



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, January 15, 2013 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: Cleary, Colton, Medeiros, Costa-Hanlon, Pottier, McCaul,  
Carr, Barbour  
Councilor Marshall was absent*

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

**Communications from the Mayor:**

On this date, Mayor Hoye addressed the Council on the State of the City.

**Motion was made to recess at 7:25pm. So Voted.**

**Motion was made to revert back to the regular order of business at 7:30pm. So Voted.**

Mayor Hoye informed that the Martin Luther King celebration is scheduled for Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 176 Somerset Avenue, Taunton.

**Appointments:**

**2013 Election of City Officials  
For a Three-Year Term Expiring January 2016**

City Assessor

Kathy Grein

**Motion was made to move approval. On a roll call vote, eight (8) Councilors present, eight (8) Councilors voting in favor of the above as read for a term of three years. So Voted.**

**Motion was made to invite into the enclosure City Assessor, Kathy Grein. So Voted. At this time Ms. Grein was sworn in by the City Clerk.**

**Communications:**

Com. from Budget Director – Requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$26,593.65 from the Reserve Account to be transferred into the Treasurer/Collector’s budget for the buyout of Wendy Graves. **Motion was made to refer to Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor – Submitting the Attorney General’s decision on an Open Meeting Law complaint filed by Barbara Burgo against the Municipal Council alleging that it violated the Open Meeting Law. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor – Submitting a decision from the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. The MCAD’s decision was found that there was a “lack of probable cause” and dismissed the complaint submitted by Barbara Burgo. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director of Retirement – Notifying of certification of funds for FY2014 Pension Fund Appropriation in the amount of \$14,202,211.00. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Interim Treasurer/Collector – Submitting a loan order for approval from the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth to allow the City to issue bonds under State Qualified Bond Act. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Ordinance and Ordinances and Resolutions. So Voted.**

**Petitions:**

Application submitted by Albert DeSousa requesting a renewal of his Constable License desiring to serve civil process. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & Licenses and Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Josh Muir, General Manager, requesting a renewal of the Second Hand Article License for Best Buy Stores, LP located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton to buy used electronics. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & Licenses and Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted for Hours of Operation License for Taunton Mart (Rick’s Mobile) for 2011 and 2012 located at 1095 County St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & Licenses and Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted for Class II License - Breno’s Collision & Sales Inc. located at 408 Winthrop St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & Licenses and Police Chief. Request for City Clerk to inform Council as to the submitted date of the application. So Voted.**

Petition submitted for Class II License - Thomas Auto Sales located at 445 Winthrop St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & Licenses and Police Chief. Request for City Clerk to inform Council as to the submitted date of the application. So Voted.**

Petition submitted for Class II License - East Taunton Auto Sales located at 9 Old Colony Ave., East Taunton (new). **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & Licenses and Police Chief. Request for City Clerk to inform Council as to the submitted date of the application. So Voted.**

Petition submitted for Class II License - A&B Realty Trust located at 288 Broadway, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & Licenses and Police Chief. Request for City Clerk to inform Council as to the submitted date of the application. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Councilor Costa-Hanlon – on behalf of Linda Burgo of East Taunton, Irene Fernandes of Taunton and Charlotte “Chicky” Burgo of Taunton along with many others who participate in senior activities to request the Taunton Municipal Council and Honorable Mayor Hoye issue a Citation of Appreciation in Recognition to Al and Deb Tosti for the hours of volunteer time and dedication that they graciously give to the seniors of Taunton and surrounding areas. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to request the City Clerk send written invitation to Al and Deb Tosti and their family as well as general notice to the Taunton community to attend the Taunton Municipal Council meeting on January 29, 2013 for this Citation to be presented. 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 Costa-Hanlon stated that the hiring for the Hope VI Program has begun and that a few local individuals have been hired.

**Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions**

*Ordered, that*

*That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the “Commonwealth”) to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Council as of the date hereof, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.*

**Motion was made to move approval. On a roll call vote, eight (8) Councilors present, eight (8) Councilors voting in favor of the above. So Voted.**

**New Business:**

**Councilor Pottier stated that when vendors are dropping off supplies to businesses in our City, they are receiving \$100.00 tickets. Therefore, Councilor Pottier motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss this with the Police Chief. So Voted.**

**Councilor Pottier motioned that the Committee on Police and License discuss speeding issues on Williams Street and until then, the Police Chief and the Safety Officer are to investigate the area around Homestead Crossing. So Voted.**

**Councilor Pottier motioned that the Committee on the Department of Public Works discuss sewer ejected pumps on Williams Street. So Voted.**

Councilor Cleary stated that the Taunton Public Library staff previously parked at the armory before the City installed meters at the armory location. **Therefore, Council Cleary motioned to refer to the Parking Commission a way to create a solution for the library staff. For example, they could designate a parking area for them, have price adjusted stickers, or designate parking spaces for them at the armory parking lot. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked for the Mayor's Office to put an announcement on the web-site regarding the informational meeting for Alcohol Licenses that is scheduled for January 28, 2013 at 7pm in the Council Chambers.

**Councilor McCaul stated that there has been illegal dumping on Caswell Street and motioned for the DPW Commissioner to have the area cleaned up and additionally to refer to the Police Chief to have a Police presence in this area. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JANUARY 15, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

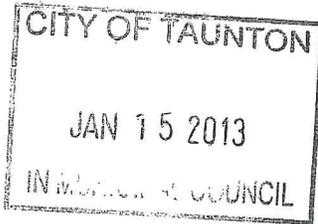
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND COLTON

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:49 P.M.

- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
- MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$965,599.89. SO VOTED.
- MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,396,576.59. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, ,



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

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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 CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JANUARY 15, 2013

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN MCCAUL AND COUNCILORS CLEARY, COLTON, MEDEIROS, COSTA-HANLON POTTIER, CARR AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WAS DAVID ENOS, SEALER OF WIEGHTS AND MEASURES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:19 P.M.

**1. MEET WITH DAVID ENOS, SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FEE INCREASES.**

A COPY OF A LETTER DATED 11/21/2012 TO THE COUNCIL FROM MR. ENOS WAS PROVIDED TO ALL COUNCILORS, ALONG WITH A COMPARISON OF FEES CHARGED BY CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE AREA.

**MOTION: DOCUMENTS TO BE PART OF THE RECORD**

MR. ENOS NOTED THAT THE LAST TIME FEES WERE INCREASED WAS IN 2001. HE LOOKED AT OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS AND CAME UP WITH AN AVERAGE. ALL THE FEES HE IS PROPOSING ARE STILL LOWER WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE. THE FEES DO NOT STAY IN HIS DEPARTMENT, THEY GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND. HIS DEPARTMENT COLLECTED ABOUT \$15,000 IN FEES IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR.

MR. ENOS ALSO STATED THAT SOME FEES DO NOT REFLECT THE EFFORT TO DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE, INCLUDING WORK AT THE GAS STATIONS AND ALSO PRICE VERIFICATION ON SCANNERS. ALSO WORK ON THE OIL TRUCKS IS VERY TIME CONSUMING, AND IN FACT THIS FEE DID NOT GO UP IN 2001 AND HE IS NOT SURE HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN AT THE SAME AMOUNT.

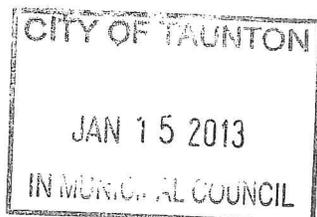
WITH THE INCREASE, WHICH IS ABOUT A 30% INCREASE, IT WOULD INCREASE THE AMOUNT TAKEN IN BY HIS DEPARTMENT FROM \$15,000 TO MID \$20'S.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED FEE INCREASES AND REFER THE MATTER TO ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS.**

**COUNCILORS COSTA-HANLON, POTTIER, CARR, BARBOUR, CLEARY, COLTON AND MCCAUL VOTED IN FAVOR. COUNCILOR MEDEIROS VOTED IN OPPOSITION. MOTION CARRIES.**

**MOTION: MR. ENOS IS TO PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE INCREASES, INCLUDING WHAT ARE THE COSTS FOR TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED AS STATED IN HIS LETTER OF NOVEMBER 21, 2012. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:41 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK