



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, January 29, 2013 at 7:01 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

Present at roll call were: Councilors Marshall, Cleary, Colton, Medeiros, Costa-Hanlon, Pottier, McCaul, Carr, Barbour

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

Communications from the Mayor:

At this time, the Mayor stated Councilor Costa-Hanlon would present a citation to Deb and Al Toste. The Mayor stated that the citation is presented in recognition of the hours of volunteer time and dedication they graciously give to the seniors of the City of Taunton and surrounding area. **Motion was made to move adoption. So Voted.** Mr. Toste spoke and thanked everyone.

Motion was made to take a five-minute recess at 7:10 PM. So Voted.

Motion was made to revert back to the regular order of business at 7:15 PM.

The Mayor stated that because February 1, 2013 falls on a Friday and City Hall closes at 12:00 PM, anyone can drop off a check only for 3rd quarter real estate tax at 55 Weir Street in the outside drop box in the front of the building.

The Mayor commended the Fire Department for their efforts during the Chateau Apartments fire on Sunday evening. He stated that Deputy Chief Scott Dexter was in charge and did an unbelievable job. He stated the front building is completely destroyed. Furniture can be donated through the St. Vincent DePaul Society, 141 Washington St. Anyone wishing to make cash/check donations can do so at the Taunton Emergency Task Force, Inc., 30 Olney Street, Taunton and note that it is for the Chateau Apartment Fire Fund. He also thanked Taunton Emergency Management, Red Cross, Department of Human Services, Citizens for Citizens, Housing Authority, Community Care Services, the Silver City Galleria, and the Holiday Inn for their service.

Appointments:

At this time, the Mayor reappointed Debra Ann Botellio, 49 Fremont St., Taunton to serve on the Taunton Conservation Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring December 2015. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

At this time, the Mayor reappointed Brian Marques, 41 Homestead Crossing, Taunton to serve on the Taunton Conservation Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring October 2015. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

At this time, the Mayor reappointed Marla Issac, 25 Floyd Avenue, Taunton to serve on the Taunton Conservation Commission for a term of three (3) years expiring October 2015. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Communications:

Com. from Thomas Bernier, Golf Course Commission requesting a transfer of funds from the Golf Course Stabilization Account to cover a capital improvement at the John F. Parker Golf Course. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and that the amount of the transfer be included as well as what the capital improvement will be. So Voted.**

Com. from Director, Emergency Management submitting information regarding the City's Reverse 911 System. He states that Taunton is part of the Code Red Alert System as part of the Southeast Homeland Security Council's funding initiative. He further stated that TEMA uses Twitter to send out instant emergency text messages, Facebook, Ping4 and they continue to utilize a public information phone line manned by volunteers during major emergencies and storms. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and place on the City website. So Vote.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying of a public hearing on the modification of Definitive Subdivision – Myles Standish Ind. Park Phase IV expansion – Segment “B” on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 5:30 PM in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board notifying of a public hearing on the Form J Plan, Waiver of Frontage – 175 Fremont St. scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 5:30 PM in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

The Assistant City Clerk read an extra communication submitted by Attorney William Rounds requesting the Council approve a motion to reconsider its action and schedule a further discussion at a future Council Meeting to discuss the Class II Automobile Dealer's License for William Fraser/Anthony Roma (DeAnth Motors Wholesale) located at 115 Broadway. **Motion was made to refer to next week's agenda. So Voted.**

Councilor Cleary stated that January is National Mentoring Month and the Taunton Area School to Career runs a mentoring program. This coming year will be the 18th year that students have been offered the chance to work with business mentors. He stated that this year 72 students will have a mentor and 33 companies in Taunton will provide those mentors.

Petitions:

Claim submitted by Leo Peterson, 492 Somerset Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his shutters and siding due to a snow plow throwing snow at his home.

Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.

Site Plan Review for property located at 17 Tremont Street for the addition of a 3 car lot auto sales to the existing site submitted by Gary Maltais, 17 Tremont Street, Taunton.

Motion was made to receive and place on file. 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

Motion was made to convene in executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The City Solicitor stated the executive session is to discuss ongoing collective bargaining and a declaration made by the chairman that an open session would have a detrimental effect on the City's collective bargaining strategy. The Mayor stated the Council would not reconvene in open session and no votes would be taken in executive session. **On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor of entering into executive session.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 29, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:46 P.M.

- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,888,270.05. SO VOTED.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,042,469.70. SO VOTED.

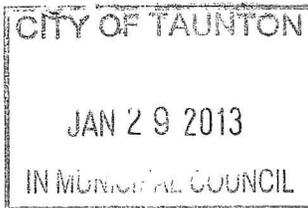
- 2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE
 THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE TO MEET TO DISCUSS THE PROCEDURE FOR HINING THE NEW TREASURER/COLLECTOR. THE CHAIRMAN WILL SCHEDULE THIS FOR NEXT WEEK. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT ACTING TREASURER/COLLECTOR JAYNE ROSS BE PRESENT ALSO.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:49 P.M.

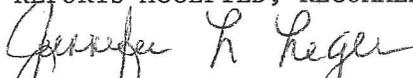
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JANUARY 29, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR ANDREW MARSHALL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS COLTON, MCCAUL, MEDEIROS AND BARBOUR. ALSO PRESENT WERE WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN AND ATTORNEY EDMUND BRENNAN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE D.P.W. COMMISSIONER, ASSISTANT D.P.W. COMMISSIONER AND WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR TO DISCUSS REQUEST OF ATTORNEY EDMUND BRENNAN FOR A WATER MAIN EXTENSION ON MILL STREET FOR ARC OF BRISTOL COUNTY.

ATTORNEY BRENNAN INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE IS A 12 INCH MAIN ON ROUTE 44 AND THE PROPOSAL IS TO TAP INTO THAT 12 INCH MAIN AND BRING AN 8 INCH MAIN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON THE EDGE OF A PUBLIC WAY WHICH IS MILL STREET. THIS WILL PROVIDE WATER TO 5 MILL STREET WHICH IS WHERE THE ARC OF BRISTOL COUNTY WILL LOCATE. PERMISSION WAS RECEIVED IN 2005 BY MR. KAHIAN TO TIE IN HIS BUILDING – THE FURNITURE STORE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF MILL AND HARDING - INTO THE SYSTEM, HOWEVER HE DID NOT MAKE THAT CONNECTION AT THAT TIME. THE APPROVAL FOR THE FURNITURE BUILDING WAS OBTAINED IN 2005 OR POSSIBLY 2006, SO WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING NOW IS TO AFFORD THE WATER TO 5 MILL STREET SO THAT ARC OF BRISTOL COUNTY CAN RELOCATE. THE LINE WILL RUN ON THE EDGE OF ROUTE 44 TO MILL STREET, THEN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, CLOSE TO THE LAYOUT BUT NOT IN THE LAYOUT, WITH TIE INS AT EACH OF THE 2 BUILDINGS. QUESTIONED WAS WHY THE LINE WILL NOT BE IN THE LAYOUT INSTEAD OF ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND IF IT IS NOT IN THE LAYOUT, ARE WE GOING TO NEED EASEMENTS.

ATTORNEY BRENNAN SAID THAT EASEMENTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CITY OF TAUNTON FOR THIS MAIN. ALSO QUESTIONED WAS WHY IT WAS NOT GOING TO PUT IN THE LAYOUT. ATTORNEY BRENNAN SAID IT IS JUST EASER TO PUT IT ON THE PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO GO TO THE TOWN FOR PERMISSION TO OPEN THE ROAD.

QUESTIONED WAS IN THE EASEMENT ARE SHRUBBERY AND LANDSCAPING GOING TO BE ALLOWED, CAUSE RIGHT NOW IF THERE IS A WATER MAIN BREAK, THE ROAD IS CUT, THE MAIN IS FIXED, THEN THE ROAD IS REPAIRED. THERE IS NO LANDSCAPING, ETC.

ATTORNEY BRENNAN STATED THAT IT WILL BE PUT IN THE EASEMENT THAT NO STRUCTURES CAN BE PUT IN THE EASEMENT. THE EASEMENT WILL BE 15 FEET AND THEN NARROWS TO 10 FEET. THE WATER LINE WILL BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EASEMENT. THEY ARE BOUND BY THE LAYOUT ON MILL STREET ON ONE SIDE BUT THEY HAVE FLEXIBILITY ON THE OTHER SIDE.

MR. O'BRIEN STATED THAT THEY RECEIVED THE PLANS TODAY. THEY HAVE PLENTY OF WATER IN THIS AREA, THE 12 INCH WATER MAIN IS READY FOR TAP, THEY WOULD JUST ASK THAT THEY MEET THE SPECS, AND THE SPECS CALL FOR 10 FEET BETWEEN OUR UTILITY AND ANYONE ELSE. SINCE THE DISCUSSION HAS COME UP TONIGHT, THEY WOULD BE LOOKING FOR A 20 FOOT EASEMENT WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM 10 FEET BETWEEN UTILITIES. THERE ARE SOME UTILITY CROSSINGS THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO EVALUATE, IN THE EVENT THIS GETS APPROVED. MR. O'BRIEN SAID THEY WOULD NEED AN AREA THAT IS BIG ENOUGH TO WORK IN, THEY NEED AN AREA THAT SNOW CAN BE REMOVED FROM, THEY NEED A FLAT SOLID SURFACE, WHETHER IT IS GRASS OR ROADWAY. THEY USUALLY PUT THEM IN THE ROADWAY BECAUSE IT ALLOWS THEM ACCESS, BUT THAT IS WHEN THE CITY OF TAUNTON OWNS THE STREET, IN ANOTHER COMMUNITY IT IS HANDLED IN DIFFERENT WAYS. THEY NEED AN AREA THAT CAN BE PLOWED AND EXCAVATED WITHOUT THEM HAVING THE EXPENSE LATER ON OF REPLANTING SHRUBS, TREES, SIGNS, BUSHES.

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QUESTIONED WAS WHETHER MR. BRENNAN WOULD BE WILLING TO PUT THIS MAIN IN THE ROAD. ATTORNEY BRENNAN STATED THAT AS FAR AS ACCESS, THE AREA IS THE PARKING LOT AND IS ALL PAVEMENT, SO IT IS VERY EASY TO PUT IT IN THE GROUND AND STILL HAVE ACCESS TO IT AS FAR AS SNOW REMOVAL ETC. THE REASON THEY HAVE REQUESTED TO PUT THIS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IS TO FACILITATE THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE ARC WANTS TO MOVE IN MARCH 1ST. THEY WILL ACCOMMODATE WHATEVER THE WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR REQUIRES. THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO IS AWARE OS THIS ALSO.

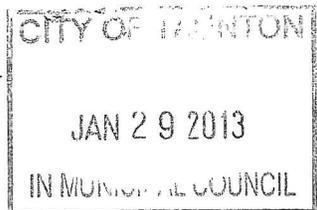
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL SUBJECT TO ALL THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. NO WATER IS TO BE USED UNTIL THE UTILITY EASEMENT IS PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND RECORDED IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:14 P.M.

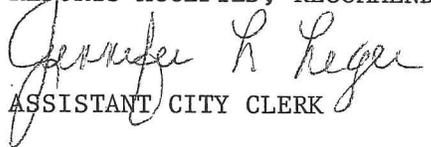
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


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