



AGENDA – MAY 1, 2012

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1 Com. submitted by City Solicitor – Submitting the ballot question for the Proposed Destination Resort Casino
- Pg. 2 Com. from Conservation Agent – Submitting a response regarding trash
- Pg. 3 Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Submitting a recommendation
- Pg. 4 Com. from Willitts Mendonca, President, Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc. – Requesting a waiver of the portable stage usage fee
- Pg. 5 Com. from Jeffrey Hunt, Treasurer, PRIDE, Inc., 3 Maple Street, Taunton – Requesting a waiver of a building permit fee
- Pg. 6 Com. from Francis Lagace, 36 Stevens Street, East Taunton – Requesting a meeting
- Pg. 7 Com. from Jose Fernandes, Jr., Principal Electrical Engineer, TMLP – Harts Four Corners Pedestrian Signals Timing Concerns

PETITIONS

Livery License

Petition submitted by Donna M. Francis requesting a **RENEWAL** of her Livery License A&D Enterprises –DBA- Pegasus Airport Service located at 48 Worcester Street. (3 Vehicles)

Petition submitted by John Pacheco requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Livery License for Airport Express Direct, Inc. located at 66 Mary Drive, Taunton. (1 Vehicle)

Second Hand Article License

Petition submitted by Nancy Souza, President 33 Chester Street, Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of the Second Hand Article License for The Bargain Bazaar Thrift Shop, Inc., located at 320 Bay Street and requesting a waiver of the license fee as they are non-profit.

Antique Dealer License

Petition submitted by James Silvia, Jr. requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Antique Deal's License -DBA- Memorable Memorabilia located at 45 Baylies Road, Taunton for internet sales.

Claim

Claim submitted by Vivienie Thorpe, Sr. Claims Adjuster, Dane Shulman Associates, LLC, 1629 Blue Hill Avenue, P.O. Box 269100, Mattapan on behalf of her client Carolyn Hardy who slipped and fell due to water on the floor at Mulcahey School near the front door.

Claim submitted by John Fan, 39 Welch Road, Brookline seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a sharp pipe on the roadway on John Adams Road near Kopin Corporation.

Miscellaneous

Special Permit/Site Plan Review for a modification of a special permit/site plan review for a four family use at 63 Plain Street located in the Urban Residential District submitted by Jose Camara, 63 Plain Street, Taunton. **(Public Hearing Required)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,



**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**



City of Taunton

LAW DEPARTMENT

141 Oak Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
Phone (508) 821-1036 Facsimile (508) 821-1064



Thomas C. Hoyer, Jr.
MAYOR

Jason D. Buffington
CITY SOLICITOR

Daniel F. de Abreu
ASST. CITY SOLICITOR

April 26, 2012

The Honorable Mayor Thomas C. Hoyer, Jr.
Members of the Taunton Municipal Council
141 Oak Street
Taunton MA 02780

RE: Proposed Destination Resort Casino

Dear Mayor Hoyer and Members of the Municipal Council:

At the March 13, 2012 meeting of the Municipal Council, you called for an election on June 9, 2012 and you authorized and directed this office to formulate the exact language to appear on the ballot. Please be advised that I have this day completed this task and have provided the final ballot language to the City Clerk so that she can order the ballots. I expect that the ballot will appear substantially as follows:

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall the City of Taunton, pursuant to Section 91 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011, approve the operation of a tribal gaming establishment proposed by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to be located east of Route 24 in the immediate vicinity of the intersection of Route 24 and Route 140?

YES

NO

If you should have any questions, please contact me. Thank you, as always, for allowing me to be of service to you and the people of Taunton.

Very truly yours,

Jason D. Buffington, Esq.
City Solicitor



City of Taunton, Massachusetts
**CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

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Annex Building
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780*

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Conservation Commissioners

- Brian Marques, Chair*
- Steven Turner, Vice Chair*
- Debbie Botellio*
- Renwick Chapman, PE*
- Ernest Enos*
- Marla Isaac*
- Neil Kelly*

April 25, 2012

**Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor
Members of the Municipal Council
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780**

RE: 1 Mozzone Boulevard, Mill River Plaza, and 17 Park Street

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council,

In March I had given you copies of letters written to the property managers/owners of the above properties regarding concerns about trash within the plazas, the drainage swale on County Street, and possible trash falling into the Mill River at 17 Park Street.

I have spoken with all the property owners and responsible parties within the plazas regarding the issues with which the Municipal Council was concerned. The manager at Olive Garden will be taking care of the swale at 1 Mozzone Boulevard. The individual stores within the Mill River Plaza will be responsible for their areas. CVS is responsible for the bank along Frederick R. Martin Parkway.

I did a site walk with the owner's representative at 17 Park Street. The siltation barrier was refreshed and trash was cleaned up. There is no indication of siltation into the river and the boom is still in place along the bank of the river.

Respectfully,

**Michele Restino
Conservation Agent**



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

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April 18, 2012

Honorable Mayor Thomas Hoye
141 Oak St., Temp. City Hall
Taunton, Ma. 02780

C/O Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Broadway Layout

Dear Honorable Mayor Hoye & Municipal Council Members:

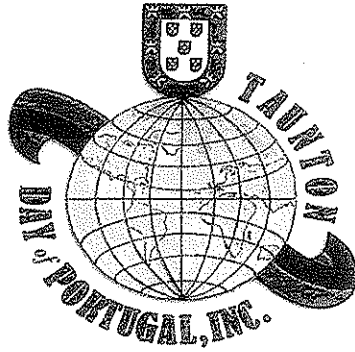
At their regular meeting held on April 5, 2012 the Taunton Planning Board was in receipt of an Approval Not Required Plan (Form A) prepared by Earth Services Corp on behalf of the DPW to define the layout of Broadway as it currently exists.

The Planning Board voted to endorse the plan and also voted to forward a recommendation to have the Municipal Council accept this section of roadway as a public way in the City of Taunton.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
Taunton Planning Board

DPD/djp



April 24, 2012

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.
Taunton City Hall
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Honorable Mayor Hoye:

I am writing in regards to the recent approval of *Taunton Day of Portugal's* usage of the City's portable on Saturday, June 9th at the Court Street parking lot. More specifically, this letter serves to request your approval of a waiver of the \$500 fee associated with the usage of the portable stage.

As you know, *Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc* is a non-profit which has as its sole purpose that of organizing the annual celebrations around the Day of Portugal. As part of those celebrations for the past 5 years we have hosted a parade & concert which has brought local residents and visitors to our downtown enriching the cultural offerings in our City. As such our Committee would sincerely appreciate your consideration of this waiver request.

On behalf of the directors and members of *Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc.*, I want to thank you for your support of our initiatives.

Sincerely,

Willitts Mendonca

Willitts S. Mendonca
President
Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc.
199 South Walker Street
Taunton, MA 02780



*Improving the
quality of people's
lives.*

Preparatory Rehabilitation for Individual Development and Employment

President
Joseph L. Amaral

April 25, 2012

Vice President
William Manganiello Esq.

Secretary
Colleen Karsner Esq.

Mayor Thomas Hoye and Taunton City Council
City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Treasurer
Jeffrey A. Hunt

Dear Mayor Hoye and Council Members,

On behalf of PRIDE, Inc. I am making this request for a building permit for roofing for a section of our building at 3 Maple Street in Taunton and a waiver of the city's usual fee. Our contractor, Alliance Construction, has provided us with a very competitive price of \$64,500.00 for the removal of two existing roof surfaces and the installation of a new rubber roof with a life expectancy of 30 years.

Directors
Jody Almeida
Patricia Babbit
Dr. Peter Bartel
Andrew Hewitt
William Kelly
Alison Mickelson
Michael Peters
Sheilah Reardon, PhD
Richard Shafer
Carol Sullivan
Steve Turner

As you know, PRIDE is a 501c3 nonprofit organization annually serving more than 200 individuals with disabilities, the majority of whom are Taunton residents. We appreciate the support we get from the city and residents of Taunton, and endeavor to give back to our community by providing employment, a paycheck, and dignity to some of our most vulnerable citizens. Every dollar we save in expenses such as this, provides more programs, opportunities and support to our disabled clients.

Executive Director
Roland Robillard

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

3 Maple Street
Taunton, MA 02780
508.823.7134 - V
508.880.5396 - TTY
508.824.5699 - Fax

PRIDE, Inc.

Jeffrey A. Hunt, Treasurer

cc: Joseph L. Amaral, President



PRIDE Inc. is a non profit, 501(C)(3) organization.

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April 26, 2012

Francis R. Lagace
36 Stevens Street
E. Taunton, Ma. 02718

Taunton City Council
Oak Street City Hall
Oak Street
Taunton, MA. 02718

Dear Councilors,

I am writing in reference to the community meetings and the May 5th open house regarding information sessions concerning the casino project proposed in our city.

I request that equal opportunity be given to those of us with an opposing view as has been afforded to those with a supporting view of the proposed casino project.

Please advise on how an opposing group may be given an equal opportunity to present their positions and facts regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Frank Lagace /s/



Serving a Public Power Community

April 27, 2012

City of Taunton Clerk's Office
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780
ATTN.: Rose Marie Blackwell

RE: Harts Four Corners Pedestrian Signals Timing Concerns

Dear City Clerk Rose Marie Blackwell:

Per City Council request, I have investigated concerns about the pedestrian crossing timing at Harts 4 Corners intersection. On Thursday 4/26/12, I observed the operation of the traffic signals from 4 – 4:30 pm and again on Friday, 4/27/12, from 7 – 7:30 am. I found the intersection operating/functioning properly according to its permit. I actuated the pedestrian signals several times and it performed properly each time. For this intersection, the permit calls for a total of 26 seconds of walk time in the pedestrian phase of operation: 7 seconds of white “Walk/Man” display, 18 seconds of orange flashing “Don’t Walk/Hand” display, and 1 second of a solid orange “Don’t Walk/Hand” display before signaling traffic to flow again. The 26 seconds is divided into 3 segments: White “Walk/Man”, orange flashing “Don’t Walk/Hand”, and an orange solid “Don’t Walk/Hand” displays. The industry standard for designing the operation of pedestrian crossings is as follows: For pedestrian crossings that have “Walk/Don’t Walk” displays but no “seconds countdown” display, it is intended for the pedestrian to cross the roadway while the pedestrian signal display operates through the 3 segments described previously. Upon start of the pedestrian cycle, a white “Walk/Man” display illuminates for a short period of time (typically 6-8 seconds depending on length of road crossing), then a flashing orange “Don’t Walk/Hand” display illuminates for the remaining allowed walk time across the roadway (typically 10-20 seconds depending on length of road crossing), then the pedestrian signal displays a solid/constant orange “Don’t Walk/Hand” display informing the pedestrian that the walk time has ended and traffic will be signaled to flow again. The theory behind the orange flashing “Don’t Walk/Hand” display is to inform the pedestrian that the walk cycle is approximately half over so the pedestrian is aware that if he/she is not halfway across the roadway at that time, then he/she needs to speed up his/her pace to make it across the road before traffic is allowed to flow again. This procedure can be confusing and misleading to the average pedestrian, but is one of the industry standards used globally. Newer methods are available, such as countdown displays which actually display the seconds left in the pedestrian cycle so the pedestrian actually knows the amount of time he/she has before traffic is allowed to flow again. We have started installing this type of “countdown” pedestrian signal at various intersections in the City. I suggest and propose that the City of Taunton consider utilizing “Countdown” pedestrian signals at its heavily traveled pedestrian crossings.

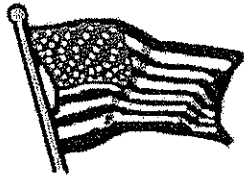
If you have any further questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact as indicated below.

Respectfully,

Joe Fernandes

Joseph A. Fernandes, Jr.
Principal Electrical Engineer

Cc: C. Foley, TMLP
File



MAY 1, 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, MAY 1, 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 FIRES AND WIRES

1. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF TO DISCUSS HIS REQUEST FOR CERTIFIED CIVIL SERVICE LISTS FOR DEPUTY CHIEF, CAPTAIN AND LIEUTENANT.
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND JENNIFER BASTILLE OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE TO REVIEW THE SNI MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH AND TO FOLLOW UP WITH ISSUES DISCUSSED WITH THE COMMITTEE ON MARCH 13, 2012
2. MEET FOR AN UPDATE ON NORTH WALKER STREET
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. MEET FOR A PRE-REVIEW HEARING ON SPECIAL PERMIT/SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR AN EXPANSION OF A LP GAS STORAGE USE AT 125 WINTER STREET
2. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AN UPDATE ON LITIGATION FROM THE LAW DEPARTMENT
3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

REPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES