



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, April 12, 2016 at 7:30 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

*Present at roll call were: Councilor's Marshall, Cleary, Borges, McCaul Quinn,  
Pottier, Carr, and Croteau  
Councilor Dermody was absent.*

**Motion was made to go out of the regular order of business to Appointments. So Voted.**

**Appointments:**

Reappointment of Bolivar Rubiano, Director/Agent Veterans Services for a term of three (3) years expiring April 2019. **Motion was made to move approval. On a roll call vote, eight (8) Councilors present, eight Councilors voting in favor.** Bolivar Rubiano was then sworn in by the City Clerk.

**Motion was made to go back to the regular order of business. So Voted.**

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

**Hearing:**

Joint petition of Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England, Inc. proposing to place one (1) new Joint Pole Location, Pole 55S on Prospect Hill Street in the City of Taunton. Map showing location. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted.** Kelly Correia, Verizon stated that across the street from 120 Prospect Street on the corner of King Phillip St. some work is being done on that property and they have requested that the push brace be removed. They need to place a stub pole across the road to support the pole line. Councilor Carr asked if the pole at the corner of King Phillip and Prospect is staying there or if it will be moved across the street. Ms. Correia stated that the pole will stay there; it is the push brace that will be removed. Councilor Carr stated that the support pole is there for a reason, to hold the pole up. Ms. Correia stated that it is correct and when they take that down the pole will lean. If they put a stub pole across the street and guide it to that, it will keep the pole upright. Councilor Carr asked if the support pole is currently on somebody's property. She does not understand why the support pole needs to be removed. Ms. Correia stated that there has been a request from the private property owner to remove the pole. Councilor Cleary asked if either one of the poles are located on a sidewalk. Ms. Correia stated that she believes that there are no sidewalks over there. Council President Quinn asked if the existing pole is on property in

Raynham or is it in Taunton. Ms. Correia stated that it is all in Taunton, the Raynham line is just down King Phillip Street. Mayor Hoye asked if anyone in the audience is here to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. There was nobody in attendance to speak either way. **Councilor Cleary made a motion to close the hearing and grant the request. So Voted.**

**Hearing:**

Joint petition of Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England, Inc. proposing to place one (1) new Joint Pole Location, Pole 2 on Edson Street in the City of Taunton. Map showing location. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary asked which pole is being taken down. Ms. Corriea stated that on the corner of Pinehurst Street, the new road that went in there, the pole is in the pavement on the corner where the curb cut was made. The pole will be coming out. The new pole will be across the road. Council President Quinn asked what the reasoning is on that. Ms. Correia stated that the sketch that the Councilors have is pretty deceiving because they didn't draw the pole that is coming out. She explained the position of the pole on the sketch that the Councilors have. She spoke about how the pole is in the pavement now and is in the way. Councilor Carr asked if there are sidewalks on any of those streets. Ms. Correia stated that there are not. Mayor Hoye asked if anyone in the audience is here to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. There was nobody in attendance to speak either way. **Councilor Borges made a motion to close the hearing and approve. So Voted.**

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Hoye stated that Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm at the Taunton Police Department, 22 Summer Street. You can turn in unused or expired medication with safe disposal and no questions asked. Those that do turn in medication can receive a \$10 Stop & Shop gift card while supplies last. This is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency, Police Department, City of Taunton and the Taunton Opiate Task Force. For more information, you can contact that Taunton Police Department's Business Line at 508-824-7522. This will also be posted on the City's new website and Facebook page.

Mayor Hoye stated that he has a proclamation for Earth Day. **Motion was made to invite the parties into the enclosure. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye welcomed and thanked them for coming. He stated that he is excited for this year's Earth Day clean-up. The Mayor's Worthy Cause will be an active participant this year and they are trying to get as many youth sports teams there as well. Council President Quinn stated that they are trying to reach out to every organization, group and individual that wants to help. Every little bit helps. Mayor Hoye stated that any group or organization that wants to organize a clean-up outside of Earth Day certainly can do that and the City will provide bags and pick up. If you can't make it on the 30<sup>th</sup> you can do it another day. Mayor Hoye spoke about the trash issue in the City. Mayor Hoye then read the proclamation. **Motion was made to adopt. So Voted.** Karen Kullas stated that they will meet behind the old City Hall in the Police Station parking lot between 8am-9am on Saturday, April 30, 2016. She spoke about Earth Day and encouraged people to participate.

Mayor Hoye stated that he is excited that Paul Arikian and Matt Burns from the IT Department along with the Chief of Staff Alyssa Haggerty are going to present our new City website platform. He thanked them for their efforts, they reviewed lots of sites and it's through their passion, knowledge and work ethic they chose the one that they think is the best fit for the City. He thanked all of the Department Heads who inputted their data. This is a much easier platform where Department Heads are going to be able to add information as they receive it and not have to rely on others to do it. He thinks that the public is going to find this much more user friendly than it has ever been before. He turned it over to Paul, Alyssa and Matt to go over the design and answer any questions. Paul Arikian then made a presentation on the website. Mayor Hoye wanted Paul to touch upon the SeeClickFix portion of the website. He stated that it is the biggest question that they get. Sometimes people will put it on a social media site and the City is not monitoring social media sites. He stated that if someone has an issue, they should go to SeeClickFix, call or e-mail his office, City Councilor or the appropriate department. Paul then explained the See, Click, Fix feature on the website. **Councilor Croteau made a motion that a letter of appreciation be sent to the people who put this program together. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye wished our good friend Craig Silvia a happy 51<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**Communications from City Officers:**

Com. from Brian Soares, Taunton Fire Department submitting his resignation. He expressed his gratitude to the Taunton City Council for supporting him and his pursuit to further his career on public service. He thanked them for providing him with leave time necessary to train at the State Police Academy. **Councilor Borges made a motion to accept Mr. Soares resignation and send the appropriate scroll thanking him for his years of service and congratulating him for becoming a State Police Officer. So Voted.**

Com. from Administrator, Taunton Nursing Home requesting permission to transfer a total of \$75,000.00 from Salaries and Wages to process our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter User Fee. Councilor Croteau stated that prior to the meeting he would like to have information submitted to the Committee on Finance and Salaries relative to balances. He thought initially the \$75,000 would be coming from salaries and wages to offset the cost of the temp agency for the CNA's. This appears to be coming from a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter user fee which is known well in advance. He does not understand why they need to draw money from there. He is concerned if there would be enough money left in salaries and wages. Also, he has received information from Heidi Paquin's office as to the number of hours involved in the situation with the CNA's and the temp agency which has not been addressed. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. Councilor Croteau made a motion for Heidi Paquin, Taunton Nursing Home to contact him to discuss this and provide him with additional information. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they have received a Roadway Improvement Plan for land located on Ben Street known as Assessor's Reference 91-11 & 91-12 which received Zoning approval in Case #3307, submitted by Alfred Eugenio. Proposal is to improve 191 feet of the roadway at a width of 18 feet for 2 residential lots. The Planning Board will hold a public meeting on this proposal on

Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 5:30PM in the Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they have received a Site Plan Review for property at 525 Myles Standish Boulevard for the construction of an 8,135 square foot addition to the existing maintenance building, 4,750 square foot canopy area to the existing main building, and miscellaneous associates building renovations and site improvements including additional parking and loading spaces, submitted by Quality Beverage Properties LLC. The DIRB will be meeting to review this petition on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 9:00AM in the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer Street, Annex Bldg. and the Taunton Planning Board will meet to review petition on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 5:30PM in the Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they received a Modification of a Site Plan Review for property at 314 Broadway for the construction of office and light manufacturing area for General Fire Extinguishers Inc. submitted by Eugene LeClair. The DIRB will be meeting to review this petition on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 9:15AM in the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer Street, Annex Bldg. and the Taunton Planning Board will meet to review petition on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 5:30PM in the Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St, Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from State Representative of Shaunna O'Connell requesting use of the SAFE Trailer for S.A.F.E. Kids Fun Day which will be held on June 18 from 11:30AM to 2PM at the Boys & Girls Club Lewis Park. Councilor Pottier stated that this has come up a number of times previously and there were suggestions from Councilors that this would be political in nature and it is not because it is on her official letterhead. He did not see that any Councilors or the Mayor were invited to the event on the letter. He stated that providing the invitation is forthcoming, he has no problem approving it for this year. Councilor Cleary stated that the issue of the cost to the City always comes up. There was some discussion with the Fire Chief about developing a written policy on the SAFE House and bring it to the Council. He did say that he would get to that and would get some sort of a Standard Operating Procedure for the Council to approve. Councilor Carr stated that she appreciates that from the Chief but she will be voting no as usual because of that one reason. **Councilor McCaul made a motion to approve. So Voted. Councilor Carr voting in opposition.**

**Communications in the hands of Councilors:**

Councilor Pottier stated that they have all received a copy of Bristol Plymouth's budget. He stated that while talking with Councilor Carr it would have been nice if they were to come in for some questions. His only concern is the Chapter 90 money and that they are waiting for the final budget to be signed off on from Beacon Hill. He had some questions and it has been a number of years since they have come in and there is a new administration. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President to invite them to the Budget Hearings. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that this is typical procedure for Bristol Plymouth and they would be invited to the Budget Hearings. He stated that one of the problems that he has is the school department tries to do their budget before we

have our final numbers not only for local aide but for new growth which is important. He stated that they agreed to push their final budget hearing back until the second or third week of May which is helpful on his end. He may have a better handle on what the final number is that the City side of government could provide. It may be a good opportunity as well for the Councilors to attend that meeting as well. He spoke about how he will receive the budget soon and will go through it. He spoke about how financially the City is doing a lot better over the last couple of years.

**Petitions:**

Petition submitted by George Antoun, 1151 Washington Street, Norwood requesting a new Class II License for Taunton Tire & Auto Service, Inc. to be located at 491 West Water Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by David Gay, Gay & Gay PC, 73 Washington St., P.O. Box 988, Taunton on behalf of his client, Martignetti Companies and others for the discontinuance of Pioneer Way in the City of Taunton. *(This was voided as it was on the agenda for last week's meeting)*

**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 made a motion to refer to the Committee of the Whole for an update in the next month on the marijuana dispensary which is in process of coming to town if there is any news on it. So Voted.** Mayor Hoyer stated that he has not heard anything. Councilor Pottier stated that the only reason that he asks is that there may be a referendum question this fall which could lead to changes in the way that this is handled.

**Councilor Croteau made a motion to ask for a status report on the double telephone poles from TMLP, Verizon and Comcast. The report should show a comparison of today's status and the report that was received a month ago. So Voted.** Based on the last report it did not seem like too much progress was being made.

**Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance for a first reading to be passed to a second reading**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Chapter 19**

**Sewer and Drains**

**Sec 19-19. Sewer Rates/Sewer user charges; late penalty.**

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

**That Section 19-19 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby is further amended as follows:**

**1. Delete Section 1 of paragraph (c) and replace with:**

**SECTION 1:**

For the Fiscal Year that begins July 1, 2016, the respective quarterly/monthly billing rates for each connection shall be according to the following fixed service charges that are based on the size of the meter serving the connection.

Relative Meter Size	Meter Size	Quarterly	Monthly
1	5/8"	\$112.00	\$37.33
1.1	3/4"	\$123.20	\$41.07
1.4	1"	\$156.80	\$52.27
1.8	1.5"	\$201.60	\$67.20
2.9	2"	\$324.80	\$108.27
11	3"	\$1,232.00	\$410.67
14	4"	\$1,568.00	\$522.67
21	6"	\$2,352.00	\$784.00
29	8"	\$3,248.00	\$1,082.67
37	10"	\$4,144.00	\$1,381.33

For the Fiscal Year that begins July 1, 2017, the respective quarterly/monthly billing rates for each connection shall be according to the following fixed service charges that are based on the size of the meter serving the connection.

Relative Meter Size	Meter Size	Quarterly	Monthly
1	5/8"	\$123.00	\$41.00
1.1	3/4"	\$135.30	\$45.10
1.4	1"	\$172.20	\$57.40
1.8	1.5"	\$221.40	\$73.80
2.9	2"	\$356.70	\$118.90
11	3"	\$1,353.00	\$451.00
14	4"	\$1,722.00	\$574.00
21	6"	\$2,583.00	\$861.00
29	8"	\$3,567.00	\$1,189.00
37	10"	\$4,551.00	\$1,517.00

For the Fiscal Year that begins July 1, 2018, the respective quarterly/monthly billing rates for each connection shall be according to the following fixed service charges that are based on the size of the meter serving the connection.

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2.9	2"	\$356.70	\$118.90
11	3"	\$1,353.00	\$451.00
14	4"	\$1,722.00	\$574.00
21	6"	\$2,583.00	\$861.00
29	8"	\$3,567.00	\$1,189.00
37	10"	\$4,551.00	\$1,517.00

**2. Delete Section 2 of Paragraph (c) and replace with:**

SECTION 2.

Two Tiered billing rates:

For bills issued after July 1, 2016:

Step 1: \$1.90 per hcf for usage of 1 to 30 hcf (quarterly bills); and 1 to 10 hcf (monthly bills), respectively.

Step 2: \$6.76 per hcf for the incremental usage in excess of 30 hcf (quarterly bills); and 10 hcf (monthly bills), respectively.

For bills issued after July 1, 2017:

Step 1: \$2.35 per hcf for usage of 1 to 30 hcf (quarterly bills); and 1 to 10 hcf (monthly bills), respectively.

Step 2: \$8.37 per hcf for the incremental usage in excess of 30 hcf (quarterly bills); and 10 hcf (monthly bills), respectively.

For bills issued after July 1, 2018:

Step 1: \$2.72 per hcf for usage of 1 to 30 hcf (quarterly bills); and 1 to 10 hcf (monthly bills), respectively.

Step 2: \$9.68 per hcf for the incremental usage in excess of 30 hcf (quarterly bills); and 10 hcf (monthly bills), respectively.

**All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. Councilor Cleary made a motion to approve the first reading and move to a second reading. So Voted.**

**New Business:**

**Councilor Pottier wanted to acknowledge that it is Volunteer Week. He wanted to thank those in the community that put in the extra time to make this community what it is. Mayor Hoye stated that there are so many people who do so much because it is the right thing to do.**

Council President Quinn stated that she received a call regarding the music at the Lafayette Club. The outside music has started this past weekend and some of the neighbors were offended by the volume of the noise. **Motion was made to refer to the Police Chief to look into this and speak to the owners and keep the noise down so there is not a problem all summer. So Voted.** The people who she spoke would just like them to be respectful to the neighbors and keep the noise down.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

  
City Clerk

RMB/SJS



# CITY OF TAUNTON

*In Municipal Council* ..... ORDER #21  
FY 2016  
APRIL 12, 2016 ..... 20.....

*Ordered, That*

**THE SUM OF TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO  
CENTS (\$12,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT  
NO. 1-132-5200-5784**

**TO: HUMAN RESOURCES DISABILITY ACCOUNT NO. 01-916-5200-5790**

..... *Clerk.*

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
APRIL 6, 2016

**THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DONALD CLEARY, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND MCCAUL. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCILORS DEBORAH CARR, JEANNE QUINN AND FIRECHIEF TIMOTHY BRADSHAW.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M.**

**1. MEET TO INTERVIEW FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES**

The Fire Chief noted that the Fires and Wires Committee had interviewed Nicholas Titus last year. He is a Corrections Officer. The Chief also said that he did better this time in his interview. The Chief has 2 may be 3 vacancies and 7 candidates will be interviewed.

The first interview was with Nicholas Titus. He was born in Stoughton and raised in Taunton. He graduated from Taunton High School and then joined the Marine Corp. He got out in 2010. He received his associates degree from Massasoit Community College and is one semester away from his degree at Bridgewater State University in marketing. He is married and has worked at the Department of Corrections for 1 ½ years. He works 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. He has 2 children, 2 ½ years old and 6 months old. His wife supports his desire to be on the Fire Department.

He joined the service right after High School and at that time he was not sure what he wanted to do. He left the Marines and went to school full time. In April of 2014 he worked at Safe Serve, he has his CDL license, then in November of 2014 he went to the Department of Corrections. Mr. Titus said he is punctual, shows up to work to work, he knows his way around big vehicles and is a hard worker. He has a disability from the service - shoulder and knee injuries - but said that this will not prohibit him from being on the Taunton Fire Department. Mr. Titus is a non-smoker and does not abuse sick time.

The next interview was with Jonathan Simmons. The Chief noted that this candidate may have a problem proving residency.

Mr. Simmons was born in Taunton, but moved around a lot. He went to Vocational School in New Bedford, but did not graduate due to having a child. He joined the service, the Army, in 2009. He was in Iraq in 2009 and 2010. He is in the National Guard and re-enlisted today for another 2 years. He is a call Firefighter with the Town of Freetown. He got a job with Fallon Ambulance and has been working out of Weymouth. He just has to take the exam and if he passes will become an EMY. He has always been interested in being a fireman. He is a team player and can take orders. He goes to the gym regularly. He has an 80% disability from the service due to a back injury in 2011. He was laid up for 6 months but was on active duty for a year after that injury. He said that the injury drove him to be more fit. He does not smoke and has not called in sick from Fallon, but noted that he has only been there 1 ½ months. He would have no problem participating in community events. He did take the Police and State Police exams 2 years ago, but is not on those lists now. He spends time with his daughter and has never been arrested.

The next interview was with Ryan McGorty. He is 22 years old, and his father works for the Department. He got out of the military in June as an Army Infantryman. He served for 3 years. He knows how to take orders. He currently works for American Well and Pump in North

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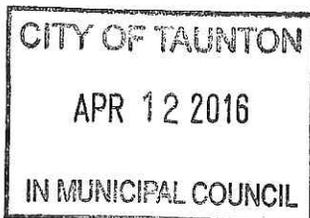
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THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES – CONTINUED

Dartmouth. He graduated from Bristol Plymouth in 2011 where he took plumbing. While in the service he was in South Korea and also went to the East Coast of Africa. He said he is honest, caring, enjoys helping people and wants to give back to his City. He works out 4-5 times a week. He has a 40% disability from the service due to issues with his knees, back and hearing, but said he is capable of doing the firefighter job. He enjoyed the military but left because he wants to start a family. He has education benefits and wants to go to EMT school. He would also like to go to college for Fire Science. He is a non-smoker and has never used drugs. He does not abuse sick time. He is married, with no children yet. His wife understands the shifts that he would work as a fireman. He has never been arrested. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and playing sports. He is not on any other Civil Service List. He and his wife are currently living with his parents until his wife finishes nursing school

The final interview was with Timothy Berthelette. He is a lifelong resident of Taunton. He was in the Navy for 13 years and had 2 overseas deployments. He just got back from Africa. He went to Iraq before that. His primary job was as a mechanic. He is now considering EMT courses. He has almost 4 years of active duty total. His goal is 20 years in-the service but the Navy is downsizing so it will be tough to obtain that. He is not working right now. He volunteers for Taunton Emergency Management Agency. He graduated from Taunton High School in 1999. He joined the Navy in 2003. He has been looking for full time employment. He has a 50% disability from the service for an injured knee. He has no issues now. He has a positive attitude, is a team player and is also a mechanic which could be an asset to the Department. He is a non-smoker and has never done illegal drugs. He is not married. He does have a son and indicated that the schedule of the Fire Department would not cause an issue with him being able to see his son. He has never been arrested. He feels he would make an excellent member of the Taunton Fire Department.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:51 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Ellis  
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
APRIL 11, 2016

**THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DONALD CLEARY, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND MCCAUL. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCILORS BORGES, DERMODY, QUINN AND FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY BRADSHAW

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.**

**1. MEET TO INTERVIEW FIREFIGHTER CANDIDATES**

The first interview was with David Paiten. He is 31 years old and has lived in Taunton about 3 ½ years. He graduated from Cardinal Spellman High School in 2002 and joined the Army after that. He was in Iraq in 2004 and in 2010. He has a 1 year old son and is getting married in 4 weeks. He is employed at Camp Edwards as a surface maintenance-mechanic. This is a civilian position but you must be in the military to maintain the position. He is in charge of all maintenance in the unit. He is a Warrant Officer and has been in the military for 14 years. He said he is fair, communicates effectively and is a good mentor. His Stepfather is a firefighter in Stoughton and will be retiring in 3 years. If he is hired as a firefighter, he would still continue in the service as he wants to put in at least 20 years. He would also like to move up in the ranks of the Fire Department. He has no concerns with going to the academy. He is not a disabled Veteran. He is certified in CPR but wants to be a paramedic. He also informed the Committee to maintain the Warrant Officer status, there is a commitment which means he would be leaving on July 31<sup>st</sup> and come back on September 26<sup>th</sup>, so he would be gone for about 8 weeks this summer. This would be good for the next 5 years. Beyond this schooling, he also is committed to one weekend a month and 2 weeks in the summer.

The next interview was with Ryan Fitzgerald. His brother is a Taunton firefighter. He was employed by the Department of Corrections but left for personal reasons. He is just now making the salary he was making when he was there. He has been a carpenter most of his life. He went to the Department of Corrections but said that job was not for him. He worked in Norfolk for 3 years. He joined the military and is still in the National Guard and has had one deployment overseas. He has been in the Air Force since 2011. He is up in the air as far as re-enlisting and said it depends on what happens with the Fire Department position. He said he is on time, does a job well and is very organized. He is not married and has no children. He graduated from Taunton High School in 2003. He also said he has strong character, is respectful and wants to serve his community. He gets along with his superiors.

The next interview was with Bradley Kerrigan. He was born and raised in Taunton. He was in the Air Force for 6 years and was an MP. He left in 2010. He has an 8 year old son and is engaged and getting married in September. He recently bought a house on Somerset Avenue in Taunton. He is currently employed at Ryder where he is a customer logistics supervisor. He supervises 60 drivers. His future wife supports his decision to become a firefighter. He would like to advance in the Department if he is hired. He is also currently enrolled in an EMT course at Massasoit Community College. He graduated from Taunton High School in 2004, then joined the Air Force. He had 6 years of active duty. He separated from the reserves in 2012. He said he has a desire

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**THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES – CONTINUED**

to learn, has supervisory experience and is always on time. He is physically ready for the academy.

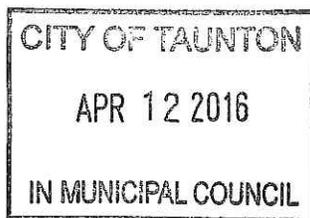
After the interviews that Chief was asked for his first 3 choices or recommendations. He said (1) Jonathan Simmons, (2) Ryan McGorty and (3) Bradley Kerrigan. The Chief again noted that Mr. Simmons may have a residency issue by about 1 month. Discussed also at length was by-passing someone on the list and the requirements to do so. The Chief was asked to do reference checks on the candidates also.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen M. Ellis  
Clerk of Council Committees



**REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.**



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
APRIL 12, 2016

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN, AND COUNCILORS CARR AND  
CLEARY. ALSO PRESENT WAS BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:52 P.M.

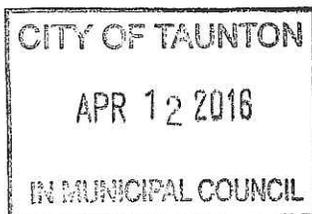
1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS**  
**MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$3,998,891.21. SO VOTED.  
**MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$1,159,985.64. SO VOTED.
2. **MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**  
**MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR AN  
APPROPRIATION OF \$12,000.00 FOR THE DISABILITY RETIREMENT ACCOUNT.  
FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-5200-5784  
TO HUMAN RESOURCES DISABILITY RETIREMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-916-5200-  
5790. SO VOTED.

The Budget Director reported that the balance in the reserve account after this transfer is  
\$481,786.15.

Councilor Carr made the following motion:

**MOTION:** THAT AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN A MEETING BE SCHEDULED  
WITH THE BUDGET DIRECTOR, ASSESSOR, AUDITOR AND  
TREASURER/COLLECTOR TO PUT TOGETHER A PRESENTATION FOR THE  
CITIZENS OF TAUNTON ON THE BUDGET PROCESS. THE PRESENTATION SHALL  
INCLUDE THE CITY BUDGET IN GENERAL, THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FREE  
CASH AND RESERVES AND STABILIZATION, EXACTLY HOW THE TAX RATES ARE  
SET, HOW THE MONEY IS COLLECTED, WHERE DOES IT ALL GO; SHOW THE  
PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET THAT WE DO NOT HAVE CONTROL OF AND  
WITH WHAT IS LEFT WHO DECIDES WHERE IT GOES AND HOW IT IS SPENT, THE  
WHOLE PROCESS. THE ASSESSORS CAN EXPLAIN HOW THE TAX RATES ARE  
SET, THE AUDITOR CAN EXPLAIN HOW D.O.R. CERTIFIES OUR MONEY, WHEN  
WE CAN USE IT AND WHEN WE CANNOT USE IT. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:58 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED;

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
APRIL 12, 2016

**THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JOHN MCCAUL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU, CARR AND CLEARY. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY PLANNER KEVIN SCANLON, AND TAUNTON COMMISSION ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES MEMBERS DONNA DICORPO AND NANCILEE LEMAIRE

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:03 P.M.**

**1. MEET WITH KEVIN SCANLON FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION REPORT**

Mr. Scanlon reported that since the meeting in March they have closed out an additional 148 issues for a total of 347 issues resolved through various departments. Regarding the safety issues, there are 17 outstanding at this point, 16 in the schools and one at the Library. The Library one is requiring a closing of a staircase and that is in progress. The 16 at the schools, a couple of which deal with clocks that are a couple of inches too low, and they cannot easily be moved so they are going to be looking at a variance on those. There are also paper dispensers that stick out too far in the bathrooms. Ms. DiCorpo has been in contact with Mr. Cabral on this, and they may have to go to another dispenser to bring them into compliance.

Park and Recreation has been spending a lot of time meeting with contractors to obtain firm prices on work that has to be done there. Mr. Scanlon has met with that department several times on this matter. They are putting together some budget requests for the upcoming budget.

Mr. Scanlon explained the process for notifying departments of items that need to be taken care of, and if a Department Head does not understand what needs to be done they can contact Mr. Scanlon and he will assist them, and if necessary make site visits to assist that Department Head. Councilor Carr asked, when the report was completed, how many issues there were.

Mr. Scanlon said what they did was provide a report and it had a number of spreadsheets. The information on the spreadsheets was pulled out of the narrative in the report. To save room on the spreadsheets, some items are consolidated

Councilor Carr asked if the progress being made was slow progress or is the City making relatively good progress on the issues in the report.

Mr. Scanlon said that the 347 number is 347 issues that have been resolved. He did receive some from Park and Recreation today, so he will be adding in those. He did note that the number will be changing because there are issues with Mulcahey School, for instance, but if the City moves forward with building a new school, all those issues will go away. He also noted, as an example, that the report references the Nursing Home and has as one item, the signs for the rooms, but Mr. Scanlon said that when he breaks it out, it is actually 68 issues, because there are 68 rooms. The number will be changing all of the time. He did also note that the signs for the rooms have been ordered. He also said that he met with Mr. Walkden at Park and Recreation to discuss doing something with the door so that they can stay there for another couple of years, to see how City Hall and the building on Eldridge Street pans out. Things will keep moving, but all of this revolves around funding, so how much gets done next budget revolves around how much is allocated and where it is. Right now a sign can be anywhere from

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\$5.00 to \$50.00, and that is not too bad. But, when you talk about a lock set on a door, that costs around \$300.00, replacing a door is a couple thousand dollars. As we get through a lot of the cheap stuff, the number will get smaller and smaller as you go because the issues are going to get more and more expensive. What they are trying to do now is the free stuff, the cheaper stuff, but once that is gone, the number is going to dramatically slow. You may only see 10 items in a quarter because all 10 of them are big projects.

Councilor Carr said going forward, what Mr. Scanlon is saying, is that each Department is going to be responsible to fund their own changes, the Mayor is not going to just have a line item when budget comes up that says ADA changes.

Mr. Scanlon said that he does not know exactly how the Mayor is going to do that, but his sense is that the Departments will be requesting their items and then he thinks he will put the money in Mr. Walkden's budget, Mr. Cornaglia's Budget or Ms. Greene's budget. He thinks that is where the 3 pots of money will go, but the requests have to come from the Departments. But he cautioned that he cannot speak for the Mayor.

Councilor Carr said she thinks it may be wiser to have a line item in the budget for overall ADA issue updates. She asked Mr. Scanlon to ask the Department Heads to list this as a separate line item as ADA updates, because she does not want to see it rolled into their regular budget because they all operate on a shoestring as it is. She would like to see exactly what is going to ADA updates, so she would like this as a specific line item in their budget requests vs. just equipment.

Mr. Scanlon asked the Committee to make this as a motion because it is a lot stronger coming from the Council.

**MOTION: THAT EACH DEPARTMENT PUT IN A SEPARATE LINE ITEM IN THEIR BUDGET REQUESTS FOR ADA ISSUES. SO VOTED.**

Mr. Scanlon again noted that some of the issues noted in the report hinge around what happens with City Hall, getting Eldridge Street property, and the Mulcahey School project. Until those things are decided, and who is going where, in some cases you don't know what should be spent on some of the buildings. You don't want to spend money doing major upgrades on a building that may not be used in a few years, so you would hold off on that and address the issues in the Library for instances because you know you are going to keep that building.

Councilor McCaul asked how much was allocated this year for ADA improvements.

Councilor Croteau said that \$168,000.00 was allocated, but how much was spent he does not know.

**MOTION: THAT THE COMMITTEE BE PROVIDED WITH HOW MUCH WAS SPENT THIS YEAR, SO FAR ON ADA ISSUES. SO VOTED.**

Councilor Croteau asked about safety items, to which Mr. Scanlon said there are 16 at the schools and one at the Library.

**MOTION: THAT A TIMELINE BE PROVIDED IN TWO WEEKS REGARDING THE SAFETY ISSUES. SO VOTED.**

Councilor Croteau also said he is not in agreement with Department Heads setting a priority of what needs to be done. The priorities should be set by this Committee based on

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recommendations from the Department Heads and also the Commission. The priorities should be discussed by this Committee and a recommendation made to the full Council. That is not a responsibility of the Department Heads. Input should be gotten from the people who are in the building, but the eventual priorities should be set here with the Council and then discussions with the Mayor relative to funding.

**MOTION:** THAT THE PRIORITIES FOR THE ADA ISSUES BE SET BY THIS COMMITTEE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THE TCID, WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL COUNCIL. INPUT SHALL BE RECEIVED FROM THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THE BUILDINGS, BUT THE EVENTUAL PRIORITIES SHOULD BE SET BY THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES, THEN DISCUSSED WITH THE MAYOR FOR FUNDING.

Councilor Carr seconded the motion on discussion. She asked if, in the transition report they assigned priorities.

Mr. Scanlon said there is stuff that is prioritized, but for instance right now they are doing easy stuff and a lot of cheap stuff which is really low on the priority list, but it is stuff that can be done quickly and doesn't take a lot of money and planning.

Councilor Carr said Department Heads would not really be prioritizing as they have priorities attached to the issues already.

Ms. DiCorpo said that it would be good to have input from the Taunton Commission on Disabilities as this is not quite as clear cut as it seems and it would be good for the Commission to look at it and provide their input.

Councilor Cleary said that he does not want to overly micromanage the issues in the report. Building Principals and Department Heads develop their budgets every year, they submit funds for some maintenance issues. He feels that a very good job has been done with communicating with the various Department Heads and the Mayor and the Commission have gotten the word out to these leaders within the Community that this is important, and the fact that we make progress on this report is important. They know that Mrs. DiCorpo and Mrs. Lemaire are available if needed, they know that Mr. Scanlon is available. He thinks the Building Principal and Department Heads know how important this is, they are going to put it in the budget, and we must not forget that this is a 10 year plan. This is an evolving plan. He feels that good progress is being made. He also said when the budgets are submitted by the Superintendent and the Department Heads, it is going to be this Council that is going to fund. He feels what is being done is working well, the Council's part is coming up when they look at the budgets. He does not want to get into a lot of micromanaging and sub-reports.

Councilor Croteau said that nothing has been accomplished in years and this is not micromanaging. He further said we have a problem and the Council is ultimately responsible for the solution to the problem. He said all he is asking is to take all the recommendations, take those recommendations analyze them and the Committee make the final decision.

**THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON WITH COUNCILORS MCCAUL, CROTEAU AND CARR VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILOR CLEARY VOTING IN OPPOSITION. MOTION CARRIES. SO VOTED.**

Councilor Croteau said the other concern he has, and the Building Department needs to be involved as they are a critical part of this because they will be doing a lot of the work, but he is

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still hearing concerns that it is very difficult to read the report. He does not know if there is a need to contact the author of the report and ask for assistance, but this needs to be discussed. Ms. DiCorpo said that was the Commission's concern also. She wants to make sure that everybody understands what is being asked in this report. It is difficult to follow. She wants to make sure that the Department Heads are not being overwhelmed because if you do not know anything about ADA then you are not going to understand what is being sent your way. They want people to know that they can certainly contact the Commission if they want. She wonders if it would make sense at some point to meet with just some of the Department Heads or all of them to sort of go over some of the key items that are being addressed and explain what those mean. She is more than happy to do some kind of education.

Councilor McCaul said it might be a good idea to have, maybe next month, an ADA day and have the Department Heads come to City Hall and have a discussion on this.

Councilor Cleary asked if the Committee was going to sit in on this meeting between Kevin, the Commission and the Department Heads?

Mr. Scanlon said that additional training to go over some of the concepts is a good idea. As far as the actual plan itself, there is a lot and it will take some time to get through. The ones who are getting stuff done, call him up, they go in and walk through, explain it and then it gets done. The only ones that may be overwhelmed at this point are the ones who are not reaching out and asking questions. Every e-mail he sends out informs the recipient that if they have any concerns or questions to contact him.

Councilor McCaul asked Mr. Scanlon and Ms. DiCorpo to pick a day that maybe they can meet with some of the Department Heads that have not responded.

Mr. Scanlon said they have all responded at this point and all of them have done something, and he cannot think of anyone he has not met individually with at this point.

Councilor Croteau agreed with the Chairman's suggestion and made the following motion:

**MOTION: TO HAVE AN ADA MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS SO THEY CAN ASK QUESTIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE AND GET HELP WITH ANY ISSUES THAT THEY MAY HAVE. MR. SCANLON AND MS. DICORPO ARE TO SET THIS MEETING UP AND THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

On discussion it was noted that the meeting needs to be posted in the event the Committee members wish to attend.

**THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON WITH COUNCILORS CARR, CROTEAU AND MCCAUL VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILOR CLEARY VOTING IN OPPOSITION. MOTION CARRIES. SO VOTED.**

Mrs. DiCorpo said that regarding to the transition report, communication has been good in terms of what things have been covered in the transition plan. Before the meeting to be scheduled, if Department Heads have specific questions they want answered, they could certainly send them ahead of time. That would be fine. She thinks also, regarding what Councilor Croteau said earlier, in terms of having joint input in terms of priorities moving ahead, as Mr. Scanlon said, things are going to slow down because obviously it is easy to put up signs, but once you get into the areas where there are items outside that need to be addressed, doors that need to be addressed, which will be a little bit more costly, that is where it would be good to have some input as to what actually is impeding access.

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Councilor McCaul said with some of these large projects it might be a good idea for the Department Heads to put it in their budget for the year.

Mrs. DiCorpo said there might be 1 item that can get funded but as long as it is identified and everybody understands that it is being done, why it is being done, and that the City is always moving forward.

Councilor Croteau asked who would advise the Principals as to what the cost would be?

Councilor McCaul said he feels that would be under the direction of Mr. Scanlon as he is the advisor.

Mr. Scanlon said the Superintendent is the responsible party. He also said that Mr. Cabral is the one who is primarily dealing with these issues, and he and Mr. Czweikowski of the Building Department are working together in the Schools. How Mr. Cabral is interacting with the Principals, you would have to ask him.

Councilor Croteau said the concern he has is that this issue of ADA, which has been neglected for a long time, is going to result in a significant increase in Department Budgets, and it makes it look like there is an extraordinary large increase, so that is his concern about the funding being in an individual budget. He thinks that there should be a specific amount of money, and then it should be allocated depending on the overall decision on where that money should go. When and if there is a problem with the Federal Government, they are not going to contact individual Administrators, they are going to start with the Mayor and the Council.

Councilor Cleary said to it would be more beneficial to not be sitting in a meeting with all Department Heads, but sitting in a meeting with Mr. Scanlon individually to discuss issues in that Department Head's building.

2. **MEET TO DISCUSS TCID DEVELOPING A DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY**
3. **MEET TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REGARDING DISABILITIES, PSA FOR RADIO/TV**

Ms. DiCorpo said they would like to plan a Disability Awareness Day at some point, either in the summer or the fall, have it open to the public. They would like to maybe join this with some kind of Safety Day that may be going on. They will also be putting together some public service announcements, pamphlets, flyers, public service announcements on the cable channels, and updating the web page. They will also have information available in the City Planner's office so people seeking permits, etc. will have all of the ADA requirements available to them before they even start their projects.

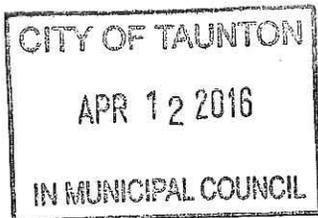
It was also noted that the next Taunton Commission on Individuals with Disabilities meeting is scheduled for April 27 at 5:30 at Temporary City Hall.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen M. Ellis".

Colleen M. Ellis  
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "PM Blachwell".

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
APRIL 12, 2016

**THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JEANNE QUINN, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND  
MCCAUL. ALSO PRESENT WAS ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR DANIEL DEABREU

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:59 P.M.

**1. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW ORDINANCE FOR SEWER RATE  
INCREASE**

Attorney De Abreu said he made some changes after reading it, and also met with Mr. Chase of the DPW on this ordinance. He added to the first column that was relative to meter size, which just makes the comparison of the size and inches more readable. He did try to clarify the quarterly vs. monthly charges. It depends on how the user is billed, so they either get a quarterly bill or a monthly bill. The most significant change is in Section 2, they bill in a unit called hundred cubic feet (hcf) and on the back of the bills that the users receive, that is the unit that is used. The original draft of this was just using cubic feet, so it said 1 to 3000 cubic feet, which is equivalent, but could be confusing, so he converted cubic feet to hundred cubic feet.

**MOTION: APPROVE THE CHANGES AS PRESENTED. SO VOTED.**

**MOTION: REFER ORDINANCE FOR A FIRST READING TONIGHT. SO VOTED.**

**2. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR NO  
PARKING ON MASON STREET NORTH SIDE FROM 29 MASON STREET TO THE WEST SIDE OF  
WALES STREET**

The Chairman said this concerns parking in front of the new Taunton Housing Development. The Safety Officer went out and viewed this at various times and he did find that the intermittent parking on both sides of Mason Street was causing some congestion. He made the recommendation that the portion of Mason Street, North Side from 29 Mason Street to the West side of Wales Street be posted no parking. It was noted that the housing development does have parking for its residents in the back so there is alternative parking for those residents.

**MOTION: APPROVE THE SAFETY OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION AND REFER TO THE  
ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR FOR PROPER FORM. SO VOTED.**

**3. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR NO  
PARKING ON SCHOOL STREET, WEST SIDE FROM LEONARD STREET TO RANDALL STREET**

Councilor Quinn finds this a difficult area, but she questions whether taking away those spots, particularly where it is near the Taunton Career Center.

Councilor McCaul said he brought this forward because neighbors on that street complained to him that it was very hard for fire trucks to get down the street when there are cars parked there. He also said that the Safety Officer went out and viewed the area and felt that there should be no parking on School Street west side from Leonard Street to Randall Street. Councilor McCaul also noted that there is parking in the Parking Garage, there is parking directly behind that building, and he feels that there should be proper signage letting people know that there is parking available.

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Councilor Cleary said that the people who are parking on School Street will move to parking on Randall Street, and the Randall Street people are not happy. You will be shifting the problem from School Street to Randall Street.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE NO PARKING ON SCHOOL STREET AND REFER TO ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO BE PUT IN PROPER FORM.**

On discussion, Councilor Croteau said that both Randall and School Street are difficult situations, but if an emergency vehicle cannot get down that street, there could be serious consequences. He did speak with the Safety Officer, and Councilor Croteau's understanding is that it is back in his office or it hasn't gone wherever it should go.

Councilor Borges said she does not believe the Council ever voted on this, she thinks there was a discussion, the motion was made and it was referred to Police and License. She does not think that the Council ever actually voted on this. She asked the Committee, before voting on this, to find out whether the Council actually voted on it in full Council.

Councilor Cleary said if the Committee goes forward with the Motion which approves it, they are just going along with the Council. If the Committee votes no, then he would say no, he does not think the Committee can do that. He believes, either way it is going to happen.

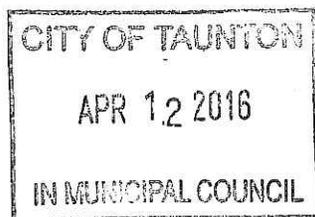
Councilor Pottier said as Chairman of Police and License, he does not remember it coming out of Police and License. The issue has been referred to the Safety Officer, and the normal process is to have it come back to Police and License to vote on it then refer it to Ordinance Committee. The Clerk of Committees read some minutes of December, 2015 in which this was previously approved.

Councilor Pottier then said his confusion lies where a petition was subsequently filed through the Mayor's Office through Police and License when he was Chairing which was then referred again to the Safety Officer which did not come back.

**THE ABOVE MOTION WAS RESCINDED.**

**MOTION: TABLE THIS MATTER FOR 2 WEEKS AND GET A FURTHER DEFINITIVE ANSWER FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:16 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Ellis  
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK