



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, February 17, 2009 at 7:10 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Charles Crowley presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

*Present at roll call were: Councilor's Hoyer, Pottier, Fiore, Marshall, Croteau, Carr,
Buffington, Barbour
Councilor Costa-Hanson was absent*

A moment of silence was observed for Charles Lincoln who passed away recently

Record of preceding meeting was read by Title and Approved. So Voted.

Motion was made to revert out of the regular order of business to Communications. So Voted.

Communications:

Com. from City Clerk requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$1,387.50 from their Clerical Account to the Office Supplies account and Telephone Expense Account. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Automation Director requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$102.00 for dial-up internet expense for the Taunton Commission for Individuals with Disabilities for previous year 2007-2008. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor Office. Ask Mr. Bouchard to report back to the Council how many dial-up internet access accounts we currently have. So Voted.**

Com. from Charles J. Black, 25 Arnold Street, Taunton expressing concern for unplowed sidewalks and his daughter walking to school on Tremont Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on DPW and invite Mr. Black. Refer to the Mayor's Office. That the Committee receive a copy of the cost for a sidewalk snowplow. That the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills revisit the ordinance concerning sidewalk snow removal. So Voted.**

Com. from Edward Valadao, Chairman, Parking Commission requesting permission to appear before the Committee on Police and License involving the conduct of a hackney carriage licensee. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and invite the owner of the taxi stand company. Also invite the owner of the business. So Voted.**

Petitions and Claims:

Claim submitted by Gilbert Franco, 19 Floral Street, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole near 104 Winter Street/Longmeadow Road. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Shannon Sumner, 176 Tremont St., Rehoboth seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole in Myles Standish Industrial Park. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Vivian Carlos, 3 Babbitt Way, Berkley seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Fourth Street near RS and Sons Oil Company. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Sioux Bees, 60 Spring St., Newport, ME seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on North Walker Street near the intersection of Rocky Woods Street. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Cailyn Velardo, 26 North Main Street, Unit #4, Mansfield seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on South Crane Avenue between Misty Lane and 332 South Crane Avenue. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Hilary Olson, 38 Bay Road, N. Easton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Taunton Industrial Park Road in the #200s range. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Departmental Site Plan Review submitted by Stacy Arpin-Santos, Fielders Choice Sporting Goods, Inc. 414 Winthrop Street, Taunton for a 12,012 sq. ft. retail and indoor recreation center at 427 Winthrop Street. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. So Voted.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Pottier motioned that the DPW Commissioner repair the pothole on Cotley Drive. So Voted. *(The City Clerk spoke with Mary at the DPW on this matter)*

Councilor Pottier motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss the possibility of having cars park on only one side the street around Coyle and Cassidy High School and the area side streets. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall stated there are no parking signs erected at the corner of Granite and Maple Streets that prohibit parking from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM and motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss this matter. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned that the DPW Commissioner and the Police Chief investigate the missing “no parking” sign in front of 4 Hopewell Street near Hopewell School. So Voted.

Hearing came up by assignment pursuant to General Laws Chapter 31, Section 23(B). The hearing may be held in open or closed session pursuant to Section 23B of Chapter 39. At this time, the Director of Human Resources began recording the minutes of the hearing. As of this time, the Director of Human Resources has not been provided her minutes to my office.

Meeting adjourned at P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Blackwell".

City Clerk

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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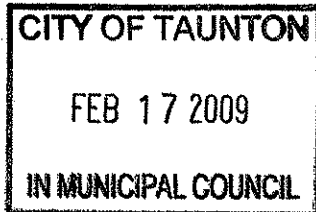
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JORDAN FIORE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS
CROTEAU AND POTTIER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 P.M.

1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY
DEPARTMENTS**
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR
THE WEEK**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:06 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 17, 2009

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID POTTIER AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, BUFFINGTON, CARR, CROTEAU, MARSHALL, FIORE AND HOYE. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR STEVEN TORRES AND KEVIN SHEA, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS TAX POSSESSION PROPERTY**

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST STEP OF A MULTI-MEETING PROCESS IN AN EFFORT TO COME UP WITH AN ALL ENCOMPASSING LIST OF TAX TITLE PROPERTY. THEN, HOPEFULLY MAP OUT THE PROPERTY TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY CONTINUOUS PLOTS, AND A LONG TERM GOAL TO COME UP WITH SOME PLANNING SO FAR AS WHICH PLOTS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE, WHICH PLOTS THE CITY MIGHT WANT TO KEEP FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS, RECREATIONAL SPACE, ETC.

THE SOLICITOR NOTED THAT THE LIST PROVIDED DID NOT INCLUDE T.M.L.P. PROPERTY AND IT DOES NOT INCLUDE PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY THE CITY THAT THE CITY EITHER PURCHASED OR HAD OVER THE YEARS. REQUEST WAS MADE FOR ANOTHER LIST OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AND PROPERTY OWNED BY THE T.M.L.P. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THIS LIST BE PROVIDED BY THE END OF APRIL.

MOTION: REFER THIS ISSUE TO PUBLIC PROPERTY

MOTION: THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE IS TO DISCUSS AND ADVISE THE COUNCIL AS TO THE STATUS OF SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

2. **MEET TO VOTE ON EMERGENCY STATUS OF F. B. ROGERS**

MOTION: TO DECLARE F.B. ROGERS AN EMERGENCY FOR THE APPROPRIATE ACTION

**COUNCILORS BARBOUR, CARR, FIORE AND POTTIER VOTING IN FAVOR
COUNCILORS BUFFINGTON, MARSHALL AND CROTEAU VOTING IN
OPPOSITION.**

MOTION DID NOT CARRY AS FIVE VOTES ARE NEEDED

DISCUSSED WAS THE NEED TO KNOW WHY COUNCILORS ARE VOTING AGAINST THIS IN AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL RULES STATE THAT A VOTE CANNOT BE QUESTIONED.

DISCUSSED ALSO WAS THAT MONEY IS BEING SPENT EVERY DAY ON THIS BUILDING THAT THE CITY WILL NEVER GET BACK.

MOTION: THAT AN UPDATE FROM KEVIN SHEA BE PROVIDED FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

MR. SHEA STATED THAT HE HAS PREPARED THE NEW R.F.P.

SOME COUNCILORS FEEL THAT THERE IS A NEED TO LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ON THIS MATTER.

MR. SHEA REPORTED THAT THE BIDS ARE DUE BACK ON MARCH 13TH AND THAT IT WOULD BE PROBABLY SIX WEEKS FROM TODAY BEFORE WORK COULD

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – CONTINUED

ACTUALLY BEGIN.

ABOVE MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION: THAT AN UPDATE ON THIS MATTER BE PROVIDED ON MARCH 24TH. BIDS ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO ALL COUNCILORS IN THE PACKET THE FRIDAY BEFORE.

MOTION: THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE MEET ON MARCH 3RD TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE MEET ON MARCH 17TH TO DISCUSS THE BIDS.

DISCUSSED ALSO WAS HAVING KEVIN SHEA ENGAGE A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST.

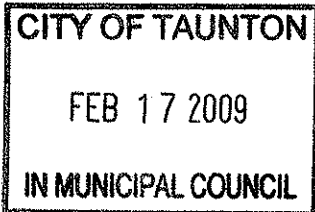
MOTION: THAT MR. SHEA ENGAGE A REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST TO ASSIST HIM IN REVIEWING THE BIDS

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



Reports accepted, recommendations adopted.

Rm Blackwell
City Clerk