



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

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MARCH 31, 2015 – 7:00 PM

**INVOCATION
ROLL CALL
RECORDS**

HEARING:

On the proposed adoption of the Housing Development Incentive Program (M.G.L. c. 40V) in the City of Taunton:

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE ZONE
PROGRAM**

The Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) is intended to provide the City of Taunton's downtown and its surrounding areas with a development tool to increase residential growth, expand the diversity of the housing stock, support economic development, and promote neighborhood stabilization. The Taunton HDIP area (HD Zone) will enable developers to apply for local tax incentives as well as state tax credits to conduct redevelopment projects that lead to the creation of market rate housing.

Testimony will be taken on whether the City of Taunton shall approve both the designation of the Housing Development Zone and the proposed activities in the Housing Development Zone Plan.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Pg. 1-3 Com. from Mayor – Request for Traffic Safety Improvements Winthrop Street (US Route 44) at North Walker Street – Taunton, MA

APPOINTMENTS

- Appointment of Nuno Medeiros, Full Time Firefighter
- Appointment of Ethel Fraga - Trustee of the Public Library

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

- Pg. 4 Com. from Director, Department of Human Services – Requesting to deposit a donation
- Pg. 5 Com. from City Solicitor – Performance Evaluations of Department Heads

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

- Pg. 6 Com. from Wendy Melo, Director, The Escola Portuguesa @ Taunton Sports Club – Requesting use of the stage and waiver of fees

PETITIONS

Temporary Fixed Vendor License

Petition submitted by Sylvester English, 162 Oak St. #18, Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License for Kinfolks Award Winning BBQ LLC located at 5 Cape Road, Taunton

Junk Dealer's License

Petition submitted by George Perry, 52 Worcester St., Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Junk Dealer's License for Hub Cap King located at 94 Tremont Street, Taunton.

Livery License

Petition submitted by Stephen Rowan, 24 Beacon St., Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Livery License for Stella's Livery Service located at 24 Beacon St., Taunton. (1 Vehicle)

Billiard Table License

Petition submitted by William Sanft, 15R Shores St., Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Billiard Table License, Will-O-Bee, Inc. –dba- Willy J's Pub located at 599 Winthrop St., Taunton. (2 Tables)

Petition submitted by William DeSa, 14 Whittenton St., Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Billiard Table License for The Billy Club Café located at 53 Grove St., Taunton. (1 Table)

Antique Dealer License

Petition submitted by James Silvia, Jr., 45 Baylies Road, Taunton requesting a **RENEWAL** of his Antique Dealers License for Memorable Memorabilia located at 45 Baylies Road, Taunton.

Claims

Chester Fortun, 330 County St., Taunton requesting reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole in front of 286 Broadway.

Claim submitted by Christine Costa, 621 Berkley St., Berkley requesting reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole in front of 421 Berkley St., Taunton.

Claim submitted by Sandra Saccocia, 41 County St., Berkley requesting reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Middleboro Avenue near Park Place and Lake Rico.

Claim submitted by Nolan Gajdascz, 308 Somerset Ave., Taunton requesting reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Plain Street at the intersection of Beacon St.

Miscellaneous

Special Permit submitted by Elizabeth Thompson, Esq. Duval & Klasnick LLC, 210 Broadway, Suite 204, Lynnfield, on behalf of her client, Varsity Wireless, LLC who entered into a land agreement with George B. Hudson, land owner for a 145 foot tall monopole wireless communications facility within a 60' x 52' fenced compound area to be located at 201 Alfred Lord Boulevard, Taunton. **(Public Hearing Required)**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**** KEVIN SHEA WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS EVENING
TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS ORDER ****

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 therefor under Chapter 111, Section 127B½ of the General Laws, Chapter 29C of the General Laws or pursuant to any other enabling authority; 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rm Blackwell".

**Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk**

City of Taunton

Office of the Mayor

Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.
Mayor

Alyssa Gracia
Chief of Staff

Gill E. Enos
Budget Director



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March 23, 2015

Ms. Mary-Jo Perry
District Highway Director
MassDOT Highway Division District 5
1000 County Street
Taunton, MA 02780

**Subject: Request for Traffic Safety Improvements
Winthrop Street (US Route 44) at North Walker Street – Taunton, MA**

Dear Ms. Perry,

The City of Taunton would like to request MassDOT implementation of traffic safety improvements at the intersection of Winthrop Street (US Route 44) and North Walker Street. The Winthrop Street approaches are under MassDOT jurisdiction. A project site location map is attached for your reference.

North Walker Street forms a tee shaped un-signalized intersection with Winthrop Street, where Winthrop Street is the "main" roadway. The North Walker Street approach is operated under stop control. All legs of the intersection have one travel lane in each direction. The intersection has no pedestrian nor bicycle accommodation. The land uses surrounding the intersection are commercial, with the exception of the northeast corner which has residential properties.

The intersection experiences a significant number of crashes, with a crash rate of 1.26 crashes per million entering vehicles, approximately twice the MassDOT District 5 average crash rate for un-signalized intersection (0.58) and the MassDOT statewide average crash rate (0.60) for the same type of intersection.

The City undertook a preliminary evaluation of the intersection in February 2014 in response to complaints and concerns received. Traffic volume data collected in February 2014 showed that approximately 14,500 vehicles navigate the intersection over the course of 12 hours (7:00AM-7:00PM). Traffic signal warrant analysis of this intersection conducted in March 2014 (copy attached for your reference) indicates that at least three signal warrants (Warrants 1, 2, and 3) are satisfied.

The basic finding is that the major street (US Route 44) volume is so large that the minor street (North Walker Street) vehicles cannot find adequate gaps. This finding is consistent with the large number of angle crashes and rear-ends associated with differences in driver aggressiveness.

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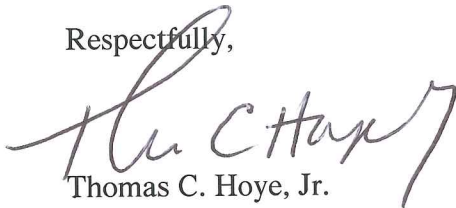
A more recent traffic study for North Walker Street, dated December 2014, revealed that the roadway and this intersection are currently used as a commuting cut-through for many cars and heavy trucks destined towards Interstate 495. Approximately 8% of heavy vehicles use this intersection to cut through North Walker Street.

As currently envisioned, the intersection warrants the consideration of geometric improvements and the installation of a traffic signal system. Also to be considered are the upgrades of sidewalks including ADA compliance and improvement to substandard curb reveal.

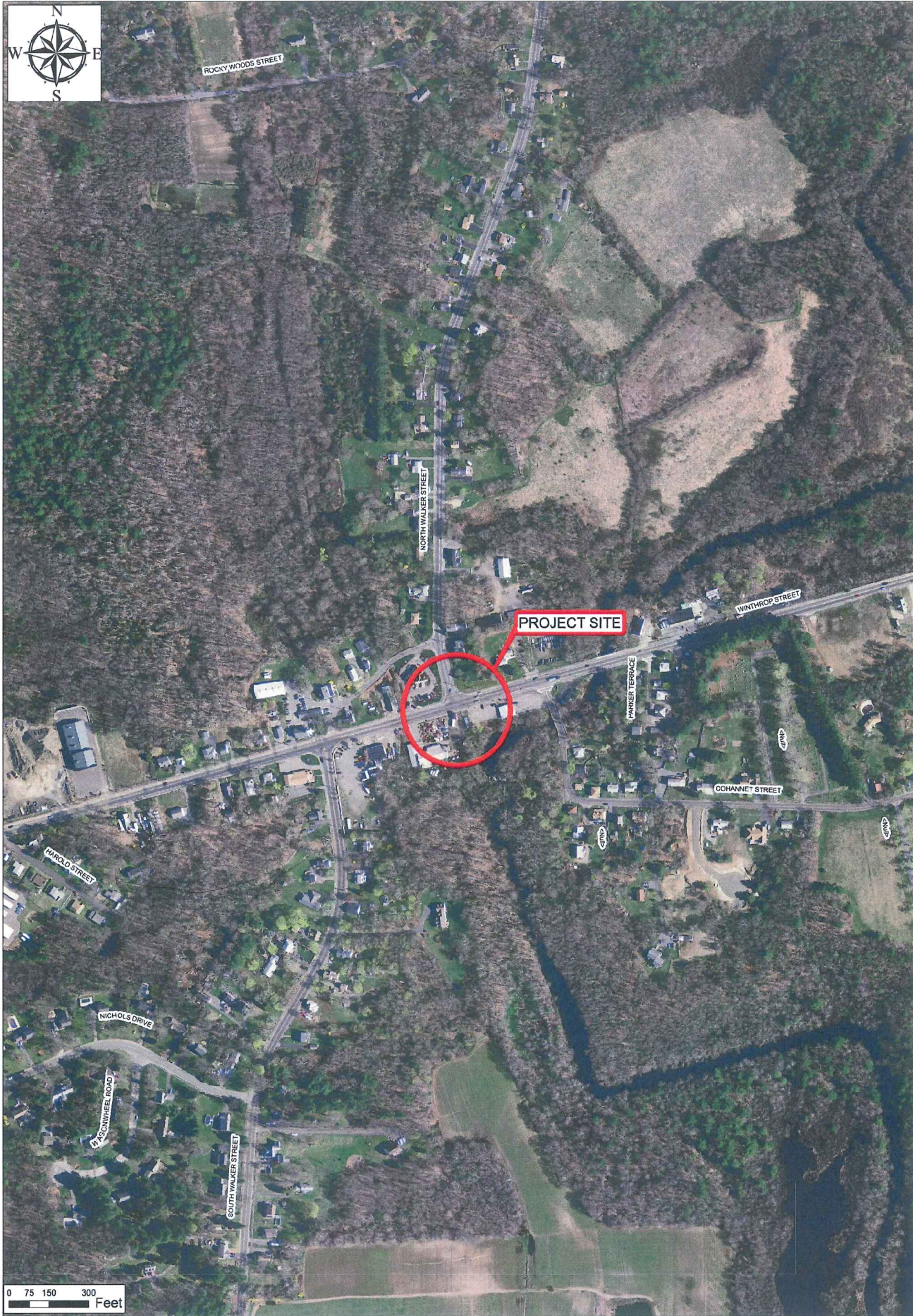
As noted above, the purpose of this letter is to inquire whether MassDOT would take on the design and construction of needed safety improvements at this intersection given that Winthrop Street is under State jurisdiction.

If further information is required, please feel free to contact me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for all the help you have provided the City of Taunton in pursuing safety improvement projects. Your assistance in expediting this important project is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Thomas C. Hoye, Jr.
Mayor



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**WINTHROP STREET (US RTE. 44)
AT NORTH WALKER STREET
TAUNTON, MA**

Scale: 1" = 150'
Source: MassGIS 2013



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March 19, 2015

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. and
Members of the City Council
Temporary City Hall
141 Oak Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Mayor Hoye and Members of the City Council:

The Department of Human Services has received a donation in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the purposes of assisting elders of Taunton. At this time, I respectfully request that the Department of Human Services be allowed to deposit this donation in the Elder Emergency Gift Account # 27-500-6730-4835.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anne C. Bisson
Director



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

MEMORANDUM

TO: Municipal Council

FROM: Jason D. Buffington, Esq., City Solicitor

DATE: March 23, 2015

RE: Performance Evaluations of Department Heads

The Municipal Council requested the opinion of this office as to who would conduct performance evaluations of department heads. Based on my review of the COTMA contract, individual employment contracts, the city charter, and applicable city ordinances, I have determined the following:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Evaluator</u>	<u>Source of Authority</u>
COTMA-member Department Heads	Mayor	COTMA contract
COTMA-member DPW Division Heads	DPW Commissioner	COTMA contract
Director, Human Resources	Mayor	Contract
Executive Director, OECD	Mayor	Contract
Chief of Staff to Mayor	Mayor	Contract
Budget Director	Mayor	Contract
City Solicitor	Mayor	Charter
Fire Chief	Council	Ordinance
Police Chief	Council	Ordinance



Attn: Mayor Hoye and City Council

Lisa Gregg Taunton DPW

Re: DPW Stage use for Student end of 2014-15 year Celebration

Date: March 25, 2015

Escola Portuguesa is a school here in Taunton MA, that teaches community youth to speak, read, and write Portuguese, and to learn its culture and history. The Portuguese culture has brought a tremendous amount of value to the region for decades, and it is organizations like this one that will preserve these cultural benefits for future generations. It is also a highly enriching program for the community's youth. I am new to the organization but can tell you there are tremendous efforts put forth by its teachers to provide children with these services. The tuition of the school is kept extremely affordable to make it accessible to all and its survival depends on the generosity of members and the community's generosity with time and resources.

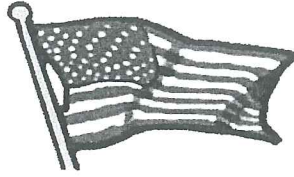
We are planning schools end of year celebration to commend students and teachers for their efforts throughout the school year. The event will consist of a meal, teachers and supporters presentations, and the childrens recital and speeches. The school was established in 1980 and through the recent efforts of Paul Azevedo and Paula Freitas the school is alive and well with 44 students at present, from almost closing its doors with 9 students several years ago. We are excited about our May 30th 2015 celebration which will take place outdoors at 1pm at the Taunton Sports Club. We are planning to set up from 9am-12pm. As always the Mayor is invited to this event. Being outdoors this years we would greatly appreciate the use of the DPW stage with fees waived. Thank you in advance for your support of this organization and great asset to our city.

Respectfully,

Wendy Melo

Director

The Escola Portuguesa @ Taunton Sports Club



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MARCH 31, 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, MARCH 31, 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 ON FINANCE & SALARIES

1. MEET WITH THE MAYOR, CITY SOLICITOR, BUDGET DIRECTOR, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DPW COMMISSIONER AND PRESIDENT OF COTMA TO DISCUSS INCREASE IN SALARY FOR THE DPW FISCAL AGENT.
2. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
3. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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6:00 P.M.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

1. MEET WITH ADVISORY BOARD FORMED TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF PUTTING A DRUG COURT IN TAUNTON.
2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

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RESPECTFULLY,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES