



**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA
TEMPORARY CITY HALL
141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA 02780**

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JANUARY 13, 2015 – 7:00 PM

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City Clerk
City Office
10:30 AM

**INVOCATION
ROLL CALL
RECORDS**

HEARING: Petition of the following for renewal of Class III Motor Vehicle Licenses:

1. Arthur's Auto Junk Yard, 147 Fremont St.
2. Automotive Recovery Services, Inc.-DBA-Insurance Auto Auctions, 580 Myricks St.
3. Caramelo's Auto Body, Inc., 2 Porter St.
** Caramelo's Auto Body, Inc is also requesting a name change*
4. Harry's Auto Wrecking, 68 Whitsborough St.
5. Reynold's Auto Wrecking, Inc, 733 So. Precinct St.
6. Tony's Auto Wrecking, 303 Broadway

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

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PETITIONS

Hours of Operation License

1. Taunton Sunoco Rapid Refill located at 231 Broadway, Taunton
2. Taunton Mart located at 1095 County ST., Taunton

Claims

Claim submitted by Dominga Pina, 139 High St., Apt. 14, Taunton seeking reimbursement for injuries received when she tripped and fell on High Street on an uneven sidewalk near the intersection of Weir Street, Taunton.

Claim submitted by James Caviasca, 59 McIntosh Dr., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his vehicle from hitting a pothole in front of 12 Shores St., Taunton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,



**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**



City of Taunton

LAW DEPARTMENT

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Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.
MAYOR

Jason D. Buffington
CITY SOLICITOR

Daniel F. de Abreu
ASST. CITY SOLICITOR

January 8, 2015

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

RE: Proposed Sale of Walker School Property

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

The City recently issued another RFP for the sale of the Walker School property. Two proposals were received. In accordance with the procedures set forth in the RFP, the proposals were both opened and evaluated by a panel consisting of the City Planner, the Chair of the Public Property Committee, and the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

The evaluation panel was required to assign a numerical score to each proposal and to categorize each proposal as Unacceptable, Not Advantageous, Advantageous, or Highly Advantageous. Both proposals were categorized as Highly Advantageous. The evaluation panel scored the proposal from Taunton Revitalization, Inc. higher than the proposal from the Neighborhood Corporation.

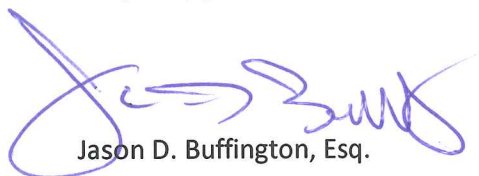
Under the RFP procedures, the Superintendent of Public Buildings was to make his recommendation to the City Solicitor, who was then designated to determine the most advantageous proposal. The Superintendent of Public Buildings has recommended the acceptance of the proposal submitted by Taunton Revitalization, Inc. See attached.

I have reviewed the RFP, both proposals, both price proposals, the evaluation score sheets of each of the panel members, the summary evaluation score sheet, and the recommendation letter of the Superintendent of Public Buildings. Based on a review of the same, I would concur with Mr. Walkden and the evaluation panel that the proposal of Taunton Revitalization, Inc. is the most advantageous proposal.

From a development standpoint, both proposals are very similar. And while both proposals are certainly meritorious, Taunton Revitalization, Inc. has proposed to pay the higher price (\$150,000 vs. \$125,000), has proposed to close the transaction sooner (June 2016 vs. December 2017), and although not required, has submitted a cash deposit (\$15,000 vs. \$0).

Therefore, based upon a totality of the circumstances, it is the opinion of this office that the proposal of Taunton Revitalization, Inc. is the most advantageous proposal. Accordingly, it is the recommendation of this office that the Municipal Council should award the contract to Taunton Revitalization, Inc., and should authorize the Mayor to sign a purchase and sale agreement for the sale of Walker School with Taunton Revitalization, Inc. in accordance with the terms of its proposal and the RFP. Thank you, as always, for allowing this office to be of service to you and the citizens of Taunton.

Very truly yours,



Jason D. Buffington, Esq.
City Solicitor

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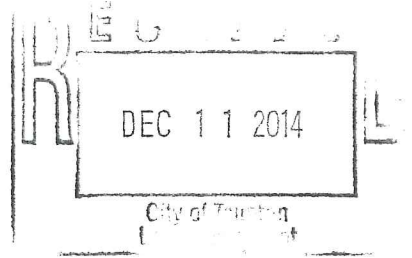
WAYNE E. WALKDEN
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December 11, 2014



Jason Buffington, City Solicitor
City of Taunton

Subject: **WALKER SCHOOL – PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS & RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD**

Dear Solicitor Buffington:

As you know, a second RFP was issued on October 1, 2014, for the purchase and redevelopment of the former Walker School and an adjacent lot on Agawam Street. The proposal deadline was Monday, November 3, 2014.

Two proposals were submitted to the City of Taunton Building Department. On Wednesday, November 12, 2014 the bids were opened and evaluated by Kevin Scanlon, Deborah Carr, and me.

Proposal 1 was submitted by the Neighborhood Corporation/Women’s Development Corporation, located at 120 Ingell Street, Taunton, Massachusetts. The proposal price was \$125,000.

Proposal 2 was submitted by Taunton Revitalization, Inc. and Affordable Housing & Services Collaborative, Inc., located at 536 Granite Street, Braintree, Massachusetts. The proposal price was \$150,000, accompanied by a \$15,000 deposit. (not required in the RFP)

Both proposals were evaluated based upon, highest price, financial capacity to complete the proposed project (best), demonstrated commitment to the community (best), schedule (best timetable), references (best), and projected tax revenue (best).

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After careful evaluation, it was determined that Proposal 2 would provide the best advantage to the City based upon price and best development time line. Both proposals were ranked as "highly advantageous", therefore we are able to conclude that each proposal is worthy of consideration.

As stated in the RFP, "after a composite rating has been assigned for each proposal, the Superintendent of Buildings will make his recommendation to the City Solicitor. The City Solicitor shall review, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Buildings and his designees, the proposals and determine the most advantageous proposal from a responsive and responsible proposer taking into consideration price and evaluation criteria." Therefore, please accept our recommendation to you that Proposer 2 has submitted the most advantageous proposal on behalf of the City and further that you and those of us who conducted the evaluation, meet to review the matter and to present a joint recommendation to the Municipal Council.

The most recent RFP, proposals, and evaluation score sheets are included for your reference. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Wayne E. Walkden
Superintendent of Buildings

Cc: Kevin Scanlon
Deborah Carr



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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Barbara A Auger, CMMT
Treasurer/Collector

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January 7, 2015

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

RE: Budget Transfer

Dear Mayor Hoye and Municipal Councilors;

The FY2015 budget submitted for department 914 – Group Insurance included an appropriation of \$200,000 to fund prescription drugs reimbursements for Medicare eligible retirees that spent more than a \$254.00 during the period of August 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The \$200,000 is intended to remain available until the funds are exhausted.

In speaking with Ann Marie Hebert, City Auditor, she is recommending these funds be transferred to a special revenue account which will allow the money to be tracked over multiple budget years. Therefore, I request a \$200,000 transfer from Group Insurance account 01-914-5200-5178 to Reimbursements Retirees account 25-549-6570-5745. I respectfully request approval of this transfer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A Auger
Treasurer Collector

CC: Ann Marie Hebert, City Auditor
Maria Gomes, Human Resource Director
Gill Enos, Budget Director

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

BRISTOL COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT
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ANNUAL REPORT – TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

This year marks the 55th anniversary of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project and its services to the cities and towns of Bristol County. The project was established in 1959 in response to numerous cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis. Over the years, our project has greatly reduced exposure to this arbovirus and to the newly introduced West Nile Virus.

Much has changed in recent years. New technologies and products are now available to help monitor and suppress the presence of mosquito borne diseases. Our project has embraced new innovations to help us serve the public with greater efficiency. We utilize GPS guidance systems on our spray trucks. These devices enable our workers to effectively schedule and conduct early morning applications, document application routes, and tell us where “no spray zones” exist in any particular neighborhood. We have also adopted more environmentally responsible products for our larvicide and adulticide applications. We did this in order to be a better steward of the environment and reduce any unwanted effect on non-target organisms. We still continue our practice of surveillance through trapping and sending specimens to the Massachusetts Department of Health for testing.

During the 2014-mosquito season, 21,760 mosquitoes were tested for the mosquito borne viruses EEE and WNV. There were 15 isolations of EEE with no human cases in the County. We had eight mosquito isolates of WNV in the County with no reported human cases. There were no equine cases for EEE or WNV, however there was one case of a deer that tested positive for EEE in Freetown, MA.

Our project continues its efforts year round. Our goal is to reduce mosquito breeding areas through water management and source reduction. We clean and maintain drainage ditches, culverts, and streams. Where feasible, we conduct open marsh management projects in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

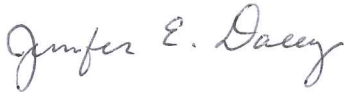
During the time period January 1, 2014– December 31, 2014 the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project:

- Sprayed over 26,412 acres
- Treated 83.9 acres with *B.t.i.* and .10 acre with Altosid in 78 locations for mosquito larvae
- Received 944 requests for spraying
- Cleared and reclaimed 6,980 feet of brush
- Cleaned 1,040 feet of ditches by machine
- Mowed 3.5 acres of brush by machine
- Treated 4,233 catch basins

Throughout the year, we strive to educate the public concerning mosquito borne diseases and simple ways people can protect themselves and help prevent breeding on their own property. We have many types of outreach programs including; speaking at public health events, visiting local schools and senior centers, and creating informational posters for distribution. Our Project also has a website www.bristolcountymosquitocontrol.com to better communicate with and relate important information to our cities and towns.

I would like to thank the city officials and residents of Taunton for their continued support and cooperation. Our project is extremely proud of the work we perform and look forward to serving our communities in the upcoming year. If there are any questions concerning the projects efforts or objectives, please feel free to contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer E. Dacey
Superintendent

December 31, 2014

Bristol County Mosquito Control Commissioners:

- Arthur F. Tobin, Chairman
- Gregory D. Dorrance
- Joseph Barile
- Christine A. Fagan
- Robert F. Davis

Rec'd Taunton
City Clerk's
Office 10:20am
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January 13, 2015

Honorable Thomas C. Hove, Jr., Mayor
Council President Estele Borges
And Members of the Municipal Council

Please Note: The following Committee Meetings
have been scheduled for Tuesday,
Jan. 13, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. at the
Temporary City Hall at Maxham
School, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
02780 in the Municipal Council
Chambers

5:30 P.M. The Committee on Finance and Salaries

1. Meet to review the weekly vouchers and payrolls for City Departments.
2. Meet to review requests for funding
3. Meet to review matters in file

The Committee on Police and License

1. Meet with the Police Chief and Detective Smith on Application for Class II license for Hank Hooply's Cheap & Reliable Sales, 405 Winthrop Street
2. Meet with the Police Chief and Detective Smith on Application for Class II license for Planet Auto Sales, 78-8 Cohannet St
3. Meet to review matters in file
4. Public Input

Respectfully,
Colleen Ellis
Clerk of Committees