



## AGENDA –JANUARY 24, 2012

### INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING:       NONE

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

### APPOINTMENTS

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1           Com. from City Clerk – Requesting an appropriation
- Pg. 2-3       Com. from City Auditor – Updating on the Health Trust Audit
- Pg. 4           Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Requesting the drafting of an ordinance
- Pg. 5-9       Com. from Risk Manger – Electrical Upgrade for Maxham School
- Pg. 10-11     Com. from Superintendent of Buildings – Statement of Disclosure
- Pg. 12         Com. from Richard Feodoroff, President & Treasurer, Oscar Squared, Inc., 54 Longmeadow Road, Taunton – Requesting to withdraw a special permit application
- Pg. 13-17     Com. from Ronen Drory, Prestige Carwash & Gas of Taunton, Inc. – Submitting a response regarding accidents
- Pg. 18         Com. from Ginny Starvish, RN, Morton Hospital & Medical Center – Expressing concern regarding the crosswalk on Washington St.

### PETITIONS

#### **Street Discontinuance**

Petition submitted by Attorney Matthew J. Costa, Gay & Gay, PC on behalf of his clients Diane Maki and Patricia and Edward Arcikowski and others to discontinue Spadina Avenue in the City of Taunton. **(Public Hearing Required)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**


**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Executive Session** – Meet to discuss the status of negotiations with all bargaining units of the City of Taunton, any outstanding issues with regard to negotiations, and progress made with regard to said issues

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Rose Marie Blackwell  
City Clerk**



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*Assistant City Clerk*

January 20, 2012

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.  
And Members of the Municipal Council  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and Councilors:

I am respectfully requesting \$4,000.00 be added to my overtime budget to properly run the Presidential Primary's and Election. This money will be used to compensate my staff while preparing for the elections, during the elections and after all elections have been completed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rose Marie Blackwell  
City Clerk

Cc: Gill Enos, Budget Director

**CITY OF TAUNTON  
AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

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Ann Marie Hebert, CGA  
City Auditor

Christina Boyan  
Assistant

January 20, 2012

Mayor Tom Hoyer and  
Members of the Municipal Council  
City of Taunton  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

RE: Health Trust Audit

Dear Mayor Hoyer and Councilors:

In reference to the letter from the State Auditor's Office as to the status of the audit of the City of Taunton's Employee and Employer Health Trust Funds, which was done in partnership with my office and the Treasurer/Collector's Office, please note the following.

Both I and Wendy Graves, Treasurer/Collector met with the State Audit Staff regularly during their time here last summer. The gathering of the information requested by them for the audit unfortunately was hampered due to the fact that with the fire at City Hall in August 2010 the majority of the records required/requested were destroyed in the fire, and alternative steps needed to be done on both our parts to recreate this documentation, if possible.

At the meeting on August 4, 2011, it was in part to meet to identify the outstanding information, and how to address the ability or inability to be able to obtain this outstanding information. During our discussion, it was brought up that the information could be obtained from the bank and insurance company. The meeting ended that this would be done. The Treasurer/Collector was unable to attend this meeting, and with the information being within her jurisdiction, I spoke with her regarding this, and she put into place the process of obtaining this information from the bank and insurance company.

We had also during this time been in communication with former Mayor Crowley as to the status of the information in December, and it was communicated to him that all available documentation was available and ready for the State Auditor's Office.

Health Trust Audit

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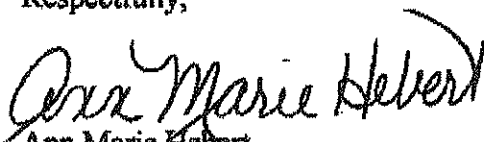
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Unfortunately, due to various circumstances of the last few weeks of December, the identification as to who was going to contact the State Auditor's Office was not identified, which is the reason why they have not been notified as to the update of the status of the above information.

I have contacted Robert Bernstein, Audit Manager, to schedule a time when they may come in to review the material.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Ann Marie Hebert  
City Auditor

.cc: Suzanne Bump, State Auditor  
John Parsons, Esq, Deputy Auditor for Audit Operations  
Howard Olsher, Director of State Audits  
Robert Bernstein, Audit Manager  
Wendy Graves, Treasurer/Collector  
Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk



# TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

City Hall  
15 Summer Street  
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

*Denise J. Paiva, Secretary*  
January 12, 2012

Phone 508-821-1051  
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Honorable Mayor Thomas Hoye and  
Municipal Council Members  
1141 Oak St. Temp. City Hall  
Taunton, Ma. 02780

C/O Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk

Dear Mayor Hoye & Municipal Council Members:

At their regular scheduled meeting held on January 5, 2012 the Taunton Planning Board voted to refer the matter of implementing stricter rules relative to landlords and their tenants like holding landlords responsible for their tenants' actions relative to what activities go on in & outside the residence.

The Planning Board appreciates your consideration on possibly drafting an ordinance relative to illegal activities by tenants which directly affect the neighborhood.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman  
Taunton Planning Board



# City of Taunton

## LAW DEPARTMENT

141 Oak Street

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Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.

MAYOR

Jason D. Buffington

CITY SOLICITOR

Daniel F. de Abreu

ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR

January 19, 2012

David W. Pottier, Chairman  
Public Property Committee  
City of Taunton  
Temporary City Hall  
141 Oak Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

Re: Electrical Upgrade for Maxham School

Dear Chairman Pottier and Members of the Public Property Committee:

I am writing to respectfully request reconsideration of a motion which was originally brought the prior council with regard to an electrical upgrade for Maxham School. As you are aware, it is the City's intent to restore the building located at 15 Summer Street and bring City Hall back to downtown Taunton. It is anticipated that completion of that project will take, at the very least, two years time from the construction start date.

We have made the best with the services here at 141 Oak Street; however, the electrical upgrade is crucial if we are to stay at this venue for another few years. We have reached our full allowance for electrical capacity and it is at a point wherein safety is now an issue. The outside lighting on the east side of the building is particularly troublesome. The TMLP was kind enough to assist us when we first arrived by putting a large spotlight directly outside the entryway. Unfortunately, this does not cover the remainder of the parking area, often leaving other sections of the parking lot totally in the dark. This side parking lot is not completely paved; one part of the parking lot consists of gravel and stones with a dirt embankment leading down to a paved area. One evening an employee fell as she was exiting the building and going her vehicle.

Additionally, due to drafts from the windows during the winter months, some offices need to use space heaters. The extra power of even a small space heater, combined with the computers, printers, fax machines and additional office equipment, often triggers a trip in the electrical power. As there is no air conditioning in the building whatsoever, during the summer months each office has approximately 3-5 fans blowing throughout the day. The power supply is

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David W. Pottier, Chairman  
Public Property Committee  
City of Taunton  
January 19, 2012  
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able to tolerate this on a minimal level but only because most offices turn the lights off to keep the offices cooler.

This school was built in 1954 and to the best of my knowledge, no electrical upgrade has ever been completed on this building. If City offices are to continue here for the next few years, it is imperative that we have the electrical upgrade completed and some sort of plan in place for the summer months.

The insurance settlement included certain funds to assist us here at our temporary location. Electrical upgrade allowance was estimated at \$35,000.00 and portable air conditioning units were estimated at \$35,000.00. I respectfully request that the committee consider this issue and approve the electrical upgrade and the portable air conditioning units and, in allowing said motions, permit the Law Department to prepare the appropriate Request for Proposals or Invitations to Bid for these projects.

Yours truly,

  
Susan K. Barber  
Risk Manager

/skb

cc: Jason D. Buffington, City Solicitor  
Wayne Walkden, Building Superintendent

Enc.



JULY 19, 2011

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY -- CONTINUED

SCHOOL FACILITY. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AIR CONDITIONING THE FOLLOWING WORK AND ESTIMATED ALLOWANCES WERE INCLUDED IN THE CITY HALL FIRE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT FIGURE:

- (1) ASBESTOS REMOVAL - MOST RECENT ESTIMATE - \$9,380 (APRIL, 2011)
- (2) ELECTRICAL - ALLOWANCE - \$35,000
- (3) AIR CONDITIONING - PORTABLE TYPE - ALLOWANCE - \$35,000.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WORK, HE IS PLANNING ON USING A COMBINATION OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT ELECTRICIANS, HVAC TECHNICIANS, CARPENTERS AND CITY VENDORS TO COVER THE LABOR PORTION. THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT WILL PURCHASE THE MATERIALS.

AFTER CONSIDERATION OF SEVERAL OPTIONS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR REVIEW, ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE TO RELOCATE CITY HALL TO THE COHANNET BUILDING, UPGRADES TO THE MAXHAM FACILITY MAY NOT BE NECESSARY.

**MOTION:** TO INSTRUCT MR. WALKDEN TO PROCEED WITH THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL, ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AND AIRCONDITIONING

**MOTION WAS SECONDED.**

ON DISCUSSION, COUNCILOR BARBOUR ASKED IF THERE WAS A TIME FRAME FOR THIS. MR. WALKDEN STATED THAT HE COULD GET GOING ON THE ASBESTOS AND ELECTRICAL, BUT IT WOULD BE TOO LATE FOR THIS YEAR FOR THE AIR CONDITIONING TO GET IN. IF THIS WORK IS DONE, THEN THIS BUILDING COULD BE USED FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHEN CITY HALL MOVES.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT LIKE SPENDING MONEY ON THE MAXHAM BUILDING. SHE ASKED IF MR. WALKDEN HAD LOOKED INTO RENTING AIR CONDITIONS. HE SAID IT IS EXPENSIVE AND WOULD INVOLVE GENERATORS OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. COUNCILOR CARR EXPRESSED HER CONCERN WITH GOING OUT AND PURCHASING 38 AIR CONDITIONS WHEN IT IS KNOWN THAT CITY HALL WILL BE MOVING, AND THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO STORE THEM.

**ADDED TO THE ABOVE MOTION WAS TO HAVE MR. WALKDEN LOOK AT RENTING AIR CONDITIONERS INSTEAD OF BUYING THEM.**

MR. WALKDEN STATED THAT WE CANNOT RUN VIRTUALLY ANYTHING MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE RIGHT NOW IN THIS BUILDING. EVEN SOME OF THE FANS TRIP THE ELECTRICAL. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE MAYOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AUDITOR AND TREASURER BACK HERE. MR. WALKDEN DOES NOT FEEL THIS IS A GOOD IDEA WITHOUT ELECTRICAL UPGRADE, NOR DOES HE THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA WITHOUT A.C. UPGRADE, BECAUSE THEY'RE IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND THAT PART OF THE BUILDING GETS MOST OF THE SUN DURING THE DAY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IT CREATES ANOTHER PROBLEM, AS THERE ARE ENOUGH COMPLAINTS AS IT IS.

COUNCILOR BARBOUR STATED THAT AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, TMLP HASN'T CHARGED RENT, SO HE FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE THAT THEY STAY WHERE THEY ARE AT FOR THE TIME BEING UNTIL WE CAN GET THESE STUDIES BACK. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE THINKS THE CONSTANT SPENDING OF MONEY AND KEEP MOVING PEOPLE IS VERY CONFUSING TO THE PUBLIC, VERY DISORIENTING TO THE EMPLOYEES. HE FEELS THAT THEY NEED TO STAY PUT UNTIL THE COMMITTEE CAN LOOK AT SOME OF THESE OPTIONS AND STUDIES, BECAUSE IF IN FACT AN OPTION IS COHANNET SCHOOL THEN WE ARE SIMPLY MOVING PEOPLE FROM THE SATELITE LOCATIONS TO COHANNET BUT TO SPEND MORE MONEY IS TROUBLING TO HIM. IF DOWN THE ROAD, WE NEED THIS BUILDING FOR PARK AND REC OR CONSERVATION OR WHOMEVERM THEN WE CAN ADDRESS THOSE UPGRADES.

**THE ABOVE MOTION WAS CHANGED TO BE AS FOLLOWS:**

**MOTION:** TO INSTRUCT MR. WALKDEN TO JUST DO THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL.

**MOTON CARRIED.**

**MOTION:** TO MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ELECTRICAL UPGRADE UP TO \$35,000.

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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY – CONTINUED

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SECONDED THE MOTION.  
COUNCILORS BARBOUR, CARR AND COLTON VOTING IN OPPOSITION. COUNCILORS  
MARSHALL AND BUFFINGTON VOTING IN FAVOR.  
MOTION DOES NOT CARRY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:41 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

# CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

WAYNE E. WALKDEN, CBO  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
BUILDINGS

9,  
CITY HALL  
15 SUMMER STREET  
TAUNTON, MA 02780-3464  
(508) 821-1015  
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January 19, 2012

Committee on Public Property Chairman, David Pottier and  
Members of the Committee:  
City Hall

**Re: Electrical & Air Conditioning Upgrade for Maxham School**

Dear Councilors:

At a recent Public Property Committee meeting the topic of moving forward with electrical upgrades to the temporary government office building (Maxham School) was discussed. The Building Department has a plan in place to move forward with the electrical upgrade in order to move forward with the purchase of portable air conditioning units for the office areas. The Legal Department/Risk Manager is urging that we include more exterior lighting as well. After the initial upgrade we will have the electrical capacity to install more lighting and heating units as needed.

Secondly, the electrical work can be handled with the help of our current Electrical Services vendor, TMLP, and Building Department electricians. Our HVAC technicians and carpenters can take care of the air conditioning work. I would urge the Public Property Committee to approve all of the above mentioned work with no more than \$70,000 to be appropriated from the City Hall fire insurance settlement. Thank you.

Respectfully,

*Wayne E. Walkden*

Wayne E. Walkden  
Superintendent of Buildings

Cc: Mayor Thomas Hoye  
Jason D. Buffington, City Solicitor  
Susan Barber, Risk Manager

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# CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS

WAYNE E. WALKDEN,  
CBO  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

CITY HALL  
15 SUMMER STREET  
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January 17, 2012

Honorable Mayor Thomas Hoye  
Members of the Municipal Council  
City Hall  
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

I make this disclosure pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 268A §23(b) (3) in order to dispel any appearance of potential conflict of interest occasioned by the facts set out below, that I may be improperly or unduly influenced in the performance of my official duties, or that I would be likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or the undue influence of any part or person.

I publicly disclose the following facts:

- 1) Daniel DaRosa, President and owner of B&D Construction Company, Inc., and his wife have been my friends since 1989
- 2) From time to time since 1989 until 2005 I have performed work for Dan DaRosa and B&D Const. Co. Inc., in my capacity as a general contractor, project manager, and designer
- 3) From time to time since 1989 until 2005 B&D has performed work on behalf of my family as homeowners
- 4) My employment with the City of Taunton began in November, 2008
- 5) Since November, 2008 Dan DaRosa and I remain friends
- 6) Our friendship has always been centered on our families which has included events such as parties, banquets, memorials, celebrations, and simply good times
- 7) Dan DaRosa is a trusted friend whose company provides high quality work with skilled labor. I would not hesitate to call upon him if our home burned or I faced a tragedy and otherwise did not know who to call
- 8) In addition to providing high quality work, B&D has certain equipment and manpower that many other small companies do not possess, making B&D particularly qualified to perform work for the City of Taunton in appropriate circumstances and in accordance with the law, even in the absence of our friendship
- 9) B&D has performed work for the City of Taunton prior to my employment

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- 10) While working with the prior administration, B&D has provided volunteer labor, materials, and equipment to assist the City with its annual Taunton Green holiday display and most recently, a classroom conversion to office space at the temporary City Hall site.
  - 11) My concern is that there may be a false perception that B&D might receive special treatment because of my friendship with Dan DaRosa. B&D does not receive any special treatment because of our friendship, nor should B&D be prevented from having the opportunity to provide quotations, proposals, or contracts for future work provided that the procurement of such work is performed according to the law.
  - 12) I have in the past and will continue to give equal opportunity to all contractors, regardless of my friendship with Dan DaRosa

Respectfully,

*Wayne E. Walkden*

Wayne E. Walkden  
Superintendent of Buildings

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# OSCAR<sup>2</sup>

OSCAR SQUARED, INC

January 12, 2012

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

Re: Request to Withdraw  
Special Permit Application  
Proposed 24-Unit Condominium Project  
228 Berkley Street  
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Ms. Blackwell,

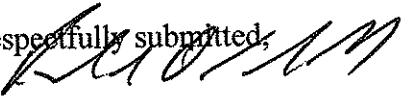
I respectfully request to withdraw this company's Special Permit Application to construct a 24-unit condominium project located at 228 Berkley Street, Taunton.

The continued economic recession and the inability to obtain construction financing, if approved, and the questionable ability to sell completed units, if constructed, has force us to put this project "on the self" until the economy show signs of improvements.

We look forward to resubmitting our application and starting the process anew in better economic times.

Thank you and the City Council for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard O. Feodoroff  
President & Treasurer

Hand Delivered

Cc. Taunton Planning Board  
Marc Tisdelle, Thompson Farland Engineering



# Prestige Carwash & Gas of Taunton, Inc.

245 North Pearl Street ♦ Brockton, MA 02301  
Tel: 508-230-5566  
Fax: 508-230-5567

January 19, 2012

To whom it may concern:

It has recently been brought to our attention that there are many accidents occurring on Route 44 in front of our location at 13 Cape Road. It is fair to say that our location is the not the sole blame. On many occasions we have witnessed various accidents from vehicles entering and exiting the surrounding locations such as KFC, Dunkin Donuts, Benny's, Family Dollar and Hess trying to cross the multi lane highway.

When the police are dispatched to the scene of an accident and the dispatcher says that it's an accident near Dunkin Donuts the police officers would not know where to go seeing there are nine Dunkin Donuts in the city of Taunton. But when the dispatcher mentions Prestige Carwash & Gas the police know directly where to go seeing we are the only Prestige Carwash & Gas in town. Therefore we are being used as a landmark rather than the culprit of these accidents.

If Prestige Carwash & Gas of Taunton was truly to blame for all these accidents why weren't we notified sooner or asked for our security camera footage to help out?

A dangerously busy multi lane highway should have a barrier preventing drivers from crossing all lanes and signs preventing drivers from crossing all lanes when exiting the various establishments.

From here on out we would like to be notified of any accidents on Route 44 near our fueling station so we may provide the security camera footage to the appropriate city officials to assist them with the accuracy of the accidents. If there is anything else we may do to assist the city with preventing these issues please advice us immediately, we will be more than happy to assist in any way we can.

Respectfully,

Ronen Drory

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# Prestige Carwash & Gas of Taunton, Inc.

245 North Pearl Street ♦ Brockton, MA 02301  
Tel: 508-230-5566  
Fax: 508-230-5567

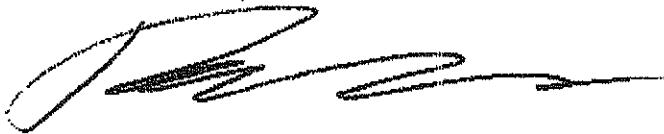
January 5, 2011

To the City of Taunton:

It has been brought to our attention that traffic is backing up to Route 44, posing a potential threat to our customers and travelers on Route 44. We do have someone directing traffic so it does not back up and block Route 44 between the hours of 8AM-6PM. To permanently rectify this issue of only having four pumps going instead of the six pumps we will be filing plans within the next five to ten days with the City of Taunton to renovate the store moving the cashiers' station to see all six pumps, alleviating the traffic congestion. When we were building the property Capt. Bastis advised us to move the cashiers' station to the corner of the building. Due to funding at that time we were unable to make those changes. Now we are taking Capt. Bastis advice and renovating the store, moving the cashiers' station to the corner of the building so they will be able to see both the express island and the pumps on Route 44, allowing all pumps to be utilized at all times. Please see the attached plan where the cashiers' station will be in relation to the pumps. Also if you have any questions in regards to the plans you may contact the engineer Halim Choubah at 508-858-5040.

Thank you

Ronen Drory





**LEGEND**

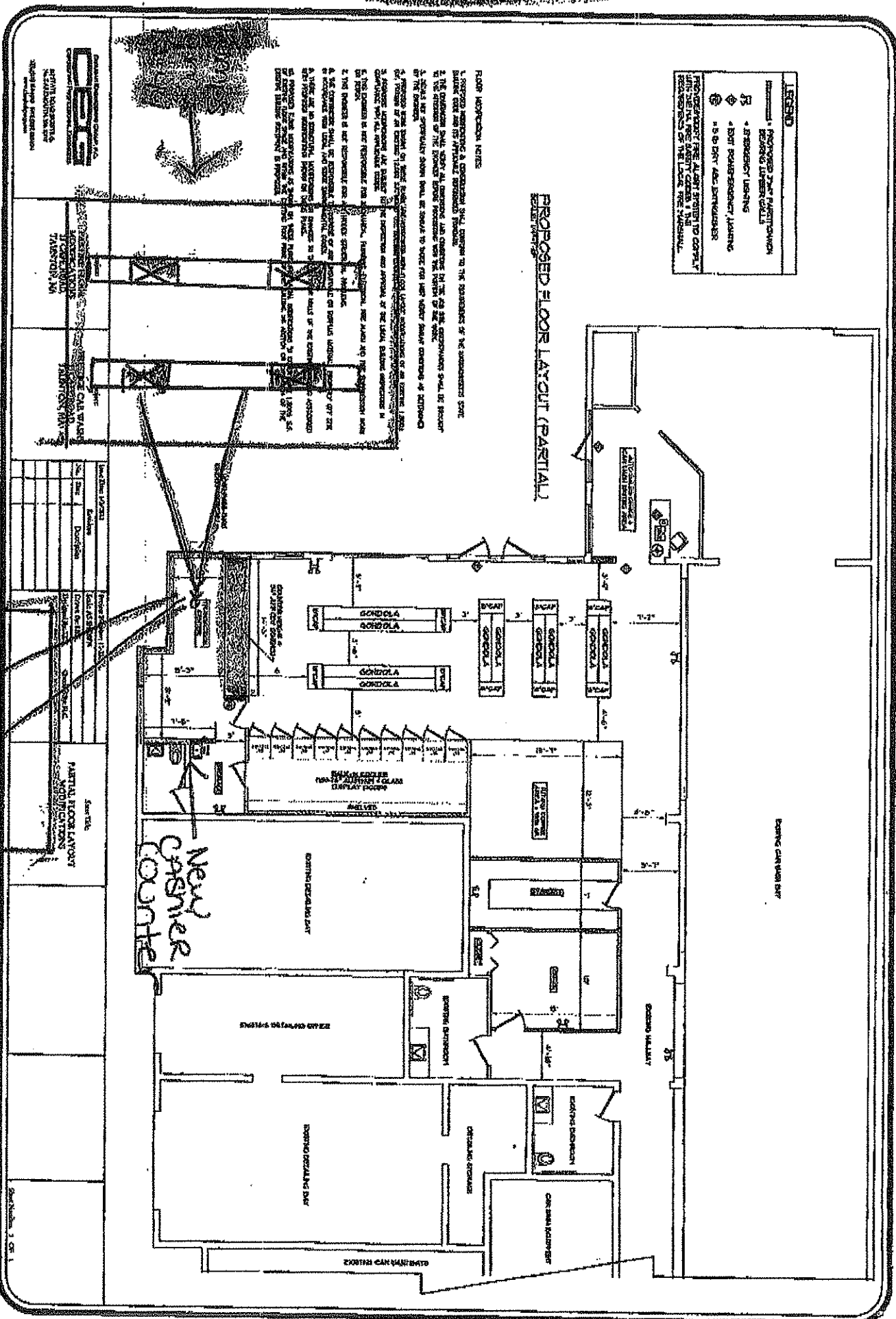
- PROPOSED 2nd FLOOR/STAIRWELL
- EXISTING LIFTER CULL
- 4 1/2" BROWSE LENSING
- 4 BROWSE/STAIRWAY LIGHTING
- 15' 6" DEPT. ABC PARTICULATES

PROPOSED FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TO CORRELATE WITH EXISTING FIRE ALARM SYSTEM. THE EXISTING SYSTEM IS TO BE MAINTAINED AND NOT RELOCATED.

**PROPOSED FLOOR LAYOUT (PARTIAL)**

**FLOOR MODIFICATION NOTES**

1. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS & CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JURISDICTIONAL CODES AND ALL APPLICABLE REGULATORY AGENCIES.
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Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Notes
1	EXISTING PARTICULATES	15' 6"	DEPT.	
2	EXISTING BROWSE LENSING	4 1/2"		
3	EXISTING DISPLAY CASES			
4	EXISTING PARTICULATES			
5	EXISTING BROWSE LENSING			
6	EXISTING DISPLAY CASES			
7	EXISTING PARTICULATES			
8	EXISTING BROWSE LENSING			
9	EXISTING DISPLAY CASES			
10	EXISTING PARTICULATES			

← Express Island

January 19, 2012

To whom it may concern:

My name is Nicole Teles and I am the manager of Prestige Carwash & Gas of Taunton and on many occasions I've seen some pretty bad accidents on Route 44 in front of our gas station.

Just December 2011 alone I Witnessed about 5 accidents on Route 44 from drivers entering and leaving Hess, Benny's, KFC, Dunkin Donuts and just on the highway.

One accident involving a motorcycle was around 5pm in December. Vehicle one was exiting Dunkin Donuts and clipped the motorcycle. Vehicle one fled the scene of the accident.

The second accident was a vehicle trying to exiting Family Dollar. Vehicle one was driving down Route 44 from Taunton towards Raynham and Vehicle two was trying to turn left from Family Dollar and they collided.

The third accident was a vehicle trying to turn into KFC and vehicle two which was traveling down 44 collided into vehicle one. This accident was NOT the first one I have seen like this.

The fourth accident was a vehicle trying to pull out of Dunkin Donuts and vehicle two traveling down Route 44 collided with vehicle one.

And the fifth accident was in September 2011 when a girl test drove a vehicle and accidently stepped on the brake which caused a vehicle to rear end her.

These are just a few accidents that have happened around our location that I've personally witnessed.



January 10, 2012

Mayor Tom Hoyer  
City Councilors  
Commissioner, Street Dept

I am writing about a safety concern that just last week became even more life threatening. It regards the crosswalk on Washington St in front of Morton Hospital. Several times a day I use that crosswalk to go over to the hospital. Each day I wonder if I will be the next one hit by a car that does not slow down never mind stop when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk.

The volume of traffic and speeds of the vehicles has increased on Washington St. In December, the crossing guard was hit by a car on Washington St at St. Mary's School and is still out of work with injuries. Last Thursday afternoon (Jan 5, 2012) an elderly man was hit by a car. His injuries required him to be transferred from Morton Hospital to a Boston hospital.

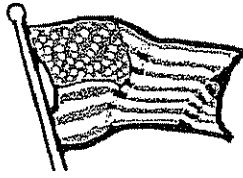
I have called the Street Dept several times over the past year and in December I called the Mayors office in an attempt to have this situation corrected. Being too cold to paint the crosswalk at this time of year is not an acceptable excuse.

I hope this crosswalk and other unsafe crossings are corrected soon before there is a fatality.

Thank you,



Ginny Starvish, RN



JANUARY 24, 2012

HONORABLE THOMAS C. HOYE, JR., MAYOR  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT RYAN C. COLTON  
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**PLEASE NOTE:**

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TEMPORARY CITY HALL AT MAXHAM SCHOOL, 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA. 02780, IN THE CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**5:30 P.M.**

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & 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 PUBLIC PROPERTY**

1. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT TAX POSSESSION AGENT TO DISCUSS CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON LAKEVIEW PLACE AND GIRARD AVENUE.
2. MEET WITH THE RISK MANAGER TO DISCUSS HER LETTER OF JANUARY 19, 2012 REGARDING ELECTRICAL UPGRADE FOR MAXHAM SCHOOL & LETTER OF SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS REGARDING ELECTRICAL & AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADE FOR MAXHAM SCHOOL.
3. MEET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS FOR AN UPDATE ON THE COHANNET BUILDING.
4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

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