



City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

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Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, June 28, 2016 at 7:30 O'clock P.M.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

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

Hearing came up by assignment on the petition for a Special Permit submitted by Attorney William Rounds, 115 Broadway, Taunton on behalf of his client Robert Meisterman, President, Safeway Development Corp., 820 Washington St., South Easton, MA to allow: A 65-unit residential development at 377-379 Bay Street, Taunton located in the Business and Urban Residential District. **Motion was made to open the hearing and invite the parties into the enclosure. So Voted.** The City Clerk read a com. from the City Planner requesting to continue hearing. The City Clerk read a com. from Attorney Rounds requesting to continue hearing. **Motion was made to make part of the record and continue the hearing. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that it will be continued until the July 12th meeting.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that this Friday is Family 4th Night from 6pm-9:30pm at Hopewell Park. The fireworks will be set off as soon as it is dark enough shortly after 9pm. He spoke about how there will be food trucks or people can bring their own picnic. He spoke about how there is parking at Coyle, Holy Rosary and in the general area of Hopewell Park. There will also be parking available at the Pleasant Street lot. He hopes to see most of the Councilors there along with most of the families in the Community. Mayor Hoye stated that he and the Council President were contacted by a resident of Prospect Hill Street regarding littering, especially of nip bottles. Council President Quinn suggested that they start a petition to go to the State House via Senator Pacheco to ask for a deposit on the bottles. Mayor Hoye stated that it is an issue that he will get behind and hopes that the Council joins him and the Council President on this issue. Mayor Hoye spoke about the litter that is seen on Earth Day. He stated that he has talked to Mayors in other communities and this could be a state-wide referendum. Councilor Borges stated that she supports it and was shocked at how many nip bottles are on the streets. Councilor Carr stated that she made a motion a couple weeks after Earth Day for a letter to be sent to our delegation requesting that they consider filing a bill to put a deposit on the nip bottles. Mayor Hoye then wished everyone a great Independence Day and to please be safe. He stated that the presentation of Citation for Patrolman Jeffrey Danner

has been rescheduled for July 12th. Mayor Hoye stated that because of a technical issue with some of the equipment at the school department that may not be available to televise the meetings, it has been decided to hold the Council Meetings here for the time being.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Renwick Chapman, Conservation Commissioner submitting resignation effective August 1, 2016 as he will be moving to another community in August. **Councilor Borges made a motion to accept his resignation and send a letter from the Council thanking him for his years of service. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye spoke about how his contributions will certainly be missed.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Dianne Kleinberger, 205 Yankee Peddler Dr., Somerset, Brittany's Motorcycle Ride requesting police escort for Brittany's Motorcycle Ride. It will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2016 at the Lafayette Club. **Councilor Carr made a motion to move to approve and refer to the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Ambulance. So Voted.**

Com. from Jordan H.F. Fiore, Lay Leader, Memorial United Methodist Church, 176 Somerset Ave., Taunton requesting use of the portable stage on the evening of Friday, July 22, 2016. The church is sponsoring a concert on the Taunton Green by the Blackwood Quartet, an internationally renowned gospel group. **Councilor Carr made a motion to move approval if available. So Voted.**

Com. from Pastor Jack DaGraca, Father's House Family Church, P.O. Box 120, Raynham requesting use of the portable stage for their 10th Annual Church at the Park Community Outreach event at Memorial Park on Saturday, August 20, 2016. The event will once again feature free entertainment, free hotdogs and soft drinks served by the Salvation Army, non-perishable food, clothing distribution booth, school supply distribution booths, activities for the kids, and church informational booths. **Councilor McCaul made a motion to approve if available. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Council President Quinn read a com. from Ethel Fraga, 9 Crapo Street regarding the future use of property at 115 Tremont Street. There was a list of suggestions for the use of the land. **Council President Quinn motioned to make part of the record and to acknowledge and thank Ms. Fraga for expressing her thoughts. Councilor Marshall made a motion to refer to the Committee on Public Property. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that we are in the process of putting together a community meeting for the residents of the area to discuss future plans which will probably be held in the early evening at Friedman School in late July or early August. He stated that Ms. Fraga has extreme fondness of the land as it was her family's farm. He stated that what happens next will be a collective decision.

Petitions:

Claim submitted by Karleigh Painzo, 460 Dighton Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a loose, raised manhole cover near the

intersection of Hart Street and Plain Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. 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 the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted. Councilor Pottier stated that the interviews of three candidates for Police Officers were held today. Per the Chief's and the Committee on Police and License recommendations, the motion that was made was approved unanimously to offer conditional employment to three gentlemen. Councilor Pottier stated that the conditions per the City Clerk are: They are contingent upon people leaving the force, retiring and having the budget to cover the three potential openings; they pass CORI and pre-screens; fulfillment of the PAT, psychological test, medical test and the passing of the Police Academy. He stated that per the Chief and the City Clerk the order in which they were recommended were: Mr. Almeida, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Teixeira. **Motion was made to offer conditional employment to Leonardo Almeida based upon the conditions that are listed. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. Motion was made to offer conditional employment to Nicholas Kerr based upon the conditions that are listed. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, eight (8) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Croteau voting in opposition. Motion was made to offer conditional employment to Matthew Teixeira based upon the conditions that are listed. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.** Councilor Pottier stated that as mentioned during the Committee on Police and License meeting, it is great that we have not only fulfilled when we have had retirements but have also been able to add on because of the administration and the Council's guidance. Mayor Hoye stated that we will continue to chip away at it because we want a safe City, one that you can be proud of and raise a family in.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Pottier read a communication from the Safety Officer that stated he met with the C.O.O. of Morton Hospital, Ms. Maher and several City Councilors, most recently on site with Councilor Dermody, in regards to changes on Governor Street. He is recommending reversing the one way Governor Street to flow towards the hospital allowing emergency transportation to avoid congested intersections to the east and west on Washington Street. As you may know, the hospital has relocated its ER entrance also that Governor Street served the former location of the Taunton High School diverting traffic away. This change would require a traffic engineering study. **Motion was made for the Safety Officer to move forward. So Voted.**

Councilor Croteau made a motion to receive a status report from the Safety Officer relative to recommendations that have been made about parking. So Voted. He stated that he knows that things have been discussed but he is unclear as to the status of those discussions.

Councilor Croteau spoke about a motion that was made some time ago relative to a Council of the Whole discussion about the issue of McCabe Sand and Gravel on Berkley Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President to schedule a meeting of the Council of the Whole on July 19th. So Voted.** Council President Quinn stated that

they have been trying to find a date when there are not a lot of hearings. She stated that it looks like it will be on the 19th and she will get it on the agenda as well.

Councilor Croteau stated that the Council spent some time discussing the Rules of the Council. He stated that he believes that during that time, three documents were issued. Those documents were not dated and he is not sure which one is the final set, if any. **Motion was made for the Council President and the Clerk of Committees to provide a status report on the Rules of the Council. So Voted.**

Councilor Borges stated that she received a phone call regarding the traffic and the parking issues on Lakeview Avenue. She has reached out to the business owner to let him know that they are starting to get complaints again. **Councilor Borges made a motion to send the Safety Officer to Lakeview Avenue at some point on a Sunday from 3pm-7pm to assess the safety. Council President Quinn motioned for the Safety Officer to also assess the volume of the music while he is there. So Voted.** Councilor Borges stated that she has been told that fire trucks cannot get through there. She stated that the owner is trying to work with the residents but the parking has become an issue.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

FY17 Preliminary Budget for a second reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

FY17 Preliminary Budget - City of Taunton				
	Salary & Wages	Other Expenses	Capital Expenses	Total Budget
General Government	\$ 3,352,316.72	\$ 2,536,065.73	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5,938,382.45
Public Safety	\$ 24,936,154.21	\$ 2,245,883.00	\$ 753,426.00	\$ 27,935,463.21
Education	\$ -	\$ 82,576,315.00	\$ -	\$ 82,576,315.00
Public Works/Facilities	\$ 3,547,627.26	\$ 6,408,916.45	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 10,956,543.71
Health/Citizen Services	\$ 1,539,605.91	\$ 1,156,876.68	\$ -	\$ 2,696,482.59
Culture & Recreation	\$ 2,020,832.34	\$ 800,215.00	\$ 127,361.36	\$ 2,948,408.70
Debt & Interest	\$ -	\$ 8,090,046.00	\$ -	\$ 8,090,046.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 9,482.38	\$ -	\$ 9,482.38
Employee Benefits	\$ 70,464.77	\$ 52,100,267.17	\$ -	\$ 52,170,731.94
Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Enterprise Accounts	\$ 7,214,428.81	\$ 20,069,199.33	\$ 168,540.00	\$ 27,452,168.14
Total Budget	\$ 42,681,430.02	\$ 175,998,266.74	\$ 2,099,327.36	\$ 220,779,024.12

Motion was made to ordain. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Marshall asked if the final budget number reflects the extra \$68,000 in salaries in the Water Department. It was listed in error under two line items. He spoke about the 112 budget and revenue shortfalls which will be larger than they had anticipated. He is not sure if they will make cuts on the state or local side. He asked if there is a cut in local aid, how and when it would be made up. Mayor Hoyer stated that it could be looked at in the supplemental budget. As of right now, we have not been informed of any local aid cuts. He is anticipating looking to make that up elsewhere and spare local aid and education. He stated that it was talked about in detail at the last MMA meeting. Councilor Croteau stated that Councilor Marshall's

recommendation is well stated. He spoke about how uncertain the next 12 months would be. Councilor Pottier spoke about the shortfalls due to capital gains. Councilor Croteau stated that he thinks that the Council needs to come up with a plan now in case the State starts coming up with deficits. He spoke about the stock market and chances are that the State budget will get cut. Mayor Hoyer spoke about how in the past we have been very reliant to the supplemental budget. He doesn't plan on funding many more items in the supplemental budget. He tended to front load this budget and does not anticipate having to backfill departments like he has had to in the past. He is confident in this budget and hopes that the State finds other mechanisms besides local aid and Chapter 70 funding.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier made a motion for the street sweeper to be sent to Maple Avenue. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier made a motion to waive the fee for the use of the stage at the Church at the Park Community Outreach event. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier made a motion to send the thrasher mower to Stevens Street across from the Pine Hill Cemetery. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier stated that there was some well publicized news regarding the reanalysis of South Coast Rail being brought to our area. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office to schedule the department to come down to address the Council. So Voted.** He stated that there was no vote taken from the Committee on Monday, but they are looking at some alternatives due to the cost. Mayor Hoyer stated that he spoke to Secretary Pollack and he is waiting for more information to come in before he speaks publically on it. He stated that he would love to see the Arlington Street site be redeveloped into a train depot as it would aid in the economic development downtown. He stated that she had mentioned holding a public hearing in Taunton and we would be more than happy to hear the concerns and opinions of our residents and local leaders. Councilor Croteau spoke about his concern with the spiraling costs of public construction.

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the Safety Officer the subject of speeding by both cars and trucks on Berkley and Jerome Streets as well the posting of the speed limit on Berkley Street. So Voted. She spoke about how she has received phone calls regarding this issue.

Councilor Borges made a motion to invite Colleen Simmons and Eileen Kelleher from the BID along with some members of their Board to a Committee of the Whole meeting to give a presentation on all of the great things that they do for the community and to update the Council on what is going on downtown. So Voted. She thinks that it is important and has reached out to them to see if they would be interested in coming.

Councilor Marshall stated that the City's Police Department is investigating an action between one of our employees and a tortoise. **Motion was made for Councilor McCaul to submit to the Council and the Police Chief any information that he has regarding**

that issue. So Voted. Councilor Marshall stated that he was given a news story from Channel 12 that listed Councilor McCaul as having some pertinent information to that investigation. Councilor McCaul stated that he did give the information, which was an email exchange, to the City Solicitor. Councilor Croteau spoke about the standard practice of disseminating information in a situation like this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RMB' followed by a stylized flourish.

City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2016

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEANNE QUINN AND COUNCILORS BORGES, MCCAUL, DERMODY, CLEARY, CARR, CROTEAU, MARSHALL AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS, ANN BISSON AND CHARLENE BONENFANT OF HUMAN SERVICES, IAN FORTES, ASSISTANT CITY AUDITOR, TREASURER/COLLECTOR BARBARA AUGER, FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY BRADSHAW, FIRE CAPTAIN DAVID SANTOS, VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR BOLIVAR RUBIANO, LISA LABELLE OF THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, CITY CLERK ROSEMARIE BLACKWELL, PLANNING AND CONSERVATION DIRECTOR KEVIN SCANLON, DIRECTOR OF EOCD KEVIN SHEA, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR MARIA GOMES, PARKS, CEMETERIES AND PUBLIC GROUNDS DIRECTOR MARILYN GREENE, AND LISA BAIROS AND ROGER HOFFMAN OF THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE

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

1. BUDGET HEARINGS

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. HUMAN SERVICES #500

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

MOTION: THAT THE COUNCIL BE PROVIDED WITH THE 2014, 2015 NUMBERS FOR EXPENSES FOR DEPARTMENTS. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CARR ASKED WHEN THE BUDGET DIRECTOR WOULD BE PUTTING THE SPENDING FREEZE IN PLACE, TO WHICH HE ANSWERED THAT IT WOULD BE AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. AUDITOR #135

THE ASSISTANT CITY AUDITOR SAID THEY ARE REVIEWING THE CONTRACT FOR THE OUTSIDE AUDITORS, AND THEY HAD JUST HIRED 2 NEW CLERKS IN THE OFFICE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY QUESTIONED THE CLERICAL INCREASES, AND IT WAS NOTED THAT EMPLOYEES RECEIVED A 2% RAISE AND THERE WERE NEW HIRES.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ALSO REQUESTED A BREAKDOWN OF THE \$240,000.00 FOR ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING. IT WAS STATED THAT ABOUT \$140,000.00 IS FOR DOMINICK COPPOLA AND THE OTHER \$100,000 IS FOR THE OUTSIDE AUDITORS, WHICH WAS HAGUE AND SAHADY.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. TREASURER/FORECLOSURE #144

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

1. FIRE #220

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE IS HAPPY WITH THE REQUESTS THAT ARE BEING MET BUT HIS REQUEST FOR REGULATORS FOR EACH FIREFIGHTER WAS NOT FUNDED.

THE CHIEF ALSO SAID THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO GO OVER IN OVERTIME MONEY IN THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS 12 PEOPLE THAT COULD RETIRE AND THAT IS THE REASON FOR THE INCREASE IN THE BUYBACK LINE ITEM.

COUNCILOR CARR AGAIN NOTED HER ISSUE WITH PUTTING THIS MONEY IN THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET. SHE FEELS THAT IT SHOULD BE PUT IN RESERVES THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT IF AND WHEN THE PERSON RETIRES. SHE FEELS THAT WHEN IT IS PUT IN SALARIES AND WAGES IT ENDS UP BEING USED FOR SOMETHING ELSE IF THE PEOPLE DO NOT RETIRE.

MOTION: TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR THE REGULATORS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

HEALTH AND CITIZEN SERVICES

1. VETERANS SERVICES #543

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. ASSESSOR #141

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE SALARIES AND WAGES INCREASE IS DUE TO AN UPGRADE OF ONE OF THE CLERKS AS SHE RECEIVED HER CERTIFICATION AND SHE WILL DO BOTH CLERICAL AND SOME ASSESSOR WORK.

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD PROVIDE THE JOB DUTIES OF THE CLERK AND THE JOB DUTIES FOR ASSISTANT ASSESSOR. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. CITY CLERK #161

COUNCILOR BORGES SAID THAT HAVING SOMEONE BILINGUAL IN THIS OFFICE WOULD BE GOOD, AND THE CITY CLERK AGREED.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

3. PLANNING AND CONSERVATION #175

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

4. EOECD #182

QUESTIONED WAS THE INCREASE IN PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LINE ITEM OF \$125,000.00 TO WHICH MR. SHEA SAID THAT IT IS FOR THE MASTER PLAN. COUNCILOR MARSHALL QUESTIONED THE RATIONAL OF THE FUNDING FOR THE MASTER PLAN HERE VERSUS IN THE

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PLANNING AND CONSERVATION OFFICE. IT WAS NOTED THAT IT WAS THE MAYOR'S DECISION.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

HEALTH AND CITIZEN SERVICES

1. PERSONNEL/TRAINING

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

1. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION #912

MRS. GOMES NOTED THAT THEY DO EXPEND THE FULL AMOUNT EVERY YEAR. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THIS MONEY IS TRANSFERRED TO A TRUST FUND AND THE BILLS ARE PAID OUT OF THE TRUST FUND.

MOTION: THAT THE COUNCIL BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE ACTIVITY WITHIN THE TRUST FUND FOR THIS YEAR. SO VOTED.

MOTION: THAT THE COUNCIL BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE ACTIVITY WITHIN THE TRUST FUND FOR 3 YEARS. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. DISABILITY RETIREMENT #916

IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE ARE 17 ACTIVE DISABILITY RETIREES.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

1. RECREATION, CEMETERY & PUBLIC GROUNDS #630

MRS. GREENE NOTED THAT SHE WAS PRETTY MUCH FUNDED FOR WHAT WAS REQUESTED. COUNCILOR MARSHALL BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF TRASH REMOVAL AT PARKS.

MRS. GREENE SAID THAT SHE SPOKE WITH THE DPW COMMISSIONER AND THERE WILL BE A NEW TRASH CONTRACT IN JULY AND THAT HE WOULD WORK WITH HER ON THIS MATTER. COUNCILOR MARSHALL ASKED MRS. GREENE TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE AND SEE WHAT THE NEEDS ARE, AND HE NOTED THAT YOU DO NOT NEED THIS ALL YEAR. HE ALSO SAID THAT THERE WERE CAMERAS PURCHASED TO ELIMINATE ILLEGAL DUMPING, ETC. SO POSSIBLY THESE COULD BE PLACED IN MEMORIAL PARK, WHERE MRS. GREENE NOTED THERE IS A PROBLEM.

MOTION: THAT MRS. GREENE PROVIDE A REPORT/RECOMMENDATION PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 1ST REGARDING THE TRASH ISSUE SO THAT FUNDING CAN BE CONSIDERED IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR BORGES REQUESTED THAT MRS. GREENE PROVIDE TO ALL COUNCILORS THE E-MAILS SHE HAD SENT TO SOME COUNCILORS OR OTHERS REGARDING THE SOLAR RECEPTICLES. COUNCILOR CARR NOTED THAT DURING THE MAYOR'S BUDGET PRESENTATION HE SAID HE WAS HIRING 2 PART TIME EMPLOYEES TO ASSIST WITH TRASH COMPLIANCE ISSUES. SHE ALSO SAID THAT ALL PARKS SHOULD HAVE TRASH BARRELS AND FEELS THAT ALL CEMETERIES SHOULD HAVE TRASH BARRELS.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

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MOTION: TO HEAR BUDGET NO. 162 – ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS – NOW. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS #162

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE BUDGET IS LESS THIS YEAR AS THERE IS ONE LESS ELECTION.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CARR REQUESTED THAT THE BUDGET DIRECTOR PROVIDE THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID FOR MILEAGE AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCES ACROSS THE WHOLE BUDGET.

MOTION: THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PROVIDE TO THE COUNCIL A COPY OF POSITIONS AND SALARIES BY NAME OF ALL EMPLOYEES ON THE SCHOOL SIDE. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR #196

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS BUDGET TO JUNE 13, 2016 WHEN THE DPW COMMISSIONER WILL BE PRESENT. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE BUDGET NO. 650 (AIRPORT), NO. 696 (MUNICIPAL ACCESS), NO. 542 (HEAD START), NO. 548 (COMMISSION OF HANDICAPPED AFFAIRS), NO. 292 (ANIMAL CONTROL), NO. 380 (BRISTOL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL), NO. 695 (CABLE COMMISSION), NO. 165 (LICENSE COMMISSION), NO. 840 (SRPEDD), NO. 132 (RESERVE ACCOUNT), NO. 293 (POLICE AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL), NO. 296 (FISH WARDEN), NO. 640 (GOLF COURSE) AND NO. 690 (HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION) UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

MOTION: THAT THE COUNCIL BE PROVIDED WITH ALL COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS AND WHICH ONES GET PAID AND WHICH ONES DO NOT GET PAID. ALSO WHAT IS THE RATIONAL THAT SOME GET PAID AND SOME DO NOT. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE BUDGET NO. 424 (STREET LIGHTING) UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR BORGES SAID THAT ON JUNE 13TH THE BRISTOL PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET IS ON THE AGENDA BUT THERE IS NO REASON FOR THEM TO BE PRESENT.

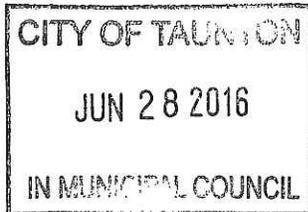
COUNCILOR CLEARLY SAID HE HAS NOT MET THE SUPERINTENDENT YET AND THIS MAY BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO COME IN. IT WAS DECIDED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO HIM TO COME IN IF HE SO CHOOSES.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "RM Beacrowell".

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 13, 2016

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT JEANNE QUINN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY, MCCAUL, CARR, DERMODY, CROTEAU, BORGES, POTTIER AND MARSHALL. ALSO PRESENT WERE LIBRARY DIRECTOR SUZANNE DUQUETTE, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT DR. JULIE HACKETT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT JOHN CABRAL, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS DAVID SOUZA, JORDAN FIORE, CAROL DOHERTY AND JOSEPH MARTIN, POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, BOARD OF HEALTH DIRECTOR HEATHER GALLANT, ASSISTANT BOARD OF HEALTH DIRECTOR ADAM VICKSTROM, CITY SOLICITOR JASON BUFFINGTON, I. T. DIRECTOR PAUL ARIKIAN, CITY ENGINEER MARK SLUSARZ, DPW COMMISSIONER FRED CORNAGLIA, ASSISTANT DPW COMMISSIONER TONY ABREAU, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR JON CHASE, DPW FISCAL AGENT KATHERINE NUNES, TAUNTON NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR JOHN BRENNAN, MICHELE MERCARDO AND HEIDI PAQUIN OF THE TAUNTON NURSING HOME, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR RICHARD FERREIRA, SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS WAYNE WALKDEN AND BUILDING INSPECTOR ROBERT PIROZZI

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

1. BUDGET HEARINGS

MOTION: TO OPEN THE BUDGET HEARINGS. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO GO OUT OF THE REGULAR ORDER AND HEAR THE LIBRARY BUDGET. SO VOTED.

CULTURE & RECREATION

1. LIBRARY #619

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

EDUCATION

1. B-P REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL #390

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. SCHOOLS \$399

DR. HACKETT INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVED A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83.6 MILLION, AND THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BACKFILLS TO FURTHER DECREASE THE BURDON ON THE CITY. EVERY YEAR THEY ADD ABOUT \$4 MILLION TO THE BUDGET TO COVER POSITIONS. THE MAYOR GAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$600,000 BUT A CAP OF \$465,000 STILL REMAINS. THE FY 2017 BUDGET INCLUDES ATHLETICS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNCILOR, CLASS SIZE REDUCTIONS (4 POSITIONS), SCIENCE CURRICULUM AND SUPPORT, MIDDLE SCHOOL PILOT, PK EXPANSION, ELL NEWCOMER'S ACADEMY, THEATER SEATS AND A WELLNESS COORDINATOR.

DR. HACKETT FURTHER SAID THAT THE AVERAGE NET SCHOOL SPENDING IN MASSACHUSETTS IS 123% BUT TAUNTON SPENDS BETWEEN 95-100% DATING BACK TO 1993. TAUNTON PUBLIC

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE – BUDGET HEARINGS – CONTINUED

SCHOOLS GETS A DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE CITY BUDGET. ONLY 44% OF THE CITY BUDGET GOES TO EDUCATION FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE CITY EMPLOYEES 600 PEOPLE, WHILE THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES APPROXIMATELY 1250. ALSO, TAUNTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS THE LOWEST PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE RATE OF ANY URBAN SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR THE LAST 6 YEARS FUNDING AND THEY SPEND THE LEAST ON ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OUT OF VIRTUALLY EVERY DISTRICT. OUT OF 323 DISTRICTS RANK ORDERED FROM MOST SPENDING TO LEAST, TAUNTON RANKS NUMBER 321. TAUNTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS LARGER CLASS SIZES THAN MOST.

DR. HACKETT FURTHER NOTED THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HAS DONE ITS PART AND MADE TOUGH DECISIONS. THEY CLOSED 5 SCHOOLS, MOVED GRADE 8 TO THE HIGH SCHOOL, AND INSTITUTED REDUCTIONS IN FORCE WITH VARIOUS UNIONS. THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CITY TO GET THINGS DONE FOR THE STUDENTS INCLUDING THE TENNIS COURTS, THE STADIUM, MARTIN THEATER SEATS, TAUNTON HIGH THEATER SEATS, TIGER TENT CAFÉ, SAFETY AND SECURITY EQUIPMENT, BUILDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE. THEY HAVE FOUND WAYS TO INCREASE REVENUES IN THE SCHOOLS.

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED THAT THE BUDGET PRESENTATION GIVEN BY DR. HACKETT PREVIOUSLY BE PROVIDED TO ALL COUNCILORS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE ARE CHALLENGES IN BROCKTON, ATTLEBORO AND SEVERAL OTHER COMMUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND THAT THE CITY IS PAYING A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT FOR THE SCHOOL PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE.

REGARDING SCHOOL CHOICE, IT WAS SAID THAT THERE ARE MORE OUT – 111 – THEN HAVE COME IN – 100 SO THEY NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID THAT THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE ISSUES ARE FOR KIDS GOING OUT OF THE DISTRICT. IT WAS ALSO SAID THAT THE TREND MAY INCREASE BECAUSE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, BUT THEY CANNOT OFFER WHAT TAUNTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN OFFER. COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE WHY STUDENTS ARE LEAVING. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THE 111 BREAK DOWN.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO OVER SOME BUDGET NUMBERS WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THE DROP OUT RATE NUMBERS AND HE WILL SPEAK WITH THE TREASURER REGARDING THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION NUMBERS.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

THE SUPERINTENDENT AND HER STAFF WERE ALSO ASKED TO PROVIDE A MEMORANDUM OF REQUESTS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

MOTION: TO RECESS THE BUDGET HEARINGS (7:39 P.M.) SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO CALL THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER (7:44 P.M.) SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. PARKING COMMISSION

#197

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

1. POLICE #210

THE CHIEF SAID THAT HE WAS LEVEL FUNDED FROM LAST YEAR, AND THAT HE HAS SOME REQUESTS THAT HE WILL BRING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. HE MAY HAVE A TOTAL OF 6 RETIREMENTS COMING UP. THE CHIEF ALSO FEELS THAT THE UNUSED SICK AND VACATION BUYBACK NUMBERS IN THE BUDGET WILL NOT BE ENOUGH. \$178,000 WAS AUTHORIZED FOR VEHICLES AND HE WILL BE BUYING MARKED AND UNMARKED CRUISERS.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES #244

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

HEALTH & CITIZEN SERVICES

1. BOARD OF HEALTH #510

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. LAW #151

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. MAINTENANCE OF TAX POSSESSION #193

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT #945

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

4. CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES #946

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. AUTOMATION #155

MR. ARIKIAN SAID THAT THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR POSITION WAS NOT FUNDED. COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID THAT HE WOULD REFER THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR POSITION TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

THE VOIP PROJECT IS SLATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017, IT WILL BE A LEASE PROJECT AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO SAVE 20% OFF OF THE MONTHLY COSTS.

COUNCILOR CLEARLY NOTED THAT A TECHNICIAN WAS NOT FUNDED EITHER AND ASKED WHAT WOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT, THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR OR THE TECHNICIAN.

MR. ARIKIAN SAID THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR.

MR. ARIKIAN WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR TO THE COUNCIL

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THAT SOMEONE NOW HAS TO BE DOING THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR JOB.

MR. ARIKIAN SAID THAT THEY HAVE SUPPORT CONTRACTS, THEY GET HELP FROM THE TMLP AND SUPPORT FROM OTHERS SUCH AS SOFTRIGHT, ETC.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL ALSO ASKED THAT WHEN MR. ARIKIAN SUBMITS THE JOB DESCRIPTION

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FOR THE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR, IF ONE WERE TO BE HIRED, HOW MUCH SUPPORT COSTS WOULD COME OFF THE BUDGET.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO RECESS THE BUDGET HEARINGS. (8:16 P.M.) SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO CALL THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER (8:21 P.M.) SO VOTED.

PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES

1. ENGINEERING #410

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR #196

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES

1. DPW COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE #400

THE DPW COMMISSIONER SAID THIS BUDGET WAS PRETTY MUCH LEVEL FUNDED. UNDER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL HE ASKED FOR FUNDING FOR TABLETS AND SOFTWARE BUT IT WAS NOT FUNDED.

MOTION: TO REFER THE SOFTWARE AND TABLETS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. OIL AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION #421

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

3. STREETS AND DRAINS #422

MOTION: REFER ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

4. SNOW REMOVAL #423

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

REQUEST WAS MADE FOR A LISTING OF WHAT THE \$111,687.66 WAS SPENT ON IN THIS ACCOUNT.

5. TRASH PICK UP #433

THE DPW COMMISSIONER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY WILL BE EXTENDING THE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR, THE COST IS GOING UP 2% AND THAT THIS IS REFLECTED IN THIS BUDGET.

MOTION: THAT THE ISSUE OF THE EXTENSION OF THE TRASH CONTRACT BE REFERRED TO THE CITY SOLICITOR TO PROVIDE INPUT AS TO WHETHER THIS EXTENSION CAN BE APPROVED BY THE DPW OR DOES IT HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

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6. WWTP & SEWER MAINTENANCE #443
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

7. VEHICULAR MAINTENANCE #480
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

8. WATER #450

IT WAS NOTED THAT AN ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEAD WAS FUNDED IN THE BUDGET.

IT WAS REFERRED TO THE BUDGET DIRECTOR TO REVIEW THIS BUDGET TO DETERMINE IF THE ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEAD IS FUNDED TWICE.

ALSO FUNDED IN THIS BUDGET WAS MONEY FOR VEHICLES. THEY WILL BE INVESTIGATING LEASING/BUYING VEHICLES. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT WHEN THIS IS INVESTIGATED THAT THEY SEND A COMMUNICATION TO THE DPW COMMITTEE REGARDING THIS.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

HEALTH & CITIZEN SERVICES

1. TAUNTON NURSING HOME #520

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO GO OUT OF ORDER AND HEAR THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUDGET. SO VOTED.

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT #291

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

MOTION: TO SKIP TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT TO HEAR THE CITY HALL MAINTENANCE BUDGET AND THEN TO PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES BUDGETS. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. CITY HALL MAINTENANCE #492

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

PUBLIC WORKS/FACILITIES

1. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS #492

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. REPAIRS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS #493

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

3. PUBLIC BUILDINGS/ADA #496

IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE ADDRESSING ADA ISSUES AND THEY WILL BE OVERSEEN BY THIS DEPARTMENT

COUNCILOR CARR FEELS THAT IT IS CONFUSING TO HAVE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ADA LINE ITEMS UNDER THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.

MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

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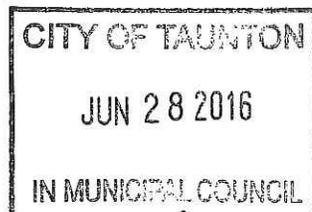
1. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL #111
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.
2. OFFICE SERVICES #159
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

1. NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION #909
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.
2. PENSION FUND #910
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. MAYOR #121
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.
 IT WAS NOTED THAT ALL INCREASES ARE UNDER CONTRACTS. ALSO THAT THE MAYOR IS PROPOSING A 5% SALARY INCREASE THAT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST.
MOTION: REFER THE MAYOR'S SALARY LINE ITEM TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. SO VOTED.
MOTION: TO TAKE THE BUDGET UNDER ADVISEMENT. SO VOTED.
- MOTION: THAT THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES PROVIDE A LIST TO ALL COUNCILORS OF ITEMS REFERRED TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR NEXT WEEK. SO VOTED.
- MOTION: TO RECESS THE MEETING AT 9:40 P.M. SO VOTED.



Rm Beachnell

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

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 CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 28, 2016

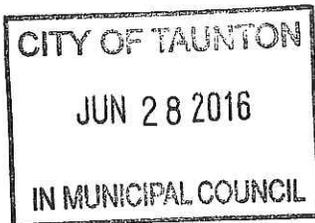
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:51 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,411,138.61. SO VOTED.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,508,141.19. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:55 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Council Committees

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CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 28, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH AND POLICE CANDIDATES LEONARDO ALMEIDA, NICHOLAR KERR AND MATTHEW ALMEIDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

1. MEET TO INTERVIEW POLICE CANDIDATES

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE 3 VACANCIES DUE TO THERE BEING ONE EXISTING OPEN POSITION, A MANDATORY RETIREMENT IN AUGUST AND A POSSIBLE RETIREMENT DUE TO DISABILITY.

MOTION: TO START THE INTERVIEWS. SO VOTED.

THE CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THESE INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE TELEVISED. THE CHIEF BEGAN BY SAYING THAT HE INTERVIEWED THE TOP CANDIDATE ON THE LIST, CARLOS ORTIZ. HE SAID THAT MR. ORTIZ HAD SOME ACADEMIC ISSUES AND WAS INVOLVED WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THREE TIMES. THE CHIEF RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE OPT TO BY-PASS THIS INDIVIDUAL

MOTION: TO BY-PASS CARLOS ORTIZ, AND THE CHIEF IS TO DRAFT A LETTER AND SEND IT TO THE CITY SOLICITOR AND THE CITY CLERK. SO VOTED.

THE FIRST INTERVIEW WAS WITH **LEONARDO ALMEIDA**. MR. ALMEIDA IS 24 YEARS OLD AND RESIDES IN TAUNTON. HE ATTENDED NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY WHERE HE MAJORED IN BIOLOGY, BUT DECIDED THAT WAS NOT WHAT HE WANTED AND BECAME INTERESTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. MR. ALMEIDA SPEAKS SPANISH FLUENTLY. HE IS AN EMT AND A CERTIFIED SCUBA DIVER. HE HAS A WELL ROUNDED BACKGROUND AND HE WOULD BE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE SPANISH COMMUNITY IN TAUNTON. HE DOES HAVE A LICENSE TO CARRY. HE CURRENTLY WORKS PART TIME AT THE MEDFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A 911 DISPATCHER AND HAS DONE SO SINCE FEBRUARY OF 2016.

THE SECOND INTERVIEW WAS WITH **NICHOLAS KERR**. MR. KERR GREW UP IN TAUNTON AND STILL RESIDES HERE. HE CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND SCREENS PASSENGERS AT THE AIRPORT. HE SAID THAT HE IS HARDWORKING, EASILY ADAPTS TO SITUATIONS AND CAN TAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM WITH NO PROBLEM. HE WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE HIS EDUCATION AND DID ATTEND MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHERE HE MAJORED IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. MR. KERR IS NOT MARRIED.

THE THIRD INTERVIEW WAS WITH **MATTHEW TEIXEIRA**. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN TAUNTON. HE GRADUATED FROM TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL AND OBTAINED AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE FROM NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. HE IS MARRIED AND HAS AN 8 MONTH OLD SON. HIS FAMILY SUPPORTS HIS BEING A POLICE OFFICER. CURRENTLY HE IS A DIESEL MECHANIC. IN THE LAST 8 YEARS HE HAS USED JUST ONE SICK DAY AND HAS A STRONG WORK ETHIC. HE FEELS THAT HE WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION TOWARDS CRIMINAL JUSTICE. HE IS A NON-SMOKER. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE TAUNTON RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB SINCE 2009 AND HAS A LICENSE TO CARRY.

AFTER THE INTERVIEWS WERE COMPLETED, THE CHIEF RECOMMENDED HIRING THE 3

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CANDIDATES.

MOTION: TO EXTEND CONDITIONAL OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT TO LEONARDO ALMEIDA, NICHOLAS KERR AND MATTHEW TEIXEIRA, AND THAT IN FULL COUNCIL THE NAMES BE SEPARATED AND VOTED ON INDIVIDUALLY. SO VOTED.

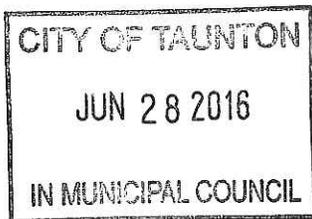
THE CHIEF INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE WILL PROBABLY HAVE 4 MORE OPENINGS DUE TO RETIREMENTS, AND ALSO NOTED THAT THE NEXT ACADEMY IS IN OCTOBER.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of council Committees



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK 