



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, March 15, 2016 at 7:10 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
Councilor Marshall was not present at this time.*

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that there was a press event yesterday here at City Hall with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe along with their financial backers. They presented their plans for the Project First Light Resort and Casino. Several presentations will be put on the City's website in the near future along with more to come. They did a similar presentation this afternoon in front of the Mass Gaming Commission in Mashpee. He stated that there is a video of the facility as well as a bit more traffic detail that we will get onto the website as soon as possible. He stated that there was a lot of information shared at the press conference that was held yesterday. Councilor Cleary spoke about the very aggressive timeline. They had very detailed plans and a commitment to do a good job. He gives them a lot of credit. Mayor Hoye stated that it has been a partnership and groundbreaking is scheduled for April 5th. There will be more details as we get closer. They plan on Phase 1 being open the summer of 2017. Councilor Cleary stated that the architect has a reputation of being aggressive on timelines. Mayor Hoye stated that he is one of the most renowned architects in the world. It is a huge step for the tribe as well as the City of Taunton. Mayor Hoye stated that there have been some acts of violence in the City. He stated that Chief Walsh is present to give a brief synopsis of what has happened so our residents feel safe. He stated that these do not appear to be random acts. They are both tragic events that should not have happened. Chief Walsh stated that a 23 year old female was murdered yesterday on Morton Street. It was a very unfortunate situation and they are still actively investigating it. He cannot give too many details on that right now due to the nature of the investigation. He stated that later last night they received a call that there was a shooting on Hart Street and arrived on the scene to find another 23 year old deceased. He spoke about how the perpetrator was shot during a home invasion when the resident got into a struggle with him and as a result the firearm became loose and he grabbed the firearm and shot one of the perpetrators. He stated that they are still investigating that and looking for the accomplices in the home invasion. He stated that as far as they can tell, both of these were targeted incidences and not random. They are assuming that in both cases, the individuals directly knew who they were going to assault

or the location for particular reasons. There is still an active investigation with the State Police and hopefully there will be more information as time progresses.

Councilor Marshall entered the enclosure at this time.

Appointments:

Appointment of Michael McClellan, 22 Quarter Court, Taunton to the Historical Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring February 2019. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.** Councilor Carr asked if this is a new appointment. Mayor Hoyer stated that it is and Mr. McClellan has been a long time employee of the Water Department. He is an avid historian here in our City. He stated that he would essentially be taking Charlie Crowley's spot. The term has expired but he would be filling that role. **Motion was made to invite Mr. McClellan into the enclosure. So Voted.** Mr. McClellan was then sworn in by the City Clerk.

Appointment of Melissa Santos, 105 Mary Ann Way, Taunton to the Library Board of Trustees to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of Dyann Nunes to expire the last day of January 2017. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.** Mayor Hoyer stated that Melissa ran for the Municipal Council in this past election and is an English Professor at Bridgewater State University and Bristol Community College. She has also taught at Stonehill College. He stated that she will be a great addition to the Library Board of Trustees.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from City Clerk submitting a requisition for three (3) additional full-time police officers. **Councilor Pottier made a motion to refer to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.** He stated that in the Committee on Police and License a motion was made to offer Seth Lavigne, who is off of this list and Clint Medas, who came highly recommended as a transfer from New Bedford conditional offers of employment with the condition of them passing their physicals. Councilor Croteau stated that his understanding is that this will bring the total to six. We have already interviewed and approved on a temporary basis three and this will make six. Councilor Pottier and Mayor Hoyer confirmed. Councilor Carr asked what order they were in. Councilor Pottier asked the Police Chief if it matters what order they are in, the Police Chief said no. Councilor Pottier stated that the City Clerk recommended them in that order. Councilor Croteau stated that he wants clarification that if we add six more people to the current roster exclusive of retirements, then we would need to provide more money. Councilor Pottier confirmed. **Councilor Pottier made a motion that the Council endorses the two hires; Seth Lavigne and Clint Medas. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.**

Com. from Fire Chief formally requesting the City partake in the next Civil Service exams for the positions of Deputy Fire Chief and Fire Chief to renew the current lists that are set to expire. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from City Auditor informing that both her and her assistant, Ian Fortes, will be attending the Massachusetts Municipal Accountant and Auditor Association's Annual School being held March 13-16th at UMASS Amherst. She is requesting that Sandra

Kingsbury, Head Administrative Clerk in her office, be appointed Interim City Auditor in order that she may sign the warrants. This appointment is for signing purposes only; there are no monetary claims on this temporary appointment. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying that the Taunton Planning Board has received a Form J Plan – Waiver of Frontage – to divide one lot into two – for property at 122 Highland Street submitted by Christopher Coute. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this proposal on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:30PM in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, MA. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying that the Taunton Planning Board has received a Site Plan Review for property on John Quincy Adams Road, Property I.D. 18-17 for the placement of one (1) temporary office trailer, one (1) temporary bathroom trailer, one (1) temporary equipment trailer and eight (8) carports, submitted by General Dynamics Mission Systems. The DIRB will meet to review this petition on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:45AM in the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer Street, Annex Bldg., and the Taunton Planning Board will meet to review this petition on Thursday, April 7, 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 Safety Officer stating that per the request from the Municipal Council he was asked to survey the area of Hodges Ave. in regards to extending the No Parking restriction. See current the City Ordinance below pertaining to Hodges Avenue. Upon review he agrees with Councilor Borges that extending the no parking on the east side would ease congestion and improve safety. Hodges Ave. is of heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic including Shea apartments and the front access to Taunton State Hospital. His recommendation is to extend the No Parking restriction on the east side of Hodges Ave. to the east boundary of 39 Hodges Ave. Councilor Cleary stated that a lot of these neighborhoods were single family and two family homes. Over time, additional apartments have been approved and there is beginning to be a parking problem. Most houses do not have a large driveway. He spoke about the problem of parking on both sides of the street in different areas of the City and how people need to drive safely. Councilor Croteau stated that the matter has been referred to the Committee on Police and License he would await the recommendation of the Safety Officer. He spoke about the tremendous legal liability. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to refer to the Committee on Police and License and then to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills. So Voted.**

Com. from Safety Officer stating that a motion was made by Councilor Borges requesting that he look into placing a no parking sign on the right hand side of Dana Street just before the right hand turn onto Dana Street. Further those trucks were having a hard time making this corner with cars parked there. After a review of the area and traffic he recommends a No Parking Sign with an arrow pointing towards Granite Street be placed on the south side on Dana Street forty five feet from Granite Street. **Motion was made**

to refer to the Committee on Police and License and then to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills. So Voted.

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying that the Taunton Planning Board was in receipt of the proposed Zoning Map Amendment submitted by Taunton Development/Mass Development Corp. to change the following properties from Industrial District to Business District. Property I.D. 24-2-0 which consists of property located off Bay Street and Dever Drive and consists of the following parcels: Lots A, B1, B2-A, B3R, and B4-A. The portions of lots B2-A and B3R that are shown as zoned Open Space Conservation are NOT part of the requested zoning map amendment. The Taunton Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing on this proposal on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:30PM at Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, MA. **Councilor Borges made a motion to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Vice Chairman, Taunton Planning Board advising that the Taunton Planning Board was in receipt of the proposed changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance submitted by the City Planner dated February 16, 2016 (See attached) The Planning Board voted to refer this to the public hearing process which requires a public hearing by the Taunton Planning Board and Municipal Council. The Taunton Planning Board has schedules a public hearing on these zoning changes on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:30PM at Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and refer to the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing after the conclusion of the public hearing with the Planning Board. So Voted.**

Com. from Assistant City Solicitor reporting that the closing occurred today and the property has been conveyed to the United States of America. Enclosed is a copy of the check in the amount of Four Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$495,000.00) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) was previously received at the time of the Option to Purchase. Thus, the total amount received for the sale of the property was Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). **Councilor Carr made a motion to receive and place on file. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye spoke about how this is great news and the Army Reserve Center will make great use of this property. He reminded everyone that there is other City property behind this that we will be able to access if the City decides to utilize it for a Public Safety Building. He stated that at some point in the near future the building on Eldridge Street will become surplus so the City will be working with Congressman Kennedy's office to try to secure it for City use. Councilor Pottier thanked everyone involved. He asked if the timeframe on the construction can be shared with the community. Councilor Cleary stated that there were hundreds of thousands of dollars facing the City to deal with that piece of property. The City has acquired a lot more than the \$500,000. Mayor Hoye stated that he has seen estimates of \$1M for the total clean up. Councilor Carr stated that she would like the Mayor to consider placing that money in a fund to begin City Hall. Mayor Hoye stated that he thinks he had said that he would do that in the past. It has to be used on a Capital expense so this will be an appropriate place to put it.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Michaela Burke, American Cancer Society, Community Manager, Relay for Life requesting use of covered stage for the American Cancer Society's Greater Taunton Relay for Life. Our event will take place at Bristol Plymouth High School on Friday, June 10 through Saturday, June 11, 2016. The event runs from 3:00PM on Friday until 9:00AM on Saturday. **Motion was made to move approval and waive the fee. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Com. from David LaPlante, Aerospace Science Instructor, Taunton High School stating that on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 3PM to 4:30PM, the Junior ROTC for the Air Force will be conducting a flag retirement ceremony at the Tiger Den Café. They wanted to let everyone know that if they have any flags that need to be destroyed that may be battered there is a proper way to dispose of them and the Junior ROTC will be doing that.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Cleary asked when there would be an agenda item on City Hall. Mayor Hoye stated that he spoke to Wayne Walkden today about it needing to be done and he was going to contact Councilor Marshall. Councilor Marshall stated that he spoke to Mr. Walkden today about the possibility of having a presentation on Scheme D for next week. He will see if the architect is available then and if not, it will be the following week. Councilor Marshall stated that his thoughts with Mr. Walkden are to hear Scheme D next week and what that entails and then give the Council a week or two to percolate and after hearing that, have a discussion on finalizing a plan on how to move forward. He stated whether it be Scheme A, B, C, or D or a combination of them. He doesn't want to do all of that in one night, he would like to hear Scheme D's pros and cons which would give people a chance to think about that and then a week or two later come back and have a more formal discussion. He thinks that the larger discussion needs to include some other City assets as well, whether it be this building or Eldridge Street in several years, he thinks that all the components fit into the much larger concept of rebuilding City Hall and the future of all City Departments. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to refer the presentation of Scheme D at the Committee on Public Property meeting next week as long as the architect is available. So Voted.** He stated that is the plan as long as the architect can make it. Mayor Hoye stated that he agrees with it. He stated that it has been talked about in the Capitol Planning Committee. He thinks that we have to look at all of our assets and decide what needs to be utilized. He stated that money has been put into this building and it should be utilized to its maximum potential. There are several buildings that have been talked about closing. He spoke about Park, Cemeteries & Public Grounds and how School Street would have some value to it. There are certain things that can be consolidated, buildings that can be closed and have better utilization of the buildings that we feel we will move forward with which would include City Hall. He stated that we need to make a decision, he is glad that Councilor Marshall had a discussion with Mr. Walkden today. He thinks that after the meetings a decision needs to be made. It has been far too long and with all of the great things that have been done in this City, the one thing that we are criticized on is City Hall and what will be done with it. He thinks that it is time to move forward with that. Councilor Croteau asked if the initial presentations will include any projected costs. Councilor Marshall stated that he believes that it does and he thinks that it is what needs to be discussed at the meeting after

Scheme D is heard. He stated that it is such a complex project where he would like to lay out all of the pros and cons of Scheme D and then have Scheme A, B, C & D presented. He would like to then have a healthy discussion on what costs for which ones. He stated that as the Mayor said, it also takes into account the other assets that the City has. Councilor Croteau stated that the word complex is understated because it also takes into consideration all of the other financial commitments that the City is being faced with over the next ten to fifteen years.

Councilor Croteau made a motion to refer the issue of parking on School Street to the Safety Officer and to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau made a motion for a condensed list to be submitted from Mark Forrest on what Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the casino will include and the projected date of Phase 3. So Voted.

Petitions:

Hours of Operation License

1. CVS Pharmacy, Inc. –dba- CVS Pharmacy #41 located at 284 Winthrop St.,
Taunton

Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License. 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 except the Committee on Police and License. So Voted. Councilor Pottier made a motion for the recommendation adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in the Committee on Police and License to offer Seth Lavigne and Clint Medas conditional offers of employment. So Voted.

ORDERS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

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

**AN ORDINANCE
Chapter 13
Motor Vehicles and Traffic**

Article III STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Section 13-89.1 Handicapped parking generally

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Delete paragraph (c) of Section 13-89.1 and replace with: “(c) Any and all fines collected from handicap parking violations in the City of Taunton shall be disposed of pursuant to Section 2-279 of these ordinances.

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE
Chapter 2
Administration**

Article IX COMMISSION ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE HANDICAPPED

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

- a) Strike the title of Article IX of Chapter 2 “COMMISSION ON THE AFFAIRS OF THE HANDICAPPED” and replace with “COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES”.
- b) Delete Section 2-276 and replace with:
2-276 Function and Purpose

The Taunton Commission for Individuals with Disabilities, hereinafter called the commission, shall, in accordance with General Laws chapter 40 section 8J, (1) research local problems of people with disabilities; (2) advise and assist municipal officials and employees in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws and regulations that affect people with disabilities; (3) coordinate or carry out programs designed to meet the problems of people with disabilities in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts office on disability; (4) review and make recommendations about policies, procedures, services, activities and facilities of departments, boards and agencies of the City of Taunton as they affect people with disabilities; (5) provide information , referrals, guidance and technical assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability; and, (6) coordinate activities of other local groups organized for similar purposes. (Reference: G.L. c. 40 §8J)

- c) Delete Section 2-277 and replace with:
2-277 Obligations and Structure

The commission shall keep records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report with the Municipal Council. In any year in which the City prints an annual report, the annual report of the commission shall be contained therein. The commission shall have at least ten meetings annually. The commission shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine members. The members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the provisions of the city charter. A majority of commission members shall consist of people with disabilities, one member shall be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability and one member of said commission shall be either an elected or appointed official of the City of Taunton. The terms of the first members of the commission shall be for one, two or three years, and so arranged so that the term of one-third of the members expires each year, and their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years each. Any member of said commission may, after a public hearing, if so requested, be removed for cause by the appointing authority. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. The chairperson and other officers shall be chosen by a majority vote of said commission members.

Said commission may receive gifts of property, both real and personal, in the name of the City of Taunton, subject to approval by the Municipal Council, such gifts to be managed and controlled by said commission for the purposes of Section 2-276 in accordance with G.L. c. 40 §8J. (Reference: G.L. c. 40 §8J)

- d) Delete Section 2-278 and replace with:
2-278 Administration

The Committee on Disabilities of the Municipal Council shall oversee the commission and serve as the point of contact between the commission and the Municipal Council. Commission members shall serve without compensation. The commission may from time to time as it deems prudent or necessary in the discharge of its duties request that it, or one or more designated representatives, meet with the Committee on Disabilities, which request may be accommodated in the reasonable discretion of the chairperson of said committee. A meeting with the commission may also be initiated by the chairperson of said committee. Any recommendations by the commission for the expenditure of funds derived from collected handicapped parking fines shall be made in writing to the chairperson of the Committee on Disabilities.

- e) Delete Section 2-279 and replace with:
2-279 Handicap Parking Fines

In accordance with General Laws chapter 40 section 22G, all funds received from fines assessed for violations of handicap parking in the City of Taunton shall be deposited by the Treasurer in a separate account and shall be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities in accordance with this section. Said account shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies. Said account was established prior to the enactment of this ordinance (see Sec. 13-89.1) and all

funds presently in said account may be expended as provided herein. Expenditures from said account, including accrued interest, if any, shall be made upon recommendation of the commission on disabilities in accordance with the accepted procedures of the City of Taunton for the disbursement of funds, including approval of the mayor and municipal council. The City Auditor is designated as the City Accountant for the purposes of this section and shall submit annually a report of said account to the mayor and municipal council for review and a copy of said report shall be forwarded to the bureau of accounts. (Reference c. 40 §22G)

All funds from said account may be expended solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities to the extent permitted by Massachusetts General Laws c. 40 §22G, as same may be amended from time to time. The commission shall make recommendations for expenditure in writing to the chairperson of the Committee on Disabilities. The Committee on Disabilities shall consider all said recommendations and report any approved recommendation to the municipal council for approval.

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

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

**AN ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 9
HEALTH AND SANITATION**

**ARTICLE VI. TAUNTON NURSING HOME
Sec. 9-100 AND Sec. 9-100.1**

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

SECTION 1. Article VI of Chapter 9 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

- a.) In Section 9-100, Appointment and qualifications of directors, strike “a member of the clergy” and replace with “an attorney, preferably with experience in elder law, or, in the alternative, a professional with elder law experience”;
- b.) In Section 9-100, Appointment and qualifications of directors, after the word “nurse”, insert “with nursing home experience”;

- c.) In Section 9-100.1, Directors, terms of office, appointment of administrator, strike “clergyman” and replace with “attorney or professional with elder law experience”.

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

Resolution

Resolution submitted by Belmont Savings Bank, 385 Concord Ave., Belmont, MA, designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of Municipal Public Moneys for the City of Taunton Signatures of Barbara Auger, Treasurer/Collector, Julie Bertram, Assistant Treasurer/Collector and Pamela Souza, Assistant Treasurer. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that he had brought up sending the street sweeper to Kilton Street previously and it has not been done yet. He stated that there are also some remnants of some work that they have done on the sidewalks. There are large chunks of asphalt that need to be looked at while they are there. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW. So Voted.** *(The City Clerk spoke with Alannah at the DPW on March 17, 2016)* Mayor Hoye stated that he thinks that the street sweeper will start going out next week.

Councilor Dermody stated that Councilor Pottier brought up the emergency access and egress in and around Morton Hospital last September. He stated that he has been working with the Safety Officer and Donna Maher from the hospital. He has been speaking with Fire Chiefs from the surrounding communities that use Morton Hospital as well as AMR. He stated that if we could switch Governor Street so that emergency vehicles and first responders can get into the hospital by coming up, taking a right onto Washington Street and a left down the alley way between St. Mary’s School and the hospital. It would free up Pleasant Street, North Pleasant Street and Washington Street especially from 2-5pm when the schools get out, and the hospitals have shift changes. He stated that when he spoke to a few of the Fire Chiefs they told him that the ambulance drivers from out of town go through Court Street and up Washington to avoid Pleasant Street, North Pleasant Street and Washington Street. Ms. Maher from the hospital had no problem with it at all and will talk to a couple of people at the hospital. She also asked that on the even side of North Pleasant Street from number 26 up to West Adams Street if parking can be eliminated on that side especially during the day. He stated that cars do not park overnight on North Pleasant Street so he doesn’t think it will be an issue with any of the neighbors. It is just during the day while the hospital is in session. When they egress the hospital, they come out from the new road in front of 28 North Pleasant Street. The ambulances have a hard time taking a left onto North Pleasant Street. He stated that the Safety Officer is in favor of this. **Motion was made to refer to the Safety Officer and the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.**

Councilor Marshall stated that all of the Councilors have received an e-mail from Mr. DeSantis which contained a Power Point presentation about what is behind the curtain of

the Assessing Department. He stated that it comes from DOR and was very well done. It broke down the whole Assessing Department in easy to understand layman's terms. **Motion was made for the Power Point presentation to be put on the City Assessor's webpage. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Blackwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 14, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCILOR QUINN, COUNCILOR DERMODY, CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, DETECTIVE SERGEANT HONARATO SANTOS, AND POLICE CANDIDATES CLINT MEDAS AND SETH LAVIGNE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

1. MEET TO INTERVIEW POLICE CANDIDATES

The first candidate interviewed was Clint Medas. He was born and raised in Taunton. He is 36 years old and is married with 2 children ages 6 and 8. He currently works in the Gang Unit of the New Bedford Police Department. Prior to that he worked in the Office of the State Auditor as an Audit Supervisor, at School Specialty Inc. as a Territory Manager, at Kean University as a Graduate Assistant Football Coach and also taught Math for one year at Coyle Cassidy High School. He was not in the military. He said he is a hard worker, is dedicated and highly motivated. He does not abuse sick time and in fact has only used 2 days in the last 4.5 years. The New Bedford Police Department recommends him very highly.

MOTION: TO SEND A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION OF CLINT MEDAS TO THE FULL COUNCIL TOMORROW EVENING. SO VOTED.

The second interview was with Seth Lavigne. He currently lives at 4 Evergreen Drive in Taunton. He is a Coyle graduate and then entered the Coast Guard. He did get into law enforcement while in the Coast Guard. He has been attending Bridgewater State University but dropped his classes for this semester in preparation of going to the Academy in April. Now it has been determined that he will not be able to go to the academy in April so he is currently looking for work. He did not apply to the State Police but he did apply to the Dighton Police. He is also on the Fire list but wants to be a Police Officer. He does not abuse sick time. He is proactive, loyal and everything he does is geared toward doing this job. He is by the book, and wants to help people in Taunton and will strive to be the best person that he can. He would like to go back to school and would also like to take promotional exams in the Department. He has majored in Criminal Justice and would like to get his Masters Degree.

MOTION: TO SEND A POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION OF SETH LAVIGNE TO THE FULL COUNCIL TOMORROW EVENING. SO VOTED.

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. Discussed was the hiring of a Spanish speaking Police Officer. The Chief said that if the Committee wants to pursue this they would need to set criteria. The Chief also said they got a new list which will be in the full Council packet tomorrow night. He also said the top candidate on the list, Carlos Ortiz does not speak Spanish, but another candidate on the list, Leonardo Almeida is a Cuban refugee and speaks Spanish fluently.

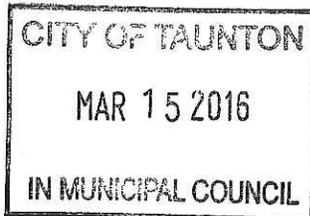
The Chief will be hiring 2 – 4 more officers potentially. Two positions were funded in the Supplemental Budget and he knows of 2 officers retiring, with maybe a couple more retiring also.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 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.

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CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 15, 2016

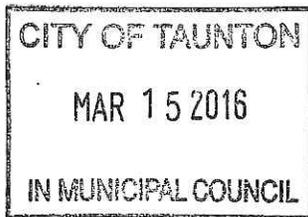
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:40 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,041,071.57 AND THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$767,120.60.
SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 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 "Pm Beachwell".
CITY CLERK