



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, August 2, 2016 at 7:07 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 Croteau, Pottier, Quinn, McCaul
Borges, and Cleary
Councilors Carr and Dermody were absent.
Councilor Marshall arrived late.*

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

Appointments:

Reappointment of Bruce A. Emond, DPW Street Supervisor for a term of three (3) years expiring July 2019. **Motion was made to move approval. On a roll call vote, six (6) Councilors present, six (6) Councilors voting in favor.** Bruce Emond was then sworn in by the City Clerk.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Executive Director of Retirement advising of the retirement for Superannuation of John T. Boorman, an employee of the Taunton Fire Department on August 11, 2016 under the provisions set forth in Section #5 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. **Motion was made to move approval and send the appropriate scroll. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying that they received a Form J – Waiver of Frontage Requirements – for the re-configuration of 4 lots into 6 lots – for property located on Hoover Street known as Property I.D. 91-286, 91-297, 91-298 and 91-301 – submitted by Marcelino Leite, 1765 Oak Grove Dr., N. Dighton, MA. The Taunton Planning Board will hold a public meeting on this proposal on Thursday, September 1, 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.**

Councilor Marshall entered the meeting at this time.

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying that they received a Form J – Waiver of Frontage Requirements – for the re-configuration of 7 lots into 3 lots – for property located on Oaklawn Avenue known as property I.D. 47, lots 218-223, submitted by John Artesani, 253 School St., Taunton, MA. The Taunton Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this proposal on Thursday, September 1, 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 Executive Director, Board of Health notifying of Medical Hazardous Waste Day to provide the City of Taunton residents with a safe and responsible way to dispose of needles and syringes only. It will be held at the Taunton Board of Health, 45 School Street, Taunton, MA on Saturday, August 20th from 8am-12pm. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and place on the City's website. So Voted.**

Com. from Joanne Uva, Trustee, Taunton Public Library Board of Trustees seeking approval of Robyn Bryant as library director. At a Taunton Public Library Board of Trustees meeting held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, she was appointed library director effective August 15, 2016. Mrs. Bryant is a lifelong resident of Taunton and a 21 year employee of the library presently in the position of Supervisor of Circulation Services. Mrs. Bryant will assume the duties of current Library Director Susanne Costa Duquette who is retiring August 12, 2016. Mayor Hoye stated that the trustees make the appointments. Councilor Marshall asked if they used normal hiring practices to fill the position. Mayor Hoye stated that the trustees are responsible for filling those positions he is not sure why the letter is worded that way. Mayor Hoye stated that the City Solicitor checked the Ordinance and it is their appointment. Mayor Hoye stated that Robyn Bryant has been there a long time and will be a great fit. She will do a great job. He stated that the Council will have Susanne Costa Duquette in at some point before she goes. He spoke about the great job that she has done there. **Councilor Borges made a motion to thank Joanne Uva for sending this letter. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor stating that the Harts Four Corners Intersection Improvement Project is progressing as scheduled. The City has been notified by MassDOT that, in order to preserve the substantial federal funding allotted for this project, the necessary land acquisitions must be completed by the end of August. The engineering, appraisal, title and legal work associated with these land acquisitions have been completed. Written notification to all affected landowners has been sent via certified mail. I respectfully suggest that it is imperative that the Municipal Council schedule this matter for consideration at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property for a meeting on August 30, 2016 and that the information is provided to the Council one week prior, by August 23, 2016 in case of any questions. The information should include the parcels; parcel ID's, appraisals and the amount of money each land taking will acquire. So Voted.** Council President Quinn asked the City Solicitor what the difference between what the Council voted on a few weeks ago in respect to these takings. The City Solicitor stated that it is a different project, those were for Gordon Owen Riverway and Williams Street. This is for the Hart's 4 Corners project which require substantially more land acquisitions. She stated that she thought the Council has seen a plan of this already and wanted to confirm that they did not vote on it. The City Solicitor stated that he wasn't here two weeks ago when the others were voted on. He was informed that the Council voted to accept the two orders of taking. He stated that he will be asking the Council to do it again at the August 30th meeting. He stated that he would be more than happy to meet with the Committee on Public Property in advance of the August 30th Council meeting. He stated that it is substantial money, roughly \$800,000. Mayor Hoye stated that both are long awaited projects and is pleased that we are in the direction of completing these projects. Councilor Marshall asked the City Solicitor if they need to schedule the Committee on Public Property meeting prior to August 30th or can they do it that night. The City Solicitor stated that it can be done that night; they need the Municipal Council to vote on multiple orders of taking that night. Councilor Cleary stated that because they definitely want to vote on August 30th, the idea of a meeting of

the Committee on Public Property a week before would give the Council a little more time. Councilor Marshall stated that he is on vacation a week before and he is in favor of the land takings. Councilor Croteau thinks it should be done on August 23, 2016.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Mark Ennis, 10 Little Street, Taunton requesting placement of a street light on Pole 2 on Little Street in Taunton. Due to both past and recent acts of vandalism and theft on the street, the additional light would be advantageous as this section of the street is currently dark and not illuminated by a street light. **Motion was made to refer to the TMLP for a cost estimate and a report back to the Council. So Voted.**

The City Clerk read a Com. from Nicole Raymond, 1049 South Precinct Street which stated that on Monday, July 25, 2016 there was a high speed chase that had an end result of her house being struck by two vehicles. They would like to know if there is any way that the City could put a guardrail on the corner of South Precinct and Seekell Streets. **Motion was made refer to the Safety Officer and the DPW. So Voted. Councilor Croteau motioned to send a Council recommendation to provide the guardrail to the DPW and for them to provide a status update on the installation of a guardrail at the end of High Street Extension which was mentioned a couple of weeks ago. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Danny Romanowicz, Manager, Work Out World requesting a change of location for their Hours of Operation License from 50 O'Connell Way to 2 Galleria Mall Drive, East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Chief. So Voted.**

New Class II License

Petition submitted by Scott Wessel, 16 Brook Street, Taunton requesting a NEW Class II License for Fault Line Kustoms, LLC to be located at 32 Robert Boyden Road, Taunton. Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk to schedule a 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 last week he had brought up the concern of some of the work being done at the construction site on Stevens Street that is being done on Saturdays and Sundays. He didn't realize at the time that there was a record of a decision on file that states that construction will be done generally Monday through Friday from 7:30am-4:30pm unless appropriate authorizations are granted prior. He asked the Mayor who would be the one to grant appropriate authorizations. Mayor Hoye stated that they would have to contact the BIA. Councilor Pottier stated that it also mentions that off-site work zones, including roadways and utility work will be done Monday through Friday from 7am-3:30pm. He is hoping that due to the hardships to the neighbors that they are being granted extensions to finish the work up. Mayor Hoye stated that it needs to get done before school starts. Councilor Pottier stated that it also mentions the dust generated from any earth work or other types of activities. He stated that it is extremely dusty in

that area. **Motion was made to ask the DPW to increase the spraying down of the site throughout the day. So Voted.**

Councilor Marshall stated that they are scheduled to hold interviews tomorrow night for Police Captain. He stated that the scores that they received were rounded scores. He asked the City Clerk if the unrounded scores can be requested from Civil Service. The City Clerk stated that it can't, it is called a percentile and they stopped that about 7 years ago. He asked if they could ask the applicants to provide their unrounded scores in the interviews. The City Clerk stated that he could ask them, it is up to him. He stated that he just wanted to know if they are entitled to the unrounded scores because they could possibly break the tie. The City Clerk stated that it can't be done anymore.

Councilor Croteau stated that he would like to discuss the status of the Safety Officer's recommendation for parking on School Street. He stated that there seems to be a lot of confusion on that. Councilor McCaul raised the issue several months ago. He stated that first he was told that it was passed by the Council and then told that it was referred to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills. He is not sure where it stands right now. He knows that it was discussed by the Committee on Police and License two years ago. He personally met with Safety Officer Williams a few weeks ago and he was given a copy of his recommendation. He would like the situation to be clarified and urges the Council to adopt his recommendation. He is on record making that recommendation and it is a traffic problem from the Fire Station up to Randall Street. He is concerned about accidents that could happen and people possibly getting hurt. He stated that from a litigation point of view, since he is on record as recommending certain parking regulations, if there was to be an accident he thinks that the City would have a legal problem. **Councilor Croteau made a motion to refer to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills to report back no later than August 30, 2016 to the Council. If there is not a meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 he would ask that the Council considers the Ordinance on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Councilor Borges motioned that the Safety Officer re-evaluate that area because things have changed since it was originally done. Council President Quinn made a motion for the City Solicitor's Office to send the Council a proposed Ordinance consistent with that because the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills has not seen a proposed ordinance at this time and that the Safety Officer be present at the meeting as well. So Voted.** Councilor Croteau stated that if the evaluation can be done post haste so the original timeline that he proposed be complied with then he would have no problem with him looking at it again. Council President Quinn stated that she has no problem doing that on the 30th and also would like to see a re-evaluation by the Safety Officer as well. Councilor Cleary stated that he has not spoken to the Safety Officer but Councilor McCaul told him that he is not going to change his recommendation; it will be the same as what is written in the letter. Councilor Pottier stated that he would feel more comfortable with something in writing from the Safety Officer.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that there has been lots of discussion of Governor Baker's Municipal Modernization Act. He stated that one of the things that was not approved was the local licensing of alcohol. He stated that is why he and Council President Quinn are leery of scheduling a discussion on that. He spoke about seeing how Legislation did not act on that particular matter, it is in the Committee on Police and License and they will bring that matter up for discussion for the Council sometime in September.

Councilor Pottier spoke about an article in the Cape Cod Times about some promising things going on at Reed & Barton. He would like to have a meeting to discuss some of the interesting developments that are moving forward in the not too far distant future. He stated that there are some really exciting developments happening in that part of town. He thinks that it will keep the same footprint, if not the same buildings, that have been there for many decades. He asked that a meeting be scheduled by either the Mayor's Office or the Mayor's Office of Economic Development. Mayor Hoye spoke about how the old store is looking like it is going to become Berkley Beer Company which was originally slated to go downtown. Mayor Hoye stated that as soon as he has tangible information, it will be shared with the Council.

Councilor McCaul made a motion for the DPW to use the flail mower on the overgrowth of weeds on both sides of Tania Drive in East Taunton and on the overgrowth at Bloom's Bus Station near the railroad tracks. So Voted. Mayor Hoye stated that the bus station is privately owned but he can refer it to the DPW to check into the ownership and see if it can be trimmed back.

Councilor McCaul stated that he has a request from a resident at 772 County Street looking for a Blind Driveway sign. **Motion was made to refer to the Safety Officer and the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul made a motion for the ADA Committee to be updated on the double poles in the City. So Voted.

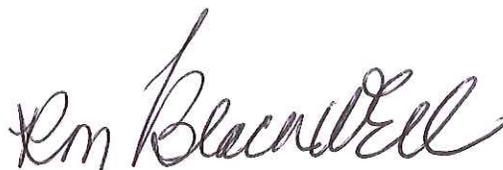
Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Safety Officer and the Committee on Police and License for a Go Slow Children sign to be installed per the request of a resident of Butler Avenue, he. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau made a motion to refer several dead trees and the landscaping at the parking lot adjacent to the Library to the Parking Commission. So Voted. Mayor Hoye urges everyone to use See Click Fix to report any problems with brush or street related issues. He stated that it gets done a lot quicker that way rather than waiting for it to come before the Council.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
AUGUST 2, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR CLEARY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:55 P.M.

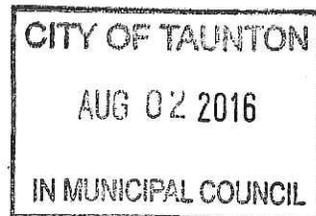
1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE FY 2016 INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$484,570.20. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE FY 2017 INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,628,949.16. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,088,426.17. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:01 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
AUGUST 2, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JOHN MCCAUL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND CLEARY. ALSO PRESENT WERE KEVIN SCANLON, CITY PLANNER, WAYNE WALKDEN AND KEITH CWIEKOWSKI OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND DONNA DICORPO AND BOB FOLCIK OF THE TAUNTON COMMISSION ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:24 P.M.

1. MEET WITH KEVIN SCANLON AND KEITH CWIEKOWSKI FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION PLAN

Mr. Scanlon reported that at the end of the Fiscal Year, June 30, 2016, they closed out 450 issues throughout the city's buildings. There were also 107 safety issues of which 93 have been done. The remaining 14 are in the schools, they are being addressed and should be done by the opening of school.

Mr. Scanlon said that Leddy School and Bennett School have room identification signs coming in, which is another couple hundred items. The Nursing Home has been working on their signs and those will be reflected in the report. Also, levers for doors are being worked on at Martin, the Bennett exterior doors are being done, and Leddy School has a new entrance going in. Many items are being addressed across the board.

It was also stated that they will be doing a transition plan regarding sidewalks. This will be discussed at a later date. Councilor Croteau said that there is a need to make sure, since litigation is pending, that the Court will also approve the transition plan.

2. MEET TO DISCUSS PLAYGROUND UPDATES AND COSTS

They have a final plan for all of the playgrounds. Funding for these projects is coming from the School Department, the Handicapped Parking fines and some PTO funds.

East Taunton will have a new playground, Chamberlain School, in what they used to call their tot lot area will be brand new, the one in the back will be rehabbed. There will be additional play features added to the Leddy playground and the E. Pole playground. Hopefully this work will be done by the middle of September. The total cost for the 4 playgrounds is \$130,000.00.

3. MEET TO DISCUSS DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY (SAFE KIDS DAY)

They participated in the Safe Kids Day and this showed people that the Commission exists and also what they do. People need to know they are here. Since October is Disability Awareness Month, they are looking to do something at the mall in October. It was also noted that anyone can attend their meetings which are the last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. Mr. Folcik said that on the city website in the ADA portion of it they found duplicity, it is really 2 committees on the website which is the TCID and the ADA Committee which is essentially the same Committee. They would like to get rid of the TCID – Taunton Commission

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THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) - CONTINUED

on Individuals with Disabilities and call it the ADA Committee because that is the terminology the public relates to.

MOTION: TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION FROM THE TAUNTON COMMISSION ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMMISSION. SO VOTED.

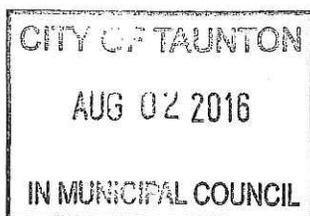
B. The double pole issue was discussed.

MOTION: TO ASK THE TMLP FOR ANOTHER REPORT ON THIS PROBLEM AND TO DISCUSS WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH THE COMPANY THAT IS NOT ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. SO VOTED.

c. Mrs. DiCorpo brought up the issue of vehicles parking on sidewalks and crosswalks and also companies that close the sidewalks without proper signage, etc.

MOTION: TO REFER THESE TWO ISSUES TO THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

 A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Marie Blackwell".

CITY CLERK