



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, April 26, 2016 at 7:10 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

A moment of silence was held for our former Water Superintendent, Roger Roche who passed away this past January in Florida. We have recently received word of that and he will read more about the funeral service.

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that there will be a memorial service held in Roger Roche's honor on Sunday, April 30th at 3PM at the Taunton Lodge of Elks at 775 John Quincy Adams Road in Taunton. He stated that the family would appreciate it if people can attend. Mayor Hoye invited Dan DaRosa and Gill Lopes into the enclosure to talk about a Capital Fundraiser Campaign for the Taunton Boy's and Girl's Club. Mayor Hoye stated that the City of Taunton supports the Taunton Boy's and Girl's Club in any way that it can. He stated that it is an older building with many capital needs. Dan DaRosa spoke about how he and Gill did something similar about eight years ago. Mayor Crowley endorsed a fundraiser that they put on to raise money for the pool that was broken down and in dire straits of repair. He stated that the roof has been leaking for some time and the windows won't keep the cold out or the heat in. They are spending so much money on heating bills and in the future it will be more expensive. They are here tonight to get an endorsement from the Mayor and the Council to support what they are doing. He stated that since it worked so successfully in the past; they thought they would do it again. He stated that he is no longer an active member of the Board of the Boy's and Girl's Club but he is on the Honorary Board. He stated that they need to raise over \$100,000 and spoke about how they have no money for repairs. He stated that the pool serves a lot of schools and there are currently 600 members. He cannot believe how many children come there for a safe place to learn how to play sports, read, write and get help with homework. It is a good organization to get involved with. Gill Lopes stated that he has been working with the Club for several years now. Their long term plan is to find another facility that might take care of more families. It is a great place for parents and children. The building is in disrepair, \$100,000 is just a patch at this point but it needs to be kept dry and warm. Dan DaRosa asks that the Mayor and the Council support this not only verbally, but financially so that they can have 100% participation to go out into the

community to businesses who get TIF's and tax breaks from this community who do lots of work for the City that may not live here. Mayor Hoye thanked them and told them that they have his support as well as the Council's. He stated that anything that they can do to promote their efforts they will. He stated that the Boy's and Girl's Club is such a vital part of the community. Councilor Marshall stated that the club has been a part of the community for over a hundred years and has served numerous children as a safe place to be able to go after school. He stated that he went there growing up, worked there and now is a member of the Board of Directors. He truly believes in the mission that the Boy's and Girl's club serves. He spoke about how they need another ask at this point. **Motion was made to waive any and all building permit and application fees for the roof renovation. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary stated that the City has a lot of great assets, the Boy's and Girl's Club being one of them. **Motion was made for the Council to go on record as endorsing the Capitol campaign and do whatever it can to help them. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary thanked Dan DaRosa and Gill Lopes. Councilor Dermody asked them if there has been any event that has been formally put together. Dan DaRosa stated that there are a lot of events and plans but this is in addition to that. He stated that they are trying to raise this money very quickly. Mayor Hoye stated that he received a call about six weeks ago from John Gouveia who said he wanted to honor Butch Morrison for his 58 years of service with the Taunton CYO. He stated that he has made a tremendous effort over the past 58 years. He spoke about his CYO days. He then invited Butch Morrison and any family members into the enclosure that may want to take some pictures as he issues a citation. Also, Father Jay Maddock is present representing the Diocese of Fall River along with Father John Murray from Saint Anne's in Raynham. Mayor Hoye spoke about the crowd that has formed for Mr. Morrison and what he has done for the community. Mayor Hoye then read the citation for Butch Morrison. **Motion was made to adopt. So Voted.** Father Jay Maddock spoke about how in 1975 he was first ordained as a priest and serving at Sacred Heart Parish in the Weir. He spoke about how they put together CYO teams and how Butch had already been involved with the CYO for over 17 years. He spoke about how Butch has been a fantastic leader and how dedicated he has been throughout the years. On behalf of Bishop DeCunha and himself, he read a plaque which recognized and thanked Mr. Morrison. He also recognized Butch's wife because over the years she has sacrificed and allowed him to be such a great influence to so many young people. Father John Murray spoke about Mr. Morrison's faith and how he has inspired so many. Butch Morrison thanked everyone for the recognition and spoke about all of the coaches and how they should be recognized. He spoke about how his family is a big part of this and how they have been involved throughout the years. He thanked everyone and stated that he has gotten more out of this than he ever gave. Mayor Hoye announced that the Taunton Ecology Awareness Team will hold its annual Earth Day Cleanup this Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9am to 12pm. He stated that check in will start at 8am behind the Taunton Police Station. The Mayor's Worthy Cause will have a team this year and asks that the Councilors participate. Council President Quinn stated that it is a great event and many people have signed up for it this year. She stated that the weather is supposed to be good. Mayor Hoye stated that they have asked some of the Taunton Girls Softball travel teams to participate. He asked that people get involved. He stated that if someone can't do it this weekend, they can organize a neighborhood clean-up on another weekend. He stated that bags will be provided and the trash will be picked up. He spoke about how things are looking better and thanked everyone who has participated in the past and those who will be

