

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AGENDA CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 141 OAK STREET, TAUNTON, MA 02780

JULY 9, 2013 - 7:00 PM

INVOCATION ROLL CALL RECORDS

HEARING:

On the petition submitted by City of Taunton, 141 Oak St., Taunton relative to:

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Proposed Changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance dated May 2, 2013:

Section 6.3 Intensity of Use Regulations Section 10.4.6 Development Density

- Proposed Zoning Changes to the Taunton Zoning Ordinance Dated May 2, 2013
- Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board Submitting a positive recommendation

HEARING:

On the petition submitted by City of Taunton, 141 Oak St., Taunton to rezone several parcels on County Street as follows:

From Urban Residential District to Highway Business District for the following parcels: 93-175, 93-176, 93-177, 93-178, 93-179, 93-180, 93-181, 93-182, 93-183, 93-203, 93-204, 93-205, 79-82, 79-84. The majority of these parcels are used for business purposes already and the other side of County Street in this area is already zoned Highway Business.

- Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board Submitting a positive recommendation
- Map of parcels

HEARING:

On the petition submitted by City of Taunton, 141 Oak St., Taunton to rezone several parcels on Weir Street as follows:

From Industrial to Urban Residential District for the following parcels: 78-252, 78-253, 78-254, 78-255, 78-256, 78-257, 78-258, 78-259, 78-262 and a portion of 78-519 as shown on the map and:

To rezone the following parcels from Industrial to Business District: 78-240, 78-241, 78-242, 78-243, 78-244, 78-245, 78-246, 78-247, 78-248, 78-249, 78-250, 78-251, and a portion of 78-519 as shown on a map.

- Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board Submitting a positive recommendation
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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

- Swearing in of two (2) Permanent Full-time Fire Fighters who were appointed June 24, 2013
- Swearing in of one (1) Permanent Full-time Fire Lieutenant who was appointed July 1, 2013
- Swearing in of one (1) Permanent Full-Time Fire Captain who was appointed July 1, 2013

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

Pg. 1	Com. from Budget Director – Submitting a response on Whittenton Mills fire watch details/fines
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PETITIONS

Constable License

Petition submitted by Ahmed Mustafa, requesting a **NEW** Constable License desiring to serve Civil Process.

Petition submitted by Christopher Burgo requesting a NEW Constable License desiring to serve as a Crossing Guard.

Hours of Operation License

Petition submitted by Joseph Tavares, Secretary, Silver City Sports Complex, Inc. located at 1 Lawton Ave., Taunton requesting a NEW Hours of Operation License to be open from 1:00 AM – 4:00 AM Sunday – Saturday.

Claims

Claim submitted by Colleen Faria, 160 Cotley St., East Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting potholes located in front of her home at 160 Cotley St.

Claim submitted by Theresa Monteiro and Bill Fitzgerald, 224 Winthrop St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to a fence in their yard when a branch from a tree on the sidewalk fell and destroyed a portion of the fence.

Miscellaneous

Site Plan Review for the construction of a 1,120 sq. ft. additional building and the addition of 28 additional display spaces for an auto sales, auto repair/gas station use with auto detailing submitted by Attorney David Gay, 73 Washington St., Taunton on behalf of his client Nafez Salem, NHS Investments, Inc., 289 Broadway, Taunton. (Informational Only)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 2: Administration

Article XIX: Municipal Access

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following Article: ARTICLE XIX: MUNICIPAL ACCESS

Section 2-371. Department of Municipal Access.

There is hereby established a Department of Municipal Access. This department shall be under the general supervision of the Office of the Mayor. The purpose of the department is to recruit and compensate qualified individuals with the requisite training and experience to operate video, audio, and other equipment necessary to record and broadcast public meetings of elected and appointed boards, commissions, and other such public bodies of the city.

Section 2-372. Supervisor. Video technicians. Appropriations. Compensation.

Subject to approval of the Municipal Council, the Mayor shall annually designate an individual to be the Supervisor of the department who shall be qualified by training and experience. Subject to appropriation, the Supervisor shall be paid a flat-fee stipend on a monthly basis to perform such duties; provided, however, that in no event may the Supervisor work more than nineteen and one-half hours per week. There shall be no full-time employees of the department.

Subject to appropriation, the Mayor shall designate individuals, based on training and experience, to perform the duties of a video technician for one or more meetings. Nothing herein shall prevent the Supervisor from performing the duties and receiving the compensation of a video technician at any particular meeting. Both the Supervisor and any video technicians so designated shall be considered special municipal employees for all purposes under G.L. c.268A, unless disqualified from such designation by another applicable provision of law.

A video technician shall be compensated on a per-meeting basis at such rate as is determined by the Mayor after consideration of the written recommendation of the Supervisor and the total amount appropriated for said purpose. There shall be only one uniform rate of compensation for all meetings and for all video technicians.

Section 2-373. Reimbursement of Expenses

To the fullest extent provided by law, all expenses of the department shall be reimbursed in full from funds paid by cable television providers under contract with the city.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2013.

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 4 - Buildings

ARTICLE III. Building Code

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

SECTION 1. Article III of Chapter 4 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out Section 4-41, Section 4-41.1, Section 4-41.2, and Section 4-41.3 and inserting in place thereof the following sections:--

Section 4-41. Fee schedules for certain permits. Applicability of Section 4-44.

There are hereby established fee schedules for certain permits, which are more specifically delineated in Sections 4-41.1 through 4-41.5, inclusive. The fee schedules delineated in said sections shall be deemed to be inclusive of the Technology Fee Surcharge established by Section 4-44. No person shall undertake, authorize, allow, or cause any work referenced in Sections 4-41.1 through 4-41.5, inclusive, to be done without first applying for and obtaining permits therefor.

Section 4-41.1. Building inspections and permits. Fee Schedule.

The fee schedule for building inspections and permits shall be as follows:

USE OR	TYPE OF	DESCRIPTION	Fee
APPLICATION	PERMIT	0	
A, E, I, & R	106	ALL MANDATED STATE	\$104.00
	STATE	INSPECTIONS - (<= 3000 sq ft)	
A, E, I, & R	106	ALL MANDATED STATE	\$260.00
	STATE	INSPECTIONS - (> 3000 sq ft)	
A, E, I, & R	107	ALL MANDATED STATE	\$364.00
	STATE	INSPECTIONS - (> 13000 sq ft)	
Commercial	Building	ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION,	1.2% CONTRACT
		ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS,	PRICE plus 4% of
		REPAIRS, DEMOLITION,	permit fee (or \$0.50
		FOUNDATIONS, PERMANENT	PER SQ. FT. plus 4%
		STRUCTURES	of permit fee) (\$104
		r.	min.)
Commercial	Building	CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY	\$104.00
		(per unit)	
Commercial	Building	Signs	\$104.00

Commercial	Building	TEMP CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (per unit)	\$312.00
Commercial	Building	TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, TENTS, TRAILERS, ETC	\$104.00
Commercial	Building	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A PERMIT	TRIPLE FEE
Commercial	Building	SOLAR PANELS/WIND GENERATORS	0.8% CONTRACT PRICE plus 4% of permit fee (\$104 min.)
Other	Building	Permit Replacement	\$26.00
Other	Building	Reinspection	\$52.00
Residential	Building	ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS, REPAIRS, DEMOLITION, FOUNDATIONS, PERMANENT STRUCTURES	1% CONTRACT PRICE plus 4% of permit fee (or \$0.40 PER SQ. FT. plus 4% of permit fee) (\$52 MIN.)
Residential	Building	Canopies, Tents, Awnings	\$78.00
Residential	Building	CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (per unit)	\$104.00
Residential	Building	Fireplace, Chimney, Solid Fuel Burning Appliance	\$52.00
Residential	Building	TEMP CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY (per unit)	\$312.00
Residential	Building	TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, TENTS, TRAILERS, ETC	\$52.00
Residential	Building	TEMPORARY TENTS	\$26.00
Residential	Building	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A PERMIT	TRIPLE FEE
Residential	Building	SOLAR PANELS WIND GENERATORS	\$26.00

Section 4-41.2. Electrical inspections and permits. Fee Schedule.

The fee schedule for electrical inspections and permits shall be as follows:

USE OR APPLICATION	TYPE OF PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	FEE
Commercial	Electrical	All electrical work	1.5% of CONTRACT PRICE plus 4% of permit fee (\$78 min.)
Commercial	Electrical	Construction Office Trailers	\$78.00
Commercial	Electrical	Industries (annual fee)	\$260.00

Commercial	Electrical	Solar panels/Wind Generators	0.8% of CONTRACT PRICE plus 4% permit fee (\$78 min.)
Other	Electrical	Carnivals, Circuses, Concessions	\$156.00
Other	Electrical	Reinspection	\$52.00
Other	Electrical	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A PERMIT	TRIPLE FEE
Residential	Electrical	New Single Family Dwelling	\$124.80
Residential	Electrical	New Multi Family Dwelling (each unit)	\$124.80
Residential	Electrical	Addition/Remodel/Garage/Shed (per unit)	\$62.40
Residential	Electrical	Major Appliance (range, dryer, A/C, water heater)	\$52.00
Residential	Electrical	Appliance Replacement	\$26.00
Residential	Electrical	Minimum Electrical Fee (work not categorized)	\$52.00
Residential	Electrical	New Modular/Mobile Home	\$78.00
Residential	Electrical	Service: upgrade/repair/temporary (single meter)	\$52.00
Residential	Electrical	Service: upgrade/repair/temporary (multiple meters)	\$104.00
Residential	Electrical	Smoke/Heat/Co Detectors (stairwell/hallway)	\$20.00 per stairwell plus 4% of permit fee (\$52 MIN.)
Residential	Electrical	Smoke/Heat/Co Detectors (within dwelling unit)	\$20.00 per unit plus 4% of permit fee (\$52 MIN.)
Residential	Electrical	Swimming Pools (above ground)	\$52.00
Residential	Electrical	Swimming Pools (in ground) \$78.00	
Residential	Electrical	Solar panels/Wind Generators	\$26.00

Section 4-41.3. Plumbing inspections and permits. Fee Schedule.

The fee schedule for plumbing inspections and permits shall be as follows:

USE OR	TYPE OF	DESCRIPTION	FEE
APPLICATION	PERMIT		
Commercial	Plumbing	ALL COMMERCIAL PLUMBING	1.5% CONTRACT
			PRICE plus 4% of
			permit fee (\$104 min.)
Commercial	Plumbing	Re-inspection fee	\$52.00
Commercial	Plumbing	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A	TRIPLE FEE
		PERMIT	

Residential	Plumbing	Application Fee	\$52.00
Residential	Plumbing	Backflow Preventors (testable)	\$31.20
Residential	Plumbing	Fixtures (each)	\$10.40
Residential	Plumbing	Underground Service	\$41.60
Residential	Plumbing	Replacement appliance only	\$31.20 flat fee
Residential	Plumbing	Re-inspection fee	\$52.00
Residential	Plumbing	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A	TRIPLE FEE
		PERMIT	

Section 4-41.4. Gas inspections and permits. Fee Schedule.

The fee schedule for gas inspections and permits shall be as follows:

USE OR	TYPE OF	DESCRIPTION	FEE
APPLICATION	PERMIT		
Commercial	Gas	All Commercial gas work	1.5%
		*	CONTRACT
			PRICE plus 4% of
			permit fee (\$104
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Commercial	Gas	Re-inspection Fee	\$52.00
Commercial	Gas	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A	TRIPLE FEE
		PERMIT	
Residential	Gas	Application Fee	\$52.00
Residential	Gas	Appliances (each)	\$10.40
Residential	Gas	Underground Service	\$41.60
Residential	Gas	Re-inspection Fee	\$52.00
Residential	Gas	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A	TRIPLE FEE
		PERMIT	

Section 4-41.5. Sheet metal inspections and permits. Fee Schedule.

The fee schedule for sheet metal inspections and permits shall be as follows:

USE OR APPLICATION	TYPE OF PERMIT	DESCRIPTION	FEE
Commercial	Sheet Metal	ALL SHEET METAL WORK	1.5% CONTRACT PRICE plus 4% of permit fee (\$104 min.)
Commercial	Sheet Metal	Reinspection	\$52.00

Commercial	Sheet Metal	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A PERMIT	TRIPLE FEE
Residential	Sheet Metal	(1 & 2 Family)	\$52.00
Residential	Sheet Metal	(multi-family per unit over 2)	\$52 plus \$20.80 per unit over 2
Residential	Sheet Metal	Reinspection	\$52.00
Residential	Sheet Metal	WORK PERFORMED WITHOUT A PERMIT	TRIPLE FEE

SECTION 2. Said Article III of said Chapter 4, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out Section 4-42 and inserting in place thereof the following section:--

Section 4-42. Penalty for work done without permit.

Any person who undertakes, authorizes, allows or causes work to be done without first applying for and obtaining the appropriate permit as set forth in Sections 4-41 through 4-41.5, inclusive, shall be subject to a fine in the amount of three (3) times the fee that would otherwise be applicable to the work subject to the permit. The Building Commissioner may also, in his sole discretion, and in addition to any other remedies or sanctions available to him by law, seek injunctive relief against any person in violation of this section.

SECTION 3. 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

Proposed changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance dated May 2, 2013

Section 6.3 Intensity of Use Regulations

Urban Residential District

Other residential	Currently Reads	Proposed to Read
Min Lot area	43,560	43,560
Min dry Area	43,560	43,560
Min Contiguous frontage	125	100
Min front yard setback	40	25
Min side yard setback	40	15
Min rear yard setback	40	20
Max height in stories	3	4
Max height in feet	40	50
Max percent total lot coverage	75	75
Max percent structure lot	40	40
coverage		
Max FAR to (GFA)lot size	-	-
Other density standards	12 units/acre	32 units/acre

Section 10.4.6 Development Density

<u>Currently reads</u>: The density criteria for multi-family residential structures shall conform to the standards set forth in section 6.3

Change to Read: The maximum permissible density criteria for multi-family residential structures shall conform to the standards set forth in section 6.3. In addition to the maximum permissible density criteria in section 6.3, a density bonus of up to 15% above and beyond the maximum density specified in section 6.3 for developments on a brown field site and/or the renovation and re-use of a building more than 50 years old may be requested by the petitioner as part of the Special Permit request for the proposed development.

ZONING CHANGE HEARING



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

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June 7, 2013

Honorable Mayor Thomas Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council Temp. City Hall, 141 Oak St. Taunton, MA 02780

C/O Rosemarie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Proposed Zoning Change - Section 6.3 & Section 10.4.6

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised that on June 6, 2013 the Taunton Planning Board held their public hearing on the Proposed Zoning Changes relative to Section 6.3 – Intensity Use of Regulations – Urban Residential District and Section 10.4.6 – Development Density.

The Taunton Planning voted (5 members in favor, 2 members absent) to send a **POSITIVE** recommendation to the Municipal Council on this proposal.

Very truly yours,

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Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

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ZONING MAP AMENDMENT HEARING – COUNTY ST.



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Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

May 3, 2013

Honorable Mayor Thomas Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council City Hall, 15 Summer Street Taunton, MA 02780

C/O Rosemarie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Proposed Zoning Map Amendment - County Street

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised that on May 2, 2013 the Taunton Planning Board held their public hearing on the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment for property located on County Street from Urban Residential District to Highway Business District.

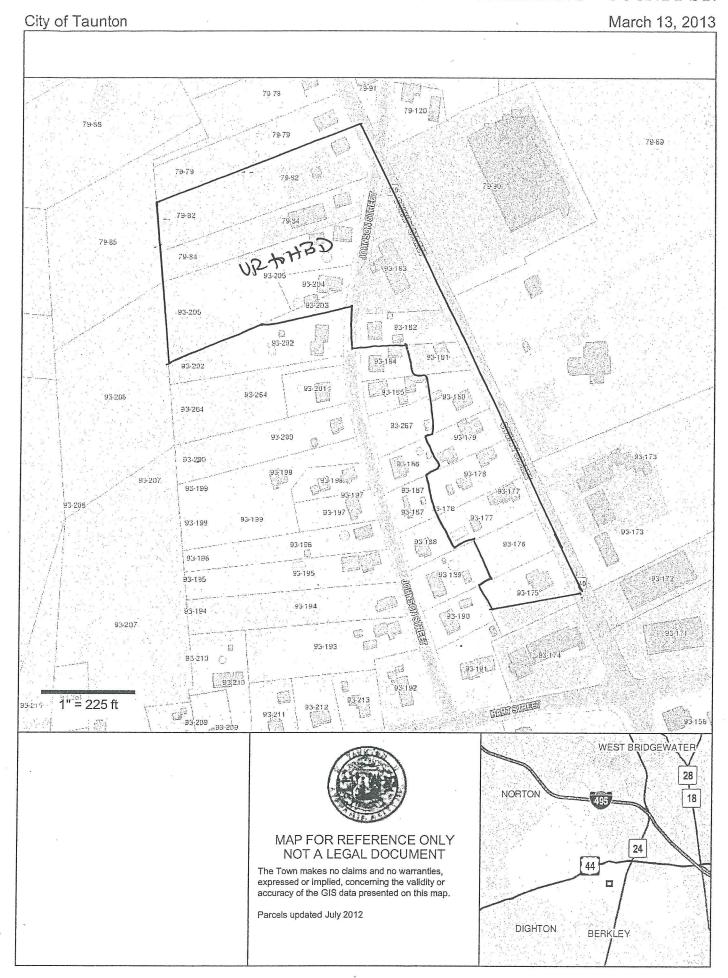
The parcels are Property I.D. 93-175 thru 93-183, 93-203 thru 93-205 and 79-82 and 79-84

The Taunton Planning voted (5 members in favor, 2 members absent) to send a POSITIVE recommendation to the Municipal Council on this zoning map amendment.

Very truly yours,

Robert P. Campbell (agg) Robert P. Campbell, Chairperson TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

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Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

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May 3, 2013

Honorable Mayor Thomas Hove and Members of the Municipal Council City Hall, 15 Summer Street Taunton, MA 02780

C/O Rosemarie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Proposed Zoning Map Amendment - Weir Street

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised that on May 2, 2013 the Taunton Planning Board held their public hearing on the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment for property located on Weir Street requesting to rezone from Industrial to Urban Residential District and Industrial to Business District.

The parcels to be re-zoned from Industrial to Urban Residential District are: Property I.D. 78-252 thru 78-259, 78-262 and a portion of 78-519.

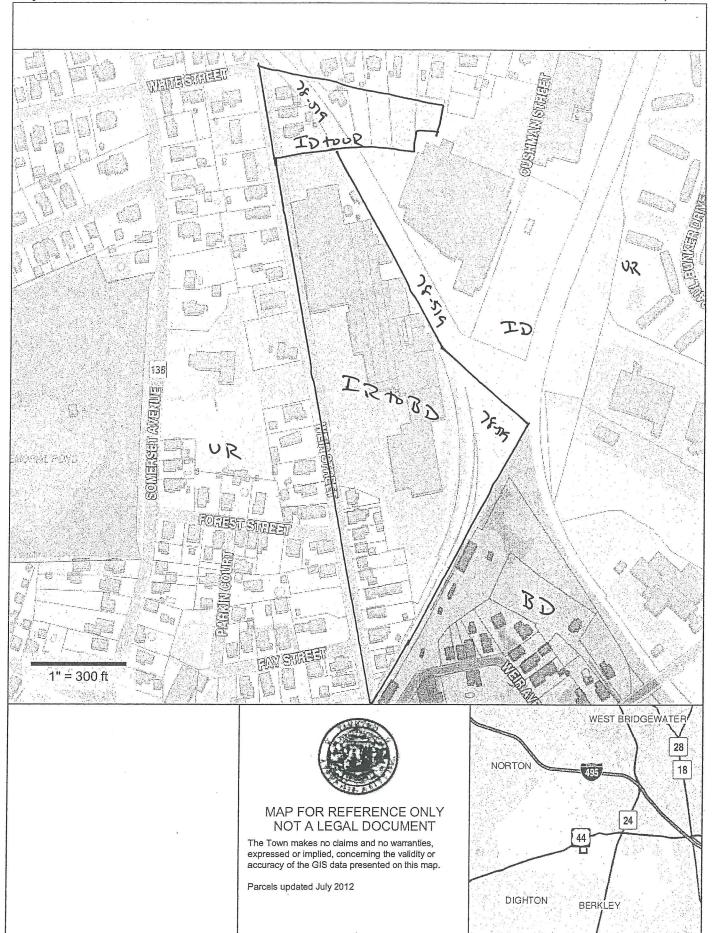
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Very truly yours,

Robert P. Campbell (opp) Robert P. Campbell, Chairperson TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD

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> Gill E. Enos Budget Director



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July 3, 2013

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. And Municipal Council Members 141 Oak Street Taunton, Ma 02780

Re: Whittenton Mills - Fire Watch Details/Fines

Dear Mayor Hoye and Municipal Council Members,

The unpaid fire details will have to be made up at year end (6/30/13) by either a year end transfer by the City Auditor or if monies aren't available then it will be a deduction against free cash. The property would then have a lien placed on it for whatever the unpaid detail amount was as of June 30, 2013.

If I can be of any further help, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Regards,

Gill E. Enos

Budget Director



City of Taunton, Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Fred J. Cornaglia Commissioner Anthony Abreau Assistant Commissioner Angela C. Santos Fiscal Agent

July 3, 2013

A.J. Marshall Chairman, DPW Committee Taunton City Council

Mr. Marshall:

Taunton has recently received a new Wastewater Discharge Permit (Permit), in draft form, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant issued jointly by the EPA and the MADEP.

The work required to respond to the Permit is of the highest priority. The EPA and MassDEP will respond to and evaluate all comments made by the City and any other interested parties. The permit renewal cycle is typically every 5 years. Taunton's permit expired in 2006. Prior to issuing the new permit for Taunton in 2007, the regulatory agencies received letters from concerned citizens and environmental groups commenting that Taunton's permit should have more stringent limits for nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus. These nutrientscan cause water quality problems in the Taunton River and Mount Hope Bay.

The most stringent limits were imposed on Taunton with regards to nitrogen removal. BETA Group is evaluating the data in the Permit and has met with MADEP and EPA officials concerning the Permit and the cost to implement the technology to meet the imposed limits. The comments to EPA concerning the Permit have been forwarded to the EPA for their review.

We are aware that the cost of required improvements will significantly increase the sewer user rates and have expressed our concern to the regulatory officials. The EPA has encouraged Taunton to meet with them concerning the cost of the regulatory mandates and to work on a schedule to implement the changes in a cost effective manner.

The Compliance Schedule included with the Permit requires construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements to begin in 2016 with an estimated cost of \$45 million. This construction schedule would be impossible to meet, and would impose an

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90 Ingell Street Taunton, Massachusetts02780 Telephone: (508) 821-1434 Fax: (508) 821-1437 immense financial burden on rate payers. Therefore the City will request a time extension of 15 years or more before any significant construction of the WWTP would begin.

The following tasks are required for the extended schedule:

- 1) Negotiations with EPA. Requires long-term financial planning documentation as well as projected costs for the various projects. Sewer rates will be reviewed.
- 2) Enter into an Administrative Consent Order. This provides the City with the greatestflexibility for project planning.
- 3) Complete the City's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Report. This will be the City's future planning document for wastewater infrastructure over the next 20 years.
- 4) Conduct Pilot testing for the WWTP to determine the most cost-effective and reliable treatment process for nitrogen removal.
- 5) Construct Phases 10, 11 and 12 SSES These phases will complete the sewer separation work, construct structural liners in the remainder of the main interceptor from Court St to High St and the main connectors through the center of the City, Lining of 16,000 LF of single brick drains remaining throughout the City and miscellaneous culvert repairs. Evaluation of the sewer system on East side of the Taunton Riverto remove Infiltration/ Inflow. Costs for construction of Phases 10,11 and 12 are \$15 million. The City has recently been selected by MassDEP for approval of low interest loans.
- 6) Non-SRF funding costs for negotiation, financial planning, the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and Environmental Impact Report, pilot testing, Infiltration /Inflow investigation and design of the three phases are \$1.6 million.

Fred Cornaglia, DPW Commissioner

JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III
4TH DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

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June 21, 2013

Rose Marie Blackwell City Clerk City of Taunton 15 Summer Street Taunton, MA 02780-3430

Dear Rose,

Thank you for contacting me about federal debt and deficit. I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue and am glad to have the opportunity to respond.

Our federal budget, with its recurring deficits and accumulating debt, is one of the most important issues we face today. The fiscal trajectory we are on is unsustainable and threatens our potential for future growth.

I believe that the only acceptable solution to our budget problem is a balanced solution, one that includes a mix of both revenue increases and spending cuts. Any approach that focuses only on quick and dramatic spending cuts will cut jobs along with dollars, losing sight of the fact that the driving force behind fiscal policy should always be long-term growth and prosperity for Americans. The first step to deficit reduction is job creation. Investments in education and workforce training that get people back to work will pay for themselves over time as we utilize the full potential of our workforce and increase the base of tax revenue. Those investments must be paired with a responsible long-term plan to get our spending and deficit under control. I believe that starts and ends with containing health care costs. The skyrocketing cost of health care in this country remains the number one driver of our debt and deficit. Any credible plan to put us back on sound fiscal footing must do all it can to slow the growth of healthcare costs without compromising the quality or accessibility of care.

Sequestration and fiscal policies that balance the budget by slashing domestic social programs like early childhood education, nutrition benefits, and safety nets are deeply misguided. Spending for these types of programs accounts for less than 15% of the budget. They are not the cause of the problem and cutting them is not the solution. I will oppose efforts like sequestration that hinder growth and opportunity while not meaningfully reducing the deficit.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me; I am honored to represent the constituents of the Fourth District of Massachusetts. Please feel free to call or write my offices with future questions or concerns. Additionally, I invite you to visit my website at www.kennedy.house.gov or follow me on Facebook to learn more about my work at home and in Washington.

All my best,

Joe Kennedy

Member of Congress



Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

June 25, 2013

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Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor Members of the Municipal Council 141 Oak St., Maxham School Taunton, Ma. 02780

C/O Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Modification of Special Permit/Definitive Cluster Inclusionary Development – Sabbatia Landing

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised the Taunton Planning Board received a Modification of a Special Permit/Definitive Subdivision Cluster Inclusionary Development entitled "Sabbatia Landing" Condos submitted by Solo Realty LLC, 43 Taunton Green, Taunton, Ma.

The Modification is to change the Cash Contribution Calculation and minor Site Plan to location of sidewalks.

Condition #25 currently is as follows:

"The total amount of cash contribution is based on 26 two-bedroom units at \$170,000 and 18 Three-bedroom Units at \$185,000 for a total of \$880,000. At which time 1/44th of the total amount must be paid upon issuance of a building permit for each unit".

The proposed modification is as follows:

"The cash contribution is to be tied into the sale/purchase price for each unit. The cash contribution will be paid at the Closing of each unit sold. The Cash Contribution shall not exceed \$20,000 per unit. The BENCHMARK for a 3-bedroom Unit is \$512,409.50. The BENCHMARK for a 2 bedroom unit is \$450,000. Cash Contribution Calculation (1/44) x \$880,000 x (sales prices/Benchmark).

The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on this proposal on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 5:30 PM at Maxham School, 141 Oak St., Taunton, Ma.

Respectfully,

Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
Taunton Planning Board

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Denise J. Paiva, Secretary

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June 25, 2013

Honorable Thomas Hoye, Mayor Members of the Municipal Council 141 Oak St., Maxham School Taunton, Ma. 02780

C/O Rose Marie Blackwell, City Clerk

RE: Definitive Subdivision - Hoover Street Extension -

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the Municipal Council:

Please be advised the Taunton Planning Board received a Definitive Subdivision Plan for "Hoover Street Extension" located to the rear of 120 Highland Street, to create 2 residential lots, submitted by Hawthorne Development, 174 Dean St., Unit C, Taunton, Ma.

The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on this proposal on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 5:30 PM at Maxham School, 141 Oak St., Taunton, Ma.

Respectfully,

Januel P. Dermody (Mg)
Daniel P. Dermody, Chairman
Townton Planning Provided

Taunton Planning Board

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HONORABLE THOMAS C. HOYE, JR., MAYOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN M. McCAUL AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE:

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013 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

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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THIS COMMITTEE MEETING

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER TO FURTHER DISCUSS REQUEST OF SYLVINO DACOSTA FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN SPRING STREET WITHIN THE 5 YEAR MORATORIUM TO REPLACE HEATING SYSTEM
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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THE COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE

- 1. MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF WASTE MANAGEMENT TO DISCUSS LANDFILL
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS

CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES