



AGENDA – FEBRUARY 1, 2011

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1 Com. from City Solicitor – Request to conduct an Executive Session
- Pg. 2 Com. from Executive Director of Retirement – Advising of a retirement
- Pg. 3 Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of meeting location change
- Pg. 4 Com. from Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals – Notifying of meeting location change
- Pg. 5-6 Com. from Paul Dionne, RTB Relay, Inc., P.O. Box 12, Woodville, MA – Requesting permission to have a race pass through Taunton
- Pg. 7-11 Com. from Joan Lima, Taunton Educational Secretaries and Assistants Association – Delay of union dues payment

PETITIONS

Miscellaneous

Departmental Site Plan Review for a parking lot expansion and redesign at 30 Olney Street which is located in the Urban Residential District submitted by David Blakeley, Modernization Coordinator, Taunton Housing Authority. **(Informational Only)**

Departmental Site Plan Review to allow site clearing and installation of concrete pads at 200 Constitution Drive which is located in the Industrial District submitted by John Soper, Cellco, 400 Friberg parkway, Westborough, MA. **(Informational Only)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Executive Session** – Meet to discuss the Star Theater litigation and an update on Operation Cleanup
- Motion was made from the January 25, 2011 Council Meeting for a reconsideration vote of the Executive Session motion made in the Committee on the Needs of the Airport

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,



**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**



City of Taunton
LAW DEPARTMENT



CHARLES CROWLEY
MAYOR

15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
Phone 508-821-1036 Facsimile 508-821-1064
cotlawdept@tmlp.net

JANE E. ESTEY
CITY SOLICITOR

January 26, 2011

JORDAN H. F. FIORE
ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR

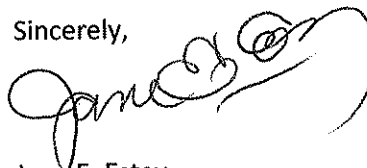
Ms. Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk
City of Taunton
City Hall
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Re: Litigation

Dear Ms. Blackwell:

I am requesting that the Municipal Council go into Executive Session to discuss resolution of pending litigation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Jane E. Estey
City Solicitor

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CITY OF TAUNTON
Contributory Retirement System
40 Dean Street, Unit 3
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
(508) 821-1052 Fax (508) 821-1063
www.tauntonretirement.com

**BOARD OF
RETIREMENT**

Chairperson:
Ann Marie Hebert, City Auditor

Elected member: Richard T. Avila
Elected member: Peter H. Corr
Mayoral appointee: Gill E. Enos
Board appointee: A. Joan Ventura

STAFF

**Executive
Director:**
Paul J. Slivinski

**Assistant
Director:**
Kathy A. Maki

January 25, 2011

Hon. Charles E. Crowley, Mayor
Taunton Municipal Council
15 Summer St., City Hall
Taunton, MA. 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Councilors:

Please be advised of the retirement for accidental disability of John M. Crowninshield, an employee of the Taunton Fire Dept., effective January 22, 2011 under the provisions of section 7 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Please pay accumulated benefits up to the date of retirement.

Respectfully yours,

Paul J. Slivinski, CPP
Executive Director

cc: John M. Crowninshield
Tim Bradshaw, Fire Chief
Human Resources
City Auditor
City Treasurer
City Clerk
File



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Phone 508-821-1051
Fax 508-821-1043

January 24, 2011

Mrs. Suzanne Duquette, Librarian
Taunton Public Library
12 Pleasant St.
Taunton, Ma. 02780

Dear Mrs. Duquette:

At their regular meeting the Taunton Planning Board voted to move their meetings to Maxham School now that the renovations for the "council chambers" are complete.

The Taunton Planning went on record thanking you and your staff for making accommodations so that we may hold our monthly meetings at the library during the interim. The Board wanted to let you know that your willingness to help the Planning Board did not go un-noticed and was very much appreciated.

Thanks again for all your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
Taunton Planning Board

DPD/djp

CC: Mayor Crowley & Municipal Council

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Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

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ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

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January 25, 2011

Mrs. Suzanne Duquette, Librarian
Taunton Public Library
12 Pleasant St.
Taunton, Ma. 02780

Dear Mrs. Duquette:

At their meeting held on January 20, 2011 the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to move their meetings to Maxham School now that the renovations for "council chambers" are complete.

The Zoning Board of Appeals wishes to express their appreciation for your assistance in allowing the board to hold their meetings at the Taunton Public Library. This location allowed the general public to have easy access to our meetings.

Thanks again for all your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis I. Ackerman, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

DPD/djp

~~CC: Mayor Crowley & Municipal Council~~



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Race Series

Town Council

Request for permission to have a race come through town.

New Balance Reach the Beach Relay

The event begins at Wachussett Mt. and ends at Horseneck Beach which is about 190 miles. There will be 300 teams with a maximum of 12 per team. Each member will run 3 legs of the 36 total through the course. Runners will be released in waves beginning at 7:30 am and ending at 4 pm on Friday May 20th, 2011. The finish line should see the first runners around 11am on Saturday May 21st with the last crossing around 8 pm.

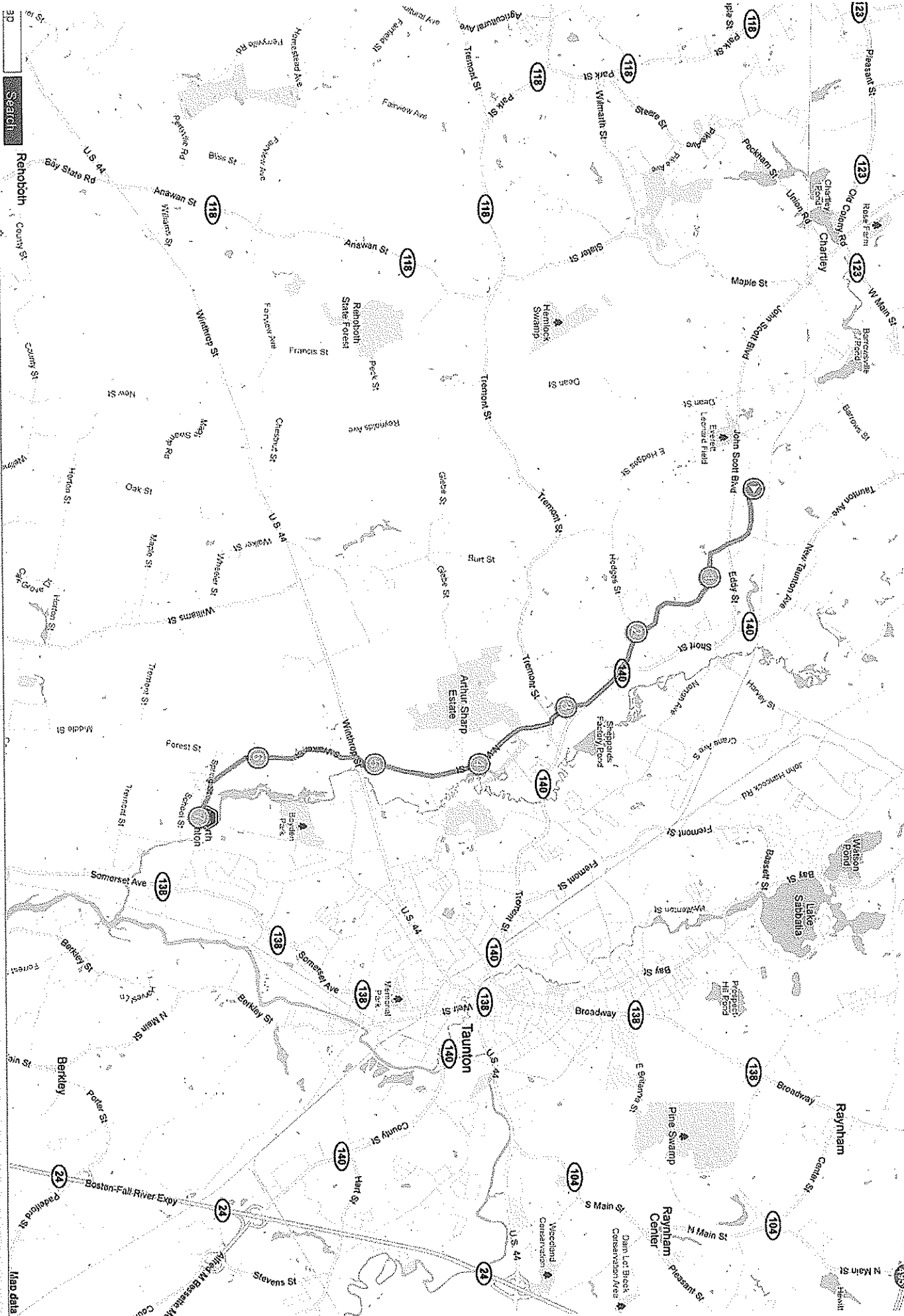
The route in through Taunton would see 300 runners and vans between the hours of 3am and 8am May 21st. The route would leave the town of Norton on S Worcester St. to Worcester St. to Walker St. and continue on to Dighton.

We have had 12 successful similar races in NH and we take care of all the details including EMT's and radio personnel at all TA's and provide insurance which will include the town as well as the transition areas.

Please call or e mail with any further questions. Also visit our website for past events and more in depth info.

*Paul Siowne
Paul@RTBRelay.com
603-892-1075*

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Joan Lima

From: "Joan Lima" <tandjlina@verizon.net>
To: "Mayor - City of Taunton" <mayor@tmlp.net>
Cc: <sherrycostahanlon@yahoo.com>; <admin@hanlonlawoffice.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 5:38 PM
Subject: Re: Comments for Mayors Dept.

Mayor Crowley, Council President Sherry Costa-Hanlon, and distinguished municipal council members,

I am very disappointed with treasurer Jayne Ross' decision not to grant my request as treasurer of the Taunton Educational Secretaries and Assistants Association to delay union deductions by one week because of the hardship realized by deducting these dues from a 3-day work week.

I will attempt to inform our members of this unfortunate decision as soon as possible. However, when they open their paychecks on Thursday they will realize that my request was denied.

Since we are not paid for any holidays or Christmas week, it has been very difficult for our membership to get buy on shorted paychecks during the month of January. Four snowdays, the MLK holiday, and a teacher's professional day have created this financial havoc for our members. The treasurer's office has actually granted this request twice before. In 2009 for the week after Thanksgiving I requested that dues not be deducted for 2 weeks because of the short week and my letter of request was read at the City Council meeting and approved. Last December I formally sent a like letter requesting dues be delayed again because of the short week and it was approved.

Apparently, since union dues deductions have been delayed before, I was confident that this could be accomplished once again.

I have tried to be professional as treasurer of our union in representing our membership, but you must know that dealing with Ms. Ross for many of us city workers is frustrating at best. It is a shame that this couldn't have been approved when this will affect 340 city employees.

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I would like to have this email read and discussed at the next council meeting in an effort to reconcile this problem for the future. Our hard working teaching assistants and secretaries in the school system deserve better cooperation from our city administration.

*Joan M. Livia,
Treasurer, T.E.S.A.A.*

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Joan Lima

From: "mayor" <mayor@tmlp.net>
To: "Joan M. Lima, Treasurer, T.E.S.A.A." <tandjlina@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:33 PM
Subject: Union Dues issue
Request From: Joan M. Lima, Treasurer, T.E.S.A.A.
Email: tandjlina@verizon.net
Source IP: 98.110.159.32

Address: 728 Burt St.
City: Taunton
State: MA
Zip: 02780
Phone: 508 823-2289
Organization: Ed. Secretaries & Assistants Union

Dear Mayor Crowley,

I would like to ask you a favor on behalf of myself and our 340 union members of the T.E.S.A.A. (Taunton Education Secretaries & Assistants Assoc). Next week our members will receive a 3 day pay. If union dues were deducted from this paycheck (dated 2/3/11) our union members would be dealt a financially disasterous blow. I would implore you to contact the treasurer's office & request that our dues be delayed by one week (2/10/11). We have had multiple consecutive short weeks because of the school cancellations & the our 340 workers will surely need to stretch that 3 days pay without having to pay dues, also.

I have contacted the treasurer's office but Ms. Ross has not gotten back to me. Would you please help? Thank you.

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Joan Lima

From: "mayor" <mayor@tmlp.net>
To: "Joan M. Lima, Treasurer, T.E.S.A.A." <tandjlma@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:33 PM
Subject: Union Dues issue

Joan,

Thank you for your note.

I will contact Jayne Ross on Thursday to inquire about your request.
Jayne has been busy training the newly appointed Treasurer/Collector.

Thank you
Charles Crowley



Joan Lima

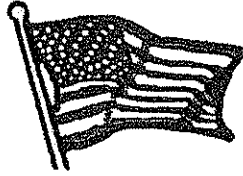
From: "Mayor - City of Taunton" <mayor@tmp.net>
To: "Joan M. Lima, Treasurer, T.E.S.A.A." <tandjlma@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 3:58 PM
Subject: RE: Comments for Mayors Dept.

Joan,

I spoke to Jayne Ross about your request. She stated to me that she would be unable to perform the task you requested. I asked her whether she had done this in the past. She stated to me that she (Jayne Ross) had fulfilled such a request last year although she made the temporary switch for everyone, all the unions together. Jayne claimed that the difficulty to make the switch depends on other deductions that are taken out at different intervals.

Charles Crowley

1/27/2011



FEBRUARY 1, 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, FEBRUARY 1, 2011 AT 5:30 P.M.** IN THE NEW **ELIZABETH POLE SCHOOL, 215 HARRIS STREET, TAUNTON, MA**

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
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS DRAFT COPY OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 19 SEWERS AND DRAINS.
2. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS ENACTING CHAPTER 40U.
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS THE RISK MANAGER POSITION.
2. MEET WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS COST IMPACT OF NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES