

### **AGENDA – May 3, 2011**

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

**HEARING:** 

NONE

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

### **APPOINTMENTS**

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

Pg. 1-2	Com. from Chairman, Board of Registrar of Voters – Requesting a transfer of funds
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Pg. 18	Com. from Executive Director Board of Health – Information on septic system failure at 274 Winthrop Street

### **PETITIONS**

### Billiard Table License

Petition submitted by Barbeque Integrated, Inc., 5104 North Orange Blossom Trail, Suite 104 Orlando, FL requesting a **RENEWAL** of their Billiard Table License –DBA-Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill #7592 located at 1023 County Street, Taunton. (2 **Tables**)

### Miscellaneous

Petition submitted by residents of Pinecrest Drive requesting a review by the Department of Public Works and the Mayor's Office regarding the condition of their street which they state is completely torn up down to the sand in certain areas. (10 Signatures)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

### ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

### Order for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

Ordered That,

The Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Taunton hereby accept the provisions of Section 53F½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws for purposes of establishing an enterprise fund for the operation of the municipal sanitary sewer system of the City of Taunton effective July 1, 2011 and authorize the mayor, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, and the Treasurer/Collector to take all measures necessary to the implementation and administration of said enterprise system.

### Order for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

#### AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 19

Sewer & Drains

Sec 19-19. Sewer Rates/Sewer user charges: late penalty.

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

That Section 19-19 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding the following:

Replace: Section 1: Minimum Quarterly/Monthly Billing and

Section 2: Two tiered billing rates with the rates listed below.

Section 1:

For the Fiscal Year that beings July 1, 2011, the quarterly/monthly billing rates for each connection shall be according to the following fixed service charges that are based on the size of the meter serving the connection.

	Meter Size	Quarterly	Monthly
1	5/8	\$59.00	\$19.67
1.1	3/4	\$64.90	\$21.63
1.4	1	\$82.60	\$27.53
1.8	1.5	\$106.20	\$35.40
2.9	2	\$171.10	\$57.03
11	3	\$649.00	\$216.33
14	4	\$826.00	\$275.33
21	6	\$1,239.00	\$413.00
29	8	\$1,711.00	\$570.33
37	10	\$2,183.00	\$727.67

For the Fiscal Year that beings July 1, 2012, the quarterly/monthly billing rates for each connection shall be according to the following fixed service charges that are based on the size of the meter serving the connection.

	Meter Size	Quarterly	Monthly
1	5/8	\$72.00	\$24.00
1.1	3/4	\$79.20	\$26.40
1.4	1	\$100.80	\$33.60
1.8	1.5	\$129.60	\$43.20
2.9	2	\$208.80	\$69.60
11	3	\$792.00	\$264.00
14	4	\$1,008.00	\$336.00
21	6	\$1,512.00	\$504.00
29	8	\$2,088.00	\$696.00
37	10	\$2,664.00	\$888.00

For the Fiscal Year that beings July 1, 2013, the quarterly/monthly billing rates for each connection shall be according to the following fixed service charges that are based on the size of the meter serving the connection.

	Meter Size	Quarterly	Monthly
1	5/8	\$91.00	\$30.33
1.1	3/4	\$100.10	\$33.37
1.4	1	\$127.40	\$42.47
1.8	1.5	\$163.80	\$54.60
2.9	2	\$263.90	\$87.97
11	3	\$1,001.00	\$333.67
14	4	\$1,274.00	\$424.67
21	6	\$1,911.00	\$637.00
29	8	\$2,639.00	\$879.67
37	10	\$3,367.00	\$1,122.33

### Section 2:

Two tiered billing rates:

For bills issued after July 1, 2011:

Step 1: \$1.42 per 100 cf for usage between (1 to 3,000 cf quarterly)(1 to 1,000 cf monthly)

Step 2: \$5.05 per 100 cf for the incremental usage in excess of 3,000 cf (monthly excess of 1,000 cf)

For bills issued after July 1, 2012:

Step 1: \$1.49 per 100 cf for usage between (1 to 3,000 cf quarterly)(1 to 1,000 cf monthly)

Step 2: \$5.30 per 100 cf for the incremental usage in excess of 3,000 cf (monthly excess of 1,000 cf)

For bills issued after July 1, 2013:

Step 1: \$1.52 per 100 cf for usage between (1 to 3,000 cf quarterly)(1 to 1,000 cf monthly)

Step 2: \$5.41 per 100 cf for the incremental usage in excess of 3,000 cf (monthly excess of 1,000 cf)

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Blackwell

City Clerk



### CITY OF TAUNTON

15 SUMMER STREET
TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02780
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### **BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

BOARD MEMBERS

William J. Tranter, Chairman Carol A. Welch, Clerk Frank E. Biedak Elizabeth Pottier Asst. to Board of Registrar of Voters Paula M. Bergevin

APRIL 28, 2011

Honorable Mayor Charles Crowley

Members of the Municipal Council

Temporary City Hall

141 Oak St.

Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Municipal Councilors:

I am requesting permission to transfer \$2,200.00 from Supplies/Other Miscellaneous Account 1-162-202-5599 to Salaries/Wages Account 1-162-201-5102 to cover the contractual COTMA Increase.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Tranter

Chairman, Board of Registrar of Voters

### **COUNCIL ORDER TRANSFER REQUEST**

DATE: 4 / 27 / 2011	
DEPARTMENT REQUESTING: REGISTRAR OF	VOTERS OFFICE
AMOUNT REQUESTING: \$ 2,200.00	Minoral del Minoral del Annotation del Control del Con
REASON FOR REQUEST:COTMA_RAISE	
Please list below the account number/name to If requesting monies from AVAILABLE FUNDS	
TRANSFER FROM: 1 - 162-202 - 5599	TRANSFER TO: 1 _ 162 _ 201 _ 5102
NAME: Supplies/Miscellaneous	NAME: Office Manager
AMOUNT: \$ 2,200.00	<b>AMOUNT:</b> \$ 2,200.00
TRANSFER FROM:	TRANSFER TO:
NAME:	NAME:
AMOUNT: \$	AMOUNT: \$
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE: Taula	MBergerin
TITLE: ASST. TO	D BOARD OF REG. OF VOTERS
TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK OF COUNCIL COMM	ITTEE:
DATE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE ANI	O SALARY:/
The above request is hereby: APPROVED	DENIED
DATE APPROVED:/	
AVAILABLE FUNDS TO BE USED (IF REQUESTED):	
IF DENIED, REASON FOR DENIAL:	
COUNCIL ORDER NUMBER ASSIGNED:	

FOR COUNCIL ORDER TRANSFERS PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM, WITH A FORMAL COVER LETTER REQUESTING THE TRANSFER AND SEND A COPY OF BOTH THE LETTER AND THIS FORM TO THE FOLLOWING:

City Clerk - Original Mayor's Office Clerk of Council Committee City Auditor 8



### CITY OF TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

50 School Street Taunton, MA 02780 Tel. (508) 821-1452 • Fax (508) 821-1495

Timothy J. Bradshaw Chief of Department

KATE GOVER
Administrative Assistant

April 28, 2011

Rose Marie Blackwell City Clerk Taunton City Hall 141 Oak Street Taunton, Ma. 02780

Dear Ms. Blackwell;

I am formally requesting the City Council transfer available funds from the Fire S.A.F.E. Grant Account and the Fire Service Hazmat Response Account totaling **Eight Thousand** Nine Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars and Sixty Five Cents (\$8,999.65) be transferred into the Fire Department's Salaries & Wage Account.

Attached find the backup documentation detailing itemization breakdown for this request.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Bradshaw Chief of Department

### Andrew Street, or Stre

### **COUNCIL ORDER TRANSFER REQUEST**

DATE: 4/26/2011
DEPARTMENT REQUESTING: <u>FIRE</u>
AMOUNT REQUESTING: \$8,999.65
REASON FOR REQUEST: TRANSFER MONIES FROM FIRE GIFT APPROPRIATIONS ACCT TO FIREFIGHTING SUPPLY ACCOUNT
Please list bellow the account number/name for the requested transfer.  If requesting monies from <u>AVAILABLE FUNDS</u> check here: X
TRANSFER FROM: 24-220-6370-5127-0-0 TRANSFER TO: 1-220-201-5119
Name: FIRE DEPT. S.A.F.E GRANT Name: SALARIES & WAGES
Amount \$: \$7,815.00 Amount \$: \$7,815.00
TRANSFER FROM: 1-0-437-220-0-0 TRANSFER TO: 1-220-201-5119
Name: FIRE SERVICE HAZMAT RESPONSE Name: SALARIES & WAGES
Amount \$: \$1,184.65 Amount \$: \$1,184.65
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:
Timothy J. Bradshaw  TITLE: Chief of Department
TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE:
DATE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARY:
The above request is hereby: Approved DENIED
DATE APPROVED:
AVAILABLE FUNDS TO BE USED (IF REQUESTED):
IF DENIED, REASON FOR DENIAL:
COUNCIL ORDER NUMBER ASSIGNED:
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### CITY OF TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

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TIMOTHY J. BRADSHAW
Chief of Department

KATE GOVER
Administrative Assistant

April 26, 2011

Rose Marie Blackwell City Clerk Taunton City Hall 141 Oak Street Taunton, Ma. 02780

Dear Ms. Blackwell;

I am formally requesting the City Council transfer available funds from the Fire Department's Gift Appropriation Account totaling **Twenty Thousand Dollars** (\$20,000.00) be transferred into the Fire Department's Firefighter Supply Account.

The funds come from the generous and continued support of the Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. This money will be used towards the purchase a new "Jaws of Life" for the City.

Attached find the backup documentation detailing itemization breakdown for this request. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

Timothy J. Bradshaw Chief of Department

cc:

Mayor Charles Crowley Clerk of Council Committee City Auditor



### **COUNCIL ORDER TRANSFER REQUEST**

DATE: <u>4/26/2011</u>	
DEPARTMENT REQUESTING: FIR	<u>E</u>
AMOUNT REQUESTING: \$20	00.000
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TRANSFER FROM: <u>27-220-6723-4835</u>	TRANSFER TO: <u>1-220-202-5581</u>
Name: FIRE DEPT. GIFT APPROP.	ACCT. Name: <u>FIREFIGHTING SUPPLIES</u>
Amount \$: \$20,000.00	Amount \$: \$20,000.00
TRANSFER FROM:	TRANSFER TO:
Name:	Name:
Amount \$:	Amount \$:
DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:	DK Scal  othy K Bradshaw
	ef of Department
TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK OF COUNCIL C	OMMITTEE:
DATE REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	ON FINANCE AND SALARY:
The above request is hereby:	ApprovedDENIED
DATE APPROVED:	
AVAILABLE FUNDS TO BE USED (IF REQU	JESTED):
IF DENIED, REASON FOR DENIAL:	
COUNCIL ORDER NUMBER ASSIGNED	);
FOR COUNCIL ORDER TRANSFERS PLEA	SE FILL OUT THIS FORM, WITH A FORMAL COVER LETTER
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City Clerk-Original Mayor's Office Clerk of Council Committee City Auditor



### CHARLES CROWLEY MAYOR

### City of Taunton

### LAW DEPARTMENT

Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
Phone (508) 821-1036 Facsimile (508) 821-1064
cotlawdept@tmlp.net



PETER J. BERRY
CITY SOLICITOR

JORDAN H. F. FIORE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR

April 28, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley and Members of the Municipal Council

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have expressed an interest in implementing an enterprise system for the administration of the municipal sanitary sewer system for the City of Taunton effective July 1, 2011. The method prescribed by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for implementing such a system is for the mayor and council to adopt the provisions of Section 53F½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws with regard to the sewer system and to authorize those officials involved in the finance of the system to take such measures as are necessary to implement it.

I have provided the City Clerk with a resolution adopting this provision for your consideration this evening. Unlike an ordinance, this requires only a single reading and can be passed immediately.

Very truly yours,

Jordan H. F. Fiore Assistant City Solicitor





MARC R. PACHECO STATE SENATOR 1 ST FLYMOUTH AND BRISTOL DISTRICT ROOM 312B TEL (617) 722-1551 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

#### MASSACHUSETTS SENATE

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02193-1053

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON POST AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT (CHAIRMAN)
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE (CHAIRMAN)
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April 28, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley Taunton City Hall 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Members of the Council:

I am writing to inform you that the Joint Committee on Public Service has scheduled a public hearing for Senate Bill No. 1886, An Act authorizing an early retirement incentive program in the City of Taunton, which I filed on behalf of the City.

Should you wish to have a representative from the City testify in support of this legislation, the hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 1:00 pm in room B-1 here at the State House.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Sincerely,

Marc R. Pacheco State Senator



### BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

940 COUNTY STREET, TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02780-3799

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Treasurer: JOHN FRIAS

Superintendent: RICHARD W. GROSS, Ed. D. April 8, 2011

The Honorable Charles Crowley Mayor of the City of Taunton 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley:

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, your Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District Committee voted to approve the attached FY 2012 budget. Prior to the regular meeting, a public hearing was held in accordance with the notice posted in all member communities and advertised through a legal notice in <u>The Enterprise</u>.

Information regarding the approved budget and the assessment to the City of Taunton, as well as the assessments to the other district communities, is enclosed. **The City of Taunton FY 2012 total assessment is \$4,469,739.** Please note that the figures presented here are based upon **the latest available information** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of Education.

As in previous years, the FY 2012 budget reflects community assessments at the minimum required level. These levels are established by the regional agreement, the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts based on the Governor's budget. Should these figures change, we will adjust as necessary and notify our communities accordingly.

We look forward to attending a meeting of the Municipal Council to discuss the enclosed information. Please contact my office in order that we may set up a mutually agreeable time. Thank you for the continued support of your students at Bristol-Plymouth.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Gross, Ed.D.

Superintendent

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CC:

Louis Borges, School Committee Peter Corr, School Committee Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk Wendy Graves, Treasurer Gil Enos, Budget Director Todd Castro, Mayoral Asst. Daniel Barbour, City Council A. J. Marshall, City Council Sherry Costa-Hanlon, Council President Jason Buffington, City Council Deborah Carr, City Council Gerald Croteau, City Council Ryan Colton, City Council Thomas Hoye, Jr., City Council David Pottier, City Council

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# Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District

### Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

Approved by School Committee on April 5, 2011

Prepared with Governor's Budget

Announced 1-26-11

Schedules I, II, III

# Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Schedule I

### Operating Budget (By Major Function):

1000	Administration & Business Functions	1,023,202
2000	Instruction	10,717,216
3000	Other Student Services	1,916,159
4000	Operation & Maintenance of Plant	2,048,250
5000	Insurances/Benefits	3,471,340
7000	Equipment/Fixed Assets	10,000
Total Fisc	al Year 2012 Budget	\$19,186,167
Fiscal Year Dollar Char Percent Ch		\$19,199,439 (\$13,272) -0.1%

4/5/2011

# Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Schedule II

Total Budget:

\$19,186,167

Revenue Sources:

Chapter 70 9,847,364

Anticipated Transportation Reimbursement 428,339

Local Contribution 669,322

(E&D, Interest, & Medicaid Program) 10,945,025

Less Applied Revenues:

*\$10,945,025 57.0%* 

Required Community Assessments:

\$8,241,142 43.0%

# Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Schedule III

	Minimum Requir	ed Contribution		
Member Community	State Minimum Contribution Assessment	Regional Transportation Assessment	Assessment of Other Costs	FY2012 Total Assessment
Berkley	\$668,615	\$21,043	\$0	\$689,658
Bridgewater	\$791,036	\$20,201	\$0	\$811,237
Middleborough	\$1,205,287	\$38,298	\$0	\$1,243,585
Raynham	\$1,002,935	\$23,989	\$0	\$1,026,924
Taunton	\$4,306,447	\$163,292	\$0	\$4,469,739
	<u>\$7,974,320</u>	\$266,822	<u>\$0</u>	\$8,241,142

Member Community	Per Pupil Enrollment of October 2010	Member Community Per Pupil %	Community % of FY2012 Required Minimum Contribution Assessment
Berkley	100	7.89%	8.37%
Bridgewater	96	7.57%	9.84%
Middleborough	182	14.35%	15.09%
Raynham	114	8.99%	12.46%
Taunton	776	61.20%	54.24%
Totals	<u>1268</u>	100.00%	<u>100.00%</u>

### Assessment Apportionment and Due Dates

<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>Total Due</u>
July 27, 2011	21.00%
October 12, 2011	40.00%
January 11, 2012	20.00%
April 12, 2012	19.00%

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# Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District Assessment Comparisons FY2011/2012 Budget

	Enrollment Oct 09/Oct 10	Enrollment % Change	FY11 Minimum Contribution	FY11 Trans. Assess	FY11 Total	FY12 Minimum Contribution	FY12 Trans. Assess.	FY12 Total	\$ Change	% Increase
Berkley	103/100	-2.9%	660,495	0	660,495	668,615	21,043	689,658	29,163	4.4%
Bridgewater	98/36	8.3%	703,554	0	703,554	791,036	20,201	811,237	107,683	15.3%
Middleborough	150/182	21.3%	973,988	0	973,988	1,205,287	38,298	1,243,585	269,597	27.7%
Raynham	105/114	7.9%	895,415	0	895,415	1,002,935	23,989	1,026,924	131,509	14.7%
Taunton	802/776	-3.4%	4,330,956	0	4,330,956	4,306,447 163,292	163,292	4,469,739	138,783	3.2%
District Totals	1248/1268	7.6%	\$7,564,408	0	\$7,564,408	\$7,974,320	266,822	\$7,974,320 266,822 \$8,241,142	\$676,734	8.9%

### CITY OF TAUNTON

### Contributory Retirement System

40 Dean Street, Unit 3 Taunton, Massachusetts 02780 Tel (508) 821-1052 Fax (508) 821-1063 www.tauntonretirement.com

BOARD OF RETIREMENT

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Executive
Director:
Paul J. Slivinski

Assistant
Director:
Kathy A. Maki

April 22, 2011

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission
Mr. Joseph Connarton, Executive Director
5 Middlesex Avenue, Suite 304
Somerville, MA. 02145

Dear Mr. Connarton:

Enclosed is the Annual Statement for the Financial Condition of the City of Taunton Contributory Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Annual Statement was approved by the Taunton Retirement Board at its meeting on April 22, 2011. This statement is being submitted in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, § 20(5)h, § 23(1)c and § 23(2)e.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully yours,

Paul J. Slivinski Executive Director

cc:

Hon. Charles E. Crowley, Mayor

Taunton Municipal Council
Taunton Municipal Light Plant
Taunton Housing Authority

Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority

Encl.

Councilois-\* Separate Pacnet will be on your Desks

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### CITY OF TAUNTON

MASSACHUSETTS

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS** 

ROBERT P. PIROZZI BUILDING COMMISSIONER

CHIEF OF INSPECTIONS

MARY JANE BENKER

BUILDING INSPECTOR

ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



CITY HALL 15 SUMMER STREET TAUNTON, MA 02780-3464 (508) 821-1015 FAX (508) 821-1019

29-Apr-11

Mayor Charles Crowley Members of the Municipal Council 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

Re: Planet Petroleum & Red House (Winthrop Street)

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

You have requested an update as to what enforcement actions have been taken on Planet Petroleum:

Be advised that as of this date some sections of fence have been installed between the properties at 268 and 272 Winthrop Street. No barrier (fence) has been installed between the properties at 272 and 274 Winthrop Street as of this time.

Please be advised that this office has met with Solicitor Berry and the Law Firm of Deutch & Williams to review and discuss ongoing litigation concerning the above referenced properties.

The next court hearing on this matter has been scheduled for May 6, 2011. Attorney Dan Deutch will be attending this hearing.

Respectfully.

Mary Jane Benker
Mary Jane Benker

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

cc: Zoning Board of Appeals, Director of Planning & Conservation





### CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF EDWARD JAMES WALSH 23 SUMMER STREET TAUNTON, MA 02780 (508) 821-1471 April 27, 2011

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

Dear Mayor Crowley:

Pursuant to the Municipal Council's request concerning police action and the issuing of 21D citations, this department has not issued nor collected on any citations relative to Planet Petroleum or the adjacent "red house" property. The Zoning Enforcement Officer has been the lead in the issuance of the 21D citations and we have worked with her on this issue. These efforts have been coordinated to deconflict enforcement action by the various city agencies. Any statements attributed to me relative to citations issued on these properties would reflect citations issued by the Zoning Enforcement Officer in coordination with other city agencies, not the police department.

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,

Edward James Walsh Chief of Police



### City of Taunton

### Board of Nealth

45 School Street Massachusetts 02780-3212 BOARD MEMBERS
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ADAM S. VICKSTROM
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 28, 2011

City of Taunton Municipal Council Taunton Temporary City Hall 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

Re: 274 Winthrop Street

Dear Municipal Council:

The septic system (cesspool) failure at 274 Winthrop Street was brought to the attention of the Board of Health during an inspection of the system by Veolia and the Board of Health. This inspection was triggered because the owners of the property were proposing an expansion of the existing business, which would normally trigger a certification whether or not the septic system is adequate to handle the proposed increase in flow. However, if they were tied-in to sewer, the size of septic system becomes a non-issue. Veolia and the DPW were uncertain whether or not they were tied-in to sewer, so it was decided to do a dye test to determine where the waste water goes. In a dye test, dye is flushed down the toilet and then the septic system or sewer is checked to see where the dye comes out.

When the cover to the system was exposed, the dye showed up into the cesspool and during this time, it was noticed that the cesspool was also nearly full (within three inches of the top) and this is, by definition, a failure because the system was no longer leaching into the soil. Additionally, no additions are allowed using a cesspool, so the owners would have to upgrade anyways or tie-into sewer, if available. The owners have two years from the date of the failure to upgrade or tie-in to sewer and they are also responsible for maintaining the system by pumping until such time that they are able to comply with the time frame of the order.

Sincerely,

Heather L. Gallant, MPH, RS, CHO

**Executive Director** 



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

### CITY of TAUNTON ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

15 Summer Street Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Phone 508-821-1051/1043 Fax 508-821-1<del>043</del> (6 & 5

April 29, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley & Municipal Council Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak St. Taunton, Ma. 02780

RE: 272 Winthrop Street

Dear Mayor Crowley & Municipal Council Members:

The Zoning Board of Appeals is in receipt of your referral for an update on property located at 272 Winthrop Street relative to the compliance of ZBA Case # 3056. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved the relief requested and a copy of the decision is attached for your review.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has no zoning enforcement powers so any and all enforcement of the decision rendered should be forwarded to the Zoning Enforcement Officer, MaryJane Benker, c/o Building Department.

Respectfully yours,

Dennis I. Ackerman, Chairman

**Zoning Board of Appeals** 

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### CITY of TAUNTON ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

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### CASE #3056 -Amend

(clerical error)

The Petition of Milad Dbaib, 272 Winthrop St., Taunton, Ma. for a Variance from Section 6.3 of the Taunton Zoning Ordinance to allow a Highway Business Use on a lot having 115 feet of frontage (instead of 150 feet) on premises situated at 272 Winthrop Street, Taunton, Ma.

A public hearing was held on December 16, 2010 at the Taunton Public Library Auditorium, 12 Pleasant St., Taunton, Ma. and the following members present: Dennis I. Ackerman, Chairman, Peter Wasylow, Clerk, Joseph Amaral, Wayne Berube, Troy Medeiros, Members, John Joyce and Michael Staples, Associate Members.

For the Petitioner: Atty. William Rounds, 115 Broadway, Taunton, Ma.

In favor: Letter from Robert Pirozzi, Bldg. Comm., City of Taunton.

Opposition: Danielle Briggs, 268 Winthrop St., Taunton, Ma.

Juanita Gallagher, 145 Winthrop St., Taunton, Ma. Augustus Gomes, 273 Winthrop St., Taunton, Ma. Anna Hawes, 545 Cohannet St., Taunton, Ma.

Maureen Boiros, 597 Cohannet St., Taunton, Ma. Taunton Highlands Area

Neighborhood Assoc.

Carol Doherty, 148 Highland St. Taunton, Ma. Taunton Highlands Area

Neighborhood Assoc.

Roberta Shafer, 6 Davenport St., Taunton, Ma Taunton Highlands Area

Neighborhood Assoc.

Findings: The petitioner is requesting a Variance from Section 6.3 of the Zoning Ordinance for frontage for business use at 272 Winthrop Street located in the Highway Business District. The property had a single family located on it and some time ago a portion of the house was removed. The property has an approved Site Plan Review in 2007 for a 24 vehicle used car sales once they receive a variance for frontage for the conversion from residential to commercial use.

The property has been a subject to zoning and conservation violations and the Building Commissioner and City Planner agree the site is an eyesore that needs to be cleaned up and finds this is the first step in a solution to the current condition. The Board finds that approving the relief for frontage will make enforcement of any violations of the conditions and approved Site Plan much easier than the current situation. The Board finds that granting the variance will

allow the applicant to move forward with his proposal. The Board is aware there is an approved Site Plan Review for auto sales and all other proposed uses would require additional approvals. The Board grants the relief with provisions for fencing to provide the direct abutters with the buffer between the properties. The Board sympathizes with the neighbors that have been dealing with this property for some time. However, the Board finds that this is the first step in working toward a resolution in having a recorded decision for a specific use at the Registry of Deeds resulting in a much easier enforcement. The Board finds that there is an approved site plan review for auto sales with conditions imposed to protect the neighborhood. The Board finds that this approval allows the petitioner a chance to demonstrate that he is willing to work with the City and abutters in complying with the conditions imposed.

Motion to Grant as Presented based on adherence to the submitted application including the Submitted plans and all bulk, size and intensity criteria contained therein and the following conditions:

- 1. A 6 foot stockade fence shall be erected along the side property line abutting 274 Winthrop Street. The fence will start 10 feet back from front property line and extend 150 feet towards the rear of the property. A 6 foot stockade fence shall be erected along the property line abutting 268 Winthrop Street. The fence will start 10 feet back from the property line and extend 165 feet towards the rear of the property. This fence shall be located on the 272 Winthrop Street lot and set back 2 feet from the side property line shared with 268 Winthrop Street. Fencing shall be installed by April 15, 2011.
- Petitioner must comply with Departmental Site Plan Review dated August 28, 2007 for a 24 vehicle used car sales lot unless some other permitted use is made of the subject property.

VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed
Dennis I. Ackerman, Chairman	Yes	A TRUE COPY OF DECISION
Wayne Berube	Yes	FILED IN OFFICE OF
Joseph Amaral	Yes	CITY CLERK
Peter Wasylow	Yes	
Troy Medeiros	Yes	JAM 06 2011

**PETITION GRANTED:** 

CITY OF TAUNTON BOARD OF APPEALS

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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, MAY 3, 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

- 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

- MEET WITH THE CONSERVATION AGENT TO DISCUSS LAND OFF OF KING JAMES BOULEVARD
- 2. MEET WITH MICHAEL HORRIGAN OF THE T.M.L.P. AND REPRESENTATIVE OF BLUE WAVE STRATEGIES TO DISCUSS LEASE OPTION FOR SOLAR PANELS ON CITY BUILDINGS
- 3. MEET WITH THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT AND THOMAS PESTANA, HEAD ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, TO DISCUSS THE HEAD ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN'S ROLES AND DUTIES
- 4. MEET WITH THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT AND THOMAS PESTANA, HEAD ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, TO DISCUSS BENNETT SCHOOL PROPERTY FIRE ALARM UPGRADES
- 5. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

### THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

- MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS SEWER AND DRAINS ORDINANCE
- 2. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR FOR AN UPDATE ON 21U PROCESS
- 3. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW SEWER RATE AND ENTERPRISE ORDINANCE
- 4. MEET TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE OPENING OF THE NEW TAUNTON DISTRICT COURT.
- 5. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA - CONTINUED

### THE COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE

- 1. MEET AND DISCUSS WITH THE LAW DEPARTMENT THE LEGAL PROCESS FOR FOLLOWING THE RFP AND WHAT THE CITY'S ABILITY IS TO ENTERTAIN OTHER RFP'S.
- 2. MEET AND DISCUSS HOW THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO PROCEED WITH BOTH IWT AND OTHER POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVES FOR THE LANDFILL FOR LONG TERM SOLID WASTE SOLUTIONS.
- 3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

### THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

- 1. MEET TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS FY 2012 DRAFT BUDGETS SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT HEADS
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

**CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**