



AGENDA – APRIL 12, 2011

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING:

On the petition submitted by the City of Taunton for the acceptance of the following ninety-six (96) streets as public ways in the City of Taunton:

Alegi Avenue, Alpine Avenue, Barnum Place, Bartlett Street, Bates Street, Biltmore Street, Broadway Avenue, Campbell Court, Charlotte Drive, Cherry Avenue, Chester Court, Church Avenue, Claffy Street, Clarence Avenue, Clark Avenue, Clark Street, Clay Street, Cohannet Court, Cornell Avenue, Creedway, Crossman Street, Dexter Avenue, Dinley Avenue, Duncan Drive, Edson Street, Fairbanks Avenue, Fayal Avenue, Ferrier Street, Foss Avenue, Galligans Court, Grand Avenue, Greenhill Street, Greystone Street, Gushee Lane, Hamlen Street, Hart Avenue, Harvard Street, High Street Ext., Hillside Drive, Holoyoke Street, Hood Street, Hoover Street, Hopewell Court, Hopewell Street, Howard Street, Jefferson Avenue, Jefferson Court, Kilton Place, Kurt's Place, Leonard Court, Lincoln Street, Locust Street, Lynn Street, Makepeace Avenue, Matteson Lane, McSoley Avenue, Meadow Place, Mechanic Street, Merchant's Lane, Middle Street, Mineral Street, Monroe Avenue, Montclair Avenue, Nickerson Avenue, Oakland Avenue, Oaklawn Avenue, O'Connor Street, Parker Terrace, Parkview Street, Perry Avenue, Power Street, Powers Avenue, Red Lane, Richard Street, Riverside Avenue, Sabbatia Lane, Seventh Street, Shepard Street, Sherborne Street, South Avenue, Spring Lane, Talbot Avenue, Taylor Street, Thrasher Avenue, Vinson Street, West Summer Street, White Avenue, Whitsborough Street, Wilde Avenue, Williams Avenue, Wilmarth Street, Wilson Street, Winthrop Lane, Woodbridge Street, Woodwards Lane, Wynne Street

- Com. from City Engineer – Submitting his recommendations
- Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Submitting a positive recommendation

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

- Appointment to the Taunton Housing Authority

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1 Com. from Governor Deval Patrick – Certifying City of Taunton’s Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal 2012
- Pg. 2 Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds – Notifying of the Annual Egg Hunt and requesting electronic sign
- Pg. 3 Com. from Police Chief – Requesting permanent promotions be made
- Pg. 4 Com. from MIIA, One Winthrop Sq., Boston – Notifying of Appointment to the MIIA Health Benefits Trust Advisory Group
- Pg. 5-7 Com. from Carol Sullivan, Carol Sullivan Real Estate, Inc., 52 Dean St., Taunton – Requesting assistance to improve the condition of a property

PETITIONS

Constable License

Application submitted by John Lopes, Jr., 33 Scadding St., Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Constable License desiring to serve as a crossing guard.

Claim

Claim submitted by Efthimos Georgakakis, 157 Crane Ave. South, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole near 621-645 Crane Ave. South.

Claim submitted by Douglas Roberto, 20 Cleveland Road, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile in front of 300 Myles Standish Boulevard.

Miscellaneous

Departmental Site Plan Review for a parking lot for a church at 249 Whittenton Street and 470 Bay Street located in a Business District submitted by Saint Jude the Apostle Church, 249 Whittenton Street, Taunton. **(Informational Only)**

Departmental Site Plan Review for a 19,032 sq. foot mezzanine in building A which is currently 155,016 sq. ft in size for storage at 220 O’Connell Way located in the Industrial District submitted by Bob Pickett, 220 O’Connell Way, Taunton. **(Informational Only)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Executive Session** – Meet to discuss the Star Theater litigation and an update on Operation Cleanup

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rm Blackwell".

**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**



CITY of TAUNTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION

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Mark B. Slusarz, P.E.
City Engineer



March 25, 2011

Thomas C. Hoye Jr., Chairman
Members of the DPW Committee
City of Taunton
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Re: Street Acceptance

Dear Committee Members;

I have previously recommended acceptance of the following streets due to the fact that the City currently maintains them in every way, but cannot include them in Chapter 90 appropriations calculations:

Alegi Avenue, Barnum Place, Bates Street, Campbell Court, Clark Avenue, Clark Street, Creedway, Dinley Avenue, Duncan Drive, Fairbanks Avenue, Fayal Avenue, Ferrier Street, Grand Avenue, Hart Avenue, Holyoke Street, Hopewell Court, Hopewell Street, Jefferson Avenue, Jefferson Court, Kurt's Place, Leonard Court, Locust Street, Lynn Street, Matteson Lane, McSoley Avenue, Meadow Place, Mechanic Street, Middle Street, Montclair Avenue, Oaklawn Avenue, Parkview Street, Perry Avenue, Power Street, Powers Avenue, Richard Street, Shepard Street, Sherborne Street, South Avenue, Taylor Street, Thrasher Avenue, West Summer Street, White Avenue, Whitsborough Street, Wilde Avenue (west of Tremont Avenue), Wilson Street, and Wynne Street.

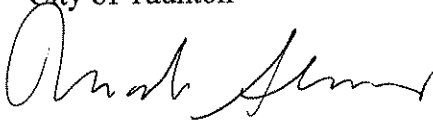
I have looked at the remaining streets, and can also recommend approval for the following additional streets:

Alpine Avenue, Bartlette Street, Broadway Avenue, Cherry Avenue, Church Avenue, Claffy Street, Clarence Avenue, Clay Street, Cornell Avenue, Dexter Avenue, Edson Street, Foss Avenue, Galligans Court, Greenhill Street, Greystone Street, Gushee Lane, Hamlen Street, Harvard Street, High Street Extension, Hillside Drive, Hood Street, Hoover Street, Howard Street, Makepeace Avenue, Merchants Lane, Mineral Street, Monroe Avenue, Oakland Avenue, O'Conner Street, Parker Terrace, Red Lane, Riverside Avenue, Sabbatia Lane, Seventh Street, Spring Lane, Talbot Avenue, Vinson Street, Williams Avenue, Wilmarth Street, Winthrop Lane, Woodbine Street and Woodwards Lane.

Of the list of streets presented, only the following are not recommended for approval:

- Vincent Drive, Bedford Street, Charlotte Drive, Wilde Avenue (between Tremont Avenue and Davis Street) as they are unconstructed "paper" streets;
- Biltmore Street, Chester Court, Cohannet Court, and Nickerson Ave., as they appear to function as private drives.

Sincerely,
City of Taunton



Mark B. Slusarz, P.E.
City Engineer



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

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Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

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April 8, 2011

Honorable Mayor Charles Crowley and
Members of the Municipal Council
City Hall, 15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

c/o Rosemarie Blackwell, City Clerk

Dear Mayor Crowley and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised that at our regularly scheduled meeting held on April 7, 2011 the Taunton Planning Board was in receipt of your request for street acceptances for several streets within the City.

The Planning Board voted, on the recommendation of the City Engineer to forward a **POSITIVE** recommendation for street acceptance for the following streets:

Alegi Avenue, Alpine Avenue, Barnum Place, Bartlett Street, Bates Street, Broadway Avenue, Campbell Court, Cherry Avenue, Church Avenue, Claffy Street, Clarence Avenue, Clark Avenue, Clark Street, Clay Street, Cornell Avenue, Creedway, Crossman Street, Dexter Avenue, Dinley Avenue, Duncan Drive, Edson Street, Fairbanks Avenue, Fayal Avenue, Ferrier Street, Foss Avenue, Galligan's Court, Grande Avenue, Greenhill Street, Greystone Street, Gushee Lane, Hamlen Street, Hart Avenue, Harvard Street, High Street Ext., Hillside Drive, Holyoke Street, Hood Street, Hoover Street, Hopewell Court, Hopewell Street, Howard Street, Jefferson Avenue, Jefferson Court, Kilton Place, Kurt's Place, Leonard Court, Lincoln Street, Locust Street, Lynn Street, Makepeace Avenue, Matteson Lane, McSoley Avenue, Meadow Place, Mechanic Street, Merchant's Lane, Middle Street, Mineral Street, Monroe Avenue, Montclair Avenue, Oakland Avenue, Oaklawn Avenue, O'Connor Street, Parker Terrace, Parkview Street, Perry Avenue, Power Street, Powers Avenue, Red Lane, Richard Street, Riverside Avenue, Sabbatia Lane, Seventh Street, Shepard Street, Sherborne Street, South Avenue, Spring Lane, Talbot Avenue, Taylor Street, Thrasher Avenue, Vinson Street, West Summer Street, White Avenue, Whitsborough Street, Wilde Avenue (west of Tremont Ave), Williams Avenue, Wilmarth Street, Wilson Street, Winthrop Lane, Woodbridge Street, Woodwards Lane, and Wynne Street.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel P. Dermody (off)

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
DPD/djp

*City of Taunton
Office of the Mayor*

*Charles Crowley
Mayor*

*Gill E. Enos
Budget Director*

*Todd Castro
Assistant to the Mayor*



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April 6, 2011

Council President Sherri Costa-Hanlon
Members of the Taunton Municipal Council

Dear Councilors,

Please be advised that I am appointing Juliann Cardin of 30 Olney Street apt. 107 to fill the resident position on the Taunton Housing Authority for a term of five (5) years. The term will expire in April of 2016.

Respectfully,


Charles Crowley,
Mayor



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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR

TIMOTHY P. MURRAY
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 31, 2011

The Honorable Charles Crowley, Mayor
City of Taunton
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear The Honorable Crowley:

We are pleased to inform you that the Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for Fiscal Year 2012 will total \$200 million statewide. This is a 29 percent increase from the previous fiscal year, representing the highest level of funding ever apportioned for local transportation aid.

We recognize the importance of this capital spending to each municipality across the Commonwealth, especially during these difficult economic times. This is why we worked with our partners in the Legislature to ensure that additional state funds are available to support transportation infrastructure improvements. This will not only deliver immediate economic benefits but ensure the long term viability of our infrastructure. We pledge to remain supportive of the Chapter 90 program and your local transportation needs. We expect legislative authorization for the FY 2012 Chapter 90 program within the next several days.

This letter certifies that the **City of Taunton's** Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal 2012 is **\$1,390,355**. This apportionment is automatically incorporated in your existing 10-Year C.90 contract which was signed in FY2008 and is posted on the MassDot Web site <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/highway/municipal.aspx>.

We look forward to working closely with your community to ensure the continuing success of the Chapter 90 program in the years to come.

Please feel free to contact Matt Bamonte at (617) 973-7647 with any questions you may have regarding the Chapter 90 program.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Deval L. Patrick in black ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Timothy P. Murray in black ink.

Lieutenant Governor



CITY OF TAUNTON
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Marilyn A. Greene
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April 7, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley and
Members of the Municipal Council
Temporary Government Offices
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Council Members:

The Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Department and the Greater Taunton Charitable Association respectfully requests permission to have the Electronic Sign moved near the Paul A. Dever School on Bay Street to help direct traffic for the City of Taunton Annual Egg Hunt.

The Annual Egg Hunt which will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 1:00 PM, with rain-dates scheduled for Sunday, April 17 and Saturday, April 24th.

We thank you for considering our request and hope to see you and your families at this event.

Sincerely,

Marilyn A. Greene, Commissioner

Copy to: Chief Edward Walsh



CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF
EDWARD JAMES WALSH

23 SUMMER STREET
TAUNTON, MA 02780
(508) 821-1471
April 7, 2011

The Honorable Mayor Charles Crowley, and Members
of the City of Taunton Municipal Council
Temporary City Hall
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley:

I have been informed that the Department Promotional Series for the positions of Captain, Lieutenant and Sergeant, in which we participated in October 2010, has recently been certified by the Human Resources Division. On January 14, 2010 Sergeant Manual DaRosa was appointed as a provisional Lieutenant because we did not have a certified list for Lieutenant. By statute the City is required to make a temporary or permanent appointment to the position from the list once it is certified. As a result, I would request that the council make the permanent promotions to Lieutenant and Sergeant and return Manual DaRosa to his permanent rank of Sergeant.

I look forward to any questions that you may have on this issue. If I can be of any further assistance, feel free to contact me at 508-821-1471 x120.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Edward James Walsh", written over a horizontal line.

Edward James Walsh
Chief of Police



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MARIA GOMES APPOINTED TO THE MIIA HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST ADVISORY GROUP

(April 5, 2011) – City of Taunton Director of Human Resources Maria Gomes has been appointed to the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) Health Benefits Trust Advisory Group. MIIA Health Benefits Trust provides health insurance and wellness programs to employees and retirees in 132 cities, towns and other governmental entities in the Commonwealth.

Ms. Gomes joins a six-member advisory committee comprised of municipal leaders, fire and police representatives, a teacher, and a municipal retiree. The group meets to discuss and offer suggestions on MIIA's health insurance products and programs, including its wellness programs. The advisory group's recommendations are presented to MIIA's board of trustees for consideration.

Ms. Gomes has been director of human resources in Taunton since 2004 where she is responsible for implementing the city's employee health benefits program. She was previously employed in the Town of Carver where she was instrumental in establishing the Gateway Health Group.

"As someone who has served in leadership and management roles, Maria Gomes has a comprehensive understanding of health insurance products and wellness program implementation," says MIIA Board Chairman Ira Singer, who also chairs the advisory group. "We look forward to her valuable insights and contributions to MIIA's Advisory Group."

MIIA is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA). For more information, please visit www.emiia.org.

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April 1, 2011

Mayor Crowley/ Municipal Council
Taunton City Hall
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Council Members,

As you are aware, I have been working with Pathmark Medical Development for several years on a project for construction of a professional office building on Park and Washington Streets in Taunton. The land consists of the site of the former New England Brass buildings on both sides of Park Street and the former bar and rooming house building on 50 Washington St.

This project will be a monumental improvement to the area and will create much needed tax revenue for the City. I am very optimistic that this project will create much interest for local professionals as well as professionals from surrounding areas.

My reason for this letter is to ask for the Council's help in addressing the deplorable condition of the property located at 52 Washington St. and on the opposite corner of the proposed project. The building itself is in poor structural condition with tarps covering the roof and the land is littered with junk, debris, auto parts and unregistered cars. This property, in it's present condition, will definitely have a negative impact on the subject project.

This office development project along with the new court house will bring to downtown Taunton the long overdue and much needed economic renewal that we have been anticipating. I am sure that the condition of surrounding properties will make a difference in the success of the project.


Attached is the location and ownership information of the property that I would like the Council's help in addressing. I have also enclosed a copy of the marketing material that will be going out in the mail.

Sincerely,

Carol Sullivan
Carol Sullivan Real Estate, Inc.



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 Assessment and Sales Report

Location & Ownership Information

Address:	52 Washington St, Taunton, MA 02780-2427		
Map Ref.:	M:54 L:261 U:	Zoning:	
Owner 1:	M W Odonnell Tr		
Owner 2:			
Owner Address:	52 Washington St, Taunton, MA 02780-2427		

Property Information

Use:	Mixed Use - Prim Resd & Comm	Style:	Condo-Apt
Levels:	2	Lot Size:	0.23 Acres (10019 sqft.)
Year Built:	1900 <i>PRIOR TO 1727</i>	Total Area:	8020 sqft.
Total Rooms:	0	Living Area:	3980 sqft.
Bedrooms:	0	First Floor Area:	0 sqft.
Full Baths:	0	Addl Floor Area:	0 sqft.
Half Baths:	0	Attic Area:	0 sqft.
Roof Type:	Flat	Finished Basement:	0 sqft.
Heat Type:	Forced Air	Basement:	0 sqft.
Fuel Type:	Natural Gas	Basement Type:	
Exterior:	Wood Side/Shingles	Attached Garage:	0
Foundation:		Other Garage:	0
Air Conditioned:	No	Fireplaces:	0
Condition:	Average		

Assessment Information

Last Sale Date:	2/20/2008	Last Sale Price:	\$114,000
Last Sale Book:	17321	Last Sale Page:	331
Map Ref.:	M:54 L:261 U:	Tax Rate (Res):	11.71
Land Value:	\$74,800	Tax Rate (Comm):	25.45
Building Value:	\$26,500	Tax Rate (Ind):	25.45
Misc Improvements:	\$0	Fiscal Year:	2011
Total Value:	\$101,300	Estimated Tax:	\$1,186.22

Sales History

Recent Sale #1

Sale Price:	\$114,000	Sale Date:	2/20/2008
Buyer Name:	Park Street Rlty	Seller Name:	Ib Prop Holdings Llc
Lender Name:	Boston Fncl T	Mortgage Amount:	\$180,000
Sale Book:	17321	Sale Page:	331

Recent Sale #2

Sale Price:	\$200,000	Sale Date:	2/14/2008
Buyer Name:	Ib Prop Holdings Llc	Seller Name:	Linda S Reed
Lender Name:		Mortgage Amount:	\$0
Sale Book:	17310	Sale Page:	53

Recent Sale #3

Sale Price:	\$305,000	Sale Date:	9/30/2002
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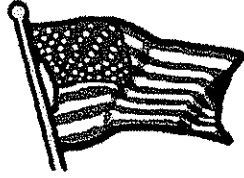
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APRIL 12, 2011

HONORABLE CHARLES CROWLEY, MAYOR
COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHERRY COSTA-HANLON
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR **TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.** IN THE **TEMPORARY CITY HALL AT MAXHAM SCHOOL, 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA.** IN THE **CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

5:30 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

1. MEET WITH CHIEF BRADSHAW TO DISCUSS DEPARTMENT STATUS UPDATE
2. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS GRIEVANCE
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. MEET FOR A PRE-REVIEW HEARING FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR A GAS STATION AT 342 WINTHROP STREET
2. MEET WITH THE MAYOR TO REVIEW DRAFT OF LEGAL SERVICES – FEE AGREEMENT AND THE COST AMOUNT ASSOCIATED TO THE END OF THE YEAR
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES