



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 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.

Appointments:

Reappointment of Peter Thomson, 188 Paul Revere Terrace, Taunton as the Veterans Graves Officer for a term of 5 years, expiring September 1, 2021. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that the 9/11 Ceremony will be held at John Shea Apartments on Sunday at 2pm. It is put on each and every year by the incredible Irene Fernandes. He spoke about how she does a wonderful job and has a lot of support from the Council. It is open to the public. Mayor Hoye stated that there will be a public meeting with SouthCoast Rail on Monday, September 12, 2016 at the Bristol Community College Center at the Galleria Mall at 6:30pm. He spoke about what will be discussed at the meeting. He stated that anyone who is interested can feel free to attend. Mayor Hoye stated that the State Primary election will be held this Thursday. The City Clerk stated that the polls will open at 7am and they close at 8pm. As long as you are in the building you are allowed to vote. She announced that at Leddy School you are no longer allowed to go into the front of the building, you now have to go around to the back entrance. There is a note on the door saying to go around to the back of the building. She stated that the teachers will be allowed to park at Crapo Hathaway so there will be plenty of parking and handicapped parking in the back of Leddy School. Mayor Hoye thanked her and stated that hopefully voters will come out and exercise their right to vote. Councilor Carr wanted to confirm that none of the polling places have changed. The City Clerk confirmed. The City Clerk stated that the only difference at E. Pole School is that you will be able to go into the same door but the petition will be down this time because ballots were being put into the wrong machines and we can't have that. Mayor Hoye thanked the City Clerk, her office and the various City departments who have helped with this election. He stated that it is quite a task to put the elections together each cycle. He stated that it will only get more complicated in the general election. He stated that there will be more news on that as we move forward.

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Councilor Carr submitted a communication from the Taunton Garden Club stating that they will present a program on problems with Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. It will take place on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 7pm at the First Parish Church, 76 Church Green, Taunton. The public is welcome to attend if anyone has an interest in tick-borne diseases. **Councilor Carr made a motion for this to be placed on the City's website. So Voted.**

Councilor Cleary submitted a communication from the Lopes Family that was given to the Councilors and some of the neighbors. It stated that neighbors have some valid concerns about noise, dust and hours of operation. He is more than willing to take action to address a number of those issues. He outlined what he plans to do. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President and the Committee of the Whole. So Voted.** He stated that it seems to be a step in the right direction.

Petitions:

Claim submitted by Shaina Villanueva, 67 Summer St. Apt. 2R, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to the door of her home from the Taunton Police Department. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant and Verizon New England, Inc. proposing to place three (3) New Joint Pole Locations; EL 10-1, EL 10-2, and EL 10-3 on Stevens Street in the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk's Office to schedule a public hearing. 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:

Meet to discuss a personnel matter in the Human Resource Department – Executive Session is contemplated pursuant to G.L. c. 30A § 21 (a)(1). **Motion was made to postpone until next week. So Voted.**

Councilor Cleary stated that a couple of weeks ago the Council voted to send a letter to WeCare as to what they are doing and what is happening with the transfer station. He asked if the letter has been sent. The City Clerk stated that she is not sure if that has been done, but she will call him to let him know. Mayor Hoye stated that he has a meeting set up with WeCare next Thursday and hopes to get some answers then.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier made a motion for the flail mower to be sent to Middleboro Ave., Richmond Street, Staples Street, Seekell Street, South Precinct Street, Range Avenue, Rocky Woods Street, and Caswell Street. Mayor Hoye stated that if Councilor Pottier forwards the list to him, he can send it over to the DPW. Councilor Carr stated that the flail mower has been in and out of operation all summer. Whenever there has been a referral she has given it to the DPW but sometimes they get a little behind. She stated

that hopefully they will catch up. She thinks that it is operating now. Mayor Hoyer stated that it is and he knows that the supplemental budget will be somewhat lean but one of the requests is to buy a larger piece of machinery because they just need something bigger that will work faster and more efficient. He spoke about the weather this spring and how the weeds got a head start. He stated that he has seen the trucks out all weekend so he knows that they have been working. It is tough having 48 square miles and much of it being rural. They are doing the best that they can.

Councilor Cleary made a motion to refer to the City Clerk to call for a Civil Service List to fill three vacancies in the Fire Department. So Voted. He believes that the Chief has spoken to the Mayor about beginning the process.

Councilor Marshall made a motion for the Human Resource Director to submit to the Council a copy of a New Employee Benefit Guide that new employees are given when hired by next week. So Voted.

Councilor Cleary stated that he has a letter on his desk from the President of the Taunton Teacher's Association which deals with the resolution about the Charter Schools. He thinks that what they are requesting is to be able to appear before the Council and make a presentation on their position on Charter Schools and how it impacts the Public Schools. He stated that she is looking for the Council to support a resolution. He stated that he has given a copy of this to the City Clerk so she can give copies to all of the Councilors so they know what is being talked about. Councilor Pottier stated that he has no issue with anybody for or against the cause coming before the Council. He spoke about how he is assuming that someone in opposition to this will not be invited in. Councilor Cleary stated that if they contact the Council they would have to. Councilor Pottier stated that he has no problem with bringing it up for discussion for any other referendum question that would have to come before the Council. He stated that it would be good to get both sides of this. Councilor Cleary stated that he doesn't think that he has seen the actual language. He asked the City Clerk if we have that. She stated that we do not have it yet. Councilor Pottier stated that there may be referendum language that has been approved by the Attorney General's Office that may be available to the Council. He stated that he will look tonight. Mayor Hoyer stated that various public bodies have taken a position on either side and you can do that if you so choose. He stated that the School Committee unanimously voted to adopt the resolution. If the Council chooses to do it so be it and if they don't so be it. He thinks that is the way the ballot questions have been handled state wide. It is a bit of new territory for the Municipal Council so whatever they decide he is sure that it will be in the best interest of the citizens of Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Whole for next week. So Voted.**

Councilor Marshall stated that last week the Councilors had on their desks a job posting for additional seasonal trash personnel. Motion was made to request that the Human Resource Director submit a report on the Seasonal Program because he has asked for seasonal employees to be looked into for a whole host of things and he has always been told that we could not hire seasonal employees. He is happy to see that there is a posting for a seasonal employee. **Motion was made to request that the Council President meet with the Human Resource Director or for her to submit a report within two weeks as to if that it is an option how it could be done. So Voted.** He stated that it is

based upon funding but as he has tried to move the seasonal workforce he has always run into the roadblock that we can't have seasonal employees within the City. He would like to know if we can expand the seasonal work force. Mayor Hoye stated that those were contained in the budget. He spoke about because the budget happened so late in the summer, things don't happen quickly enough. These were specifically put into the budget just to go around picking up trash that is on the side of the road. Councilor Marshall spoke about how mowing lawns seems to stress Park & Rec quite a bit and they cannot get to a lot of the maintenance and upkeep that they have had. If we were to put a small amount of money into the budget, we could just hire seasonal people. Councilor Croteau asked who made the decision that we could not hire seasonal people. Councilor Marshall stated that he has asked several times and Ms. Gomes stated that the City cannot hire seasonal employees. He stated that he tried it a couple of winters ago with the snow and ice because we didn't have enough people to put our own equipment on the street so we had to hire contractors. Councilor Croteau stated that he agrees and would be curious as to what has changed. Councilor Croteau stated that the School Department did it for years.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Blairwell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Attest:".

City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

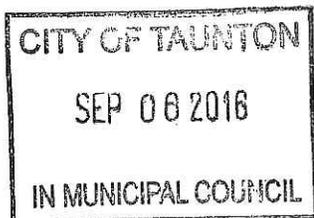
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:27 P.M.

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

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$3,750,736.31. SO VOTED.**

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$2,969,455.23. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:29 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,,

Colleen M. Ellis
COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rm Blackwell
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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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 DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:39 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS TO OPERATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1 A.M. AND 4 A.M. AS PER CITY ORDINANCE SEC. 12-2:
 - A. WORK OUT WORLD, 2 GALLERIA MALL DRIVE - RENEWAL
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
 - B. 7-ELEVEN, 2068 BAY STREET - NEW
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION FOR RENEWAL OF BOWLING ALLEY LICENSE FOR ROUND ONE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. D/B/A ROUND 1 BOWLING & AMUSEMENT, 2 GALLERIA MALL DRIVE
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
3. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY FIXED VENDOR LICENSES:
 - A. LILLIAN AMARO ROCHA, 889 MIDDLEBORO AVENUE FOR 515 MIDDLEBORO AVENUE, EAST TAUNTON TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
 - B. JOE'S FRESH SEAFOOD, 255 CAPE HIGHWAY
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
4. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF BILLIARD TABLE LICENSES:
 - A. ROUND ONE ENTERTAINMENT, INC. D/B/A ROUND 1 BOWLING & AMUSEMENT, 2 GALLERIA MALL DRIVE - 8 TABLES
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
 - B. BAHAMAS PUB & RESTAURANT, INC. D/B/A SANDBAR GRILL, 64 WEIR STREET - 2 TABLES
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
 - C. SMOKEY BONES BAR & FIRE GRILL, 1023 COUNTY STREET - 2 TABLES
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.
5. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION FOR RENEWAL OF SECOND HAND ARTICLE LICENSE, OLD GOLD LICENSE, JUNK DEALER LICENSE AND PAWN BROKER LICENSE FOR MONEY TREE, 49 WEIR STREET
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

6. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION FOR NEW JUNK COLLECTOR LICENSE AND JUNK DEALER LICENSE FOR SHANE BRYANT D/B/A ONE WAY RECYCLING, 22 FIFTH STREET REAR**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

7. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**

The Chairman noted that previously discussion took place regarding Special Officers and he is not sure where or what ended up with that.

The Chief said that Captain McCabe has this in his hands now and he is going to come back to the Council with a recommendation based upon the previous meetings and the changes that were made. The Chairman said that whenever he is set to go, to have him contact the Clerk of Committees to put it on the agenda.

The Chairman also noted that Councilor Borges and some other members of the Council were interested in talking about the plan for Neighborhood Watch. The Chief said they are moving forward and are going to try to do a You Tube video sort of like the Roll Call program. They hope to do it once a week in order to get more information out to the community.

Also, the Chairman brought up the matter of operations of sales or yard sales in the City. He said he has no intention of having anybody register a yard sale if they want to have a yard sale, but we do have some vendors in the community that tend to have sales continually. He is not sure if there is an Ordinance or if it is an enforcement issue, but he has had concerns. The Police Chief said there is no ordinance in place, but there have been concerns for many years about doing something with a yard sale or tag sale ordinance. Many communities have them, and he agrees that there are some that have them every weekend. They have had some internal discussions about putting a limit on how many you can have in a year, which might not be a bad idea.

MOTION: TO REFER THIS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION. SO VOTED.

Councilor McCaul said a few months ago it was discussed putting no parking signs on School Street. It was brought to the Ordinance Committee and that Committee sent it back to Police and License. The Police Chief said that he has proposed for many years to ban parking from Leonard Street all the way up to Randall Street. He further said that it is basically all Court House parking and not residents. If you go there in the evening there might be one car parked there, but during the day it is bumper to bumper and you cannot get a car down the street. It is very dangerous. His recommendation is to eliminate parking from Leonard Street to Randall Street on School Street - at least during the day.

Councilor McCaul said that the Safety Officer did a report and said the same thing that the Chief has said.

Councilor McCaul made the following Motion:

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MOTION: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE NO PARKING ON SCHOOL STREET FROM LEONARD STREET TO RANDALL STREET FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND TO REFER THIS TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. SO VOTED.

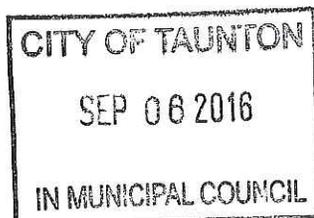
The Chief said that he has the authority to put a temporary parking ban there as well. Councilor Borgess said she agrees that there should be no parking there from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Carr said that going back to the issue regarding yard sales. She said she had a question about not necessarily yard sales but just people who sell things every single day, all the time. About a year ago, maybe longer, she referred a house on County Street and she never heard anything back about it, and never got a response. She would like to refer this one more time and would like a response in a week as to what is going on.

The Chairman said in discussion with the Chief, he mentioned how other communities have things on books preventing those continual yard sales.

The Police Chief said that the issue with County Street is that he does not buy, he just sells and there is nothing prohibiting him from just selling. The way the ordinance is written it is buying and selling not just part of it. Detective Smith said that in December of 2015 the records were checked and that it was determined that there is no violation there. He also said it is an elderly man who has a truck and a trailer and whatever he finds that someone is giving away, he will take.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

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CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rm Blackwell

CITY CLERK