



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, July 26, 2016 at 7:00 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.

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Council President Quinn read a Com. from Mayor Hoye advising that he is establishing a City Hall re-construction project Building Committee. He is appointing the following members to the City Hall Building Committee. Thomas Hoye, Paul Arikian, Sue Barber, Dan deAbreu, Gill Enos, Alyssa Haggerty, AJ Marshall, Jeanne Quinn, Kevin Scanlon and Wayne Walkden. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

**Communications from City Officers:**

Com. from Director, Department Human Services stating that they receive an annual Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula grant to fund part-time employees to provide receptionist and Drop-In Center Aide services in the Senior Center. The Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula grant will allow for an increase in the hourly rate for both of these positions from \$11.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Fire Chief requesting that the City Council appoint Brian Gordon acting Lieutenant in accordance with all Civil Service rules and regulations to fill the current vacancy of Lieutenant Patrick O'Brien who has been out of work beyond 30 days due to a medical leave of absence. The City Clerk stated that we do not have a Lieutenant list. It has been exhausted so he can be appointed provisionally if the Council would like. **Motion was made to move to approve. So Voted.**

Com. from City Clerk submitting a Civil Service roster certification for appointment for a permanent Full-time Police Captain. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.**

Com. from Ass't City Solicitor submitting takings in connection with Owen Riverway/Williams Street Intersection Improvements. MassDOT has advised that it is necessary to take temporary easements from two private parties, at a cost of \$1,700 and \$1,250, respectively. MassDOT has advised that there are in addition three easements

needed on City owned property: two temporary easements and one permanent easement. Councilor Carr asked what the difference between a temporary and a permanent easement is. The City Engineer stated that in general, temporary easements are necessary to reconstruct a portion of somebodies yard. He stated that permanent easements are for signs or signal poles. Councilor Carr asked if when using temporary ones, if they are actually taking land from anyone. He stated that it ends up being a three year rental. She asked how the price is negotiated. He stated that it is appraised. Councilor Dermody spoke about how the properties where the temporary easements are often look better after being used. Councilor Cleary asked if the City Engineer has a timeline for this project. The City Engineer stated that they are talking about a one construction season from start to finish. **Motion was made to move to approve. So Voted.**

**Communications from Citizens:**

Com. from MASSDOT, Mary-Joe Perry, District Highway Director updating on Construction Contract, Bridge Replacement, Rte. 140 Washington Street over Mill River, contract #79296. The contractor has recently commenced work on phase two bridge demolition along with concurrently working on asbestos duct abatement and cable removal by Verizon. Please be advised the Department is currently reviewing an Extension of Time Request submitted by the Contractor which references utility delays as the cause (Verizon strike). **Motion was made to receive and place on file, refer to the DPW asking how they will set it up for the winter and snowplowing. So Voted. Councilor McCaul made a motion to send this letter to the management company that owns Mill Pond Apartments to let the residents know what is going to take place there. So Voted.**

Com. from Gloria J. Walczak, 135 Williams St., Taunton, MA requesting the continuance of Williams St. sidewalk beyond Power Street to Bristol Plymouth. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW Commissioner's Office. So Voted.**

Councilor Croteau stated that he received an email that was sent to Donna Amaral at the Red Cross office by Doreen Green. It goes into the procedures for blood drives. He was asked by Donna to bring this to the attention of the City Council. The procedure goes into the size of the room and all of the conditions that have to be followed to hold a blood drive. They also have a bus that can be used on site in order to do a blood drive. He spoke about the possibility of having the bus come to City Hall. He stated that using a municipal facility would have to be explored by the Mayor's Office. **Motion was made to authorize working with the Red Cross and referring this procedure to the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Councilor Dermody spoke about an email that was forwarded to all of the Councilors from Kim Dorsey, Woodlawn Street regarding the water situation in East Taunton. He stated that Jon Chase sent out an email stating that they are under tight guidelines to complete the work before the elementary school opens up on August 30<sup>th</sup> and there will be disruptions. She requested that something be posted on the website and the Facebook page. He stated that Jon has done that and sent the communication to the Council. He reassured the Council that they are right on top of this. Council President Quinn stated that in Jon Chase's letter he said that they would make a better effort to personally deliver

notices to the residents and they are planning on working on a website that will address issues on construction in the East Taunton area.

**Petitions:**

Claim submitted by Atty. Ronald J. Resmini, Esquire, 41 Mink St., Seekonk, Ma on behalf of his client Karen Keedwell as she fell on ice in a City owned parking lot (Goldstein's 5 & 10). **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department. 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 has brought up the issue in the past about the parking situations on Oxford and Avon Streets. There is a realtor who opened up who has a parking lot but some of his customers are parking on both Avon and Oxford Streets. He stated that it is a narrow street and with cars parked there it makes it difficult for residents to park there. He stated that he referred it to the Safety Officer in the past but does not remember getting correspondence from him. **Motion was made to refer to the Safety Officer to look into limiting it to no parking on one side of those streets. So Voted.**

**Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions:**

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Chapter 12**

**Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations**

**Sec. 12-4**

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

**SECTION 1. That section 12-4 of Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton be amended by inserting, after paragraph (h), a new paragraph (i) as follows:**

- (i) *Authority.* This ordinance is promulgated in accordance with Massachusetts General Law, c. 6, §172B½ and Public Law 92-544.

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

**New Business:**

Councilor Pottier spoke about having a website dedicated to construction issues in the East Taunton area due to the development out there. He has gotten reports of construction beginning at 6am, 7 days a week. He stated that he doesn't remember anything in the IGA that talked about time frames. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office and the City Solicitor's Office to enter into some conversations with the Tribe to be a little more conscious of the neighbors in the early weekend mornings. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr spoke about speeding on paved roads. She stated that she was contacted by a gentleman on Linden Street who said that they are having an issue with speeding on that street. **Motion was made to refer to the Police Department to place the speed trailer on Linden Street as well as a couple of cruisers out there doing radar to see if they can slow people down. So Voted.**

Councilor Marshall stated that the Taunton Babe Ruth 14U Titans are the New England AAU Champions. The Taunton Babe Ruth 13U All Stars are the Eastern Massachusetts Champions and have advanced to the semi-finals in the New England Regional Tournament. His 10 year olds from Taunton East Little League won the State Championship on Saturday and are moving on to the Regional Title Tournament in Cranston for the East Region.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JULY 26, 2016

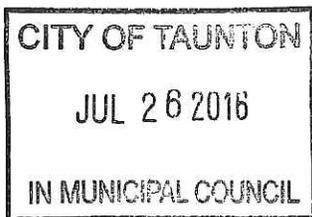
**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND  
CLEARY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:42 P.M.

- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
- MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,106,042.00. SO VOTED.
- MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,852.52. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:44 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Colleen Ellis*

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

*Rose Marie Blacutell*  
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