

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

JULY 21, 2015 - 7:00 PM

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING:

NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 1 Com. from Mayor Hoye Energy Savings Performance Contract for Municipal Buildings
- Pg. 2-5 Com. from Director, Taunton Public Library Responding to grant Questions
- Pg. 6 Com. from City Auditor Advising of Assistant City Auditor's Resignation
- Pg. 7 Com. from Assistant City Solicitor Informing on Carpenter's Glen

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

- Pg. 8 Com. from Dianne Kleinberger, 205 Yankee Peddler Dr., Somerset, Brittany's Motorcycle Ride Requesting Police escort
- Pg. 9 Com. from Paul Maggiore, Maggiore Companies, 13 Wheeling Ave., Woburn Requesting to purchase land

PETITIONS

Street Acceptance

Petition submitted by David Gilbert, 165 Hummingbird Lane, East Taunton and others requesting acceptance of Hummingbird Lane, Mockingbird Way, Bluejay Lane, Kingfisher Way and Cormorant Street as public ways in the City of Taunton (Public Hearing Required)

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Claims

Claim submitted by Brenna Mota, 150 Tremont Street, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Cleveland Rd. near 150 Tremont St., Taunton.

Claim submitted by Maureen Silvia, 17 Oak St. Apt. 1, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Washington Street near Dunkin Donuts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Blackwell City Clerk

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City of Taunton Office of the Mayor

Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. Mayor

> Alyssa Gracia Chief of Staff

Gill E. Enos Budget Director

July 15, 2015

Estelle Borges, Council President Members of Municipal Council 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

Re: Energy Savings Performance Contract for Municipal Buildings

Dear Council President Borges and Members of the Municipal Council:

As part of the City's energy efficiency programs and green energy initiatives, my office, in conjunction with the building department, plans to seek qualifications from Energy Services Companies ("ESCOs") to potentially conduct an energy savings performance contracting project ("ESPC") with the City. The ESPC will be a combination of assessment, project financing, project design, construction, installation, implementation and operation that will allow the City to improve and modify its facilities, mechanical and electrical systems, building envelopes and computerized building and energy management systems, and will be funded entirely through the energy savings that will be achieved by the improvements. It is important to understand that this is primarily a capital improvement and not an energy management project.

As part of this project, the ESCO will perform an Investment Grade Energy Audit ("IGEA") to determine the cost-effectiveness of various improvements that can be made to the City's buildings. Based on the IGEA, the City and the ESCO will enter into an ESPC for the improvements that will be most beneficial for the City. Additionally, under the terms of the ESPC, the ESCO will guarantee that the energy savings will either meet or exceed the cost of the project. Moreover, pursuant to state statute, any energy savings guaranteed by the ESCO must be achieved or the ESCO will be required to reimburse the City for the shortfall amount. In addition, the ESPC will include provisions requiring the ESCO to provide payment and performance bonds to ensure that the ESCO properly performs all installation of improvements as well as all ongoing performance of operational and maintenance obligations.

This ESPC will allow the City to make necessary capital improvements and upgrades to its buildings without the need for a new funding source. Currently, fifty-seven local governments in Massachusetts are implementing or have implemented ESPCs. It is my hope that our City will be the next to take advantage of this opportunity to modernize our buildings at no cost to the City's taxpayers, and I hope that all of the members of the Council will support this project.

Sincerely

Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.

Mayor



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Taunton Public Library

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July 10, 2015

Dear Council President Borges, Members of the City Council, Mayor Hoye,

As requested of the Taunton Public Library, listed below are the grants available in FY15 and FY16 by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The Taunton Public Library Board of Trustees is aware of the City Council's questioning of why grants have not been readily applied for and wish to point out the following:

- Some of the grants offered were received in the past
- Some grants are not needed as the Taunton Public Library has already accomplished the goals
 of these grants by working within the library's automated network SAILS, or with the
 Massachusetts Library System for collection preservation and staff training. Other grants
 duplicate services the library provides through interaction with other agencies, address
 materials we do not collect, or do not fall within the library's mission and scope of our
 professional library service.
- Funding received through grant awards can only go to that particular grant project and would not act as a reimbursement of any municipal funds allocated.
- Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L., c.78, s.19A), states that a municipality must appropriate
 a figure of at least the average of the last 3 years' municipal appropriations to the library for
 operations, increased by 2.5%, in order to be certified for State Aid to Public Libraries. Grant
 awards cannot legally reduce funds to be allocated to the library budget by the city of Taunton
 or offset funds received by State Aid awards.
- The Taunton Public Library continuously lives within its municipal budget and has always requested, often to the penny, what is legally required to make state certification and to receive the annual state grant award for compliance with the minimum standards set forth by the Board of Library Commissioners. The library has never come before the council to request additional funding during a fiscal year and has in fact returned money each year, most recently in the form of unspent salaries and wages due to two full time vacancies.

Each grant is briefly described to give an idea of what it covers and what is involved. The reasons we chose not to apply for these grants are provided in red. All grants are competitive, except the state aid grant which is allocated. We hope we have addressed your concerns. On behalf of the Taunton Public Library Board of Trustees

Sincerely,

Susanne Costa Duquette

Director, Taunton Public Library

State Aid to Public Libraries \$73,598.63 Applied and received.

To be certified each fiscal year, a municipality and its library must: meet its Municipal Appropriation Requirement, meet Minimum Standards of Free Public Library Service, submit annual data and proof of compliance with requirements Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS), Financial Report State Aid to Public Libraries Application & Compliance Form, Municipal Appropriation Requirement (MAR) Waiver Application.

Serving People with Disabilities \$7,000 to \$20,000 Previously received.

Libraries will develop public relations strategies that attract people with disabilities to the library and outline how they will work in partnership with community agencies serving people this population and reach out to other local libraries. Provide training for all staff in the use of adaptive equipment and how best to serve patrons with a variety of special needs and promote their services in their community. Will provide equipment; materials and services that allow people to better utilize the library.

Preservation Assessment \$4,200 Previously received.

The assessment will focus attention on those items that need specific conservation work and will identify the types of work that this might entail, including actual treatment as well as storage, handling, and security suggestions. The preservation consultant will examine the library building and make suggestions as to steps to be taken to prolong the life of the materials. The preservation consultant will examine policies, procedures, and plans.

Full STEAM Ahead: Supporting Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and the ARTS in Public Library Preschool \$7,500.

Science is Everywhere: Supporting Science, Technology, Engineering and (STEM) Programs in Libraries \$7,500 Duplication of grants as the Library already had/has agreement in place with Triumph-Head Start Program to partner with their STEM grant. Did not apply

Public Libraries will offer an array of learning experiences that engages the preschooler's curiosity of the concepts of science and that introduces how arts and science intertwine with each other. During the project, the library collaborates with local preschools and their Coordinated Family and Community Engagement programs (CFCE) as well as with museums, local businesses, industry (if applicable) and others to promote improved STEAM learning.

Reader's Advisory Up to \$7,500 Staff is trained in reader's advisory services which is part of their training-and daily duties- in the circulation and reference departments Library already subscribes to Novelist and has electronic databases already in place, many of which are free. Did not apply.

Public or institutional libraries will be selected to receive grants of to plan and implement a project designed to train a staff in the techniques of Reader's Advisory. Grant funds may be used to support a limited number of staff hours as well as program materials and outreach to communities. This project has the following goals: Improve the skills of library staff in the use of print and electronic resources related to reader's advisory services; Use electronic services, including web sites, listservs and chat, as an aid in collection building and reader guidance.

Customer Experience in the Digital Age Up to \$10,000 all supervisory and line staff have received customer service training and technology instruction through free continuing education workshops sponsored by the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System. Library already has an IT specialist and a trained webmaster on staff to deal with website, technology development, and social media. We have been providing access to emerging technologies, digital media, and online databases for several years. Did not apply.

Libraries will develop a two-prong approach to customer service, focusing on traditional elements while embracing emerging technology. Libraries will agree to conduct a pre-and post -survey of the community as a part of this project. In addition awardees will commit to: provide basic customer service training for all staff, building on the principles outlined in the MBLC sponsored training provide for all staff training in the use of emerging technologies and digital media including, but not limited to downloadable content, social media and online resources. Incorporate best practices in technology planning including assessment and evaluation of current policies related to customer service. Funds may be used for public relations and/or consultant services to redesign or improve the library's online presence including website, online services and social media library may purchase digital materials such as eBooks and apps for library owned devices e.g. iPads, Kindles Partner with appropriate local high schools, colleges or other institutions that can provide technical advice and assistance as applicable

Serving 'Tweens & Teens \$10,000 to \$15,000 Scope of project expects dedicated position of Young Adult librarian which the Library currently does not have. Library has submitted rewritten job description to library staff union/HR for a currently funded vacant position to ssume the duties and responsibilities developing and implementing a Young Adult collection, space, and programming. Did not apply

A two year period to carry out a targeted program aimed at middle and high school aged "tweens" and "teens." Libraries must conduct a preliminary needs assessment including surveys or focus groups with teens as well as interviews with community leaders, parents, and teachers. Explore programming, equipment and materials that encourage teens and tweens to become content creators at the library. Consider purchasing software and equipment that allows teens to make music, games, video, artwork, podcasts, apps, etc. Limited grant funds may be used to pay for extra hours for the Young Adult librarian or to hire staff to help with extra activities related to the Teen Advisory Board or programming during afternoon, evening or weekend hours. Collaboration should be demonstrated with middle/high school librarians and school personnel.

These grants do not fall within the library's mission, collection areas, or scope of professional library services:

Conversation Circles Up to \$12,500 A duplication of services which Bristol Community College ESL/Citizenship program provides here in library through the Leary-Lyons Literacy Room at the Taunton Public Library. Did not apply

Funds would be used to pay for a part-time volunteer coordinator and pay for support materials on English language instruction and citizenship. The library should work with local agencies serving newcomers as well as organizations that place trained volunteers in community

service positions. Libraries would need to commit staff time to organizing and training volunteers and agree to designate at least one staff member as support for this program. This is a two year program. Be volunteer led and coordinated by designated, trained library staff; Consist of 6 to 8 participants in each group conducted in an informal relaxed and friendly atmosphere in the library or community location; Be about one hour long and focus on vocabulary building through informal conversation; Focus on topics of practical interest such as ordering food, going to the doctor, or visiting a child's school.

Digitizing Historical Resources \$5,000-\$30,000 Manuscript Arrangement & Description \$5,000-\$30,000 Preservation of Library & Archival Materials \$5,000-\$30,000

The library does not have these materials in its collection. These grants more suitable for a library that doubles as an historical society or for a library that is large enough to develop and maintain this additional type of collection. Manuscripts, archival materials on local history, artifacts-these items are collected for the residents of the City of Taunton by the Old Colony Historical Society. Did not apply.

Preference will be given to collections in the following order and subject areas: 1) collections documenting significant Massachusetts historical, geographical, cultural, economic, and natural developments and/or collections with direct application and relevance to Massachusetts; 2) unique collections representing resources unavailable in any other repository; and 3) collections located in Massachusetts repositories that provide a unique and/or cohesive resource, independent of subject area.

Pathways to Success: Digital and Media Literacy Skills Up to \$10,000. We would not apply for this grant as many components are already being handled within the scope of everyday librarianship. The library has a webpage, has held basic computer instruction and email usage classes, and now conducts instruction in the use of iPads, Kindles, and other devices in the context of downloading library materials provided through state databases, SAILS, and the library's own collection. Did not apply

Plan and implement a digital and/or media literacy project in your town or school. Library will identify a target audience that will be able to meet a personal, professional or educational need by improving their digital and media literacy skills. Library determines a theme to address this need. Target Audience will learn skills to enable them to make informed decisions and potentially create and share their own resources on issues that impact them. Library will use their current print and digital resources, including the statewide licensed databases, as a component of the project. Libraries will develop a suite of programs (minimum of 4) that will engage and stimulate the participation of the target audience. Libraries may spend funds to develop a webpage relevant to the grant theme that highlights upcoming programs and resources. Libraries may use some funds to train and educate staff on the statewide and local resources that are highlighted for this project, in addition to the programs for the target audience. Collaboration with municipal government departments, local community organizations, educational institutions and businesses is desirable.



Ann Marie Hebert, CGA City Auditor

CITY OF TAUNTON AUDITOR'S OFFICE

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Christina Boyan Assistant

July 17, 2015

Mayor Tom Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and Council:

It is with deep regret that I must advise you that my Assistant, Christina Boyan has given her notice as Assistant City Auditor to accept a position with the Town of Hopkinton, MA as their Payroll Manager. Her last day here at the City of Taunton will be Friday, July 31, 2015.

Christina has been a tremendous asset to this office, and she will be greatly missed. I wish Christina success in her new position, and know that she will be a great asset to the Town of Hopkinton, and whatever she undertakes in her future.

That said, I respectfully request permission to replace the position of Assistant City Auditor.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter,

Respectfully,

Ann Marie Hebert

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City Auditor



Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.

