



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, January 13, 2015 at 7:05 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

A moment of silence was observed in memory of David Costa, who worked for many years for the MMA. He was the person in charge of organizing the large conference that many City Councilors will be attending in a few weeks. He is a Taunton Native that attended school right here at Maxham and his parents still live in Taunton. Also, for Frederick Govain who was a Boy Scout Executive for the Anawan Council for many years.

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

*Present at roll call were: Councilor's Cleary, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau, Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr and Borges
Councilor Marshall arrived late, was absent during roll call*

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

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that he will be delivering the State of the City next Tuesday night at 7pm. Hopefully, it will be a good gauge as to where the City has gone the past year as there have certainly been trials and triumphs. The City has a promising future and many successes that we will build upon. He asked that the agenda be kept light so that he may start it at 7PM sharp.

Motion was made to go back to the regular order of business. So Voted.

Hearing

Petition of the following for renewal of Class III Motor Vehicle Licenses:

1. Arthur's Auto Junk Yard, 147 Fremont St.
2. Automotive Recovery Services, Inc.-DBA-Insurance Auto Auctions, 580 Myricks St.
3. Caramelo's Auto Body, Inc., 2 Porter St.
Caramelo's Auto Body, Inc is also requesting a name change
4. Harry's Auto Wrecking, 68 Whitsborough St.
5. Reynold's Auto Wrecking, Inc, 733 So. Precinct St.
6. Tony's Auto Wrecking, 303 Broadway

The City Clerk read a communication from the Police Chief. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** Councilor Costa-Hanlon questioned whether all six of them had business licenses. The City Clerk confirmed. There were no parties present to speak in favor or in opposition of the petitions. **Motion was made to close the hearing and the petitions for the Class III licenses be granted, specifically #3, the name will be changed from Antonio Caramelo to Roger S. Caramelo. So Voted.**

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from City Solicitor regarding the proposed sale of the Walker School property. There were two proposals submitted to the City of Taunton Building Department. Proposal 1 was submitted by the Neighborhood Corporation/Women's Development Corporation with a proposal price of \$125,000.00. Proposal 2 was submitted by Taunton Revitalization, Inc. and Affordable Housing & Services Collaborative, Inc. with a proposal price of \$150,000.00 accompanied by a \$15,000.00 deposit. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property and invite the Taunton Revitalization to give a presentation and The Neighborhood Corp. to present if anything has changed since the last presentation. So Voted.** Councilor Pottier inquired whether anyone was aware of the members of the development team of Taunton Revitalization. Mayor Hoye stated that Michael Mattos is involved with the Taunton Housing Authority. Councilor Pottier stated that he would rather them come in sooner rather than later because the building isn't getting in any better condition. Councilor Croteau questioned if Taunton Revitalization is an agency for profit. He wanted to remind the Council that there are architectural plans to renovate and expand that building to be a school. As of this year, the City is still paying for those plans. The plans were shelved because the Council had to make a decision because the cost of constructing schools after reforms was doubled. There was a choice of either doing the Pole School or Walker School and since Pole School was an emergency it was done first. He stated that it doesn't mean the City couldn't reapply for money to expand that school. He is opposed to the project. Councilor Carr stated that the Taunton Housing Authority is involved in that group who were also involved with Bristol Commons.

Com. from Treasurer/Collector requesting a transfer of funds. An appropriation of \$200,000.00 was included to fund prescription drug reimbursements for Medicare eligible retirees that spent more than \$254.00 during the period of August 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The \$200,000.00 is intended to remain available until the funds are exhausted. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that it appears that there have been no claims against that account which is unfortunate because it is something that was offered when the prescription drug changes were being negotiated. She would like to find out if there is any other way to reach out to people to make them aware of the benefit. Mayor Hoye stated that based on the study that was done; it was thought that not nearly that much would be needed. **Motion was made to approve the transfer under the stipulation that the Committee on Finance and Salaries get a report or reconciliation of what is in that account every three or six months. So Voted.**

Com. from Jennifer Dacey, Superintendent, Bristol County Mosquito Control Project, 140 North Walker St., Taunton submitting their Annual Report. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that there has been no indication about how much longer they will stay in Taunton. The project is still out to

bid although we would like to keep them here because their services are utilized quite often.

Petitions:

Hours of Operation License

1. Taunton Sunoco Rapid Refill located at 231 Broadway, Taunton
2. Taunton Mart located at 1095 County ST., Taunton

Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Claim submitted by Dominga Pina, 139 High St., Apt. 14, Taunton seeking reimbursement for injuries received when she tripped and fell on High Street on an uneven sidewalk near the intersection of Weir Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by James Caviasca, 59 McIntosh Dr., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his vehicle from hitting a pothole in front of 12 Shores St., Taunton. **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 Committee Reports. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that through media supports, he understands that Governor Baker released Chapter 90 funding which will account for an additional \$710,000.00 to the City of Taunton. Mayor Hoye stated that it was not previously accounted for in the budget so extra repairs will be done. It won't account for nearly as much as people think it will. If Linden Street was to be done, it would use over half of the allotment. He stated that some of the smaller works, such as sidewalks will be done. He thanked Governor Baker for keeping good on his promise, before the election he told all of the Mayors that if he was elected the first thing he would do is release that money.

Councilor Pottier stated that the local access on cable for Boston stations versus Providence stations, specifically the Fox outlet, makes it so the City can only get the Providence station except for the news. He stated that Mayor Hoye mentioned something about applying or asking the FCC to intervene because we are a Boston market. He stated that not having access to the Boston market, especially in an emergency situation where some may rely on getting their news from Boston rather than Providence is a problem. Mayor Hoye stated that the only station he knows that it is happening with is Fox. He stated that he had a conversation with Peter Higgins and that is something that will be talked about as we move along. If there is something that can be done on our end to give people access to all of the stations then it needs to be done. Councilor Pottier stated that if it is a federal issue, then Congressman Kennedy may be able to help.

Councilor Croteau questioned Mayor Hoye as to whether or not he has been notified by the State Government of the hiring freeze that has been put in place and how that may affect local services. Mayor Hoye stated that he has not and if he does he will let

Councilor Croteau know right away. He stated that he should be able to speak with Governor Baker next week at the MMA.

Council President Borges stated that she has received some citizen complaints about Planet Petroleum. She stated that in 2012 when she served on the Zoning Board some conditions were set and she does not think any of them have been met. Councilor Croteau stated that he would like Detective Smith to go by. Councilor Pottier inquired about what the complaints were. Council President Borges stated that there are cars parked along the gates which are not closed and too many cars parked near the stream that is located behind the building. Councilor McCaul requested that their Hours of Operation be looked at as part of the motion as there has been work witnessed being done in non-business hours. Councilor Croteau stated that as the Council President Borges pointed out, this has been going on for a long time. **Motion was made to refer to the Zoning Officer and Detective Smith to go by there and see what is going on and also that the Hours of Operation be reviewed. So Voted.**

Mayor Hoye stated that there has been a rash of robberies in the City. He has spoken to the Police Chief about it. There are extra patrols on and they are working with several agencies and have some leads. He wanted to let the public know that they are working on it and is expecting the Police Chief to put a statement out tonight on some of the measures that have been taken. Mayor Hoye stated that they will be caught.

Councilor President Borges motioned to refer the issue of Lakeside Ave back to the Committee on Police and License to take a look at the signage over there. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon received a complaint from several residents of Highland Street about truck traffic through there. A couple of alarms in residences have gone off due to this. A couple of residents got the names off of the trucks. **Motion was made to refer to the Safety Officer and possibly the Committee on Police and License if we can't get a solution. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that in the Committee on Police and License, the Chief is ready with six candidates for the four new police officer positions. He is asking if that can be done within the next two weeks. The Chief will submit a full packet to the Councilors to review before the interviews will be scheduled.

Councilor President Borges thanked Tom Pestana for the great microphones and PA system. Mayor Hoye stated that there are several receivers that people that are sitting in the crowd are welcome to use to hear better.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:59 P.M.

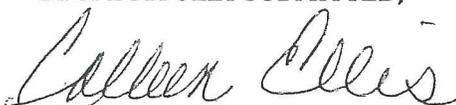
- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

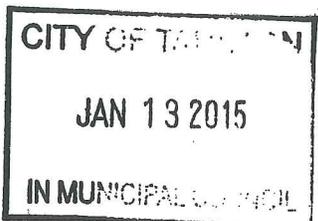
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLLS IN ABSENTIA FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH, HENRY JOHNSON OF DORCHESTER, MA AND PAUL PATNAUDE OF TAUNTON

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:12 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON APPLICATION FOR CLASS II LICENSE FOR HANK HOOPY'S CHEAP AND RELIABLE SALES, 405 WINTHROP STREET

DETECTIVE SMITH NOTED THAT A MR. HENRY JOHNSON IS THE APPLICANT.

MOTION: TO INVITE MR. JOHNSON IN. SO VOTED.

A LETTER DATED 1/13/2015 FROM POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH WAS PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE. THE LETTER STATED THAT THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE DIVISION FINDS NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW CLASS 2 AUTO SALES LICENSE SUBMITTED BY HENRY JOHNSON, 829 BLUEHILL AVENUE, DORCHESTER, MA, DOING BUSINESS AS HANK'S HOOPY'S CHEAP AND RELIABLE SALES LOCATED AT 405 WINTHROP STREET, TAUNTON, HOWEVER HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE LICENSE NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL THE STIPULATIONS IMPOSED BY THE RECENT DECISION OF THE TAUNTON PLANNING BOARD ON THE PETITION FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW DATED 11/18/2014 (COPY ATTACHED) WITH A VEHICLE LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED 15 TO BE DISPLAYED AS REQUIRED BY CONDITION #14.

DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WERE THE CONDITIONS SET BY THE D.I.R.B. AND WHETHER A TIME LIMIT CAN BE PLACED FOR THESE CONDITIONS TO BE MET AND THEN DETECTIVE SMITH COULD GO BACK AND RE-INSPECT THE PROPERTY.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE PROJECTED DATES WITH SOME TIMELINE.

MR. JOHNSON WAS ASKED BY COUNCILOR CLEARY WHAT HIS VISION IS FOR THIS SITE. MR. JOHNSON SAID THAT HE WILL BRING IT UP TO CODE, HE WILL BE BUYING CARS AT THE AUCTION AND WILL ALSO BE DOING SOME REPAIRS THERE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT HIS CONCERN IS THAT THIS WILL BE A JUNKYARD.

MR. JOHNSON SAID THAT IT WILL BE A CLEAN PROPERTY.

IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT TO MR. JOHNSON THAT THE 15 VEHICLE LIMIT IS THAT 15 VEHICLES IS THE TOTAL NUMBER HE IS ALLOWED TO HAVE DISPLAYED AND STORED ON THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY HIM.

MR. JOHNSON, AFTER BEING QUESTIONED BY DETECTIVE SMITH, STATED THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE BOOK THAT HE HAS TO KEEP.

DETECTIVE SMITH PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SITE.

MR. JOHNSON WAS ASKED IF THE PHOTOS ACCURATELY SHOW THE SITE AS IT IS, AND MR. JOHNSON SAID YES, BUT SOME OF THE VEHICLES ARE GONE.

MOTION: PHOTOGRAPHS TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

MR. PATNAUDE INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT NOTHING ON THE LIST OF CONDITIONS HAS BEEN MET YET.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SUGGESTED THAT WHEN MR. PATNAUDE AND MR. JOHNSON ARE COMFORTABLE WITH THE SITE, THEN THEY CAN CONTACT DETECTIVE SMITH TO GO OUT THERE, AND IF IT IS APPROVED, THEN IT CAN BE PUT ON THE AGENDA AGAIN.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE – CONTINUED

MOTION: MR. JOHNSON, NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 24, 2015, WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH DETECTIVE SMITH AND WILL ADVISE HIM AS TO WHETHER HE HAS COMPLETED ALL OF THE D.I.R.B. CONDITIONS AND DETECTIVE SMITH WILL DETERMINE IF IT IS READY TO BE SCHEDULED BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE. ALSO, AS BUILT PLANS ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO DETECTIVE SMITH AND HE IS TO PROVIDE THEM TO THE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE MEETING. SO VOTED.

2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON APPLICATION FOR CLASS II LICENSE FOR PLANET AUTO SALES, 78-80 COHANNET STREET

THE CHIEF'S LETTER STATES THAT THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE DIVISION REQUESTS A CONTINUANCE FOR 2 WEEKS REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL FOR A CLASS 2 AUTO SALES LICENSE SUBMITTED BY FREDERICK KINGSLEY, 4 NORTHWAY, TAUNTON D/B/A PLANET AUTO, 78-80 COHANNET STREET, TO INSURE COMPLIANCE IS MET REGARDING D.I.R.B. STIPULATIONS. DETECTIVE SMITH INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE BECAME AWARE OF THE D.I.R.B. STIPULATIONS AND WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS IN ORDER. COUNCILOR CLEARLY ASKED THAT THE COMMITTEE BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE D.I.R.B. STIPULATIONS.

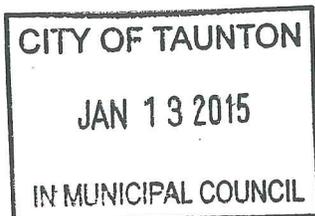
MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER FOR 2 WEEKS AND DETECTIVE SMITH IS TO NOTIFY MR. KINGSLEY. THE D.I.R.B. STIPULATIONS ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LATER THEN THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED. SO VOTED.

3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

- A. THE POLICE CHIEF INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE TRAFFIC BOARD MET REGARDING THE INTERSECTIONS IN EAST TAUNTON AND WILL HAVE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE.
- B. THE POLICE CHIEF ALSO NOTIFIED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAS INTERVIEWED 6 CANDIDATES AND THE COMMITTEE NOW NEEDS TO SCHEDULE A TIME TO INTERVIEW THEM. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT SHE WILL DETERMINE A DATE WITHIN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS.
- C. THE CHIEF ALSO REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE ORDINANCE CHANGES REFLECTIVE OF THE VOTE OF THE PARKING COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS IN THE PARKING KIOSKS AND FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE LEONARD STREET PARKING DECK NEEDS TO BE DONE.

MOTION: REFER THIS TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rm Blackwell
CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #11
FY 2015
JANUARY 13, 2015

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND
NO CENTS (\$200,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM GROUP INSURANCE
ACCOUNT NO. 01-914-5200-5178

TO REIMBURSEMENTS RETIREES ACCOUNT NO. 25-549-6570-5745

..... *Clerk.*