



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, September 20, 2016 at 7:05 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 Marshall, Cleary, Borges, Dermody, McCaul
Quinn, Pottier, Carr, and Croteau*

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye announced that the Miles with the Mayor Road Race and trick or treating for the kids will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016. The free one mile fun walk with no registration will be held at 5:30PM. The 5K run will be held at 6PM. He stated that if anyone would like information it is on the website or they can call his office. It will be a great event with trick or treating for the kids and other things that families can do. He is looking forward to this downtown event. Mayor Hoye stated that he spoke to Mr. Walkden and the new microphones should be installed by next Tuesday and hopefully that will take care of the sound problems. He has also been talking with Mr. Arikian about streaming the meetings at some point.

Appointments:

Appointment of Gloria A. Palmer, 30 Harrison St., Taunton to the Taunton Cultural Council for a term of three (3) years expiring September 2019. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Re-appointment of Louis Silva, 6 Norton Ave., Taunton to the Human Services/Council on Aging Board of Directors for a term of one (1) year expiring September 2017. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Re-appointment of Charlotte Carr, 8 Highland Terrace, Taunton to the Human Services/Council on Aging Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years expiring September 2019. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from City Engineer stating that the fine tuning and adjustment period for the Bay Street at Dever Drive signal system has ended. On July 31st, he and Joe Fernandes (TMLP) met with representatives from MassDevelopment, The BSC Group and Bell Traffic to perform a final inspection of system. After making some minor adjustment to the timing and phasing, as well as some physical adjustment to signal clearance and

orientation, they deemed the signal system ready for acceptance. He is asking the Council to accept this system as the final step in the process. The system will be inspected next July as the warranty period expires. **Councilor Marshall made a motion to accept the signal at Bay Street and Dever Drive. So Voted.**

Com. from Donna DiCorpo, Chairman, Commission for Individuals with Disabilities stating that they have been working with the Taunton School Department to improve accessibility at school playgrounds. Playgrounds currently being replaced or having additional accessible play features added are: East Taunton, E. Pole, Chamberlain, and Leddy School. In addition to the funds previously requested from the handicapped fines account, they would like to request additional funds up to \$60,000.00 to put pour in place rubber as the ground covering at Leddy School. Leddy School has 3 and 4 year old students and a significant number of students have mobility issues, balance and gait issues, vision issues, and there are wheelchair users. It is impossible to safely navigate the wood chips that are the current ground cover. Pour in place rubber will provide an accessible ground cover that all students will be able to navigate in order to utilize all play equipment. Mayor Hoye stated that he had spoken to Councilor McCaul earlier this evening to make sure that they have the correct mechanisms in place, that there is a proper P.O. and all the things that Mr. Enos and the Auditor's Office are going to need. **Councilor McCaul made a motion to refer to the Mayor's Office. Councilor Cleary added to the motion to have all correspondence forwarded to the ADA Committee. So Voted. Councilor Marshall made a motion for the account balance after the \$60,000 is withdrawn to be submitted to the Council next week. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that it mentions some previously requested monies. He remembers that there was a letter some time ago but he doesn't know for a fact that those were ever utilized. Council President Quinn asked if all of the money including the additional \$60,000 is coming from the Handicap Fines account. Mayor Hoye stated that it is unclear and he believes that the School System is putting in the new playgrounds and he knows that there were some accessories for handicap children that were spoken about in the spring. He thinks that it is a great use of the money and he will get clarification on that as well.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Lisa Field, Associate Director, Community Organizer, Massachusetts Nurses Association, 340 Turnpike St., Canton stating that they represent the nurses and healthcare workers at Morton Hospital. On Saturday, September 24, 2016 the MNA will be holding a rally on behalf of their members at the Taunton Green from 1:30 – 2:30PM. The rally is called "Steward, Keep Your Promises". They are requesting the use of the new temporary stage. They are not requesting a waiver and will hand deliver the check for \$500 to the DPW upon the Council's approval. **Motion was made to move to approve and refer to the DPW. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Claim submitted by Kathleen Campanirio, 110 North Walker Street, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her shed from tree limbs falling onto it from trees on conservation land. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department, Conservation Commission and the Tree Warden. 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. Council President Quinn stated that in the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills an ordinance was discussed restricting the parking on the westerly side of School Street. They asked that it be taken out of that vote just for clarification. She stated that they had discussed banning parking on the west side of School Street to Randall Street between the hours of 7AM and 3:30PM. **Motion was made to amend that before it goes to ordinance to add Monday through Friday so that weekend parking would remain as is. So Voted.**

Unfinished Business:

Council President Quinn stated that this is a continuation from last week's hearing regarding Proposition 2 on the ballot. **Motion was made for the Council to go on record to support the resolution against lifting the cap on Charter Schools as adopted by the Taunton School Committee. So Voted. Councilor Pottier voting as present.**

Councilor Croteau stated that people have spoken to him regarding the situation where parking meters have been removed but not the pole itself. **Motion was made to refer to the Parking Commission and all parties necessary. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier spoke about 3 fatalities in the last four years at the boat races that are held at Watson's Pond. He stated that he does appreciate that it is DCR's responsibility to issue the permits for that event. He spoke about how his understanding is that we get reimbursed for City officials that are there to provide safety. He spoke about all of the events that the Council has to approve. **Motion was made for DCR to send a letter and/or a representative to the City to talk about what safe guards, if they allow those races next summer, they will have in effect to assure that this will not happen in the future. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR
CLEARY

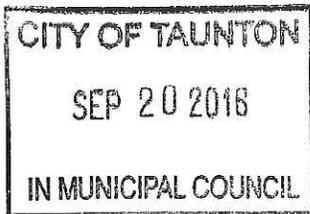
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:07 P.M.

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

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,073,615.94. SO VOTED.**

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$3,125,520.78. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:08 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 OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JEANNE QUINN, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS
MCCAUL AND CLEARY. ALSO PRESENT WERE ASSISTANT CITY
SOLICITOR DANIEL DE ABREU AND POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH

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

1. MEET TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PARKING BAN ON SCHOOL STREET AND REVIEW DRAFT ORDINANCE

The Chairman said that this is a matter that has been before the Committee for quite some time, and emergency vehicles have had some difficulty passing through there, so it was placed on the agenda to discuss imposing the parking ban on the West side of School Street from Leonard Street to Randall Street. Attorney De Abreu has drafted a proposed ordinance.

The Police Chief said that this has been an ongoing problem and it stems partly from the Court House opening and partly from when the parking deck was closed. This section of School Street has basically become a parking area, it is mainly during the day time between 8 and 4, and he believes it is people utilizing the Court House, either patrons or employees. What happens is that you end up with a one lane road, you have to wait for the other person to go all the way down from Randall Street to the Fire Station before you can go. The Chief provided a memorandum showing pictures during the day when there are cars parked there and also on the off hours when there are no cars there. He does not see residents parking there. His recommendation is to limit the time that the Council allows parking there, so that you are not allowed to park there during the day time on the week days. Officer Williams recommended no parking there at all, but one car parking there does not create a problem, but 30 cars parking there does.

Councilor Cleary said he understands that the full Council voted on this previously, and the fact is the Safety Officer provided a recommendation for this change, and he sees no reason to oppose it.

Councilor McCaul asked the Chief what hours would he impose no parking in this area. The Chief said after consulting with Attorney De Abreu, they are looking at no parking there from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to be consistent with the Ordinances that already exist. Councilor Quinn said that she does not really like imposing these no parking bans in such a strictly residential area, but this one is clearly a problem for the Police Department. She further stated that she did talk to the Fire Chief as well on this and he had some concerns, but they are able to get by and there are other streets in the City that are worse. He was OK on the issue either way.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED WITH NO PARKING ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF SCHOOL STREET FROM 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. FROM LEONARD STREET TO RANDALL STREET.

Councilor Borges said that she would also like the issue of speeding on School Street looked at.

THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON WITH ALL THREE COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR. SO VOTED.

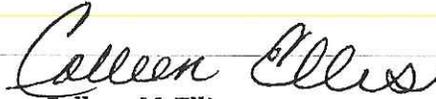
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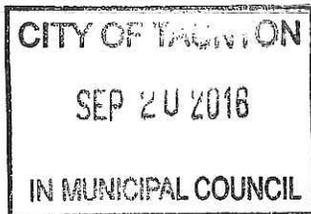
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THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED. COUNCIL PRESIDENT QUINN STATED THAT THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS DISCUSSED RESTRICTING PARKING ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF SCHOOL STREET SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF THAT VOTE JUST FOR CLARIFICATION. SHE STATED IT DISCUSSED TO BAN PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SCHOOL STREET TO RANDALL STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM. MOTION WAS MADE TO AMEND THAT BEFORE IT GOES TO ORDINANCE AND ADD MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY SO THAT WEEKEND PARKING WOULD REMAIN AS IS.


CITY CLERK