



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, October 4, 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, and Marshall*

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

Motion was made to go out of the regular order of business to Communications from the Mayor. So Voted.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that we are proud to have with us tonight the 10 year old State All Star Team from the Taunton East Little League who are the Massachusetts State Champions. They had quite a run through the Regional Tournament as well. He is so proud of how they represented the City of Taunton on and off the field with dignity and class. Mayor Hoye then introduced the President of the Taunton Eastern Little League, A.J. Marshall and the team manager, Mike Cali. Mr. Marshall spoke about how this is the first time in their 65+ year history that they have ever crowned a State Champion at any level in the Taunton Eastern Little League. He stated that they finished second in the New England Region only losing to Rhode Island by 2 runs. He spoke about all of their hard work and how they never gave up. He thanked the City for their representation at the Regional Tournament in Cranston. He also thanked Taunton Western Little League for being very accommodating with holding up their whole Championship and City Series to allow these boys a once in a lifetime opportunity. He stated that the slogan for the week tournament was "A week of baseball, a lifetime of memories" and it really was. He congratulated them all and is glad they are here tonight to receive their well-deserved citations. Mayor Hoye stated that signs will be placed in their typical locations notifying those that enter Taunton of our State Championship Team. Coach Cali stated that they are all honored to be here and appreciate everything. He spoke about how it is a dream come true to coach such a team and how he is honored to have been part of the league for 8 years. He spoke about the coaches and parents who have also helped. He stated that they were undefeated all the way through the State Tournament, the District Tournament, and the Sectional Tournament. A.J. Marshall gave out citations to the following people; Coach Mike Cali; Dennis Chaves; Greg Morin; Troy Santos #1; Brayden Cali #2; Ty Espada #3; Andrew Cali #5; Dwayne Burgo #6; Jack Cali #7; Brady Morin #8; Jesse Chaves #9; Ryan Keenan #10; Sean Murphy #11; Ryan MacDougall #13; Zachary Branco #14; and David DaSilva #2. A.J. Marshall stated that the players will be giving the Council a State Championship pin, a Taunton Eastern Little League pin and a sticker for their cars as they go around to shake their hands. He spoke about how the pin culture is like a sub culture of Little League. They spent the whole evening trading pins with players from 13 different states at the banquet. Mayor Hoye stated that the Liberty and

Union Festival is coming up starting on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 5:30pm-11:00pm with the Liberty Libations Tour which will start at the Trescott Street Gallery. On Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 12pm-4pm the Liberty and Union Festival will be held. The procession will line up at the Thomas Treat Paine Statue at 11:30am and will get underway around noontime. He stated that everyone is invited and he hopes to see the Council and many members of our public there. It is a great event where we get to look back at the history of the City of Taunton. On Saturday, October 22nd the Miles with the Mayor will be held on the Green. There will be trick or treating, a mile fun walk and a 5K run which will start and end at the Taunton Green. He stated that the race will start at 6pm, the fun walk will start at 5:30pm and trick or treating will start at 5:00pm. It is open to all families and he hopes to see everyone there. Mayor Hoyer thanked Mass DOT for their work on 44W going out towards Dighton with the cleaning of the sidewalks and the cutting of the brush. He thanked MaryJo Perry and her team. He also recognized our own DPW which started on that project and did similar work on North Walker Street. He spoke about everything that is being done to make our streets cleaner. He stated that if there are brush needs, they should let us know so they can get somebody out there as soon as possible. He stated that there are new microphones being used tonight which will hopefully take care of a lot of our audio issues. There have been some equipment breakdowns and we recognize that. In the near future, the meetings will be streamed. Mr. Arikian is looking into a service that will do that for us. It should be done in a couple of weeks so there should be no reason why meetings are not televised after that. He thinks that it should make the public happy. Councilor Cleary spoke about how it is amazing that so many events are open to the public and about various activities.

Hearing came up by assignment on the joint petition of Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England, Inc. proposing to place one (1) new Joint Pole Location, 40S on Hart Street in the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to open the hearing and invite the parties into the enclosure. So Voted.** Map of Location. Kelly Correia, Verizon New England Inc. was also present to speak. She stated that on this property at 670 County Street there is some construction going on there. There was a guide wire from pole 40S across the road which had been attached to a tree. With the construction going on there, the tree has been removed and there is a temporary pole on private property holding the guide wire to support that pole line. They just want to place a stub pole out within the public taking for the guide wire. Councilor Carr asked if Verizon intends to remove the temporary pole that is there. Ms. Correia stated that she believes that it is a temporary Verizon pole. She stated that it would not be an issue as it is only holding the guide wire. There was nobody present to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. **Councilor Marshall made a motion for the hearing to be closed and the petition be granted. So Voted.**

Hearing came up by assignment on the petition of Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant proposing to place four (4) New Sole Electric Manholes and Conduits on Constitution Drive in the City of Taunton. Map of Location. **Motion was made to open the hearing and invite the parties into the enclosure. So Voted.** Craig Foley, TMLP spoke about how the direct.... Cables, manholes and conduits need to be upgraded. It will be from the intersection of John Hancock to where the Boston Globe is going to be. There was nobody present to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. **Councilor Marshall made a motion for the hearing to be closed and the petition be granted. So Voted.**

Hearing came up by assignment on the petition of Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant proposing to place five (5) New Sole Electric Manholes and Conduits on Route 140

North Bound interchange with Stevens Street in the City of Taunton. Map of Location. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted.** Craig Foley spoke about how this hearing is combined with the next one. He stated that the manholes are on this petition and the poles are on the following petition. It is on Stevens Street in front of where the casino would be to convert it from overhead to underground at some point in time. Councilor Carr asked what joint pole locations mean. He stated that it means that when you go underground and you have multiple utilities you can't put it all on one. He spoke about why it must be split up into multiple poles. He stated that the poles would be 15-20 feet apart from each other. Council President Quinn asked if this would be imminent or would this only take place only if the plans for the casino develop further. He confirmed that it would take place if the plans move forward. There was nobody present to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. **Councilor McCaul made a motion to close the hearing and grant the petition. So Voted.**

Hearing came up by assignment on the joint petition of Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England, Inc. proposing to place three (3) new Joint Pole Locations, EL10-1, EL 10-2 and EL10-3 on Stevens Street in the City of Taunton. Map of Location. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted. Craig Foley stated that it is tied in with the previous hearing.** There was nobody present to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to close the hearing and grant the petition. So Voted.**

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Budget Director requesting to pay a prior year bill in the amount of \$598.00 for Barnicoat Monuments out of the Building Department. The invoice represents the Mayor Crowley plaque that is affixed to the Fire Station on North Walker Street. This purchase was previously approved by Mayor Hoye but was never submitted by the Building Commissioner. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Administrative Assistant, Fire Department requesting to pay retroactive education stipend. Private Merritt submitted college transcripts on January 3, 2013 for an educational pay raise. A code sheet dated January 22, 2013 approved his educational stipend to 10%. Upon examination of the records it appears Private Merritt is correct and he should have received a 15% pay increase on December 26, 2012 not the 10% increase that was approved. A new code sheet increasing his educational pay stipend to 15% was done to on July 15, 2016 and his educational stipend pay is now correct. They are requesting the Fires & Wires Committee approve Private Merritt's retroactive educational stipend pay in the amount of \$13,568.77. **Councilor Cleary made a motion to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries, the City Solicitor and Human Resource Department. He stated that the City Solicitor and the Human Resource Department should make recommendations to the Committee on Finance and Salaries before they make a decision. So Voted.**

Com. from City Engineer submitting a petition (20 signatures) requesting the acceptance of Avalon Drive as a public way in the City of Taunton. In response to a petition to accept Avalon Drive as a public way, the Engineering Division has prepared a layout plan and legal description of the roadway. An acceptable as-built drawing was received in 1992, and all monies released. The City currently plows and maintains the street, and its acceptance will allow us to use Chapter 90 funds for future work. He recommends the City accept Avalon Drive as a public way. **Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing. So Voted.**

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Attorney Thomas Workman, Jr., 120 Ingell Street, Taunton stating that he and his neighbors support the suggestion that Berkley and Jerome Streets require maintenance and repaving. Within 100 yards of his driveway, there are three concrete spillage mounds that are embedded in the asphalt paving and efforts to remove one of those with a backhoe were unsuccessful. These three concrete over pours, and many more in the neighborhood, originated from the concrete trucks at the Lopes facility at 120 Berkley Street. While they urge the repaving proposed in the Lopes letter of September 22, 2016, they also urge that the City assess the costs of this repaving to the Lopes Company, as it is their activities that necessitate the urgent attention needed for these streets. In the past few months, new signs have been erected that warn drivers of trucks exiting onto the roads. The neighbors urge the City to deploy speed limit signs that set a lower speed for the trucks travelling through the neighborhood. **Councilor Borges made a motion to refer to the DPW for evaluation and to the Mayor's Office. Councilor Pottier added to the motion to refer to the Safety Officer for a traffic study regarding the speed limit signs. Councilor Cleary motioned to send a copy of this letter to the DPW representatives that work with the Lopes firm so that they can figure it out. He also added to the motion for the DPW to work with Lopes on an arrangement to pay for it. So Voted.** He stated that they grind the roads down all of the time. He thinks that between the DPW and Lopes, they should come up with a solution that will be paid for by Lopes. He spoke about how they should get a grinding machine down there, grind that out and repave it to take care of the problem.

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Nicholas Wolffe, 352 West Grove St., Middleboro requesting a new Temporary Fixed Vendor License for Wolffe's Trees to be located at 400 Winthrop St., Taunton to sell Christmas trees. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Stephen Woolson, 81 Liberty St., East Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his bicycle from hitting a manhole cover in front of 66 Liberty Street, East Taunton. **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 Borges stated that she made a motion last week for the Trash Enforcement Officer to go out to a few properties. She wanted to thank Paul Allison for going out there and taking care of those issues right away.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that the City Clerk shared with the Council the rules for Early Voting. He asked if they would be placed on the website. She stated that it is not on the website yet as it was just done up today. He stated that he really appreciates that she gave the Council education on this as it is a very confusing topic. He spoke about the Council being able to direct it to the website as opposed to giving her a phone call. He stated that he didn't know the differentiation there either. He really appreciates the work

that the City Clerk and her office have done to pull this off. Mayor Hoye stated that the City Clerk will talk about this either next week or the week after. Councilor Pottier asked if this is a federal guideline. The City Clerk confirmed that it is. *(The City Clerk stated that it is actually a state mandate.)*

Councilor Pottier stated that the City Engineer was nice enough to present to the Council a road acceptance. **Motion was made for the City Engineer to inform the Council if there are any more by the end of this calendar year.** He stated that a big determination of the calculation of Chapter 90 monies is the road miles in the City. He spoke about how Taunton's allotment of that money went down, not that anything has changed but because some other communities have more roads than we did.

Councilor Pottier spoke about some communities that are grappling with the changes and the new products that are coming such as Uber, Lift, etc. He asked if the Mayor's administration or the Council should start looking at ordinance changes for ways to deal with this. Mayor Hoye spoke about how it is a good point and how we should be. The City Clerk stated that there have been a couple of guys who have come in and asked for this and when she called the Police Chief he stated that we are not getting involved with that right now. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills to draft an ordinance with input from the Police Chief, the Mayor and the City Solicitor. Also, to refer to the City Solicitor to put the finishing touches on it. So Voted.**

Councilor Cleary made a motion to send the flail mower to Railroad Ave East. He spoke about how he received a complaint recently about this. So Voted. He stated that he has already spoken to the DPW Commissioner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 4, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

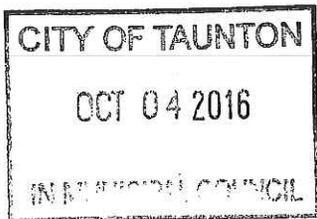
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:51 P.M.

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

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,535,959.20 AND ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO NOTIFY THE COMMITTEE AS TO WHETHER THE CITY HAS RECEIVED THE 30% REBATE/REIMBURSEMENT ON RECYCLABLES FROM WE CARE. REFER THIS ALSO TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND CITY TREASURER. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,174,506.97. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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CITY OF TAUNTON

In Municipal Council **ORDER #3**
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Ordered, That

THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS

AND NO CENTS (\$598.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM BUILDING

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-493-5200-5241 – REPAIRS

TO: BUILDING DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-493-5520-5999

..... *Clerk.*