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Jason D. Buffington
CITY SOLICITOR

Daniel F. de Abreu ASST. CITY SOLICITOR

July 16, 2015

Estele Borges, President Municipal Council 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

RE: Carpenter's Glen

Dear President Borges and Members of the Municipal Council:

I am seeking direction from the Council. Please be advised that it was reported to our office that the property at 2106 County Street, East Taunton, known as Carpenter's Glen, is the subject, along with another property in Wareham, of a pending refinancing transaction, which will allow for major renovations of the property. It appears that the City, through the Office of Economic Development, is one of several lenders, and, additionally, that the City has a reverter interest in the property. The parties are requesting that the City, both as lender and as holder of a reverter interest, subordinate its interests in the property. The benefit to the City in doing so, reportedly, is that the project will go forward. The potential risk is that, in the event of a default, the City's interest may be lost. The Office of Economic Development is in favor of the transaction going forward. I respectfully request that this matter be placed upon the agenda of the July 21, 2015 meeting so that the Council may determine whether or not to direct and authorize the subordination agreement to be signed. The parties to the transaction are hopeful that a favorable vote will take place on July 21, 2015. I expect that a representative from South Shore Housing Development Corporation will be present at the meeting to answer any questions about the project that the Council may have. I will also extend an invitation for Mr. Kevin Shea or a member of his office to attend. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Daniel F. de Abreu
Assistant City Solicitor

cc: Jason D. Buffington, City Solicitor Kevin Shea, Executive Director, Office of Economic Development Kimberly L. Martin-Epstein, Esq.



In Loving memory of Brittany Freitas June 5, 1996 - November 6, 2010



Brittany's Motorcycle Ride

We will be hosting a fundraiser in Brittany's memory, to help other children and raise awareness of and research for Juvenile Huntington's Disease

Sunday August 16, 2015

The Lafayette Club 18 Lakeview Ave, Taunton, MA 02780

You don't have to ride to join us.

This will be a day of fun and entertainment.

Cash bar will be available.

Motorcycle Registration 9:00 a.m.-10:45a.m. Ride Leaves at 11 A.M.

The Event will Include: Local band, Food & Raffles....to start at 12 noon when riders return.

Request Motor cycle escort
For more information, please contact: Police

Dianne Kleinberger 205 Yankee Peddler Drive Somerset, Ma 02726 1-508-673-5331

RAIN DATE: AUGUST 23rd

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13 Wheeling Avenue • Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 Phone 781 935-6100 • Fax 781 933-8044 • Website www.maggiorecompanies.com

July 16, 2015

Ms. Estele C. Borges City Councilor City of Taunton 141 Oak Street Taunton, MA 02780

RE: Attleboro Junction Site

Dear Ms. Borges,

Would it be possible for you to discuss our proposal for the Attleboro Junction Site, at your earliest convenience, with the other members of the City Council.

Once again, our goal would be to purchase the property from the City and I believe that the course of action is that the Council declare the land "as surplus" in order to begin the process of disposal.

Of course, I am available to speak with any of your members to inform them of our proposed development for the property.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Paul J. Maggiore



CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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JULY 21, 2015

HONORABLE THOMAS C. HOYE, JR., MAYOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT ESTELE BORGES AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 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 OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

- 1. MEET WITH SENATOR PACHECO, REPRESENTATIVE ORRALL AND FRINEDS OF MASSASOIT STATE PARK TO DISCUSS THE PARK AND ITS REVITALIZATION.
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THIS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

- 1. MEET TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE REGARDING CHARITABLE DONATION BINS
- 2. MEET TO DISCUSS REPORT OF SAFETY OFFICER CONCERNING REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN AT MACOMBER STREET AND COUNTY STREET
- 3. MEET TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF THE AUTOMATION DEPARTMENT TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT.
- 4. MEET TO DISCUSS CRIMINAL NUISANCE ORDINANCE
- 5. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

- 1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF, LT. MCCABE AND CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TOW CONTRACT
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE
- 3. PUBLIC INPUT

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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

- 1. MEET FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
- 2. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS TO DISCUSS THE RFP FOR BARNUM SCHOOL
- 3. MEET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS, WAYNE WALKDEN REGARDING THE FUTURE OF CITY HALL
- 4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. MEET TO DISCUSS REQUEST OF SILVINO DACOSTA TO OPEN SPRING STREET WHICH IS WITHIN THE 5 YEAR MORATORIUM
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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RESPECTFULLY.

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES