



AGENDA – OCTOBER 18, 2011

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

- Presentation from the Veterans and Organizers on Global War on Terror Memorial and Memorial Marker Program

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1-3 Com. from Assistant City Solicitor – Informing on confirmatory deed of property on Agawam and Riverview Streets
- Pg. 4-5 Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds – Notifying of 3rd Halloween Costume Parade
- Pg. 6 Com. from Police Chief – Requesting a transfer of funds
- Pg. 7-8 Com. from Lt. Kevin Farrar, Taunton Fire Department – Requesting the City Clerk’s Office sell the Open Brush Burning Permits
- Pg. 9 Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of their decision to grant a continuance of a hearing
- Pg. 10 Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Information concerning Recreation fields
- Pg. 11 Com. from Barbara Burgo, 67 Worcester St., Taunton – Expressing concerns with employment

PETITIONS

Hours of Operation License

1. Tremont Street Laundry Center located at 11 Tremont Street
2. Broadway Laundry Center of Taunton located at 173 Broadway
3. Quick & Clean Car Wash located at 175 Broadway
4. Rapid Refill Taunton located at 231 Broadway
5. Frank's Goodtime Lounge, Inc. located at 381 Winthrop Street

Old Gold License

Petition submitted by George Frankovich, Sterling Inc. requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Old Gold License –DBA- Belden Jewelers located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton.

Petition submitted by George Frankovich, Sterling Inc. requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Old Gold License –DBA- Kay Jewelers located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton.

Petition submitted by Lewis Pacheco requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Old Gold License –DBA- Pacheco's Jewelry located at 20 Taunton Green, Taunton.

Billiard Table License

Petition submitted by Helder Freitas requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Billiard Table License –DBA- Ward 5 Athletic Club, Inc. located at 29 Winter Street, Taunton for 2010 and 2011. **(2 Tables)**

Livery License

Petition submitted by Gabriel Pires requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Livery License –DBA- Lint Transport Systems Inc. located at 447 Broadway, Taunton. **(5 Vehicles)**

Junk Dealer, Old Gold, and Second Hand Article Licenses

Petition submitted by Kenneth Ferreira requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Junk Dealer, Old Gold and Second Hand Article Licenses –DBA- Money Tree located at 49 Weir Street, Taunton.

Claims

Claim submitted by Pauline Falk, 44 Belmont Street, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Fruit Street between Kelly Street and Union Street.

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

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

Ordered That,

\$250,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the repair, replacement and/or upgrade of subsurface disposal systems, or for loans to property owners for such purposes, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor, City Council, and Treasurer, is authorized to borrow \$250,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the city unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by the local system for revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and; that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

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

Ordered That,

\$8,331,000 is appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction of improvements to the City's wastewater system, including but not limited to: Winthrop Street, Williams Street (Duffy Drive, Phyllis Road, Barbara Road, Ellen Road, Baylis Road, Donna Terrace, Mary Drive, Marilyn Drive), Davenport Terrace and Matthew's Landing and any other water pollution abatement improvements, all in accordance with the City's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow **\$8,331,000** and issue bonds or notes therefore under G.L. c44 §8(15) or §7(1) or any other enabling legislation and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured

by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Treasurer or the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rm Blackwell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**



City of Taunton

LAW DEPARTMENT



15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780
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CHARLES CROWLEY
MAYOR

JANE E. ESTEY
CITY SOLICITOR

JORDAN H. F. FIORE
ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR

October 12, 2011

President Sherry Costa Hanlon and
Members of the Taunton
Municipal Council

Re: Confirmatory deed of property on Agawam and Riverview Streets to Clifford S.
Hochman & ux

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This office has been contacted by Clifford Hochman of Rehoboth, who purchased a piece of property from a private party whose predecessor in title had acquired the property by tax title from the City of Taunton. He called to my attention comments from his title examiner that indicated that the property had been misidentified when it was conveyed from the city to the private party and that that error was carried over into the deed to Mr. And Mrs. Hochman. I have reviewed the title myself and can confirm the error. The city took several parcels in the area during the Depression and sold them off in the 1940s. I do find that the actual parcel 9B was conveyed in another transaction involving several lots and was identified as parcel 9B. It is apparent from the Assessors Maps and from other transactions that the intent was to convey parcel 7B. In fact, the most recent deed also described the property adjoining parcel 7B, so it is clear that the intention was to combine these two lots. Therefore, I am asking that the council authorize the mayor to execute a confirmatory deed to parcel 7B, so that the record may accurately reflect a description of the parcel actually conveyed. I attach a copy of the proposed confirmatory deed.

Very truly yours,

Jordan H. F. Fiore
Assistant City Solicitor

CONFIRMATORY DEED

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the CITY OF TAUNTON, a Municipal Corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with its principal place of business at 15 Summer Street, Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts

In consideration of the confirmation and correction of earlier deeds

Grants to CLIFFORD S. HOCHMAN and TERESA M. HOCHMAN of 71 Francis Street, Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts 02769

With Quiclaim Covenants

The land in Taunton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, described as follows:

Lot 7B Block XI on Assessors Plans of Ward 6 , to which reference may be had for linear measurements of this Lot in the office of the Assessors of the City of Taunton in City Hall in said Taunton. This lot was formerly assessed to Marcellio R. Ferreira and acquired by the City of Taunton under the provisions of Section 79 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, affidavit required under Section 79 aforesaid having been issues by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation and recorded in the Bristol County North District Registry of Deeds, said affidavit being dated December 22nd, 1943 and said Lot having been conveyed to the City of Taunton by its Treasurer, also under the provisions of said Section 79 aforesaid, and the deed of this conveyance also being recorded in the Registry of Deeds aforesaid to which reference may be had for linear measurements and area of the Lot herein conveyed.

This deed is offered to confirm and correct the deed from the City of Taunton to Henrietta Moskoff Furmanik dated April 27, 1948 and recorded with the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds at Book 945, Page 54 and the deed from Michael Strojny, as Executor under the will of Diana S. Furmanik to the grantees dated September 18, 2009 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds at Book 18352, Page 46, in which the lot is erroneously referred to as "Lot 9B."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I herunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Taunton this day of 2011

Charles Crowley, Mayor
City of Taunton

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss.

, 2011

Then appeared before me the above-named Charles Crowley, Mayor, personally known to me, who acknowledged the foregoing to be the free act and deed of the City of Taunton.

Notary Public
My commission expires



CITY OF TAUNTON
MASSACHUSETTS

PARKS, CEMETERIES & PUBLIC GROUNDS

Marilyn A. Greene
Commissioner

170 Harris Street
Taunton, MA 02780
(508) 821-1415
FAX (508) 821-1065
E-mail:
pcpgdir@tmlp.net

October 14, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley and
Members of the Municipal Council
Temporary City Hall
140 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Council Members:

The Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Department is hosting the 3rd Halloween Costume Parade for all Taunton children (12 yrs. and under) at the Hopewell Park – Ronald Arieta Football Field Complex on Sunday, October 23rd from 1:00-3:00 PM.

I am attaching a copy of the event flyer that has been distributed to all elementary schools in the city. We are also requesting use of the downtown electronic sign to be placed on Rte. 138 to direct traffic to the parking areas if at all possible.

Any Council Member wishing to donate their time to assist with the judging or to donate a prize should contact the department for further information. We look forward to the Municipal Council participating at this community event.

Sincerely,

Marilyn A. Greene, Commissioner

Third Annual Halloween Costume Parade

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With Taunton Park & Recreation
Sunday - October 23rd
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hopewell Park - Ron Arieta Football Field Complex

All Taunton
Children
12 & Under

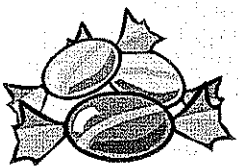
Rain Date
October 30th

Halloween Costume Parade

With Prizes for Best Costumes!

Presentation by Tony Fonseca
All Hands Drumming

Admission \$3.00 per Child &
Includes a Goodie Bag,
Hot Chocolate &
Other Treats



Sorry,
Please leave your pets
at home

Pre-Registration is required by contacting the Taunton Recreation Dept. at 508-821-1415.
Please respond by October 19th



CITY OF TAUNTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT

23 SUMMER STREET
TAUNTON, MA 02780
(508) 821-1471
07 October 2011

CHIEF
EDWARD JAMES WALSH

Councilor President Costa-Hanlon and
Members of the Municipal Council
City Hall
141 Oak Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Dear Councilor President Costa-Hanlon:

After meeting with the Budget Director, and at the Mayor's request, I am respectfully requesting that \$72,000 be transferred from the Stabilization Account to the Police Department budget, line item 1-210-202-5599, for the purchase of bulletproof vests. As part of the budget process I had initially requested \$90,000 to meet the contractual obligations of the city relative to this. The amount was unfunded in my initial budget request. After meeting with the budget director relative to the supplemental budget I was directed to make this request of the council.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, feel free to contact me at 508-821-1471.

Sincerely,


Edward James Walsh
Chief of Police



CITY OF TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

50 School Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Tel. (508) 821-1315 · Fax (508) 821-1029

Lt. Kevin C. Farrar
Communications Officer

October 11, 2011

Mr. David Pottier
Fires and Wires Committee
Taunton City Hall
151 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Councilor Pottier,

The Communications Office of the Taunton Fire Department respectfully requests to move the selling of Open Brush Burning Permits from the outer fire stations to within the City Clerk's Office. City Clerk Rose Marie Blackwell has agreed to take on this task and believes the burden would not be overwhelming to her office and staff. The regulations for open burning are listed on the permit and the burden to follow those regulations resides with the citizen purchasing the permit. The Fire Department will maintain responsibility for ensuring compliance when called to investigate an illegal burn. This move would not only benefit the city offices involved but also the citizens we serve.

The Clerk's Office is equipped to perform cash transactions and would not require checks or money orders only. As the cost of a Burning Permit is \$5.00 most citizens would prefer to pay cash and not have to write a check for such a small amount. The Clerk's Office is already equipped to record those transactions and file with the Treasurer's Office as required. The transactions would be limited to one office instead of five separate fire stations. The Clerk's Office has established business hours and citizens may plan accordingly. Firefighters must respond to emergency calls and we have been forced to cut a transaction short in order to respond. The citizen is then forced to either come back later or drive to another fire station.

In years past the selling of permits was only allowed at the Central Fire Station. Due to ADA limitations the selling of permits was moved to the Oakland Fire Station by a former administration. That was then changed to include all stations except Central. Citizens still climb the stairs at Central only to be redirected to another location. We have the opportunity to educate the public and simplify the process in one step. When we move the permits to City Hall we will notify the public through the newspaper and public access cable.

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The State Open Burning season begins again on the 15th of January 2012. I bring this to your attention so that we may begin educating the public of the changes as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lt. Kevin C. Farrar". The signature is fluid and includes a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Lt Kevin C. Farrar



TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

October 7, 2011

Phone 508-821-1051

Fax 508-821-1043

Mr. Richard Reodoroff
Oscar Squared Inc.
54 Longmeadow Rd.
Taunton, Ma. 02780

~~RE: "CopperBeech" - 228 Berkley Street~~

~~Dear Mr. Feodoroff:~~

At their regular scheduled meeting held on Thursday, October 7, 2011 the Planning Board was in receipt of your letter requesting a continuance on your proposal for 24 unit condominium project to be located at 228 Berkley Street, Taunton, Ma.

The Board voted to grant your request and continue this until their December meeting. The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 5:30 PM at Maxham School, 141 Oak St., Taunton, Ma.

Please forward any new plans to the office at least 2 weeks prior to the December meeting for review by city departments.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
Taunton Planning Board

~~Cc: Marc Tisdelle, Eng. - Thompson Farland Engineering~~
Municipal Council



TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

City Hall
15 Summer Street
Taunton, Massachusetts 02780

Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

Phone 508-821-1051
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October 12, 2011

Mr. Louis M Ricciardi, President
Taunton Development Corp.
40 Summer St.,
Taunton, Ma 02780

RE: Recreation fields

Dear Mr. Ricciardi:

At their regular meeting held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 the Taunton Planning Board discussed the most recent tour of property being considered for recreation purposes just within the Myles Standish Industrial Park at its southwesterly limit. If development of this area is to be pursued, the Board requests that abutters be notified individually to allow public input, as many were present during previous deliberations where they were assured that the subject property would be the vegetated buffer between their neighborhood and the industrial uses.

The Board also requests an update on other alternatives considered in locating a site suitable for recreation fields, keeping in mind that "suitable" should also mean compatible with the surrounding uses.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
Taunton Planning Board

DPD/djp

CC: Mayor & Municipal Council
Marilyn Greene, Parks, Recreations & Cemeteries Dept.
Kevin Shea, Exec. Dir., MOCD

October 11, 2011

Mayor Charles Crowley and Municipal Council
City Hall
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Crowley and Municipal Council,

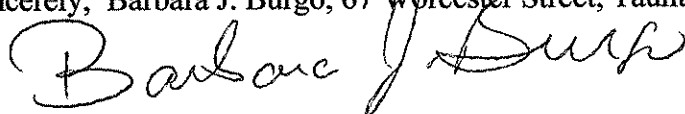
As the economy stubbornly holds at an unemployment rate reported to be over 9% and with experts stating on National Public Radio yesterday that the rate is almost double for persons of color, I am moved to speak out with regard to the employment situation in our "Silver City." I put this in quotes because I saw the end of the program that aired this week about Taunton being the "Silver City" with admittedly mixed emotions.

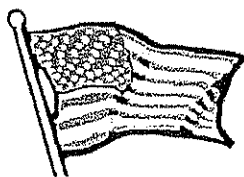
Many of us have seen this city "tarnish" over decades, not only the roads, bridges and buildings, but also unfortunately the respectability of some members of our leadership. As a former City Council candidate, I cannot help but speak on behalf of all the residents who have called me over the years to "complain" about the lack of persons of color, especially blacks, in decision-making and leadership roles throughout the Administration: Teachers, City Hall workers, City Council members, Police and Fire, non-profits, NGO's and "appointed" positions. The last issue I was told about was by a well-respected citizen was that of the hiring of the Treasurer for the City of Taunton. Since I did not follow the process, I cannot speak either way about which candidate was seen as the most qualified, but I have spoken to several administrators and citizens who were a part of and /or viewing the process from afar who have told me that the "other" candidate who was a minority was equally, if not more qualified.

I have asked for a review of the process by the Mayor's Office, Human Resources, one of our Legislators and two of our City Council members to no avail. I have asked Ms. Gomes, the Human Resources Director and Affirmative Action Officer, as listed on the web site to review the process, to no avail. I have looked on the web site for the Affirmative Action policy and although other policies and definitions are listed, there still is none available for me to view regarding Affirmative Action over the past 5 months that I have been seeking this information. In the Spring I went to City Hall personally to ask for a copy of the Affirmative Action policy that is given to the candidates who apply and was told by Ms. Gomes that she did not have one. She said that she believes it is in one of the boxes that are still in the burned out building and she could not get to it at that moment. I have heard nothing more from any of the parties I have asked to give me numbers as to who, if any, are the heads of departments who represent any racial diversity of Black, Latino, Haitian, Cape Verdean or Native American...anything other than white, to which I have received no response. I began working with the NAACP of Brockton on this a year ago and none of us have been given a satisfactory response.

I now ask you as the Mayor and current Municipal Council to please not only provide this citizen and those who have been asking for years, a copy of the Affirmative Action Policy which should be part of public record, but also any information that is part of public data, that could shed some light on what the Silver City is doing for its minority population with regards to employment and access to full participation in government by way of "appointed positions" at the next meeting so that those I continue to represent, even without being elected, can vote with all the facts in November.

Sincerely, Barbara J. Burgo, 67 Worcester Street, Taunton, MA





OCTOBER 18, 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, OCTOBER 18, 2011 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 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

COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

1. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF AND HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER & STREET DIVISION SUPERVISOR TO DISCUSS PLAN FOR SNOW PLOWING & SIDEWALK PLOWING AROUND THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL, DEAN STREET & GORDON OWEN RIVERWAY AREAS
2. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FOR AN UPDATE CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF RAILINGS ON THE BRIDGE AT GENERAL COBB STREET
3. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS DRAINAGE PROBLEMS AT 61 WORCESTER STREET SINCE THE STREET WAS RESURFACED.
4. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER FOR AN UPDATE ON ALL ROAD, WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS
5. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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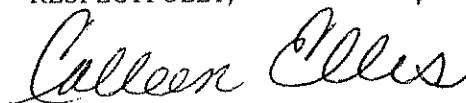
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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGEND

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

1. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT TAX POSSESSION AGENT TO OPEN BIDS ON PROPERTY ON WAGONWHEEL ROAD
2. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR AND ASSISTANT TAX POSSESSION AGENT FOR AN UPDATE ON HOLLOWAY STREET PROPERTY
3. MEET WITH WAYNE WALKDEN, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT, FOR HIS REPORT ON RAZING THE OLD POLE SCHOOL AND LEONARD SCHOOL
4. MEET WITH WAYNE WALKDEN, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT, FOR HIS REPORT ON THE WALKER SCHOOL BUILDING
5. MEET WITH THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT, CITY ENGINEER AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE OPTIONS/SOLUTIONS FOR FLOODING ISSUE AT TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL. **PORTIONS OF THIS DISCUSSION MAY BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
6. MEET TO DISCUSS FEASIBILITY STUDY REQUIREMENTS.
7. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

RESPECTFULLY,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES