



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers
Minutes, July 27, 2010 at 8:00 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Charles Crowley presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

*Present at roll call were: Councilor's Colton, Croteau, Carr, Buffington, Marshall,
Hoye, Costa-Hanlon, Pottier, Barbour*

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

Communications from Mayor:

At this time the Mayor read a communication submitted by the City Engineer stating that Aggregate Industries has submitted a request to extend the hours of processing for the month of August by 2 hours a day, Monday – Friday. **Motion was made to make the letter part of the record. So Voted.** Old hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The new hours of cooperation will be for the month of August from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. **Motion was made that Graham Harwick be invited into the enclosure. So Voted.** Mr. Hardwick explained the process. **Motion was made that the ERB give a two week update on the status of the noise. So Voted.** **Motion was made to move approval to refer the minor changes to the Earth Removal Board. So Voted.** Councilor Buffington voting in opposition. Councilor Marshall voting present. **So Voted.**

Communications:

Com. from the City Engineer stating that previously he requested the acceptance of Donna Terrace, Marilyn Drive, and Mary Drive. He has learned that Donna Terrace and Marilyn Drive are already public ways and therefore is requesting the acceptance of Mary Drive as a public way in the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk to set a hearing. So Voted.**

Com. from Foreman, DPW requesting six police vehicles be deemed as salvage. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property. So Voted.**

Com. from Human Resource Director responding to a request for non-union management and hourly employees benefit summaries. **Motion was made to refer to Committee reports. So Voted.**

Com. from Lemman W. Padelford requesting all terms of his agreement with the City of Taunton in September 2009 be complied with and that all salary and benefits due are paid

in full and delivered in hand within seven days of the date of this letter. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Dept. notifying of the Taunton Firefighters annual "Fill the Boot" on Sunday September 5, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Monday, September 6, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. They are also advising of their 4th Annual Road Race on October 17, 2010 at 11:00 AM in the industrial park. **Motion was made to move approval. Refer to T-CAM, the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Ambulance Service. So Voted.**

Com. from Paul Allison, Taunton Fire Dept. requesting permission to erect a permanent sign on the lawn of the Oakland Fire Station at 49 North Walker St. to promote and alert the public to fundraisers and events of the Taunton Firefighters. The cost would be covered by the Taunton Firefighters Association. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property. So Voted.**

Councilor Croteau read an extra communication submitted by the Building Commissioner providing an update on 390 Washington Street stating that the owner is still unsure whether he will demolish the building or repair it. Additionally, he stated that regarding 17 Third Ave., the Board of Health has informed him that he received notice for the Police Department in August 2008 that the building was abandoned and due to the amount of clutter, the Police and Owner agreed to have the building boarded and the utilities shut off. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor as Dr. Croteau will meet with her and refer this to the Committee to the Council as a Whole. Dr. Croteau also stated he has 20 properties he has received from the Board of Health. Councilor Barbour motioned to find out if Art's Bakery owner has been released to demolish the building along with documentation. So Voted.** The Mayor read a letter submitted by the Treasurer/Collector stating that all taxes are current on the property located at 17 Third Ave. and the property is not in Tax Title. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr read an extra communication submitted by Linda McCone, 60 Shores St., Taunton requesting the City's assistance in regularly maintaining Liberty and Union Park. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office and the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department. So Voted.**

Motion was made to recess to the Committee of the Council as a Whole at 8:30 PM. So Voted.

Motion was made to revert back to the regular order of business at 9:15 PM. 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 Barbour motioned that the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills discuss curbside dumping, to make this ordinance have stronger enforcement and stricter fines. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned that the Committee on Public Property discuss the placement of cameras in remote dumping grounds. So Voted.

Councilor Hoye motioned that the Building Commissioner contact the owner of the property at the old Ray's Donut Shop to see if the owner will take the building down. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned that he received a complaint on the sidewalks on Randall Street and asked that the DPW Commissioner take action on this issue and refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington stated he received a complaint that brush is blocking the view of drivers, creating a safety hazard at the intersection of Fifth Street and W. Water Street looking to the left. Therefore, he motioned to refer this to the DPW Commissioner. So Voted. *(The City Clerk spoke with the Assistant DPW Commissioner on this matter.)*

Councilor Buffington motioned that he has received complaints of vehicles parking on sidewalks. Therefore, he motioned that the Police Chief enforce this issue and report back to the Committee on Police and License with a report. So Voted.

Councilor Buffington motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner to have the unsightly weeds that are overgrown on the traffic island at the intersection of Court Street and Washington Street. So Voted. *(The City Clerk spoke with the Assistant Department of Public Works Commissioner on this matter.)*

Councilor Buffington stated that the bushes at the Mill River Complex, which is private property are overgrown and requested to have someone go out and speak to the owner of the property concerning this matter. The Mayor stated he will have his Assistant take care of this.

Councilor Colton stated he received a complaint of overgrown brush on Winthrop Street from Burt Street to North Walker Street. The City Clerk spoke with the Assistant to the Mayor and he stated he would take care of this.

New Business:

Councilor Croteau motioned that the Police Chief have radar stationed in the vicinity of 110 Staples Street. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall motioned that the Committee to the Council as a Whole discuss developing a plan concerning street cleaning/brush cutting for the next growing season. Additionally, that they discuss repairing the flail mower versus purchasing a new one. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated she encourages any public hearing to be televised (Bay St., Bridge, and dam) or the Mayor could distribute the paperwork as to when the public hearing will take place.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lm Blackwell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Attest:".

City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 27, 2010

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS POTTIER AND COSTA-HANLON. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY AUDITOR ANN HEBERT, INTERNAL AUDITOR DOMENICK COPPOLA AND HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR MARIA GOMES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:47 P.M.

1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS FOR THE WEEK
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COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON VOTING IN OPPOSITION

2. **MEET WITH THE CITY AUDITOR AND DOMENICK COPPOLA, INTERNAL AUDITOR, FOR AN UPDATE ON HIS INTERNAL AUDITING PROJECTS**
MR. COPPOLA REPORTED THAT HE HAS REVIEWED AND RECONCILED WITH HUMAN RESOURCE MAINTAINED ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS EXCEPT FOR LIBRARY, FIRE, POLICE AND SCHOOL FOR FY 2009. CURRENTLY HE IS RECONSTRUCTING ALL LIBRARY DEPARTMENT STAFF RECORDS FOR VACATION, FURLOUGH, SICK AND PERSONAL. HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT RECONSTRUCTED RECORDS WITH HUMAN RESOURCES, AND HE WILL NEED TO REVIEW THEM WITH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR. HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE ON-GOING ASSISTANCE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING AND INVESTIGATING WHY VARIANCES ARE OCCURRING IN THE ATTENDANCE RECORDS. HE WILL ALSO NEED TO COMMUNICATE THE RESULTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BY MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS OR THEIR DESIGNEE. HE HAS ALREADY MET WITH PAUL ULIANELLI OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MARY SOUSA OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT OPEN ISSUES WITH SOME OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF ARISING FROM PRIOR YEARS THAT ULTIMATELY NEED TO BE RESOLVED.
THE CITY AUDITOR REPORTED THAT SHE IS ALSO WORKING ON THE PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM. ULTIMATELY THE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE AUTOMATED.
MOTION: TO CONTINUE UNTIL FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER. THE AUDITORS ARE TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PROGRAM EXISTS FOR COMPENSATED ABSENCES THAT THE CITY COULD USE. IF THERE IS NOT, THE INTERNAL AUDITOR IS TO PROVIDE HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.
MOTION: THE CITY AUDITOR IS TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PURCHASE ORDER PROCESS FOR THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY

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THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES – CONTINUED

3. MEET WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS LONGEVITY ISSUES CONCERNING SIX EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY A CONTRACT OR UNION

THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR PROVIDED A BENEFIT SUMMARY FOR BOTH NON-UNION MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES AND NON-UNION HOURLY EMPLOYEES. THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE IN LINE WITH OTHERS ON THE CITY SIDE. SHE HAS PUT IN WRITING WHAT HAS BEEN PAID HISTORICALLY. THIS IS NOTHING NEW BUT IT IS THE FIRST TIME IT HAS BEEN PUT IN WRITING. THE POLICY PRESENTED WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE. REQUEST WAS MADE TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE FOR FUTURE POSITIONS.

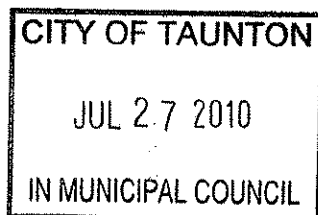
DISCUSSED WAS VERIFIABLE TIME COUNTED TOWARD LONGEVITY. SOME COUNCILORS FEEL CREDITABLE TIME SHOULD ONLY BE TIME WORKING FOR THE CITY ONLY. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS LOOKING AT TRAVEL AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCES. THESE ARE ADDRESSED IN THE ORDINANCES.

MOTION: THAT THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR IDENTIFY THE POSITIONS THAT THE PROPOSED POLICY WILL RELATE TO – THE NON-CONTRACTED AND NON-UNION EMPLOYEES. SHE IS TO THEN LIST THE VARIOUS BENEFITS APPLICABLE TO EACH OF THESE POSITIONS. MEET IN FOUR WEEKS TO REVIEW THIS INFORMATION

DISCUSSED WAS REFERRING THE MATTER TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR. IT WAS NOTED THAT NOT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE AN ORDINANCE. THIS SHOULD REMAIN AS A POLICY AS IT IS EASIER TO CHANGE IF A BENEFIT IS TAKEN OUT OR ADDED. IT SHOULD HOWEVER, BE A PART OF THE PERSONNEL POLICY.

MOTION: REFER THE BENEFIT PACKAGE – NON UNION FULL TIME MANAGEMENT LEVEL EMPLOYEES AND NON UNION FULL TIME HOURLY EMPLOYEES TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE TITLES TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO CONFLICT IN THE DEFINITIONS OF THE TITLES WITH ANY ORDINANCE, AND IF SO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES. MEET IN FIVE WEEKS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:54 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

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CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rose Marie Blachwell
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

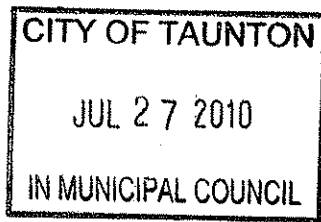
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR ANDREW MARSHALL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR, COLTON, BUFFINGTON AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR JANE ESTEY, TREASURER/COLLECTOR JAYNE ROSS, AND TAX TITLE ATTORNEY JAMES COPPOLA OF MARBLEHEAD

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

- 1. **MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR, CITY TREASURER AND THE TAX TITLE ATTORNEY TO DISCUSS PROPERTY AT 315 BROADWAY**
THE CITY SOLICITOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION BECAUSE ONGOING LITIGATION IN LAND COURT WILL BE DISCUSSED.
MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ONE VOTE WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JULY 27, 2010

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEBORAH CARR AND COUNCILORS COLTON, CROTEAU, BUFFINGTON, MARSHALL, HOYE, COSTA-HANLON, POTTIER AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR JANE ESTEY AND ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR JORDAN FIORE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:31 P.M.

1. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS PENDING LAWSUIT REGARDING SEWER BETTERMENTS

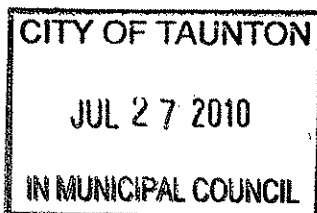
THE CITY SOLICITOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION BECAUSE A MATTER OF ONGOING LITIGATION WILL BE DISCUSSED.

MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

NO MOTIONS WERE MADE AND NO VOTES WERE TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:13 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rose Marie Blawie
CITY CLERK