police Officers for Requisition Number 00942. Motion was made to refer to Committee on Police and Licensing. So Voted.

Com. from DPW Commissioner – Notifying of appointment of DPW Divisions Supervisor, Bruce A. Emond. Motion was made to receive and place on file and to obtain a list of all new hires at the DPW. So Voted.

Petition submitted by David Cupuzzo, 85 North St., Bridgewater and Richard Mansueto, 19 Ledge Rd., Swansea requesting a NEW Temporary Fixed Vendor License for Devil Dog Catering, Inc. located at Westcoat Drive (Taunton Municipal Airport) to sell food. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and Licensing and Police Chief. So Voted.

Claim submitted by Craig Fisher, 600 County St. #405, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his vehicle from hitting a pothole on Mill Pond Apartments, Washington St. Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW. So Voted.

Petition submitted by the City Engineer for the acceptance of John Street as a public way in the City of Taunton. (Public Hearing Required) Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk's Office for the month of August. So Voted.

Petition submitted by the City Engineer for the acceptance of Columbus Boulevard as a public way in the City of Taunton. (Public Hearing Required) Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk's Office for the month of August. 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 Cleary motioned to request from the Fire Department an update on the lease of the communication tower. So Voted.

Councilor Cleary motioned to refer the letter received from Bristol-Plymouth Regional High School to the Council President for scheduling of a meeting to discuss their long-term plans for the school. Councilor Barbour voting in opposition. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Committee on Fire and Wires and the Police Chief a consideration for the next round of hires from the Civil Service list a list of women candidates. So Voted

Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions

Resolution

Resolution submitted by Bristol County Savings Bank, 35 Broadway, Taunton designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of Municipal Public Moneys for the City of Taunton, 141 Oak Street, Taunton authorizing the City Treasurer/Collector, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer/Collector to make oral or written requests of the financial institution. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

New Business

Councilor Colton motioned to refer to the DPW an over-grown area on First Street, about 100 yards up from the train track. So Voted.

The Mayor thanked the Mayor's Worthy Cause Committee in making the Christmas in July event such a success.

RM Black WELD

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. So Voted.

A true copy:

Attest:

City Clerk

RMB/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL JULY 16, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & SALARIES

PRESENT WERE:

Councilor Cleary and Colton

Absent was Councilor Carr

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:43 P.M.

1. Meet to review the weekly vouchers and payrolls for City Departments

MOTION: Move approval on the Invoice Warrant dated June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$640,533.53. So Voted.

MOTION: Move approval on the Invoice Warrant dated July 16, 2013 in the amount of \$649,447.26. So Voted.

MOTION: Move approval on the Payroll Warrant dated July 16, 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,503,335.92. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44 P.M.

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CITY OF TAUNTON

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DAWN M. CARADONNA

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK