



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, February 3, 2015 at 7:55 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 Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanson, Croteau
Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr and Borges.*

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that we have had a lot of snow over the past week. He wanted to thank everyone for their efforts including the DPW who have done an exceptional job for both of the storms. He also thanked the DPW crews, the Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds Department, School Department and the private contractors who have all worked together. The downtown snow removal will be ongoing this evening and will be more noticeable tomorrow. He thanked the residents for adhering to the parking bans. The trash pickup is back on its normal schedule, the reason that it was not delayed this week is because the landfill was closed two days last week. He asked for the residents to please help out with fire hydrants and to check on elders in the neighborhood if possible. Mayor Hoye stated that if the City of Taunton needs an emergency shelter, it can be up and running within an hour. They are not open unless it is absolutely necessary because it has been done in the past and nobody shows up. If there was an event that warranted an evacuation, there would be a shelter at Taunton High School with 200 beds opened within the hour. He also thanked the TMLP because the City's residents didn't lose power during either snow event. Councilor Marshall thanked the employees, departments and the contractors for working around the clock. He stated that he has received complaints about the amount of times snow is at the end of driveways because of the plows. He then discussed the snow removal and plowing process. Council Pottier stated that this has been a record snow fall. He stated that he would like to get the statistics on how many cars were towed during the storm from Chief Walsh. Councilor Pottier stated that the requirement of shoveling the sidewalk in front of residences refers to the Central Business District downtown per the ordinance. **Motion was made for Kevin Scanlon to report back to the Municipal Council what the outline of the Central Business District is. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye discussed the problem of people having to walk in the street because of the amount of snow. **Councilor Pottier made a motion to refer to the DPW to look at Washington Street and Martin Parkway. So Voted.** Councilor Pottier stated that he has discussed with the Mayor and Dr. Hackett the issue of Williams Street on the way to Taunton High School. He stated that from Harris Street to Homestead Street, the sidewalks have not been touched at all. He is hopeful that

drivers will be cautious of the fact that students will be walking in the street because there is no other place to go. Councilor Carr stated that she received two (2) phone calls at home regarding the DPW. The residents told her that this is the best they have seen the streets. Councilor Carr wanted to thank them. She asked that drivers be cautious of going around large snow banks at the end of the streets. Councilor Costa-Hanlon discussed the issue of the telephone poles in the middle of some sidewalks and how it is difficult to get the equipment around it. She has gotten plenty of compliments for the snow removal in Taunton. **Councilor Croteau motioned to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Cornaglia, all the employees, the drivers for private concerns, contractors, the School Department, and the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department for their efforts in this unusual series of storms we have had. So Voted.**

Appointments:

Appointment of Steven F. Figueiredo to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Hoye stated that he is replacing Peter Wayslow who passed away in November. **Motion was made to appoint Steven F. Figueiredo to the Zoning Board of Appeals. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Mr. Figueiredo into the enclosure to be sworn in by the City Clerk. So Voted.** Mr. Figueiredo was then sworn in by the City Clerk.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from City Solicitor discussing the procedures to follow in order to deny, revoke, or suspend local licenses and permits for failure to pay municipal financial obligations. Councilor Carr stated that she thanks the Law Office for all of their work because this was very involved. She stated as she read through this she felt like it was giving the City's own local powers to the State. She stated that the City should revoke several of our current ordinances because they are not legal and that we vote to accept the Mass General Law that allows the City to not provide licenses based on the fact that people owe for different things. She stated that there was also some discussion if the Council ever accepted a portion of the law that was voted on. The City Clerk provided the City Solicitor with minutes from a meeting that said it was voted to accept the law but Councilor Carr does not think it was done the way it is supposed to be. The City Solicitor stated that Councilor Carr is correct in summarizing many of the major points of the letter. He wanted to point out that the Council did repeal those ordinances and did accept the law that is being talked about and did pass the new ordinance. Councilor Carr stated that there are some things that she doesn't think are fair. She questioned what options the Council has if there is something in it that it does not want to abide by. The City Solicitor stated that it is a general law of Massachusetts and we are bound to follow it. Councilor Carr questioned if the Council wanted to change something, would the first step be to send a communication to our legislators asking them to file a bill that changes it. The City Solicitor confirmed. **Motion was made to refer to the Council as a Whole for discussion. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary wanted to clarify with the City Solicitor that this letter was written in February 2013 and all the recommendations that he is making on this packet have been done. The City Solicitor stated that all the recommendations that we made to improve the laws that the Council has the ability to control have been made but what has not been done is the list.

Com. from Superintendent of Buildings notifying of the exterior lighting inventory of City School Buildings. Councilor Croteau stated that towards the end of December he

received a phone call that there are six (6) outside lights at the rear of Mulcahey School and four (4) of those are burned out. He then called Mr. Cabral, Director of Operations, and advised him of the situation and he informed him that this was in the hands of the Building Department. There is a problem at Mulcahey School. He stated that he would hope in the not too distant future all of our schools are well lit. **Motion was made that if the lights at the Mulcahey School have not been fixed, that they be fixed post haste and that the strength of the bulbs of the Taunton High School parking lot lights be looked at. So Voted.**

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Gerard Perry, Director of Accounts, Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services with a Notification of Free Cash approval – Taunton. **Motion was made to move to the Stabilization Account. So Voted.** Councilor Croteau questioned what the balance of the Stabilization account is. Mayor Hoye stated that it should be just over \$10M which gives the City almost 5% in reserves. He then discussed some financial challenges that are coming up including City Hall and health care. Councilor Croteau stated that his major concern is to come to an agreement and solution of the water and sewer construction bill that will be about \$100M. Mayor Hoye stated that they are meeting with the EPA next week and hopefully it will be under \$100M.

Com. from Brian Gillis, Field Engineer, Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, 995 Belmont St., Brockton – Columbia Gas of Massachusetts Roadway Moratorium Excavation Washington St. @ Avon St. Intersection. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works for next week. So Voted.** Councilor Marshall stated that he has a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works which he will put on next week's agenda. He stated that there will be a meeting of the Committee on the Department of Public Works next week. Tim Leary from Columbia Gas who is a supervisor of the gas company's construction was present. He discussed the overall scope of the project. Councilor Marshall stated that there are some pros and cons about this project that will be discussed at the meeting next week. He stated that the DPW would not authorize this work until March due to the snow and the weather.

Com. from Deborah Carvalho, Hart St., Taunton expressing gratitude to the DPW for the incredible job in clearing our streets. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and send a copy to the DPW. So Voted.**

Com. from Richard Tabczynski, Vice President, Atlantic Design Engineers, Inc., P.O. Box 1328, Hyannis, MA requesting a waterline extension on Cordial Road, Clayton Road and Mill Street in Middleboro, MA. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on 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.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Cleary motioned to get a response back from the Building Department in reference of the environmental issue with the Central Fire Station. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she would like the minutes of the Executive Sessions evaluated because some of them, by law, should be released when completed. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department so the minutes are properly released from the City Clerk, Clerk of Committees and all of the sub-committees and also, an update on any pending law suits. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that he left a communication on all of the Councilors desks of a presentation that was given out at the MMA Conference on Economic Development in the Gateway Cities. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that he has been in communication with Council President Borges regarding the landfill expansion. **Motion was made to take it out of the Committee on Solid Waste and bring it before the Committee of the Council as a Whole next week. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that the challenge that he continues to see during the snow storms are the fire hydrants and the sidewalks. He asks that residents please try to make sure that the fire hydrants in their neighborhoods are taken care of.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries the issue of dental or medical insurance not being taken out. So Voted. She was contacted by a couple employees of the School Department regarding this issue.

Council President Borges stated that she received a communication from Bristol Community College discussing a conference that they are having at the Fall River campus on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 9am-4:30pm about reversing global warming. **Motion was made to put it on the City's website. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

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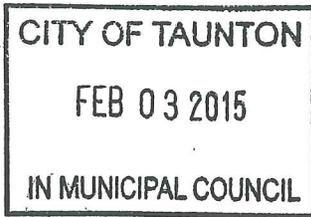
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:50 P.M.

- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
- MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLLS IN ABSENTIA FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.
- MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rm Blackwell

CITY CLERK

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY SOLICITOR JASON BUFFINGTON, POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH AND POLICE CANDIDATES JOSHUA DEOLIVEIRA AND LAVERN ALLEN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:58 P.M.

THE POLICE CHIEF PROVIDED A LETTER DATED 2/3/15 WHICH STATED THAT THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE DIVISION FINDS NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT THE APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF PETITIONS TO OPERATE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1 A.M. AND 4 A.M. AS PER CITY ORDINANCE SECTION 12-2

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 12-2:

A. MAXI DRUG, INC. D/B/A RITE AID, 237 BROADWAY

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

B. TAUNTON MART, 1095 COUNTY STREET

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

C. TAUNTON SUNOCO RAPID REFILL, 231 BROADWAY

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF, DETECTIVE SMITH AND THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS TRANSFER OF CLASS II LICENSE FROM PREMIUM MOTORS, 340 WINTHROP STREET TO LEO'S AUTO SALES, 350R WINTHROP STREET.

THE POLICE CHIEF'S LETTER ALSO STATED THAT THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE DIVISION FINDS NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT THE APPROVAL OF THE PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF THE CLASS II AUTO LICENSE FROM PREMIUM MOTORS, 340 WINTHROP STREET TO LEO'S AUTO SALES & SERVICE, 350R WINTHROP STREET (35 VEHICLE LIMIT)

COUNCILOR CLEARY ASKED IF PREMIUM MOTORS WAS AN OPERATING BUSINESS AS WE SIT NOW.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID YES, BUT THEY ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS AND ARE TRANSFERRING THEIR LICENSE TO LEO'S AUTO SALES AT 350R WINTHROP STREET. THIS IS AN AUTO REPAIR SHOP AND IS A BRAND NEW BUILDING. DETECTIVE SMITH NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO PROBLEMS WITH LEO'S AUTO SALES & SERVICE, OWNED BY LEONARD SHANI.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO BE SURE THAT THIS REFLECTED, AND WANTED TO BE SURE THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS STREAMLINING THE PROCESS AND THAT THEY WERE CONSISTENT IN THE PROCESS. SHE STATED THAT COUNCILOR CROTEAU HAD MADE THE MOTION TO LOOK AT THIS BECAUSE IN THE PAST THERE HAD BEEN AN APPLICANT WHO BEFORE THEY WERE RENEWED, THERE WAS AN APPLICATION TO TRANSFER. IN BETWEEN THEIR RENEWAL AND THE TRANSFER THERE WAS AN ISSUE THAT WAS BROUGHT TO DETECTIVE SMITH'S ATTENTION. THAT WAS BROUGHT TO THIS COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION AND THIS COMMITTEE TOOK TO INTERVIEWING, THEY REQUESTED THAT THE OWNER COME FORWARD, THEY NEVER CAME FORWARD, AND THE COMMITTEE PROCEEDED AS THEY DID WITH THAT PARTICULAR LICENSE. SHE THOUGHT WHAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ASKED THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, AND SHE THINKS IT WAS COUNCILOR CROTEAU'S MOTION, WHEN SOMEONE IS IN THE PROCESS OF RENEWAL AND THEN THEY REQUEST A TRANSFER BEFORE THAT RENEWAL WHAT DOES THE COMMITTEE GET TO CONSIDER IN LOOKING AT THAT WHOLE ISSUE. DO THEY

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GET TO LOOK AT WHAT THE CURRENT HOLDER OF THE LICENSE IS DOING AND THEIR STATUS BEFORE RENEWAL OR ARE THEY JUST LIMITED TO LOOKING AT THE NEW POTENTIAL HOLDER OF THE LICENSE. COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED HOW LONG LEO'S AUTO REPAIR BEEN IN BUSINESS.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID APPROXIMATELY 4-5 YEARS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE OWNER.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID NO, MR. LEONARD SHANI HAS A BRAND NEW BUILDING, HE HAS GONE UNDER SITE PLAN REVIEW TWICE NOW IN REGARDS TO HIS AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND AGAIN WITH THIS REQUEST FOR THE CLASS II LICENSE TRANSFER. DETECTIVE SMITH HAS HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS GENTLEMAN WHATSOEVER.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS PLACE AND THE OTHER PLACE ON WINTHROP STREET.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID NO.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS PLACE AND THE OPERATION ON ROUTE 44 THAT THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID NO.

THE CITY SOLICITOR STATED THAT HE HAS SPOKEN WITH DETECTIVE SMITH ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR TRANSACTON AND THE LAW DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THIS TRANSFER. IT APPEARS TO BE A GARDEN VARIETY TRANSFER.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HIS CONCERN, WITH ANY TRANSFER, IS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BURNED ONCE AND HE DOES NOT LIKE TO GET BURNED TWICE.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SECONDED THE MOTION ON DISCUSSION.

SHE STATED THAT IF WE ARE REALLY COMPARING APPLES TO APPLES, SHE ASKED IF DETECTIVE SMITH HAD EVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH PREMIUM MOTORS, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE CURRENT HOLDER OF THE LICENSE.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID NO.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON THEN STATED THAT THEY FILED THEIR APPLICATION TO RENEW AND THEY HAVE BEEN GRANTED RIGHT?

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID NO. THIS ALL BEGAIN BACK IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO TRANSFER GOES BACK TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2014. ONCE THE APPLICATION REACHES HIS DESK, IN REGARDS TO THIS TRANSFER, HE SENT MR. SHANI, THE NEW OWNER AND PREMIUM MOTORS AN IDENTICAL LETTER TELLING THEM THAT THE TRANSFER COULD NOT GO FORWARD UNTIL A SITE PLAN REVIEW WAS DONE. UPON COMPLETION THEY WERE TO CONTACT DETECTIVE SMITH AND AT THAT TIME THEIR TRANSFER WOULD BE CONSIDERED. THIS WAS DONE, AND THE SITE PLAN REVIEW WAS FINISHED AND APPROVED THE SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER. THERE WAS A 20 DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR AN APPEAL PERIOD, AND WHEN DETECTIVE SMITH PLACED THIS ON THE AGENDA THE FIRST TIME, HE WAS ILL AND IT WAS CONTINUED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF PREMIUM AUTO HAD FILED THEIR APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL. DETECTIVE SMITH SAID NO, BECAUSE IF EVERYTHING HAD GONE SMOOTHLY, IF HE HAD NOT BEEN OUT ILL, THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON THEN STATED THAT WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED THEN, IF THIS WAS APPROVED IN DECEMBER, THE COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE IN FRONT OF THEM A RENEWAL FROM 350R WINTHROP STREET, FROM LEO'S. BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE TO RENEW FOR 2015. SHE ASKED WHAT THE DEADLINE FOR RENEWAL OF A CLASS II APPLICATION IS.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID THERE IS NO ACTUAL DEADLINE, IT WAS NEVER PUT INTO CITY ORDINANCE WHEN THEY HAVE TO APPLY.

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COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON THEN SAID THAT IF YOU HAVE A CLASS I LICENSE, IT SAYS IT IS GOOD FOR A YEAR, THEN THERE IS A RENEWAL. SO IT WOULD BE STAGGERED AS TO WHEN YOU NEED TO RENEW. DETECTIVE SMITH SAID NO, THE LICENSE IS JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID IF WE APPROVE THIS IN JANUARY, THEY WILL HAVE LEO'S AUTO WITH THE LICENSE, SO BASICALLY THE CITY WILL FOREGO THE TRADITIONAL RENEWAL FOR SOMEONE THAT IS HOLDING THIS LICENSE. THIS LICENSE WILL GO A YEAR WITHOUT THE FORMAL RENEWAL PROCESS. THIS IS HER CONCERN. SHE FEELS THAT THE PROCESS NEEDS TO BE THAT THE RENEWAL SHOULD HAPPEN BEFORE A TRANSFER. SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS DID NOT HAPPEN THIS WAY BECAUSE DETECTIVE SMITH WAS NOT ABLE TO MOVE IT FORWARD. SHE UNDERSTANDS THE PROCESS, BUT IN THE INTERIM SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE FILED FOR THE RENEWAL BECAUSE TECHNICALLY AS WE STAND NOW THERE IS NO LICENSE TO GIVE.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID THERE IS BECAUSE IT IS PREMIUM'S LICENSE. HE ALSO WAS INFORMED BY THE CITY CLERK THAT THIS LICENSE WOULD BE HELD FOR A YEAR ANYWAY.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THERE IS A QUESTION IN THE PROCESS BETWEEN RENEWAL AND TRANSFER AND WHETHER SOMEONE IS IN GOOD STATUS TO BE ABLE TO TRANSFER.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT AS HE UNDERSTAND IT, THE LICENSE WAS IN PLACE AT THE TIME THE PROCESS FOR RENEWAL STARTED. THERE HAS BEEN A CONCERN THAT IN THE PAST COMPANIES DID NOT APPLY IN TIME FOR THE RENEWAL, SO TECHNICALLY THE RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE LAPSED. THEY CAME IN, LETS SAY IN FEBRUARY TO APPLY FOR A RENEWAL, BUT YOU CANNOT APPLY FOR RENEWAL ON SOMETHING THAT HAS LAPSED. THAT IS SOMETHING THEY NEED TO WATCH. HOWEVER HE DOES NOT THINK THAT IS VALID IN THIS CASE BECAUSE PREMIUM DID NOT APPLY FOR A RENEWAL BECAUSE THE LICENSE WAS IN PLACE. THEN THE RENEWAL PROCESS CAME INTO PLAY AND BEAUROCRATIC REGULATIONS, AND THEN THE PERSONAL MEDICAL SITUATION ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE SITTING HERE RIGHT NOW. THAT IS VALID IN THIS CASE AND DOES NOT ENTER INTO A CONCERN WHERE SOMEBODY THROUGH THEIR OWN FAULT DOES NOT APPLY IN TIME. THIS WAS NOT DONE AS A RESULT OF SOMEONE ELSE'S FAULT, IT WAS THE BEAUROCRATIC PROCESS AND ILLNESS. HE DOES NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS ONE FOR THAT REASON. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO WATCH VERY CAREFULLY THAT THEY REVNEW SOMEONE'S LICENSE WHEN THEY DO NOT APPLY ON TIME THROUGH THEIR FAULT.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF DETECTIVE SMITH REVIEWED THIS APPLICATION AS IF PREMIUM WERE LOOKING FOR A RENEWAL, DID HE LOOK AT PREMIUM AND THEIR STATUS BEFORE HE BROUGHT FORWARD THE TRANSFER.

DETECTIVE SMITH SAID BACK IN SEPTEMBER WHEN HE RECEIVED THE APPLICATION, HE REVIEWED BOTH PARTIES. THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH PREMIUM, HOWEVER IT CAME TO LIGHT THAT HE COULD NOT COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WITH A RECOMMENDATION UNTIL EVERYTHING WAS SATISFIED, SUCH AS THE SITE PLAN REVIEW.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON IS CONCERNED THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON, RENEWALS ARE NOT BEING DONE BEFORE TRANSFERS.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE WAS VOTED ON WITH COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON VOTING IN OPPOSITION, COUNCILORS CLEARY AND CROTEAU VOTING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

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MOTION: THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS THIS COMMITTEE PRESENT THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL COUNCIL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO AN APPLICANT – PERSON SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE AND THEN AS DETECTIVE SMITH STATED, HE DOES NOT HEAR ANYTHING FROM THEM, THEY HAVE OPENED A PROCESS, THE PROCESS IS PENDING, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED AT THAT TIME TO SEND A CERTIFIED RETURN LETTER THAT UNLESS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEARS FROM THE PARTY WITHIN A 2 WEEK PERIOD, THEY WILL TAKE THE POSITION THAT THE PARTY IS NO LONGER INTERESTED AND THE APPLICATION IS DEAD.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SECONDED THE MOTION, ON DISCUSSION. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD SUBMITTED TO EVERYONE THE PROCESS THAT EASTON USED AND SHE THINKS THEY HAVE SOMETHING ON THIS. INSTEAD OF DOING PIECEMEAL, SHE THINKS THE COMMITTEE MAY NEED TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE CLASS II LICENSE PROCESS, SO ALONG WITH COUNCILOR CROTEAU'S SUGGESTION, SHE WOULD SAY THAT IN 2 WEEKS THE COMMITTEE REVIEW HOW THE TOWN OF EASTON PROCESSES CLASS II APPLICATIONS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU INCLUDED IN HIS MOTION:

THAT THE CHAIRMAN REVIEW THIS MULTI PAGE PROCESS, BOIL IT DOWN TO A FEW BULLET STATEMENTS FOR HIS REVIEW, AS HE REALLY DOES NOT CARE TO READ A MULTI PAGE APPLICATION PROCESS. SO VOTED.

3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. THE CHIEF STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED TO LOOK INTO AN ISSUE ON HIGHLAND STREET FOR SETTING ALARMS OFF ON CARS. THE SAFETY OFFICER WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE ON HIGHLAND STREET AND AT WHAT TIME.

B. THE CHIEF ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS A REQUEST RELATIVE TO WHITTENTON AND WASHINGTON STREET. A LETTER WAS PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF FROM OFFICER FEENEY WHICH SUMMARIZES HIS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HE HAS ALREADY WORKED OUT WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO CHANGING LOCATIONS OF A BUS STOP.

4. MEET TO INTERVIEW POLICE CANDIDATES

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THERE ARE 5 CANDIDATES THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED. THESE CANDIDATES WERE TAKEN OFF THE CIVIL SERVICE LIST. THE CHIEF AND HIS COMMAND STAFF HAVE DONE VERY EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS. ORIGINALLY THERE WERE 6 BUT ONE WAS TAKEN OFF THE LIST AS ONE WAS DETERMINE TO BE TOO OLD TO APPLY FOR THE TAUNTON DEPARTMENT. THE COMMAND STAFF INTERVIEWED THESE CANDIDATES AND HAVE MADE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE CHIEF WILL SHARE WITH THIS COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THE PROCESS. BECAUSE IT WAS AGREED AND THE COUNCIL IS MOVING TOWARD ALL INTERVIEWS OF THIS COUNCIL BEING TELEVISED, COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON IS SCHEDULING THEM DURING THE TUESDAY NIGHT MEETING AND WHEN SHE CAN CONFIRM THAT SHE WILL HAVE SOMEONE TO OPERTE THE TELEVISION.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT HE DOES NOT THINK IT IS COUNCIL POLICY THAT EVERY INTERVIEW WILL BE TELEVISED. WE HAVE CHOSEN TO DO THIS TONIGHT, BUT HE DOES NOT THINK IT IS COUNCIL POLICY.

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COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THERE WAS A LENGTHY DISCUSSION BY THE COUNCIL TO MOVE TOWARDS THIS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT IN REFERENCE TO WHAT COUNCILOR CLEARY JUST SAID, HE MADE A MOTION SEVERAL WEEKS AGO TO REFER TO THE FULL COUNCIL A POLICY OF TELEVISIONING INTERVIEWS, AND HE AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS REQUEST AS TO WHEN THIS IS GOING TO BE DEBATED. COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED THAT IT BE INCLUDED IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING TO BRING THIS UP AGAIN IN THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING.

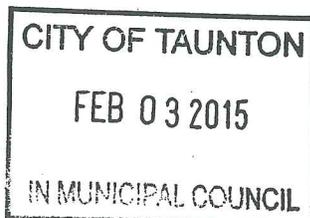
COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT THERE WILL BE 2 INTERVIEWS TODAY, NEXT WEEK THERE WILL BE ONE AT 4 P.M. AND ONE AT 6 P.M. AND THEN THE FOLLOWING WEEK WILL BE THE LAST INTERVIEW AND DISCUSSION WITH THE CHIEF ABOUT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE FIRST INTERVIEW WAS WITH JOSHUA DEOLIVEIRA. HE IS CURRENTLY IN THE AIR FORCE, HE HAS BEEN DEPLOYED AND IS A 2008 GRADUATE OF NEW BEDFORD VOCATIONAL WITH A SECOND CLASS BOILER LICENSE. HE CURRENTLY WORKS AT SEMASS. HE HAS COLLEGE CREDITS THROUGH THE AIR FORCE. HE STATED THAT HE IS OPEN MINDED, UNDERSTANDING AND COMES FROM A FAMILY OF POLICE OFFICERS, INCLUDING HIS FATHER. HE HAS ANOTHER YEAR IN THE AIR FORCE NATIONAL GUARD. HE HAD A 6 YEAR COMMITMENT AND IS NOT GOING TO RE-ENLIST. HE DOES NOT ABUSE SICK TIME.

THE NEXT INTERVIEW WAS WITH LAVERN ALLEN. HE IS ORIGINALLY FROM NEW YORK, IS MARRIED AND HAS 3 CHILDREN. HE IS IN THE COAST GUARD, AND HAS BEEN FOR 18 YEARS. HE WILL BE RETIRING NEXT YEAR. NOVEMBER 16, 2016 IS HIS RETIREMENT DATE. HE DID STATE THAT THEY WILL CHANGE HIS SCHEDULE IN ORDER FOR HIM TO GO TO THE ACADEMY IF HE IS HIRED. HE JOINED THE COAST GUARD RIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND HAS STARTED GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. HE IS SHORT 2 CLASSES FOR HIS ASSOCIATES DEGREE. HE SAID THAT HE IS NOTED FOR HIS HONESTY. DISCUSSED WAS THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS ON HIS RECORD. HE ANSWERED THAT ONE WAS EXPUNGED AND ONE WAS DISMISSED. HE DOES NOT HAVE A MASSACHUSETTS LICENSE, HE HAS A NEW YORK LICENSE, BUT THERE IS AN EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY. WHEN HE GETS OUT, HE WILL CHANGE TO A MASS. LICENSE. HE HAD SOME INTERACTION WITH BANKRUPTCY COURT. HE FEELS THAT HE WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE CITY AND HAS THE BACKGROUND TO DO THE JOB. HE HAS MISSED NO DAYS DUE TO SICK TIME.

COUNCILOR QUINN NOTED THAT SOME OF THE INCIDENTS ON HIS RECORD INVOLVE SOME SORT OF EXPLOSIVE BEHAVIOR AND A LACK OF RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY. WHAT HAS CHANGED? MR. ALLEN SAID THAT NOW HE IS A PARENT. HE WAS YOUNG WHEN THESE THINGS HAPPENED AND HE WISHES HE COULD CHANGE IT, BUT HE CANNOT. HE HANDLES SITUATIONS DIFFERENTLY NOW.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #12
FY 2015
FEBRUARY 3, 2015

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF SIX MILLION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY

TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$6,372,917.00)

BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE ACCOUNT

NO. 01-3590-3590

TO: STABILIZATION ACCOUNT NO. 84-3580-8000

..... *Clerk.*