participating. Council President Quinn spoke about Prescription Take Back day. Councilor Dermody asked how that works. Mayor Hoye explained the process to him. He stated that the amount of take backs last year in the state was in the tons. He spoke about the issue of over prescribing of drugs.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Mass Department of Revenue submitting a notification of Free Cash as of July 1, 2015 for the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to move from the General Fund into the Stabilization Account. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye spoke about how the City is in better financial straits than it has been for the past six or seven years. He stated that they will continue to work to make the City financially stable.

Com. from Human Resources, Director presenting a MOA for FY17 negotiated between Mayor Hoye, his negotiating staff and AFSCME-Local 1701 who represents Library Staff and the City Computer Technician. The City conducted a wage comparison study. The study looked at wages paid to Taunton's library staff versus ten (10) comparable communities. The study revealed an inequity in wages paid to our library employees. In order to address the inequity, the City negotiated a new pay structure in the attached MOA that addresses the inequity. **Motion was made to invite Mrs. Gomes into the enclosure. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that when the last library contract was negotiated it was agreed upon to do the salary analysis. He stated that it was done with 1144 for the DPW a few years back. He wants to make sure that the City's employees are paid fairly in comparison with other communities. Councilor Carr asked if the Councilors could get a copy of the comparison of other towns. Mrs. Gomes stated that they can and then passed them out to the Councilors. She then summarized what is on the documents. She stated that they looked at ten communities for comparables and then listed them. In relation to the benchmark average of those communities, we are paying 26.81% down to 22.84% below comparable comparisons in those communities. She stated that the City was only offering a single rate wage. They developed a pay scale with steps similar to what is in most of the other contracts and we now have a competitive hiring range. She stated that we seek to move to correct the placement of the people along the step placement. She stated that they did negotiate with the union and that is the MOA that the Councilors have in front of them. She stated that they also have the placement of where current employees will be placed in that step range before them. She stated that they negotiated the placement of all current employees into the Step 2 category which is broken down into three grade levels. There were five grade levels with just one pay rate and they have developed a three grade level system with ten steps. She stated that in the last six months there have been three resignations from the Library because the wages were not enough to maintain those people. She stated that as a new hire you would have to be in for six months before you could be eligible for a step increase. She stated that also built into the MOA, it gives discretion to the Library Director what step they hire someone into. There is some flexibility to how you can attract people into the Library System. She stated that the Library Director finds it very difficult to attract staff to the Library. Councilor Carr asked how the particular communities were selected to look at for pay scale information. Mrs. Gomes stated that they worked with the Library Director and did comparable communities according to operation budget and general demographics. She stated that the Library Director and the Consultant worked together to determine what those communities would be. Councilor

Carr asked if the hours that people work was taken into consideration. Mrs. Gomes stated that they have and they work 35 hours a week. Councilor Carr asked about the benefits. Mrs. Gomes stated that it is very comparable. Councilor Carr asked about the City Computer Technician. Mrs. Gomes stated that they are part of the union but not included in the MOA. She stated that he has his own salary structure that is included in the last page of this. She stated that it is a three step structure which was developed about three years ago when this position was created. Councilor Carr asked about the Information Technology Specialist's salary. Mrs. Gomes explained how they came up with the pay scale for that position. Councilor Croteau asked if this was negotiated with the union for one year. Mrs. Gomes confirmed and stated that they had a one year deal that was negotiated last spring which they could take into account doing this study. While the study was conducted, they were offered the straight 2% that the other unions received. She spoke about how this and all of the other City contracts will expire in June of 2017. He asked when they will start negotiating again. Mrs. Gomes stated that they usually start right around February. He asked when this contract goes into effect. She stated that it will on July 1st. She stated that those numbers will be included in the revision of the budget that was submitted by Suzanne Duquette. Councilor Cleary spoke about the chart on page 6. He stated that over four years the people will be getting about a 26% raise. Mrs. Gomes stated that the rates will not change over a three year locked in period. She stated that they are trying to address the 26% below benchmark wage. Councilor Cleary discussed the pay rate chart with Mrs. Gomes and Mayor Hoye. Councilor Pottier discussed market wages versus below market wages. He spoke about other communities that are comparable in size to the City. Councilor Croteau asked if this agreement was signed off by the union. Mrs. Gomes confirmed. He spoke about the benefits of the Library Director being able to place people on the salary schedule when hiring experienced people. Councilor Cleary asked if the contract ends on in July of 2017. Mrs. Gomes stated that the contract begins July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. He stated that he doesn't understand why there are raises for the next three years on a one year contract. Mrs. Gomes stated that they have locking in their steps. Councilor Cleary spoke about the percentage of increase between steps with Mrs. Gomes. Council President Quinn stated that the study is done and it seems clear that we are below that. She stated that the pay should be adjusted accordingly and she appreciates the effort to stagger the increases. Mrs. Gomes spoke about how we must fund their budget with a certain amount to keep their accreditation up. She also stated that they will not be filling a position for a one year period which would be over \$30,000 which actually offsets the cost of this increase. Councilor Cleary spoke about the Computer Technician's pay rate and how he is getting a 2% increase. Mrs. Gomes stated that he was not included in this study because it is a City position and he was already at market when he was negotiated into the contract. Councilor Croteau asked about the step raises and the percentages between them. Mrs. Gomes explained them and what will be negotiated in the contract. Councilor Carr asked about the reverter clause in the other contracts that say if another union gets more than whatever the percentage was that was given, then they have the right to reopen their contracts. Mrs. Gomes explained how the defense would be that they have done a wage comparison study. Councilor Carr asked if that would hold up if the union filed a grievance and went to labor relations. Mrs. Gomes stated that it says they can request to come back to the table, it does not mandate that the City does anything with it. Councilor Carr stated that she thinks that the year that they did the last comparison study was the term that Councilor Cleary was not here. She doesn't find any

harm with providing Councilor Cleary with the information from the last study. Mrs. Gomes stated that she would be happy to go over it with Councilor Cleary. Mayor Hoyer stated that it was done about three years ago. Councilor Marshall discussed the annual cost of living increases and his understanding of this contract. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor submitting a copy of the MOA between the City and the Massachusetts Laborer's Council, Local 1144(A) Laborer's Union. This agreement, negotiated on behalf of the Mayor by Human Resources Director Maria Gomes, reclassifies certain limited positions within the union. Motion was made to move approval. Councilor Carr asked what the dates are for the MOA. Mrs. Gomes stated that it is May 1, 2016. Councilor Carr stated that it expires 2017 and we have a contract which goes into an additional year. Mrs. Gomes stated that this is just an impact MOA with changes to a current contract which doesn't expire until June 30, 2017. Councilor Carr wanted to confirm that nobody's salaries are changing in this modification. Mrs. Gomes stated that only the Water Treatment Plant Operator's salary is, but in the salary line item there are funds to cover that cost. She spoke about how all of the salaries are staying the same and any new salary changes will be included in the upcoming budget. Mrs. Gomes then passed out a document which explained the movement of the grade levels. Mayor Hoyer spoke about the difficulty in filling certain positions because they just didn't pay enough. He stated that they are trying to make a salary what it should be compared to other communities. Councilor Carr stated that she knows that we are having trouble attracting candidates for some jobs in certain trade areas but what she didn't understand is how there could be money in the salary line items. Councilor Carr asked about the difference between a level four and a level five Treatment Plant Operator. Mrs. Gomes then explained it to her. Councilor Carr stated that four positions were taken out of level 3 and made them a level 7 position. Mrs. Gomes stated that those were red-lined positions so there are no additional costs. She also explained the structure that has been developed for specific licensed individuals into their own grade levels. Councilor Carr asked who the people that are getting raises are. Mrs. Gomes stated that Water Treatment Plant Operators, Grade Level 5 are and that money is absorbed in this year's budget because of the inability to hire Water Treatment Plant Operators. Mrs. Gomes spoke about not being able to get Electricians and Water Treatment Plant Operators because of the pay scale. Councilor Croteau spoke about how he became aware of the situation because the Taunton Animal Shelter does not have a fire alarm system or a sprinkler system. He stated that they do not have staff there 24/7. He stated that there are many hours during the week that the animals are there by themselves. He spoke about how we cannot find people to take the Electricians and Water Treatment Plant Operators jobs because the entry level pay is too low. He spoke to Mr. Walkden and Mr. Pestana about the workload. He stated that they rewrote the job descriptions for the Electricians. He spoke about the fire alarm system being installed in City Hall and how it is partially done due to the workload. Councilor Cleary asked about the percentage of increase between the steps. Mrs. Gomes explained it to him. Councilor Marshall discussed the hourly wages if new employees were hired into the vacant positions after this is approved. He stated that this allows us the opportunity to offer a more attractive starting salary for potential new employees in certain positions. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Motion was made to excuse Mrs. Gomes. So Voted.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from St. Anthony Parish asking permission to hold a procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, May 7, 2016, immediately following the 7:00PM mass. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to move approval and notify Police, Fire, and EMS. Also, to notify the DPW to have the route swept prior to the procession. So Voted.**

Com. from St. Anthony Parish requesting permission to hold two Holy Spirit Crowning/Processions on Sunday, May 15, 2016. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to move approval and notify Police, Fire, and EMS. Also, to notify the DPW to have the route swept prior to the procession. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Councilor Carr stated that she has two communications from the DPW Commissioner. The first one stated that the DPW's Infrastructure Team has begun the initial planning process of a dog park within the City. The Stanton Foundation who will provide 90% of the funding recommends that a dog park be developed in conjunction with an advisory committee. They concur with that recommendation and are requesting the Council approve the creation of an advisory committee and appoint a Councilor member to serve the Committee. They have consulted with others and have decided to recommend a seven member advisory committee. We recommend one member be a City Councilor and serve as the chair of the committee; one member be a local veterinarian who would serve as a technical advisor; one member from the Taunton Parks and Recreation Department; one member from the Taunton Animal Control Department; one member from the Friends of the Taunton Animal Shelter; and two Taunton citizens. The DPW will provide a staff member to develop the project in consultation with the advisory committee. They further recommend that the committee chair be authorized to select and appoint the other members of the committee. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property for discussion and approval. So Voted.**

The second one stated that the DPW infrastructure team is providing advance notice of a project that they are developing to address another group of critical water mains that require replacement. The final plan on addressing this group of street will be presented to you within the next several weeks. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the DPW. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Special Permit submitted by Richard Feodoroff, 54 Longmeadow Rd., Taunton for a 8 unit multi-family residential development at 54 Longmeadow Rd. located in the Urban Residential District. **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the City Clerk to set up a public hearing. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted. Councilor Cleary stated that the Committee on Fires and Wires, with the approval of the Mayor, has made a recommendation for the hiring of three fire fighters to fill three vacancies. He stated that they need to request that the City Clerk notify Civil Service. He

would like to make that part of the Committee Report. Councilor Pottier added it to the motion. So Voted. Mayor Hoyer stated that he supports the additional hiring. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. So Voted.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Dermody wanted to commend Superintendent Hackett, Headmaster Matos and Athletic Director Mark Ottaviani on the hiring of Brad Sidwell as Head Football Coach along with other responsibilities within the middle schools. He stated that he has known Brad for over 20 years and has worked with him. He is a great guy and is happy to have him in Taunton.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance for a second reading to be passed to a third 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:

- 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.

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

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. Motion was made to approve the second reading and move to a third reading. So Voted.

ORDINANCE FOR A FIRST READING TO BE PASSED TO A SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 13

ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Sec 13-82. Prohibited parking places.

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

SECTION 1: That Section 13-82 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby is further amended as follows:

Insert "Mason Street, North side, from in front of No. 29 to the west side of Wales Street"

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to approve the first reading and move to a second reading. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier discussed how Mayor Hoyer signed the Community Compact last week. **Motion was made for it to be posted to the City's website or a handout to be given to the Councilors as far as what we are now eligible for.** He stated now that we are signees; we join over a hundred other communities.

Councilor Pottier stated that in addition to Chapter 90, Mass DOT issued a five year Capital Improvement Plan which Taunton is on for a number of things. He stated that he will send a link to his fellow Councilors regarding the closest public meeting to discuss which will be held on Monday, May 9th in Mansfield at 6pm. He stated that they will talk about the plan in greater detail. He spoke about the spreadsheet he will be sending and how it lists items by the community. He stated that if any of the Councilors cannot make the meeting, he would be happy to talk to them separately to go over what is in the plan in the five year scope. He stated that the secretary came to an event that was held at the Taunton Chamber of Commerce which was very well attended. He stated that she went into some of that as well. He can also share that publically issued presentation that she gave with his fellow Councilors. Mayor Hoye stated that she also stressed the importance of when we have projects that are on the tip to get the engineering done. He stated that if there are times when a community is ahead of us and they don't have their preliminary engineering done, you can actually jump over them. We have done that in the past and we may continue to do that in the future. It is vital that we find funding done for Broadway. We have to spend a few hundred thousand dollars to access millions. Councilor Pottier stated that if we are not ready to spend it will go to other communities.

Councilor Borges made a motion to invite the Police Chief, Jennifer Bastille and Sgt. Carreiro to a Committee on Police and License meeting within a month to discuss the topic of crime prevention. So Voted. She spoke about how she has been working with the Chief and Jennifer Bastille at the Police Station and how Councilor Pottier has attended one of those meetings as well.

Councilor Carr stated that she had a call from a resident on Vaillancourt Street asking that the City resurface that street. It is in very poor condition. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary stated that he took a ride there and it is in very poor condition. Councilor Carr stated that she did speak to the Assistant DPW Commissioner about it and he said that it was on their radar along with Maple Ave. Mayor Hoye stated that he believes Talbot Avenue is another one. She stated that they all have been put in an order of need by the DPW. She stated that we need people to be patient and we will get to them. Mayor Hoye stated that we will try to resurface the gravel roads. Councilor Croteau stated that he also received a phone call regarding Vaillancourt Street.

Councilor Marshall made a motion to refer speeding on Briggs Street in the area of the brook. He would like the radar and the speed trailer to be sent there as soon as possible. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 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

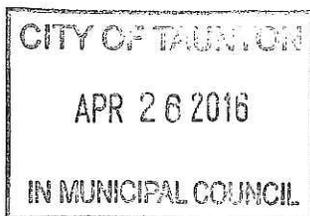
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,036,113.67. SO VOTED.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$762,009.61. SO VOTED.

2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF PARKS, CEMETERIES AND PUBLIC GROUNDS
FOR AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,093.20 FOR TREE
TRIMMING. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 01-
132-5200-5784 AS FOLLOWS:
\$7,053.20 TO PARKS, CEMETERIES AND PUBLIC GROUNDS ACCOUNT NO. 1-
630-5200-5309 – POLICE DETAILS
\$15,040.00 TO PARKS, CEMETERIES AND PUBLIC GROUNDS ACCOUNT NO. 1-
630-5200-5298 – TREE SERVICE.
SO VOTED.

The Budget Director reported that the balance in the reserve account after this transfer is
\$459,692.95.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rose Marie Blanchard
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

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

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

1. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF TO RECOMMEND NEW HIRES

The Fire Chief said he is filling 3 vacancies. These are not new positions. He recommended Nicholas Titus, Jonathan Simmons and Ryan McGorty.

MOTION: TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF FOR CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT TO NICHOLAS TITUS, JONATHAN SIMMONS AND RYAN MCGORTY PENDING THEIR PASSING THE PAT AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING. THE CITY CLERK IS TO SEND A LETTER TO INFORM CIVIL SERVICE THAT THE CITY'S PLAN IS TO HIRE 3 FIREFIGHTERS. SO VOTED.

2. MEET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF TO DRAFT POLICY FOR THE SAFE HOUSE

The Chief would like some direction from the Council before drafting a policy for the Safe House. He wants to know what type of events, he would imagine these are public events that are open to everybody, and that the Council does not want this to be available for private events, that would be question number one.

Councilor Cleary said he has no problem with private events, not meaning individual houses. He said for example, there could be a company at the industrial park having a family day, inviting all the families in and requesting this Safe House. That would be a private event and he would think that they would have to pay the full cost for the Safe House.

The Chief said that East Taunton Elementary has an event, a cookout at the beginning of the year, but, this is a public school but the event is a private event.

Councilor Croteau said he would have a concern about anyone being excluded, so if a company at the industrial park wanted to sponsor it then they would have to open it to people outside their organization.

Councilor Cleary said that the cost for 4 hours with 3 detail people is \$520.00. This is an average cost. If there are 4 detail firefighters the cost is \$694.00.

The Chief said that he uses the Safe Officer, and he works a flexible schedule so if he had an event on a Saturday, he would go to the event, so he would not be getting paid for that event. There are others who have been trained, so if the regular Safe Officer is not available for a commitment, they could use another person.

The Chief wants a policy put together and would like to charge everybody the detail rate.

Councilor Carr said that again, she definitely thinks if it is going out it should be going out to something that is open to the public, so she disagrees that if one school is having a cookout and they want the Safe House that they should get it. To her that is a private event. Secondly, overtime money is there for essential use and need of Fire Department overtime. The Chief is forced to use overtime money to send this Safe House out and she thinks that is unacceptable. If an organization wants to use it and they want to pay the overtime she does not have an issue with that. She does not think that taxpayers nor the Chief should have to forfeit overtime

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money to run the Safe House at different events. Whoever wants to use it should pay the overtime amount for the people that have to go to provide the support for the house. She also feels that the City needs to be protected insurance wise, so either the City has to make sure the City's umbrella policy would cover that Safe House being out somewhere or if not, whoever requests it needs to provide insurance for that one day.

Councilor Cleary said that he would take this to the City Solicitor's office to determine what their procedure is on something like this.

Councilor Carr also said that she thinks that it should not be available for political events.

Councilor Pottier said that the Council also votes to have the stage available to other municipalities and other groups in the City, and he is guessing that the City does not set it up for free, so perhaps we should look at that as well because there is some cost to the City as well. If the Safe House is being referred to the City, perhaps both should be referred to the Law Office to look at both.

Councilor Quinn said she agrees with Councilor Carr relative to the public use of the facility, it should be for public use and she has no problem with the party that is using it paying for it. However, she does disagree with her in regard to the use at schools. She thinks, in her opinion, that would be the priority of where we would want to use it. If a particular school is having a cookout or whatever, and they want to use it, she has no problem with limiting it to the use of that particular school. She also agrees, with respect to the stage as well, they should all be for public use and she does not think they should be letting, particularly the Safe House, be for a private purpose. If we can show that they are for public use, she has no problem, with reimbursement to the City.

Councilor Dermody said he agrees with Councilors Carr and Quinn in that the schools should be able to use the Safe House.

Councilor Borges said that she would like a Taunton event to have priority, she is fine with the schools using the Safe House, and agrees that private events should pay to use it.

Councilor Cleary said that the Department got the trailer for an educational tool. The Safe Officer goes with it and it is overtime for 2 more individuals.

Councilor Carr said that the Chief has a program for the schools already dealing with the Safe House. If the City pays, she would like to see it go to all schools so every student gets exposed to it. She has no problem having it go to all the schools, but if a certain group wants it, they should pay for it.

The Chief said that he wants to charge the detail rate, that way everyone would pay the same.

Councilor Cleary asked if there could be a reduced rate if an event is children oriented.

Councilor Carr said she is not in favor of this as it may cause some problems.

Councilor Croteau said if an individual school wants the Safe House they should be able to have it. He also said a group like a little league group should also not be charged.

Councilor Cleary then said they should possible get it at a reduced rate.

Councilor McCaul said that he feels this is working good as it is. If it goes out of the community then there should be a charge. He also said he has not seen it used for political events. He does not think there should be a charge for non profits either.

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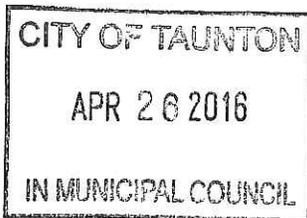
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Councilor Quinn said it is working fine now but the City is paying for it. If there is to be a charge she said there will be requests for waivers. She feels the policy should be that everyone is charged except the schools and have in the policy that the fee can be reduced by half at the Council's discretion.

Councilor Carr said the employees costs should be borne by the organization.

Councilor Cleary said the next step is to draft a policy and he will work with the Fire Chief on the draft.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

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Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

In Municipal Council ORDER #25
FY 2016
APRIL 26, 2016 20.....

Ordered, That

**THE SUM OF FIVE MILLION SEVENTEEN THOUSAND
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$5,017,151.00) BE AND HEREBY
IS TRANSFERRED FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT NO. 01-3590-3590**

TO: STABILIZATION ACCOUNT NO. 84-3580-8000

..... *Clerk.*