

## AGENDA -NOVEMBER 23, 2010

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

**HEARING:** 

NONE

# COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

### APPOINTMENTS

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

Pg. 1-3 Com. from Louis Ricciardi, President, Taunton Development Corporation
- Notifying of a vote

Pg. 4-5 Com. from Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association Steering Committee – Requesting resolution

#### **PETITIONS**

### The following are RENEWALS for Class II Licenses:

- 1. Costa's Service Center located at 28 Leonard St., Taunton
- 2. Hill Top Motors located at 1 Lawton Ave., Taunton
- 3. Tucan Auto Sales located at 295 Broadway, Taunton

### Miscellaneous

Special Permit/Site Plan Review submitted by Scott R. Wessels/Bear's Den Fly Fishing Company, 16 Brook St., Taunton to allow a 3,000 sq. ft. retail use at 1004 Crane Ave. South located in the Industrial District. (Informational Only)

Special Permit/Site Plan Review submitted by Michael Bowden, President, IPC Global Solutions, 55 Scotland Boulevard, Bridgewater to allow the addition of 5 loading docks at 605 Myles Standish Blvd. Located in the Industrial District. (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

# Ordinance for a second reading to be passed to a third

#### AN ORDINANCE

### Chapter 12.1

# Manufactured Homes and Manufactured Home Parks

**Sec. 12.1-36. Evictions** 

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

That Section 13-171 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding the following:

Delete present section (b) and add following section (b).

(b) An owner seeking to recover possession of a manufactured home park accommodation shall apply to the review board for a certificate of eviction upon forms provided by the board. There shall be a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) filing fee to cover the board's administrative costs. The applicant shall be responsible for all costs of service and/or mailing. Upon receipt of such an application, the review board shall send a copy of the application to the tenant of the manufactured home park accommodation together with a notification of all rights and procedures available under this section. If the review board finds that the facts attested to in the owner's petition are valid and in compliance with paragraph (a), the certificate of eviction shall be issued.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.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

**NEW BUSINESS** 

Respectfully submitted,

Loce Maire Blacketell

Rose Marie Blackwell City Clerk



# TAUNTON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Myles Standish Industrial Park

Liberty and Union Industrial Park

40 Summer Street

Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Telephone: (508) 824-5857 • Fax: (508) 967-7446



November 18th, 2010

Honorable Charles Crowley, Mayor Council President Deborah Carr Members of the Municipal Council City of Taunton City Hall – 15 Summer Street Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Re: Recreation Land, MSIP

Dear Mayor Crowley and Members of the Municipal Council:

At the Board of Directors Meeting of the Taunton Development Corporation on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Members voted to offer and forward for your consideration the attached plans to replace the recreational parcel in the Myles Standish Industrial Park, Phase IV expansion area.

The land, Lot 77E, is located off South Crane Avenue and will serve as a buffer between the industrial park and the residential area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely, Successful Received

Louis M. Ricciardi, President

C: Ms. Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk

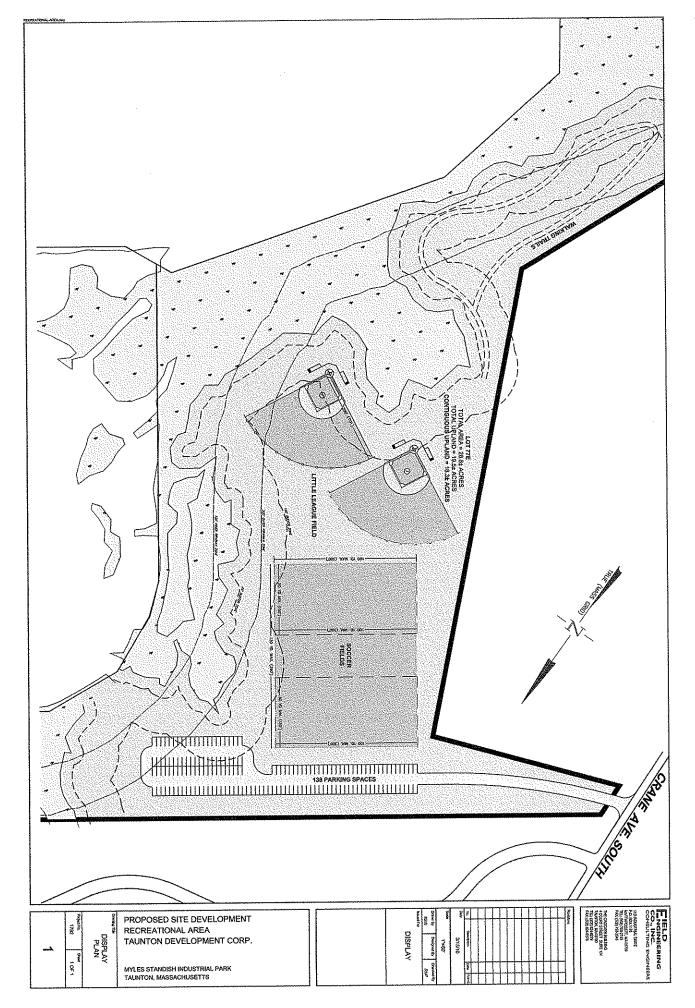
Mr. Richard L. Shafer, COO

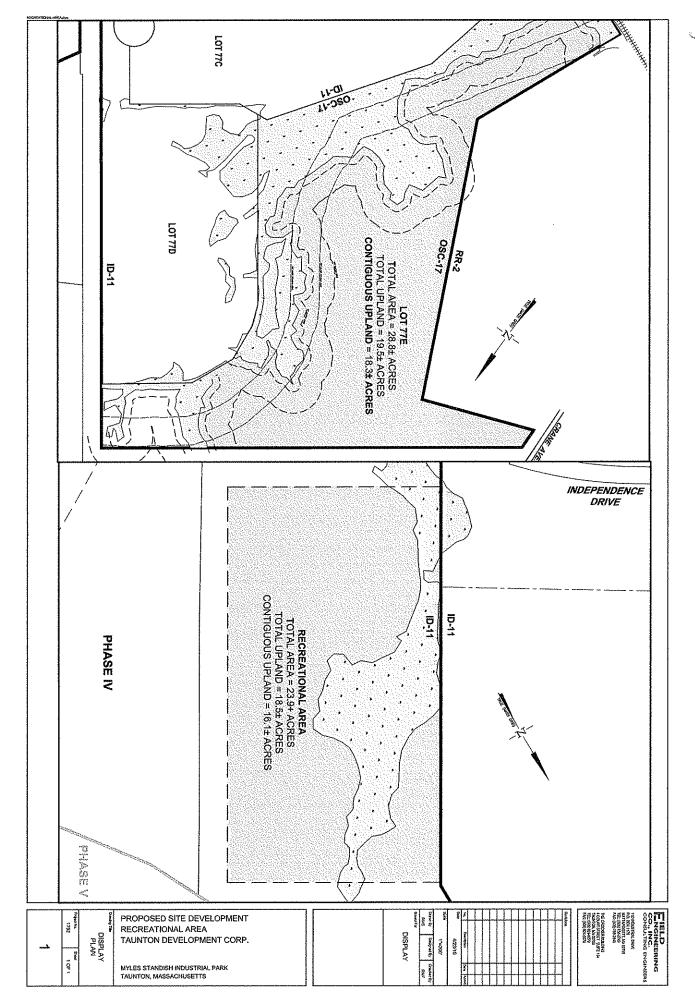
Mr. Victor P. Santos, VP, TDC

Mr. Edward A. Roster, Esquire

LMR/jnc

Council, Recreation Parcel





November 16, 2010

Charles Crowley, Mayor Jason Buffington, Councilman and Chairman or the Committee on Police and License Jane Estey, City Solicitor City Hall Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley, Councilman Buffington, and Solicitor Estey,

At the most recent meeting of the Taunton Area Highlands Neighborhood Association, the subject of Planet Petroleum again dominated everyone's concerns. We consider the inaction concerning this matter unacceptable. We would like to remind you of the council discussions on August 3 and August 28, 2010.

Attached is a list of violations that have yet to be addressed. These were outlined to Attorney William Rounds by Councilman Jason Buffington in a letter dated August 9. We expect some resolution to this ongoing city blight and the blatant disregard for city ordinances. It is an affront to the citizens of Taunton who pay their taxes and abide by the law that these problems have not been resolved.

On behalf of our members,

Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association Steering Committee

Maure en Jukos Maureen Boiros, 597 Cohannet Street

Carol Doherty, 148 Highland Street

Michaeline Saladayga, 194 Winthrop Street

Photo & Leis II

Loberta S Skafe

Roberta Shafer, 6 Davenport Street

cc. Members of the Taunton Municipal Council and members of THANA

The Taunton Highlands Area Neighborhood Association is dedicated to "protect, preserve, and improve our neighborhood" tauntonhighlands@gmail.com

Attachment to Letter to Mayor Crowley, Jason Buffington, & Jane Estey

### Unresolved Issues Regarding Activity at 272 & 274 Winthrop Street

Zoning Violations—"According to city officials, there is a need for the property owners to come before the Zoning Board of appeals in order to obtain an approval for any use of the property at 272 Winthrop Street. We were informed that, until such time as this approval is received, there should be no activity taking place on this property whatsoever."

Not only has there been no ZBA approval for use, but also the activity on the 272 property has increased and now appears to be a junkyard for unlicensed cars, boats, RV's, greenhouse frames, and other trash. Additionally it is used as a parking lot for daily activity at the 274 business with cars and trucks entering at all hours of the day and night.

<u>Buffer Zone</u>—"At 272 Winthrop Street, the landscaped buffer between 272 and 274 Winthrop Street needs to be restored."

The number of cars between the properties has increased. There are piles of tires and other junk all over the area which should be a landscaped buffer zone.

<u>272 Winthrop Street</u>—"The Committee and applicable city departments are willing to work with you and our clients to rectify any and all concerns with this property and to assist you in obtaining the necessary approvals to redevelop 272 Winthrop Street into an attractive and viable business. However we request that you file for the necessary approvals in the very near future and keep 272 Winthrop clear of any activity in the meantime."

We have not observed any progress to this request. No effort has been made to landscape and restore an illegally-removed buffer zone between a residential property, 268 Winthrop Street, and 272 Winthrop Street. In fact, an abandoned RV has been parked on the 272 property directly opposite the outdoor deck and back yard of the residents. It has been there, unused since August.

Continued Illegal Operation—"The Committee has instructed the city solicitor to advise it as to any and all legal options available to the city in the event that your clients choose to continue to operate at 272 Winthrop Street, fail to rectify the landscaped buffer issue and otherwise fail to be in compliance with any and all other applicable provisions of law."

Neighbors have documented illegal operation and use of the 272 property and have contacted both Police Chief Walsh and the Building Department when these actions have occurred. The illegal activity continues.



### **NOVEMBER 23, 2010**

HONORABLE CHARLES CROWLEY, MAYOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEBORAH A. CARR AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN

SCHEDULED FOR <u>TUESDAY</u>, <u>NOVEMBER 23</u>, <u>2010</u> AT <u>5:30 P.M.</u>
IN THE NEW <u>ELIZABETH POLE SCHOOL</u>, <u>215 HARRIS STREET</u>,

TAUNTON, MA

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
- MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

### **COMMITTEE ON THE NEEDS OF THE AIRPORT**

- 1. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR FOR AN UPDATE ON PENDING LITIGATION.
- MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

### THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

- 1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CONSTABLE:
  - A. JACQUELINE COUTE, 72 ELDRIDGE ST., TAUNTON RENEWAL
  - B. JAMES DININNO, 68 BROADWAY, TAUNTON RENEWAL
  - C. JOHN DUPONT, 485 SOMERSET AVE., TAUNTON
     RENEWAL
  - D. BRIAN RATCLIFFE, 4 DALE ST., TAUNTON RENEWAL
- 2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF AURELIO SOUSA, CUMBERLAND, RIFOR RENEWAL OF BILLIARD TABLE LICENSE D/B/A BRISTOL SPORTS ZONE, INC., 260 WEST WATER ST.

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#### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA

- 3. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF & DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF JAMES LYONS, JR. FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY FIXED VENDOR LICENSE D/B/A DANDI-LYONS, 649 COUNTY ST., TAUNTON, TO SELL FLOWERS ON THANKSGIVING, VALENTINES DAY, EASTER AND MOTHER'S DAY.
- 4. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR FOR AN UPDATE ON ISSUES CONCERNING PLANET PETROLEUM, 272-274 WINTHROP STREET
- MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

#### THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FOR AN UPDATE ON PROPOSED SEWER PROJECT FOR UPPER WINTHROP STREET
- 2. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS PROPOSED STREET ACCEPTANCES
- 3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

### THE COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE

- 1. MEET TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE LETTER DATED 10/27/2010 FROM BOARD OF HEALTH DOCTORS
- 2. MEET AND REVIEW THE NEED FOR FURTHER OUTSIDE RESOURCES INCLUDING A.R.I. FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE EXPLORATORY ISSUES WITH THE CURRENT LANDFILL PROJECT
- 3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

### THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

- MEET WITH HASKON WORKERS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE COMPANY CLOSING.
- 2. MEET WITH THE MAYOR, CITY SOLICITOR AND HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS SELF-INSURED HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS FUND.
- MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

**CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**