City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes
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Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, April 5, 2016 at 7:27 O'clock P.M.

Regular Meeting
Council President Quinn presiding
Prayer was offered by the Council President
Present at roll call were: *Councilor's Marshall, Cleary, Borges, Dermody, McCaul Quinn, Pottier, Carr, and Croteau*

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

Appointments:
Councilor Pottier stated that he has a list of three Police Officers to be appointed. They were originally given conditional offers on January 26th and are due to start the academy next week. They need to be appointed this week because of that. Their names are in order; Matthew Clifford, Ryan Fitzgerald and Corey Gomes. **On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.**

Communications from City Officers:
Com. from City Clerk stating that after many months of preparations with the City Solicitor, the new City of Taunton Ordinance Book is finally ready to be re-codified. She recommends that this matter be referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills and the City Solicitor. This new code book now includes our City of Taunton Zoning Ordinances unlike past ordinance books. It is also necessary to refer to the Planning Board to complete the zoning change process. Once that process is complete, the City of Taunton Ordinance Book will come back before the Municipal Council for a hearing. She also requests to refer to the Committee of the Whole to schedule a meeting with General Code for a presentation of the new City of Taunton Ordinance Book. **Councilor McCaul made a motion to refer to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills, City Solicitor, City Planner and the Committee of the Whole. So Voted.** Councilor Carr thanked the City Clerk for all of her work and she thinks that saying a few months is putting it mildly. She thinks that it has been more like several years, and is happy that it is finally done. Council President Quinn stated that she agrees, the City Clerk has been promising that and has come through.

Com. from City Solicitor – Proposed Memorandum of Understanding – Payment of certain costs by Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in conjunction with traffic improvements at Stevens Street, Pinehill Street, Middleboro Avenue, Liberty Street, Hart Street, Poole Street, County Street. **Councilor Cleary made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. So Voted.**

Communications from Citizens:
Com. from Daniel DaRosa, B&D Construction, 252 Britton St., Raynham and Gilbert Lopes, G. Lopes Construction, Inc., 490 Winthrop St., Taunton requesting support and donations for the purpose of replacing the windows and roof at the Taunton Boys & Girls Club on Court Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President. So Voted.**

Petitions:
Petition submitted by Richard Feodoroff and Keith Lorizio, 54 Longmeadow Road, Taunton for a Special Permit for 23 unit Multi-family residential development at 698 Bay Street located in the Urban Residential District. **Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk to schedule the appropriate public hearing. So Voted.**

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

Unfinished Business:
Councilor Pottier stated that he had referred to the DPW to come up with a calendar for 2016 and 2017 and they have done that. He believes that they are on the DPW's website and is not sure on when the mailing is going out. The dates are noted for spring time pickups and others throughout the year. He thanked the DPW for getting that done. Councilor Carr stated that she spoke to the DPW Commissioner about it yesterday and the mailing will be going out next week.

Councilor Borges made a motion to receive an update from the Zoning Enforcement Officer on 40 West Britannia Street. So Voted. It is a blighted property that she has been talking about for eight months now. She called the Attorney General's Office to see if it is on the Receivership Program List and she would like an update.

Councilor Carr stated that the Budget Director gave an update on the snow and ice removal. Not counting last night's storm or the ones in the last day or two, we have spent $1.1M on snow and ice this year. Councilor Marshall stated that he had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Enos today and after last night's storm it is closer to $1.3M. Councilor Pottier asked where we were at last year. Councilor Marshall stated that he thinks it was at $3.5M. Councilor Carr stated that last year was an extraordinarily bad winter. She stated that the Budget Director said that $1M-$1.5M is normal. Councilor Marshall stated that annually, $100,000 of that is for equipment. Councilor Pottier stated that statewide there were 16 snow events this year.

Council President Quinn stated that all of the Councilors have been meeting with the Sewer and Water Commissioner, the DPW and Mr. Federico concerning the sewer rates. It occurred to her that there are a lot of things that the residents could do to help with their sewer costs. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW to put together an information package on things such as disposable lights, and the sump pump program. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier referred the parking situation on Charles Street to the Safety Officer. Councilor Croteau made a motion that the work that has to be done relative to water on that street has to be done first. So Voted. It is a narrow street and residents are finding it difficult to pull out of their driveways. Councilor Croteau stated that there have been situations where the Safety Officer has not been told about things that are outside the safety issue and there were problems.

Councilor Borges wanted to promote the Friedman School Drama Club's Aladdin Production that is going to be held Thursday and Friday at 7PM and Saturday at 3PM. It will be held in the Dr. Gerald Croteau Theater at Friedman School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest: Rm Blackwell

City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 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 5:53 P.M.

1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS**
   MOTION: **MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $2,924,754.09. SO VOTED.**
   MOTION: **MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,557,528.14. SO VOTED.**

2. **MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**
   MOTION: **MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $115,200.00 FOR LSP SERVICES FOR 5 – 7 NICKERSON AVENUE. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 01-132-5200-5784 TO BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-493-5200-5310 – CONTRACTED SERVICES. SO VOTED.**

   The Budget Director informed the Committee that the balance in the Reserve Account will be $378,586.15.
   The Budget Director also informed the Committee that Snow and Ice Expenditure through March 31, 2016 totaled $1,137,525.05. This does not include the storm that we had last night, which he estimates will be a cost of about another $200,000.00.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:59 P.M.

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Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ellis

Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

RM Blackwell

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS DERMODY, MARSHALL, CLEARY AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE DPW COMMISSIONER FRED CORNAGLIA, ASSISTANT DPW COMMISSIONER TONY ABREAU, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR JON CHASE AND JOE FEDERICO OF BETA

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

1. **MEET TO SET NEW SEWER RATES**

Councilor Carr began by saying that it is obvious nobody likes or wants to raise rates, but in order to keep our system functioning, operating correctly, and to provide good service to the customers, and rates have to equal what is needed to upgrade the system and to replace parts of the actual plant and the infrastructure that needs to be done. Also, we need to maintain and answer our issues with DEP and EPA. There were no increases the last 2 years but if the rates are not increased now, it will cause a deficit situation.

MOTION: **TO INVITE THE DPW TEAM IN. SO VOTED.**

Mr. Federico provided a handout to all Councilors entitled proposed Sewer Rates, 2017 – FY 2019

Mr. Federico said that the City of Taunton is under USEPA/MassDEP Administrative Orders. The orders required removal of I/I which is ground water and rain water from the system to reduce CSO (combined sewer overflow) events, located at the main pump station on West Water Street. You have a 36 inch diameter pipe that goes straight from the sewer system into the Taunton River, that is considered the combined sewer overflow. Many of the older industrial cities have these, for example, Fall River has about 17 combined sewer overflows. Taunton only has one. At one time, in the past, Taunton had 10 or 12 combined sewer overflows, but the City has eliminated them Through Fiscal Year 2016 over $60 million will have been spent removing I/I from the sewer system. 21.8 miles of sewer were lined and these are the main interceptor lines going through the City. They are the larger pipes, 36 inch, 24 inch and 18 inch diameter. This is the backbone of the sewer system. It is relatively new now and should last about 100 years. Also 2.5 miles of sewer pipe was replaced. 575 sewer manholes were rehabilitated, 270 manholes were replaced. On top of that there were 50 catch basins that were directly connected to the sewer system – they have eliminated those. Each catch basin, depending on the size of the rain event could put as much as 2,000-3,000 gallons into the sewer system. Councilor Cleary noted that what Mr. Federico is saying is that when it rains big events, 2.5 million gallons of rain water was sent into the sewerage treatment plant and was treated like sewage. So there has been a very impressive reduction of this to the sewage system. It was costing the City millions of dollars to treat this and because it was over capacity at the plant, the City added pollution to the river because the plant could not handle it all.

Mr. Federico said this extra rain water robs capacity to the City's sewer system, so that means there are fewer customers that can connect to the sewer system. You want to get out as much extra water as you can. Not only that you are treating that extra water at the treatment plant, so it is important to get out as much of this extra water as you can.

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Mr. Federico further said that the sewer rates need to be increased because there are significant wastewater infrastructure upgrades needed including the main lift sewage pump station. The sewer rate increases for the next three years are associated with the Main Lift Pump Station only. Regarding the wastewater treatment facility, that will be talked about in the future because the City must meet the new EPA federal permit for total nitrogen removal and increase flow. One of the things the City needs is capacity at the wastewater treatment plant so you can have future growth in the community. They have to continue the infiltration inflow removal work. What they still have to do is some sump pump removals and a couple of lines remaining to be taken care of.

Mr. Federico also said that operations and maintenance costs continue to rise every year. Veolia's contract to take care of the City's collection system, 39 pump stations and the treatment plant, has built into that contract the CPI adjustment, so the O & M costs increase every year.

Regarding the main lift pump station and force main, it was originally constructed in 1948. It does not meet current pumping needs and needs more peak capacity and screening. The City's future growth needs this pump station to be upgraded. This is major work with a project estimate at $18.5 Million.

Mr. Federico also noted that in 1950 when the treatment plant was constructed there was just solids removal. In 1976 there was a $15 Million upgrade and that went to biological removal and that removed about 90% of the pollution that comes through the plant. In 2000 when Veolia came on board, they did a design/built/operate contract and they added to the plant. This is a 20 year contract. Their charge was to keep the rates low, not to build the type of plant that you really need to take Taunton into the future. The charge was keep the rates low, design, build, operate and they did that successfully.

Mr. Federico further said that the existing average annual flow is 7 million gallons per day that the City saw through its plant for fiscal year 2015. The City also has committed flows, for example, Raynham discharges about 700,000 gallons now into Taunton's collection system. However, the City is obligated for 1.3 million gallons per day for the Town of Raynham. So, considering all the obligations that the City has, it is up to 8.2 million gallons a day. The designed capacity of the plant 8.4 million gallons per day so there is only 200,000 left of flow capacity at the plant that is not committed. What they want to do is increase the design capacity of the plant to 9.5 or 10 million gallons per day. This would take care of the City's future needs and any future requirements.

Councilor Marshall asked of the 1.2 million gallons a day that is committed but does not flow to the site, which communities have the greatest amount?

Mr. Federico said it is Raynham. They have committed 1.3 million gallons, they discharge approximately .7 million gallons per day, so they are a little over half way there.

Councilor Marshall said that the City only receives a benefit for the amount of gallonage that we actually treat for Raynham, correct, and not the extra 600,000 that is committed.

Mr. Federico said for operations and maintenance that is true, for capital expenditures such as the main pump station, they will pay their share of the committed flow. They will pay about 20%.

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Councilor Marhsall asked if there was any language in the Inter-municipal Agreement with Raynham that would allow the City to reopen the committed gallonage language.
Mr. Federico said he would have to defer to the Legal Department for that answer.
Mr. Federico said there are committed flows for the Duffy Drive area, Williams Street and the Winthrop Street area. There is no state mandate that they have to hook up to the sewer system, however, if they have a failed septic system they would.
Mr. Federico said that the Town of Norton has committed 52,000 gallons a day, and they are probably half way there. They are in the midst of negotiations with Dighton. They want 400,000 gallons per day, they are discharging about 100,000 gallons per day.
Mr. Federico said the projects that have been identified for the next 3 years are to finalize the sewer report, which will tell what the additional flow is that the City needs at the wastewater treatment plant in the future. Do a water quality assessment, and right now the way the Federal Laws are written you cannot add anymore pollution to a river way or water body that is already identified in your permit. Do a wastewater treatment facility analysis, design and construct a new main lift pump station, infiltration/inflow analysis which is MassDEP required and infiltration removal/sewer and storm water upgrades. This is a total of $25 million in new spending over the next three years.
Councilor Cleary wanted to remind everyone that the sewer system is an enterprise system and the operating of the system and upgrade of the sewer system is on the customers and does not come out of the general fund. This cost is not passed on to everyone in the City, it is passed on to the customers of the sewage system.
Mr. Federico again stated that the proposed increased sewer rates will allow them to do the sewer capacity and I/I analysis, the final sewer report, the wastewater treatment facility capacity analysis, design and construction of the main lift pump station and force main and the sewer /drain improvements construction. In the future, and it is not on the sewer rates tonight, but it is coming is the design and construction of the upgrades to meet nitrogen removal and increase the capacity of the plant which would be about $50 million if it is done the way they think it should be done. If it is determined that the City has to get the nitrogen down to 3 parts per million, then it would cost another $25 million. They are fighting this and appealing the permit as they do not think that 3 parts per million is reasonable.
Other projects to be done in the next 3 years would be infiltration/inflow removal work and sewer upgrades, install new drains to remove sump pumps from sewers, abandon/rehabilitate remainder of the Mill River sewer line, complete separation of combined sewer/drain manholes and eliminate common sewer laterals which cause maintenance problems and basement flooding.
Mr. Federico also showed that the total expenses for Fiscal Year 2015 amounted to $9,948,638. The non-rate (miscellaneous revenue) revenue from the IMA's with Raynham, Dighton and Norton, miscellaneous income which are fees and industrial revenue, betterments, liens from previous years amounted to $3,754,469. The total rate revenue required for FY 15 is $6,194,169. They are predicting a deficit for 2016.
Mr. Federico in his handout provided the proposed sewer rates. For FY 2016 the quarterly fixed fee is $91. In Fiscal 2017 it will go up to $112, in Fiscal 18 to $123 and in Fiscal 2019 $123. For

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an average single family house, the amount would be $480 in Fiscal Year 2016, $592 in Fiscal Year 2017, which is a $9.33 monthly increase. In Fiscal Year 2018 it would be $671, a $6.58 monthly increase and in Fiscal Year 2019, it would be $699 for a $2.33 monthly increase.
Mr. Federico also showed that Fall River, Middleboro, Bridgewater, New Bedford, Mansfield, Norton, Foxboro and Attleboro all have higher sewer bills.
Councilor Pottier asked what percentage of the City is hooked up to City sewer. Mr. Federico said that it is about 60%.
Councilor Pottier asked if the rates that are set effect the other communities. Mr. Federico said they pay their share of operation and maintenance costs and they pay their share of capital costs, so they will pay their share of the capital cost for the main pump station and the waste water treatment facility.
Councilor Pottier then asked how the City is actually paying for this, is it going to be a revenue bond?
Mr. Federico said what the City has used are SRF bonds, low interest, and right now the interest is at 2%. It will be a 20 year bond.
It was noted that there is mitigation from the casino which will be used to upgrade the pump station on Mozzone Boulevard and there is $5 million for inflow infiltration.

MOTION: **TO SEND THE PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE, AS PROPOSED, TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO BE PLACED IN ITS PROPER FORM FOR ACCEPTANCE FOR READINGS THE FOLLOWING THREE WEEKS. SO VOTED.**

MOTION: **TO EXCUSE THE DPW TEAM. SO VOTED.**

MOTION: **THAT THE POWER POINT PRESENTATION BE ADDED TO THE DPW WEB SITE. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ellis

Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

CITY OF TAUNTON
APR 05 2016
IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 5, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICESNE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH AND GARY CARBONELLO OF LEOMINSTER, MA.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION FOR RENEWAL OF OLD GOLD LICENSE FOR HOMETOWN COLLECTIBLES, INC., 2 GALLERIA MALL DRIVE**
   MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

2. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF GARY CARBONELLO OF LEOMINSTER, MA FOR A NEW LIVERY LICENSE FOR FOLLOW ME TRANS. INC., 64 WEIR STREET (4 VEHICLES). (ALSO TO ACT AS A TAXI SERVICE, BUT WILL NOT TAKE FLAG DOWNS)**
   Detective Smith said that he explained to Mr. Carbonello that the his application is flawed. Mr. Carbonello is looking for a livery license and a taxi license and these are 2 separate licenses. Detective Smith said that there is no issue with his Department issuing the livery license now, but he did explain to Mr. Carbonello that he has to designate one or two vehicles as a taxi and register them as a taxi. Detective Smith also gave him the City ordinance indicating that he has to have a light on top indicating that it is a taxi . He also said that Taunton does not really do flag downs, it is not like Boston.
   Detective Smith also noted that because the licenses go May 1st to April 30th he is recommending that the Committee give Mr. Carbonello a 13 month license so he does not have to come back in 2 weeks and start all over again.
   MOTION: APPROVE THE LIVERY LICENSE FOR 13 MONTHS. SO VOTED.

3. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS TO OPERATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1 A.M. AND 4 A.M. AS PER CITY ORDINANCE SEC. 12-2:**
   A. RITE AID, 237 BROADWAY
   B. CVS, 284 WINTHROP STREET
   C. TAUNTON MART, 1095 COUNTY STREET
   D. E-Z CLEAN LAUNDRY CENTER, INC., 173 REAR BROADWAY
   E. E-Z CLEAN LAUNDRY CENTER, INC., 89 WINTHROP STREET
   F. E-Z CLEAN LAUNDRY CENTER, INC., 11 TREMONT STREET
   G. BROADWAY QUICK & CLEAN CAR WASH, INC., 175 BROADWAY
   MOTION: APPROVE LIST AS READ. SO VOTED.

4. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**
   A. The Chief asked for the Committee's permission in formalizing the application process so that instead of just getting a petition, they get an actual application.
   The Committee asked the Chief to bring something back to the Committee to consider.
   B. Councilor Borges asked that the Specials be brought back to the table for the next Committee meeting.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Ellis

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Clerk of Council Committees

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
APR 05 2016
BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Kim Blackwell

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON

In Municipal Council ..... **ORDER #20 FY 2016 APRIL 5, 2016** ..... *20*.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($115,200.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-5200-5784

TO: BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-493-5200-5310 – CONTRACTED SERVICES

..... *Clerk.*