

City of Taunton Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA Minutes, December 1, 2015 at 7:05 O'clock P.M.

Regular Meeting Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

A moment of silence was held for Donald French who was a long time resident of Dighton. He was very active in Taunton with our Veteran's events. He was the cochair of the Veteran's Marker Movement here in Taunton which was very successful. We are grateful for all of his contributions and Mr. French will certainly be missed.

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

Present at roll call were:

Councilors Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau,

Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr, and Borges

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that he sent an email regarding the Tax Classification Hearing which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7pm. There has been quite a delay in that process this year due to a shortage of staff at DOR. It should happen in the next week so we can move forward with that. If that happens on the 15th, it will be presented on Tuesday, December 22nd at 7pm. If the Classification Hearing is pushed back, the Supplemental Budget will happen after the inauguration of the elected officials on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6pm at Friedman School. The date of the inauguration is definite and the other two dates are tentative. He is hopeful that those two will move forward. Councilor Cleary asked if they will have an amount of free cash at the Tax Classification Hearing. Mayor Hoye stated that he is hopeful that will be done before the final Supplemental Budget is completed. It is good to have a strong idea on what will be remaining because it will factor in on how much of last year's free cash can be spent. We have many needs as a community. We are looking at a deficit of approximately \$1M on the Taunton Nursing Home that will have to be made up. He stated that there has to be serious discussions on what the next step should be for the Taunton Nursing Home. We are one of only two communities that still have a Municipal Nursing Home. Regarding the snow and ice deficits, we are looking at some reimbursement from the Feds for last year's historic winter. We are looking to make up that deficit up as well. He stated that he thinks that every Councilor has advocated for additional Police Officers. He stated that the City will attempt to hire more Public Safety and to keep paving. We will look at some funding for City Hall in the near future once the actual cost is figured out. We have done a lot of great things over the past couple of years but we still have a long way to go. He stated that we need at have at least 5% in reserves and we are not there yet. To be a

healthy, stable City we need to have money is Stabilization and it doesn't make sense to spend it down because you cannot get it back. He hopes to do some additional Capital projects. He hopes to buy the asphalt machine that the Council approved. We have to be prudent with our decisions. He will say that the free cash number will not be as high as past years because of the deficits that have to be made up. Mayor Hove stated that Light's On will be held on Saturday from 4pm-8pm. The ceremony itself will be held at 4:30pm and the lights will be on around 5pm. They are asking everyone to assemble at the Main Stage around 4:30pm. There are many great events and entertainers planned. The buttons are free for children 12-under and \$5 for adults. They are available for presale at the Temporary City Hall, Taunton Public Library, Bristol County Savings Bank who is our premier sponsor, Taunton Federal Credit Union and at both locations of Trucchis Supermarket. Hopefully everyone can make it as the weather looks good. On Sunday, at 12pm is the kickoff for the Taunton Christmas Parade. We are expecting a great turnout there as well because the weather looks good. He hopes to see everyone there. It will start at East Britannia Street and Broadway. The roads will close down around

11:30am. All of the events for Light's On are posted on the City's website.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Police Chief requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$877.35. Councilor Costa-Hanlon made a motion to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.

Com. from City Engineer response to petition to accept Prospect Hill Preserve Roadways. The development was approved by the Planning Board under the condition that the roadways, on-site utilities, and open (common) space forever remain private, and the maintenance of which is the responsibility of a homeowners association. Smaller, more numerous lots, and reduced access standards were granted in return. A Declaration of Trust was filed at the Registry of Deeds. Attached is a portion of the Trust which spells its responsibility and specifically states that the City of Taunton is not responsible for any of the maintenance. The development is similar to a condo complex in function; therefore he feels that it is inappropriate for the City to accept these ways as public streets. Councilor Marshall made a motion to receive and place on file and a copy of this letter with the declaration of trust to be sent to the petitioner. So Voted.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Joseph Connarton, Executive Director, PERAC submitting Fiscal Year 2017 appropriation for the retirement system which commences July 1, 2016. **Motion was made to refer to the Budget Hearings. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Council President Borges submitted a communication from the Board of Assessors advising that they have received preliminary certification of FY2016 values for real and personal property. They are in process of being approved by the Department of Revenue for final Certification. We hereby request that the Municipal Council schedule a Classification Hearing in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40 Section 56 of M.G.L. as amended by Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, to determine the percentage of the Local Tax Levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property. The hearing

has to be advertised at least seven days before the hearing. Time is of the essence, this hearing must be held December 15, 2015 in order to process bills for the December 31, 2015 mail date. Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk. So Voted.

Council President Borges submitted a communication from Joshua Feliciano, A&J Realty Investments stating that he is the owner of 21 O'Connor Street, who has hired contractor James F. DiStefano of J.F.D. Corporation to fix the septic issue. Due to the failure of the septic system, he is requesting a waiver of the seasonal deadline for the purpose of demolishing the current system and tying the residence to City sewer. The contractor would like to begin as soon as possible to get the work completed. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the DPW. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon spoke about a flyer for the 2015 Toy Drive from Carmen Maldonado. She is collecting toys for children and if you would like to sponsor a Taunton Public School student, please call 508-738-0289 or email cmaldonado@tauntonschools.org. Otherwise, you can bring new, unwrapped toys to Ms. Maldonado's office located at Parker Middle School, 60 Williams Street, Taunton during school hours on or before Monday, December 21, 2015. **Motion was made to place on the City's website. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Class II License

- 1. After Hours Auto Body, Inc. –dba- After Hours Auto Sales located at 20 North Ave., Taunton
- 2. Amorim Auto Sales, Inc. located at 265 Longmeadow Rd., Taunton
- 3. Cambra Auto Sales located at 117 Summer St., Taunton
- 4. County Street Motors located at 603 County St., Taunton
- 5. Frank's Auto Body, Inc. located at 265 Broadway, Taunton
- 6. Fogg Auto Sales, Inc. located at 346 Winthrop St., Taunton
- 7. Happy Bear Inc. located at 54 Cottage St., Taunton
- 8. Lopes Used Truck & Equipment Sales –dba- G. Lopes Construction, Inc. located at 490 Winthrop St., Taunton
- 9. Mann Clan, Inc. –dba- Auto Gallery located at 283 Broadway, Taunton
- 10. Marli Motors located at 17 Tremont St., Taunton
- 11. M.H. Hamie & Son, Inc. –dba- Mike's Auto Sales located at 594 Winthrop St., Taunton
- 12. Northeast Auto Exchange, Inc. located at 406 Tremont St., Taunton
- 13. Perry's Towing & Service, Inc. located at 143 Broadway, Taunton
- 14. Premier Motors, Inc. located at 420 Broadway, Taunton
- 15. R&F Motors, Inc. located at 35 Dana St., Taunton
- 16. Richard P.Costa –dba- Taunton Auto & Truck Sales located at 603 Winthrop St., Taunton
- 17. Reynold's Auto Wrecking, Inc. located at 733 S. Precinct St., Taunton (CLASS III, PLEASE DISREGARD)
- 18. Rte. 44 Tire Shack, LLC –dba- Rte 44 Tire Shack located at 585 Richmond St., Taunton
- 19. Taunton Service Center, Inc. –dba- Taunton Service Center Auto Sales located at 48 Broadway, Taunton

- 20. Tucan Auto Sales Corp. located at 295 Broadway, Taunton
- 21. Walt's Auto Specialty, Inc. -dba- Walt's Motors

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer the list as read to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Petition submitted by Tammie Siegfried, 28 Weir St., Taunton requesting the installation of a handicap parking space in front of her building as she has difficulty walking and cannot always find parking. Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer. So Voted.

Claim submitted by Robert J. Levine, Esq., Rob Levine & Associates representing his client, Carmen Montalvo who sustained injuries when she slipped and fell at the Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton on November 2, 2015 near the entrance to the building. Councilor McCaul motioned to refer to the Law Department. 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.

Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions

Ordinance for a second reading to be passed to a third reading

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF SECOND HAND MOTOR VEHICLE SALES ESTABLISHMENTS

Chapter 12: Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations

Article XI: Sale of Secondhand Motor Vehicles

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

SECTION 1. Article XI of Chapter 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out Section 12-215 and Section 12-216, and inserting in place thereof the following sections:--

Section 12-215. License required. Licensing Authority. Application. Forms.

(a) No person, except one whose principal business is the manufacture and sale of new motor vehicles but who incidentally acquires and sells secondhand vehicles, or a person who principal business is financing the purchase or of insuring motor vehicles but who incidentally acquires and sells secondhand motor vehicles, shall engage in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging of secondhand motor

- vehicles or allow any property under his control to be used as a place of sale or display of such motor vehicles without first securing and maintaining in full force and effect a Class 2 license as provided in G.L. c. 140, §§ 57 through 69, inclusive.
- (b) The Licensing Authority in the City of Taunton shall be the Municipal Council, which shall, in the issuance, regulation, and revocation of such licenses, follow the procedures set forth in G.L. c. 140, §§ 57 through 69, inclusive.
- (c) Application for a Class 2 license shall be made by submitting to the City Clerk the application forms and tendering to the City Clerk the fee set forth in Section 12-216.
- (d) The Chief of Police shall establish and maintain, and shall from time to time revise, such application forms as, in his reasonable judgment, shall be in conformity with law and which enable the Municipal Council and the Police Department to obtain the information necessary to adequately investigate applications for Class 2 licenses. The Chief of Police shall ensure that the City Clerk is provided with such application forms.

Section 12-216. Fee.

All applications for issuance, renewal, change of situation, or transfer of a Class 2 license shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

SECTION 2. Said Article XI of said Chapter 12, as amended, is hereby further amended, by inserting after Section 12-216, the following new sections:--

Section 12-217. Application Criteria.

- (a) In addition to the information contained within the application forms, the Municipal Council may require any applicant for a Class 2 license to provide such additional information as it deems necessary in order to investigate the application. Any such application may be denied in the event the applicant fails to provide such additional information.
- (b) No such license shall be granted until the Municipal Council is satisfied from an investigation of the facts stated in the application and any other information which it may require of the applicant, that the applicant is a proper person to engage in such business, that said business is or will be the applicant's principal business, and that the applicant has an available place of business suitable for the purpose.
- (c) All applicants shall submit to the Municipal Council the names, dates of birth, and current residential addresses of all individuals (1) having an ownership or equity

interest of ten percent or more in the proposed licensee, (2) serving as president, treasurer, clerk, director, manager, director, or any other principal officer of the proposed licensee, and (3) serving as the licensee's on-site manager, which all licensees shall so designate at least one individual to serve. All applicants for a Class 2 license, and all licensees, shall be under an affirmative obligation at all times to file with the City Clerk, on a form to be promulgated by the Chief of Police, notice of any change to any of the information required to be disclosed under this paragraph within thirty (30) days of the time any of such information changes. The purpose of this paragraph is to permit the licensing authority to have sufficient information to perform an investigation into whether the licensee is, and continues to be, a "proper person."

- (d) The Municipal Council shall cause an investigation to occur of the facts stated in the application and such other information provided by the applicant.
- (e) No such license shall issue unless the applicant demonstrates that the applicant is or will be actively involved in the sale of secondhand motor vehicles in the City of Taunton. No "pocket licenses" shall be issued.
- (f) The applicant shall submit to the Municipal Council a plot plan of the proposed licensed premises whether or not a plot plan is required by any other provision of law.
- (g) The applicant shall specify all portions of the premises to be occupied and used by the licensee for the purpose of carrying on the licensed business.
- (h) If the applicant has not held a Class 2 license in the year prior to the making of the application, the application shall be completed in duplicate, with one copy being filed with the City Clerk, and the other copy being filed with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles.
- (i) No such license shall issue unless the licensee demonstrates that it will have and maintain access at all times to repair facilities on-site or nearby that are sufficient to enable the licensee to satisfy the warranty repair obligations imposed upon licensees pursuant to G.L. c. 90, § 7N¹/₄.
- (j) The Municipal Council shall deny an application for a Class 2 license unless an applicant demonstrates compliance with all requirements of the City of Taunton zoning ordinances.
- (k) Any licensee, upon application therefor, and upon tendering to the City Clerk the fee set forth in Section 12-216, may seek a change of situation of the licensed

premises or for additions thereto. Permits for the same may be granted at any time by the Municipal Council in writing, a copy of which shall be attached to the license.

- (1) Any license granted shall be revoked by the Municipal Council if it appears, after a hearing, that the licensee is not complying with G.L. c. 140, §§ 57 through 69, inclusive, or the rules and regulations thereunder.
- (m) Any license granted shall be revoked by the Municipal Council if it appears, after a hearing, that the licensee has not complied, or is not complying, with the provisions of this Article.

Section 12-218. Operations criteria. Conditions of license.

- (a) In addition to the mandatory conditions set forth in subsection (c), below, and the conditions required by applicable zoning ordinances, the Municipal Council may place reasonable conditions and restrictions upon the grant of any Class 2 license including, but not limited to, the number of motor vehicles permitted to be displayed on the licensed premises at any one time. The Municipal Council may request the assistance and advice of the city planner, the planning board, the development impact review board, or any other city official or board, in determining what site-specific conditions, if any, shall be imposed upon the grant of any such license.
- (b) Appropriate fencing may be required if, in the judgment of the Municipal Council, such fencing is necessary to control access to the licensed premises or to maintain the aesthetic value of the immediate neighborhood.
- (c) All licenses shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. No dismantled, incomplete or damaged motor vehicles or parts thereof shall be visible from any public or private way or streets or from any abutting property.
 - 2. All repairs and maintenance of motor vehicles conducted upon the premises, if the same is otherwise permitted to be performed anywhere on the licensed premises, shall be performed only inside an enclosed building.
 - 3. The number and placement of motor vehicles on the licensed premises shall be in accordance with the plot plan and as approved by the Municipal Council, and shall be, at a minimum, in accordance with applicable zoning ordinances. For licensees operating on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot, the Municipal Council shall nonetheless have the authority to require the

- licensee to undergo the site plan review process, appear before the development impact review board, or otherwise grant a license subject to conditions restricting the number and placement of motor vehicles on the licensed premises.
- 4. Licensees shall maintain a sufficient number of parking spaces on the licensed premises for customer parking. The number of customer spaces shall be, at a minimum, the number of spaces required by applicable zoning ordinances, and such number of additional customer spaces that the Municipal Council, for good cause shown, shall require.
- 5. Unless other provisions of applicable law provide for more restrictive hours, no licensee shall operate or be open to the public earlier than 8:00 a.m. nor later than 9:00 p.m.
- 6. The licensed premises, and any other property in the immediate vicinity thereof, owned or under the control of the licensee or any individual whose identity is required to be disclosed pursuant to Section 12-217(c), shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner and shall at all times be kept clean and free of debris.
- 7. No licensee shall engage in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging of secondhand motor vehicles on any portion of the licensed premises other than those portions of the licensed premises specified under Section 12-217(g) and approved for such use by the Municipal Council.
- 8. All licensees shall comply with all rules and regulations promulgated by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles defining sufficient repair facilities for holders of Used Car Dealer's Licenses.
- 9. All licensees shall at all times comply with all requirements of applicable zoning statutes and ordinances.
- 10. All licensees shall permit any duly delegated agent of the Licensing Authority or any police officer of the City of Taunton to enter and inspect all areas of the licensed premises at all reasonable times in order to conduct an inspection of the licensed premises or to investigate the conditions thereon in order to ensure compliance with the terms of the license or this Article, to investigate complaints of alleged violations of this Article, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(d) Any license granted shall be suspended or revoked by the Municipal Council if it appears, after a hearing, that the licensee has not complied, or is not complying, with the any of the conditions placed upon the grant of such license or any of the provisions of this Article.

Section 12-218. New License Application Criteria.

Any application for a Class 2 license which proposes to conduct operations on any premises which has not been the site upon which a Class 2 licensee has been in actual operation at any time in the past twelve months shall be considered a New License Application. A person who submits a New License Application shall, in addition to the provisions of Sections 12-215 through 12-217, inclusive, be subject to the following requirements:

- (a) The Municipal Council or a committee thereof shall hold a public hearing upon a New License Application. The City Clerk shall cause a legal advertisement of such public hearing to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Taunton, said publication to be no less than fourteen days prior to the date of the public hearing. The applicant shall reimburse the City Clerk's office in full for the cost of said publication and shall provide evidence of payment and evidence of publication, at the beginning of the public hearing.
- (b) The applicant shall obtain from the Board of Assessors a certified abutters list of all persons owning property within three hundred feet of the proposed licensed premises. The applicant shall, at its cost, and no less than fourteen days prior to the date of the public hearing, mail notice of the public hearing to each person appearing on the list. The applicant shall provide evidence of such notification at the beginning of the public hearing.
- (c) No New License Application shall be granted unless the applicant demonstrates to the Municipal Council at the public hearing each of the following:
 - 1. The proposed licensed site is an appropriate location for such use.
 - 2. The use of the property for the sale of secondhand motor vehicles will not be detrimental to the established or future character of the surrounding neighborhood.
 - 3. The proposed licensed activity on the premises will not create a nuisance or hazard to pedestrians or motorists traveling on public ways.

- 4. The public convenience and welfare will be substantially served by the granting of the application.
- 5. The application and the proposed licensed site and operations will otherwise comply with the General Laws of Massachusetts and the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton.

Section 12-219. Severability.

The provisions of this Article, to include Sections 12-215 through 12-218, inclusive, and all of their respective subsections, shall be deemed to be severable; and if any of said provisions shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, said finding shall not affect or impair the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Article, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. Councilor Cleary made a motion to move to a third reading. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that we just referred the Class II licenses and she believes the Police Chief and Detective Smith are anticipating that the licenses for this year will fall under the new Ordinance. If they are accepted now, she doesn't believe that they will be under the new Ordinance. She stated that if the applications are accepted she believes that they have to be accepted under the old Ordinace because the new Ordinance has not been ordained. She stated that the Police Chief, City Clerk's Office and Detective Smith are relying on starting forward this year on the new Ordinance. Councilor Costa-Hanlon made a motion to reconsider the 21 petitions that were referred to the Committee on Police and License until next week until the Council receives a legal opinion from the Law Department. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier stated that a well-known trend is for people to do more things on Craigslist like buying and selling items. What some jurisdictions are doing are setting up a safe zone at Police Stations or near them where people can come and do their business transactions in a pseudo-safe environment. Mayor Hoye stated that the Chief does already recommend coming to the parking lot of the Police Station to do that. Councilor Pottier made a motion to refer to the Police Chief to see if this is something that can be done in the City of Taunton to allow cash transactions to be safer. Councilor Pottier asked if that can be made more publicized and go from there. So Voted. Councilor McCaul stated that the Town of Bellingham has a sign posted at the Police Station indicating that it is a safe zone. He discussed placing a sign at the Police Station. Councilor Pottier stated that the Police Chief should be talked to first and if he thinks we should go with a sign he would be happy to do that.

Councilor Carr wanted to thank the Garden Club for decorating the boxes at the entrances of the City. They look beautiful decorated in silver and gold with lots of greenery. Councilor Cleary made a motion to send a letter of appreciation for their actions. So Voted.

Councilor Carr stated that she had a complaint from a resident on Pearl Street regarding the smell from the dump. She personally had the same experience today out on Route 138. The smell was horrible and she called Mr. Duquette and left him a message. Motion was made to refer to Mr. Duquette to check that out. So Voted.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER 30, 2015

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ESTELE BORGES AND COUNCILORS QUINN, MARSHALL

CLEARY, POTTIER AND CARR

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

1. MEET TO REVIEW RULES OF THE COUNCIL

The Council President noted that 5 Cities were contacted and 2 have rules in Ordinances and 3 do not. The City of Holyoke has a book with their rules in it, the City of Worcester's rules change with each new Council. She further noted that if it was desired to take the Rules of the Council out of Ordinance, the Council can vote to repeal the ordinance and then vote, by majority vote, the rules of the Council. After discussion it was decided to keep them as an Ordinance. **Section 3b** was reviewed again.

Motion:

add to Section 3b "to be effective January 4, 2016.

Councilor Quinn seconded the motion.

<u>Councilors Borges, Quinn, Pottier, and Carr voted in favor. Councilor Cleary voted in opposition. Motion Carries. So Voted.</u> Councilor Marshall was not present for this vote.

Councilor Cleary feels that approvals should be by a 2/3 vote. Councilor Pottier said this should be changed to "6 votes".

Motion:

Wherever it says "2/3 vote" it is to be changed to "6 members". Also, to add to Section 10a, "except with a super majority of 6 votes." So Voted.

No changes were made to Section 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

<u>Motion:</u> In Section 16, delete "two thirds" and change it to "six or more". Councilor Cleary voted in opposition to this motion. <u>Motion Carries.</u> So Voted.

Reverting back to Section 14, the following motion was made:

Motion:

To Change the wording "the mover may, by unanimous consent" to "the

mover may with unanimous consent...". So Voted.

No changes were made to Sections 17 and 18.

Motion:

In Section 19, eliminate the words "rising to" So Voted.

Motion:

In Section 20, in the second paragraph where it states "Every member, except as above, who shall be on the municipal council when a question is put, shall vote, unless the municipal council for special reasons excuse him or her" to say "Every member, except as above, who shall be on the municipal council when a question is put, shall vote <u>vay or nay</u>, unless the municipal council for

special reasons excuses him or her". So Voted.

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED

No changes were made to Section 21.

No changes were made to Section 22.

No changes were made to Section 23.

No changes were made to Section 24, a, b, c, d, and e.

Motion: In Section 24 e Number 3, to Change the DPW to a 3 member committee.

Councilor Pottier seconded the Motion.

Councilor Cleary voted in favor, Councilors Carr, Quinn, Marshall, Pottier and Carr voted in opposition. Motion does not carry.

Motion: In Section 24 e Number 11, To Change the Youth and Recreation Committee to

3 members. So Voted.

Motion: In Section 24 e Number 12, To Change the Economic Development and

Technology Committee to 3 members. So Voted.

Motion: In Section 24 e, Number 12, to change Automation Department to Information

Technology Department. So Voted.

Motion: In Section 24 e, Number 19, Heart of Taunton Representative – Delete this

entire paragraph. So Voted.

Motion: To add the following Committee to Section 24 e:

Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs

To consist of three (3) Councilors to consider all matters pertaining to veterans, veterans organizations, and military affairs and related City

Departments and Divisions. So Voted.

At this time there was much discussion about adding a committee due to the Casino coming into the City to deal with the I.G.A., the amendments and the MOU. It was thought that earlier this was going to be left in the Council As A Whole Committee. Several Committee names were suggested for this Committee. Councilor Cleary said that this is too big of an issue and it should be before the full Council.

<u>Motion:</u> To Add a Committee to be called "Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. <u>Councilor Cleary voted in opposition. Councilors Borges, Quinn, Marshall, Pottier and Carr</u> voted in favor. Motion Carries. So Voted.

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED

Moving to Section 25, the following motion was made:

Motion:

To eliminate the last 2 words in section a – alphabetical order – and add the word "lot", and also, to add to Section 25 a, "Anyone elected after January 1, 2017, not currently serving on the Council, their seniority shall be based on consecutive years served. So Voted.

No changes were made to Section 25b.

Motion:

To add a second sentence to Section 25c to read "This provision shall apply

only to the first round of Committee Selection. So Voted.

No changes were made to Section 26.

Motion:

In Section 27, last paragraph, where it says, "Any member a motion", add

"Any member who makes a motion". So Voted.

Motion:

In Section 28, add a paragraph c to read as follows:

All Committees that meet at a time other than a regular scheduled Council Meeting may be televised at the discretion of the Chairman. So Voted.

No changes were made to Section 29.

No changes were made to Section 30.

Motion:

In Section 31, strike the sentences "The committee chair shall sign the report. The chair must distribute the committee report to all members of the committee for review and the reports must be submitted to the City Clerk by 2:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the next scheduled Council meeting" So Voted.

Motion:

In Section 32 in the sentence "Any and all committee meetings that are convening at the appointed time of the Municipal Council meeting shall recess..." is to be changed to "may recess". So Voted.

No changes were made to Section 33.

No changes were made to Section 34.

No changes were made to Section 35.

Motion:

In Section 36, change the Clerk of Council Committees to City Clerk. So Voted.

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED

No changes were made to Section 37.

No changes were made to Section 38.

No changes were made to Section 39.

No changes were made to Section 40.

Motion:

That a new Section 41 be added and state as follows:

Cell phones, text messaging and any other electronic devises shall not be used in the Council Chambers during Council meetings for personal use. Further, cell phones and other electronic devices shall at all times be utilized in a courteous and respectful manner. So Voted.

Councilor Cleary said there should be language in the document concerning the Open Meeting ...

Motion:

That a new Section 42 be added and state as follows:

All Councilors must adhere to the current Open Meeting Law requirements. (Put in actual open meeting law reference, to be provided by the City Solicitor).

The current Section 41 will become Section 43, and the current Section 42 will become Section 44. So Voted.

Motion:

In Section 24 e, Number 2, the last sentence is to be changed as follows:

The committee shall exercise oversight with respect to the Assessing, Auditing,

Collector, Treasury Department and Budget Director. So Voted.

The Clerk of Committees was asked to do all the revisions and provide a copy to all Councilors on Tuesday evening.

Motion:

To Refer this to the Law Department and the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills for approval. Council to be provided with a red-lined copy. So

Voted.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON

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IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Respectfully submitted, '

Colleen M. Ellis

Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL **DECEMBER 1, 2015**

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE:

COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND

POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WAS BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:41 P.M.

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

MOTION:

MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO

VOTED.

2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

MOTION:

MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF BUDGET DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$2,438.29

FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE ACCOUNT NO. 01-121-5200-5319 TO ACCOUNT NO. 01-121-5520-5319 TO PAY A PRIOR YEAR BILL FOR LOWER PIONEER VALLEY

EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE. SO VOTED.

MOTION:

MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS TO TRANSFER \$3,800.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01-162-5200-5317 - PRECINCT OFFICERS TO ACCOUNT NO. 01-162-5100-5102 - SALARY & WAGES TO COVER THE 4 WEEK PERIOD OF MONEY NOT INCLUDED IN THE SALARIES/WAGES LINE

ITEM UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2015 IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE ASSISTANT TO THE BOARD TO TRAIN THE NEW APPLICANT. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 P.M.

LY OF TAUNTON

DEC 01 2015

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS

RM Blacautel

ADOPTED.

SEC - 5 + ♥ 35

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CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #6 FY 2016 DECEMBER 1, 2015

In Municipal Council

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Ordered, That

THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED

THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND TWENTY NINE CENTS (\$2,438.29) BE AND HEREBY IS

TRANSFERRED FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE ACCOUNT NO. 01-121-5200-5319

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 01-121-5520-5319

....Clerk.



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #7
FY 2016
DECEMBER 1, 2015

In Municipal Council

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Ordered, That

THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED

DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$3,800.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM REGISTRARS OF VOTERS ACCOUNT NO. 01-162-5200-5317 – PRECINCT OFFICERS

TO: REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ACCOUNT NO. 01-162-5100-5102 – SALARY AND WAGES

...Clerk.