



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, February 11, 2014 at 7:05 o'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoyer, Jr. presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

*Present at roll call were:*

*Councilor's Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau,  
Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr and Borges*

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

*Communication from the Mayor:*

The Mayor stated that there will be a community discussion on combating the abuse of heroin on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm at the Friedman Middle School. As most have read, there has been an increase of overdoses and untimely deaths of several folks in our community. This is not just a Taunton problem, but it is a problem that is going on throughout the Commonwealth and east coast. Present will be Mr. Sam Sutter, Chief Walsh and members of the police department as well as several human service agencies to discuss the problem and what families can do if they suspect that a loved one or friend is under the influence of heroin. There are treatment programs and steps that family members can take. Everyone from the community is welcome. The Mayor stated that it will not be broadcasted so that individuals can speak freely.

The Mayor stated that a lot of people have asked for an update on the Star Theater. Some of the discussions can be in open session and some may need to be discussed in executive session. The City Solicitor stated that Beta Engineering has been hired to perform the pre-demolition survey. The vast majority of the work has been completed. Beta Engineering has informed that a catastrophic failure of the building could occur at any time. The state of the building is such that there is not enough time to go through all the formalities of Chapter 149, Public Bidding and Advertising Laws, and that Beta Engineering has recommended forwarding a letter to Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance in Boston who is empowered to review projects to determine whether or not they qualify for a waiver of advertising and bidding requirements as a result of the emergency. DCAMM has reviewed and approved a letter written by the Building Inspector, Mr. Pirozzi. The City still needs to get competitive bids, although it will not be as formal as a typical bidding process. There is one piece of work that needs to be done and that is the adjoining property to be assessed structurally so that when the Star Theater comes come, the City can be sure of the safety of that building. There is still mitigation pending that should be resolved very soon. The City moved rather quickly to secure the sidewalks and parking areas outside the Star Theater

building and in the near future there is a plan to close off a portion of the sidewalk and reroute foot traffic.

**Communications:**

Com. from City Clerk – Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$ 3,699.50 to cover the COTMA contractual wage increases. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor’s Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Clerk of Committees – Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$600 to cover the COTMA contractual wage increases. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor’s Office. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health – Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$14,226.32 to cover the COTMA contractual wage increases. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor’s Office. Councilor Croteau asked that the amount be broken down by positions when it is prepared for the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, MOECD – Agar Supply Co., Inc. TIF Decertification. A resolution was presented revoking the certified project status for Agar Supply Co., Inc., 225 John Hancock Road, Taunton due to the company’s noncompliance with the job creations and obligations pursuant to the TIF Agreement between the City of Taunton and Agar dated August 25, 2009. Communication was received from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development regarding AGAR decertification at the State level. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole for next week to meet with Kevin Shea to determine the decertification or not. Councilor Pottier asked for information to be given to Councilors on the TIF program especially for new Councilors. Also, he requested the status on the remaining TIF’s if not for next week, as soon it is applicable. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if it would be possible to discuss revamping future contracts. So Voted.**

Com. from Director, Human Services – Requesting to destroy/transfer items. **Motion was made to move approval. Councilor Cleary informed that there is a new Ordinance that was passed last year on this. He asked that a copy be given to the Human Services Director. So Voted.**

Com. from Director, Emergency Management – Requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$3,618.40 to cover the COTMA contractual wage increases. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor’s Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Liwei Li, 90 Twin Brook Lane, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting two very large potholes on Norton Avenue between Pinecrest Dr. and Ferncrest Dr., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW Commissioner. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Tiffany Menard, 1 Karena Dr. #9, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Route 79 near the Lakeville line. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW Commissioner. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Cheryl Olivadesa, 55 River Pines Drive, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole near 680 Norton Avenue. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW Commissioner. 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.

**Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Ordinance for a second reading to be passed to a third reading**

**AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE FEE FOR BURNING PERMITS**

**Chapter 7**

**FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION**

**Section 7-46. Fees for inspections, permits, etc.**

***Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 7, Section 7-46, of the revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking "\$5.00" from line (12) of the Fee Schedule therein, and inserting in place thereof "No Fee".

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances of parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**Motion was made to move to a third reading. So Voted.**

**New Business:**

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the issue of a pothole on Stevens Street and Pinehill Street near a gas conduit to the DPW Commissioner. So Voted. (The City Clerk spoke to Lisa at the DPW on this matter.)**

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the complaint by residents of salt trucks backing up to the DPW Commissioner. He said he is not against businesses, although when trucks are coming from New York, New Jersey and Maine and to be the salt capital of the northeast located in or near residential area is challenging for them. The Mayor stated that the business has been there for years, and as he announced last week, there is a salt shortage in the country. New York City was out**

of salt so this was the place where they came to get it. The Mayor stated that it was not an ideal situation, but they did use some local trucks and hired some local individuals. Although it was not the most convenient timing for residents. The Mayor stated that the issue has been resolved and will not occur again. Councilor Pottier stated that with another storm coming this weekend, at least it will be in his file in case it comes up again. So Voted.

Councilor Croteau stated that a portion of last's week meeting was not live and that there has been a problem on other occasions. The problem supposedly is from the two companies, Verizon and Comcast. Councilor Croteau motioned for a written report on the issue and what these companies are doing to correct the issue. Councilor Pottier informed that Steven Jacques from the School Committee has the ability to put their meetings online and that this may be something the Council should look at because it would be a fall safe to this happening. Also, if it could be online, it would be a valued service to the residents. Councilor Croteau stated that the replay starts at 5:00 am and plays periodically throughout the day. However, there is not a set schedule as to what is going to be shown. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon apologized to the Clerk because she was to be present during the meeting this evening on the Committee on Police and License for the discussion of lateral hires and the issues with the new hires in getting them through the academy. Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer for some time during the next three weeks, the Clerk's attendance at the Committee on Police and License to serve as a civil service officer to explain the whole process to make sure that when we do appoint the two (2) officers and they go to the academy that we do it properly. The requirement for civil service is that they have to be appointed within 30 days of going to the academy and if we hear that they may not be able to go to the academy until September, we want to make sure we do that properly. Also, that they have updated physicals. Councilor Costa-Hanlon requested to invite the Police Chief and the Human Resource Director to the meeting. So Voted.

Councilor Quinn thanked the Mayor for his part in getting the electronic sign put up as a tribute to Michelle Picard, skater on the US Hockey Team in Sochi. This is the first time that someone from Taunton has been at the Olympics since 1928, and it is a big deal. The Mayor thanked Lopes Construction for allowing this to happen. It is certainly exciting for Taunton and Michelle's family. The Mayor stated that hopefully upon her return, we can have some type of homecoming celebration as well.

Councilor Carr stated that she had a complaint from a couple of people in the downtown area. They have informed her that they do not have vehicles and need to walk around downtown. The condition of the sidewalks is that they are not cleaned and residents need to walk in the road. As a part of the Business Improvement District, the City took a joint approach to the sidewalks. Councilor Carr said she is not sure if one is to do it over the other, but with another storm coming, the residents are concerned. She said she was not sure how far the BID district goes. Does it go down Winthrop Street toward High Street or down towards TCMS? The Mayor said there were a couple of problem areas, specifically on the side of the road that does not get a lot of sunlight. In fact, Knotty Walk was another area that was an issue. The Mayor stated that he sent an email to Mrs.

Greene to ask her if her crew could take care of Knotty Walk while out doing some of the areas like the Green and some of the crosswalks. The BID's maintenance person was not on this weekend and there were volunteers who helped out. He also said that the downtown district business owners are responsible for clearing in front of their buildings. The Mayor said that he has noticed a pattern, not as much in the downtown area, as in the outlying areas that people have not been doing this as much. There was a lot of controversy a year or two ago when we looked at trying to force homeowners to clean in front of their homes. However, in the central business district, we have to hold people accountable. Councilor Pottier asked who was responsible for the old mall on Washington Street. The Mayor stated that the building owner would be responsible. The Mayor stated that people are saying all the time that the City needs to do all this, but it is impossible for the city to do all the sidewalks. We really should stress and ask businesses to help out when they can. The Mayor said that the City crews have done a wonderful job in the snow removal this winter. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the sidewalk near Winthrop Street is new and rock salt cannot be used. She said that they were informed that the new concrete needs to cure for two years. Normally, it would not be a problem, but there is no way to help with the melting of the snow. There is no sun on that side of the street. She understands that it is a problem, but does not know how to get the ice off if rock salt cannot be used. Councilor Cleary asked if the City has sidewalk plows or snow blowers. The Mayor stated that Park & Rec does have a couple of newer ones and have been doing different areas around the schools. The Mayor stated that the City has utilized staff to put them in more strategic places. The BID has a snow blower and the Police Department has a plow and a bobcat. The BID has been taking care of the sidewalks, but it has been difficult. Councilor McCaul asked if the City has ever considered obtaining a one-person snow blower. The Mayor stated that the City does have that type of snow blower. The Police Department also has 4-wheelers with plows that can be used. **Councilor Carr asked for the Mayor's Office to reach out to some of the people in the outline areas from TCMS near Pro Home and then up Winthrop Street toward the old Orient Restaurant to help people out who do need to use the center of the city services so that they do not have to walk in the road. So Voted.**

Councilor Cleary asked about the City's electronic sign. The Mayor stated that it is not repairable, and that when the island downtown is redone, the City will put together a bid for the purchase an electronic sign board.

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:40p.m. So Voted.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 11, 2014

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS AND WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:39 P.M.**

1. **MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.**
  
2. **MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER \$34,289.00 FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784 TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT NO. 01-244-0203-5852 TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE FOR THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. SO VOTED.**

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE BALANCE IN FREE CASH AFTER THIS TRANSFER IS \$575,718.99. THE BUDGET DIRECTOR THEN PRESENTED A REQUEST FROM THE WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR, WHO HE ASKED BE INVITED INTO THE MEETING, TO TRANSFER \$189,984.44 FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT FREE CASH ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A CATCH BASIN CLEANER PRIMARILY FOR THE DEVER WELLS AREA.

THE WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR STATED THAT THEY ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF CATCH BASIN CLEANING EQUIPMENT BECAUSE OF THE NEW MS4 LAWS. NOW THAT TAUNTON HAS IT'S OWN WATER SUPPLY WITHIN ITS CITY LIMITS WE ARE EXPECTED TO BE CLEANING THE BASINS AND DRAINAGE AREA ALL THROUGH THE MYLES STANDISH INDUSTRIAL PARK AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOO AT THE VERY LEAST.

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR SAID THE RECOMMENDATION IS TO MOVE THIS MONEY FROM WATER FREE CASH TO THE CAPITAL LINE ITEM.

THE BALANCE IN THE WATER FREE CASH AFTER THIS TRANSFER WOULD BE \$1,940,264.56.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF \$189,984.44 FROM WATER DEPARTMENT FREE CASH ACCOUNT NO. 60-000-0141-3590 TO WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 60-450-203-5870 – CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.**

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED WHAT THE PLANS WERE FOR THE \$1.9 MILLION LEFT IN THE FREE CASH ACCOUNT.

MR. O'BRIEN SAID THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY LEAVE MOST OF IT TO STABILIZE, IF THEY HAVE UNFORESEEN EXPENSES RATHER THAN COME TO THE CITY FOR THAT, THEY ARE GOING TO HOLD ONTO THIS \$1.9 MILLION. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THEY GENERATE ABOUT \$10 MILLION A YEAR IN REVENUE AND SPEND JUST UNDER THAT, SO THEY HOLD ABOUT 10% ASIDE FOR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

COUNCILOR POTTIER THEN ASKED REGARDING THE \$9 MILLION THAT WAS BANTED ABOUT IN FREE CASH FOR THE CITY, DOES THAT INCLUDE THE \$2 MILLION IN WATER?

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR SAID NO, THAT IT IS SEPARATE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT TAKING THE WELLS COST US \$190,000.00. MR. O'BRIEN SAID NOW THAT THEY SUPPLY THE INDUSTRIAL PARK THEY PICKED UP ABOUT 250,000 GALLONS OF WATER A DAY

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THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO SELL. THAT IS THE AVERAGE, BUT THEY CAN TAKE OUT UP TO 400,000 IN THE SUMMER DURING THE HIGH DEMAND.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED WHAT THIS TRANSLATES INTO DOLLARS, AND ASKED MR. O'BRIEN FOR A REPORT.

**MOTION:**        **SO MOVED TO REQUEST MR. O'BRIEN TO PROVIDE A REPORT RELATIVE TO THE WATER COMING OUT OF THE DEVER WELLS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.**

COUNCILOR CROTEAU FURTHER STATED THAT THE DAILY USAGE COMING OUT OF THOSE WELLS IS APPROXIMATELY 196,000 ON THE AVERAGE. WE WERE SUPPLYING THE INDUSTRIAL PARK WITH 196,000 GALLONS ON THE AVERAGE BEFORE WHERE IS THAT 196,000 GOING.

MR. O'BRIEN SAID NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY – NEW PROJECTS. IT ALLOWS US TO HAVE ADDITIONAL WATER WHEN PEOPLE COME IN FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, AND IT ALSO ALLOWS US IMPROVED FIRE PROTECTION.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU THEN ASKED IF WE ARE SELLING JUST AS MUCH WATER WITHIN THE CITY VS. OUTSIDE THE CITY NOW THAT WE HAVE THE WELLS, AS WE WERE SELLING BEFORE. MR. O'BRIEN WAS ASKED TO FACTOR THAT INTO HIS REPORT AS WELL.

REGARDING THE CATCH BASIN CLEANER, COUNCILOR CARR ASKED IF THIS WAS A BRAND NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, AND IF THERE WAS SOMEONE WHO COULD OPERATE THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. MR. O'BRIEN SAID YES. SHE ALSO ASKED IF THIS WAS JUST FOR THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. MR. O'BRIEN SAID THAT IT WILL BE USED CITY WIDE.

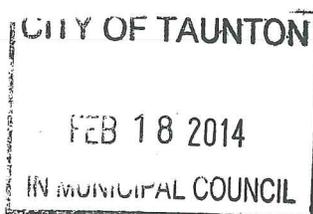
COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED THAT WHEN MR. O'BRIEN DID HIS REPORT THAT HE FACTOR IN THE OTHER EXPENSES RELATIVE TO PROCESSING THAT WATER FROM THOSE WELLS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HE IS LOOKING TO SEE IF THE WATER COMING OUT OF THOSE WELLS IS GENERATING MORE REVENUE THEN THE EXPENSES OF RUNNING THE WELLS AND DISTRIBUTING THE WATER.

MR. O'BRIEN SAID RIGHT OFF THE BAT HE CAN TELL THAT THEY ARE BREAKING EVEN.

**THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED TRANSFER WAS VOTED ON. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:46 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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**THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND CLEARY. ALSO PRESENT WERE POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH AND SAFETY OFFICER CHRIS WILLIAMS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 P.M.

1. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS COMPLAINT OF NOISE POLLUTION FROM GLEBE STREET EXTENSION DUE TO ATV'S, DIRT BIKES, ETC. AND TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF NO PARKING SIGN ON GLEBE STREET IN VICINITY OF WHERE MOTORCYCLES ARE RIDING ILLEGALLY**

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE HAS ALREADY TAKEN ENFORCEMENT ACTION UP THERE. HE, THE MAYOR AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WERE UP THERE 3 MONTHS AGO, THEY INSPECTED THE ENTIRE ROADWAY, AND THEY PUT BARRICADES IN PLACE TO TRY TO DETER THE ATV'S AND DUMPERS. THEY WERE GOING TO PUT NO PARKING SIGNS UP BUT THEY RAN INTO PROBLEMS WITH THE GROUND BEING FROZEN, SO THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE WARMER WEATHER TO GET THAT DONE.

**MOTION: THAT THE CHIEF GO FORWARD WITH PUTTING THE NO PARKING SIGNS UP IN THE SPRING AND THAT WE DISCHARGE THIS ITEM. SO VOTED.**

2. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO ADDRESS ANY CONCERNS REGARDING TRAFFIC DURING DROP-OFF OR PICK UP TIMES AT LEDDY SCHOOL**

THE SAFETY OFFICER IS REQUESTING AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE IT NO PARKING ON SECOND STREET FROM SOMERSET AVENUE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO STAPLES STREET ON THE NORTH SIDE. THERE IS NO WAY TO GET IN AND OUT OF THERE WITH THE BUSES AND THE TRAFFIC. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT CHANGED THEIR ORIGINAL PLAN OF WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO FOR PICK-UPS. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE BACK AND THEY ACCOMMODATED THE TEACHERS AND THEY ARE PARKING IN THE BACK RATHER THAN THE STUDENTS BEING PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF THERE. THIS ORDINANCE IS NEEDED FOR NO PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SECOND STREET. THE SAFETY OFFICER WILL SEND THIS TO THE COMMITTEE IN WRITING.

**MOTION: THE SAFETY OFFICER IS TO SEND A LETTER TO COUNCILOR CLEARY AND HE WILL PLACE THIS MATTER IN ORDINANCE AND ENROLLED BILLS COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE A COPY TO THE CITY SOLICITOR. SO VOTED.**

3. **MEET TO DISCUSS SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT REGARDING HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY SIGN AT 51 PORTER STREET**

THE SAFETY OFFICER STATED THAT THERE IS A PERSON THAT NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP AND DROPPED OFF THERE BY VAN. DUE TO THE REEVALUATION OF HANDICAP ON STREET PARKING WITHIN THE CITY OF TAUNTON, HE WOULD LIKE TO REVISE HIS RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTS AN ORDINANCE FOR A NO PARKING SIGN DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF 51 PORTER STREET AS THIS ALTERNATIVE WOULD ACCOMPLISH THE NEEDED RESULT.

**MOTION: THE SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT DATED 2/8/14 IS MADE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.**

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL AND REFER THIS TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. SO VOTED.**

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**4. MEET TO DISCUSS SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT RECOMMENDING TWO WARNING SIGNS DEPICTING A HORSE AND RIDER AT 116-120 PROSPECT HILL STREET**

OFFICER WILLIAMS SAID THAT HE HAS NOT SPOKEN TO ANYONE AT THIS ADDRESS YET, BUT IT IS WHITEHAVEN FARM, THERE ARE CORRALS, BARNS AND HORSES.. ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS FOR STREET SIGNS, ETC. THEY CAN ERECT TWO SIGNS THAT DEPICT A HORSE AND A RIDER WHICH JUST WARNS PEOPLE THAT A HORSE COULD GET LOOSE AND GO IN THE ROAD, IT DOESN'T MEAN WE NEED CROSSWALKS OR ANY OF THAT.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL AND FORWARD TO THE DPW FOR THE SIGNS. SO VOTED.**

**5. MEET TO DISCUSS REPORT OF SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDING SLOW CHILDREN SIGN ON FAIRVIEW AVENUE**

THE SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDS PLACING A SLOW CHILDREN SIGN ON FAIRVIEW AVE. ON THE EAST SIDE OF FAIRVIEW AVE. FACING TRAFFIC ENTERING FROM WINTHROP STREET, ROUTE 44, AND LOCATED 85 FEET FROM WINTHROP STREET ON FAIRVIEW AVENUE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ASKED IF THERE WAS A STANDARD AS TO WHAT STREET GETS SLOW CHILDREN SIGNS.

THE SAFETY OFFICER SAID NO, JUST A REQUEST.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE AN ORDINANCE.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL AND REFER TO THE D.P.W. TO ERECT THE SIGN. SO VOTED.**

**6. MEET TO DISCUSS SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT REQUESTING COUNCIL ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE FOR A BLIND DRIVEWAY ON FIELD STREET TO ACCOMMODATE 21 FIELD STREET**

THE SAFETY OFFICE IS REQUESTING THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPT INTO ORDINANCE A BLIND DRIVEWAY SIGN ON FIELD STREET TO ACCOMMODATE 21 FIELD STREET. THE SIGN SHOULD BE ERECTED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FIELD STREET FACING WEST BOUND TRAFFIC AND BE LOCATED AT THE BOUNDARY OF 48 FIELD STREET AND ADJACENT CEMETERY.

IT WAS NOTED THAT NO ORDINANCE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS SIGN.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL AND REFER TO THE D.P.W. TO ERECT THE SIGN. SO VOTED.**

**7. MEET TO DISCUSS SAFETY OFFICERS REPORT REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FOR NO PARKING FROM 403 WINTHROP STREET RUNNING NORTH ON NORTH WALKER STREET EXTENSION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET.**

THE SAFETY OFFICER SAID THAT HE WAS CONTACTED REGARDING LARGE TRUCKS AND OTHER VEHICLES PARKING ON NORTH WALKER STREET NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF WINTHROP STREET/ ROUTE 44.

APPARENTLY THEY ARE STOPPING TO PATRONIZE THE DUNKIN DONUTS AND IT IS A CONGESTED INTERSECTION CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE TRAFFIC BOARD AND MASS D.O.T. FOR IMPROVEMENTS DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS

HE IS RECOMMENDING THIS AREA BE DESIGNATED BY CITY ORDINANCE AS NO PARKING. THE AREA PROPOSED TO BE SO DESIGNATED WOULD BE FROM 403 WINTHROP STREET RUNNING NORTH ON NORTH WALKER STREET EXTENSION BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET. THIS WOULD UTILIZE 4 NO PARKING SIGNS TWO EACH SIDE OF NORTH WALKER STREET EXTENSION 60' FROM WINTHROP STREET AND TWO EACH SIDE AT 130' FROM WINTHROP STREET.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL AND REFER TO THE ORDINANCE AND ENROLLED BILLS COMMITTEE. SO VOTED.**

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- 8. MEET TO DISCUSS SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT RECOMMENDING NO PARKING ON WHITTENTON STREET – BOTH SIDES FROM WARREN STREET TO 583 WHITTENTON STREET**  
 THE SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDS NO PARKING ON WHITTENTON STREET BOTH SIDES FROM WARREN STREET TO 583 WHITTENTON STREET. THIS IS THE AREA OF THE DANGEROUS S-TYPE CURVE WITH SHARP ELEVATION CHANGES AND PARKING ON STREET ANY TIME CREATES A HAZARD UNDER OPTIMAL CONDITIONS THAT CAN ONLY DETERIORATE THROUGH WEATHER AND LOSS OF DAYLIGHT.  
**MOTION:       REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLD BILLS AND THE D.P.W. SO VOTED.**

THE INTERSECTION OF PURCHASE STREET AND BROADWAY WAS BROUGHT UP BY THE CHIEF. HE SAID THAT HE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH BETA AND THE TMLP LAST WEEK. THERE WAS SOME ISSUES WITH THE SENSORS UNDERGROUND. THAT PROJECT IS NOT DONE SO THEY WILL STILL NEED TO GO BACK AND REDO THE SENSORS. THE OTHER ISSUE WAS THE TIMING OF THE LIGHT. THE CHIEF TALKED WITH MR. FOLEY OF THE TMLP AND HE INFORMED THE CHIEF THAT THE LIGHT HAS BEEN FIXED. WHEN THE CHIEF SPOKE WITH BETA ABOUT THE ISSUE, HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS ONGOING, HOWEVER THE INTERIM PROBLEM HAS BEEN ADDRESSED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT ON ROUTE 140 HEADING AWAY FROM THE CITY, HEADING SOUTH, AT THE NEW LIGHTS AT COUNTY AND OWEN BOULEVARD. HE STATED THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO CROSS THE INTERSECTION OF WILLIAMS STREET AND OWEN BOULEVARD SO THEY ARE GOING DOWN TO THIS SET OF LIGHTS AND TAKING THAT LEFT. THIS IS CAUSING A TRAFFIC BACK UP. THE SAFETY OFFICER SAID THAT THE SOLUTION IS GOING TO BE WHEN LIGHTS ARE INSTALLED AT THE WILLIAMS STREET/OWEN BOULEVARD INTERSECTION. HE DOES NOT FEEL ANY ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THE CITY IS CLOSE TO GETTING THOSE LIGHTS INSTALLED.

THE CHIEF NOTED THAT THERE IS A SIMILAR PROBLEM ON DEAN STREET IN THE AFTERNOON. AT 2:00 IN THE AFTERNOON IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET DOWN ROUTE 44 TOWARDS THE CENTER BECAUSE WITH EVERYBODY TRYING TO TAKE THAT LEFT TURN, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE TURN LANE. COUNCILOR COSTA HANLON SAID THIS IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT DOT IS LOOKING AT. COUNCILOR CLEARY ALSO NOTED THE INTERSECTION AT THE 99 RESTAURANT IS VERY DIFFICULT. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THESE ARE ISSUES THE TRAFFIC BOARD IS LOOKING AT, AND THAT MASS DOT KEEPS SAYING THAT DEAN STREET IS ON THEIR LIST. THE SAFETY OFFICER NOTED THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT PEOPLE TO CALL HIM OR THE CHIEF ABOUT THESE ISSUES. PERHAPS DOING SOME LETTERS TO DISTRICT 5 COULD MAKE A BIG EFFECT ON COUNTY STREET AND ROUTE 44.

**MOTION:       TO SEND A LETTER TO THE STATE D.O.T. NOTIFYING THEM THAT WE ARE ENCOUNTERING SOME MAJOR TRAFFIC ISSUES WITH THESE INTERSECTIONS, AND THAT WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE ON THE PLANNING TABLE, BUT ANYTHING THEY CAN DO TO EXPEDITE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED BY THE CITIZENS OF TAUNTON.**

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SECONDED THE MOTION AND ON DISCUSSION ASKED IF THE MOTION COULD INCLUDE HARTS FOUR CORNERS. THE CHIEF SAID THAT HE THINKS HARS FOUR CORNERS IS A SEPARATE ISSUE THAT IS ALREADY UNDER PLAN BY DOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ISSUE OF THE CASINO. HE BELIEVES THE TRIBE'S INTENTION IS TO ADD LANES, BUT THIS MAY BE A DISCUSSION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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**MOTION:** TO INCLUDE HARTS FOUR CORNERS IN THE MOTION. SO VOTED  
THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT SHE WOULD DRAFT THE LETTER AND SEND A DRAFT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE IT GOES OUT.

**9. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS HIS LETTER DATED 1/30/14 REGARDING NEW HIRES/LATERAL HIRES.**

THE CHIEF HAD PROVIDED A LETTER DATED 1/30/14 REGARDING NEW HIRES/LATERAL HIRES.

**MOTION:** LETTER TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT THE CHIEF HAS GONE THROUGH SOME DIFFICULTY WITH GETTING THE TWO CANDIDATES THAT ARE ON THE RESERVE LIST INTO AN ACADEMY. IT LOOKS LIKE THE EARLIEST WOULD BE SEPTEMBER AT WHICH TIME 2-3 ACADEMY'S ARE STARTING. THEY WON'T BE OUT FOR A YEAR, SO THE CHIEF PROJECTS THEY WOULD NOT BE OUT ON THE STREETS UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 2015 PROVIDING THEY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE ACADEMY. IN THE MEANTIME, THE CHIEF IS ALSO ACCUMULATING A NUMBER OF VACANCIES BECAUSE OF RETIREMENTS, AND COUNCILOR CLEARY FEELS THAT THE JIST OF THE LETTER IS THAT THE CHIEF WOULD LIKE TO HAVE, EVEN THOUGH THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE NEW RECRUITS ON THE POLICE FORCE, LATERAL TRANSFERS. THEY DO TEND TO HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE ACADEMY, HOWEVER THE DRAWBACK IS THAT YOU DON'T GET THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS YOUNG AS YOU WOULD LIKE. HOWEVER, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE THE CHIEF IS LOOKING FOR SOME DIRECTION AS TO WHETHER HE CAN GO FORWARD AND POSSIBLY FILL SOME OF THE VACANCIES.

**MOTION:** THAT THE CHIEF BE ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD TO FILL SOME OF THOSE VACANCIES WITH TRANSFERS IF HE CAN FIND THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES THAT HE WANTS.

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE CHIEF IS ASKING FOR 2 OF THE 4 CURRENT VACANCIES TO BE FILLED BY LATERALS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SECONDED THE MOTION ON DISCUSSION. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER THE LATERALS ARE EXPERIENCED OFFICERS ON THE CIVIL SERVICE LIST?

THE CHIEF SAID NO, THEY ARE OFFICERS THAT ACTUALLY WORK FOR OTHER CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS THAT FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER CHOOSE TO GO TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT. OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS HE HAS HIRED ABOUT 4 LATERALS, USUALLY MOST OF THEM HAVE BETWEEN 5 AND 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE, SOME OF THEM MOVE TO TAUNTON. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR EXPERIENCED QUALIFIED PEOPLE. THEY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE A PROBLEM LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WITH FORMER OFFICER ACERRA. THEY DO A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION, EVALUATE THE CANDIDATE TO DETERMINE THEIR SUITABILITY. AFTER THE DEPARTMENT IS DONE WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION, THEY BRING IT TO THE COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR LATERALS AND THAT THE CHIEF IS ONLY ASKING FOR 2 OF 4, BUT SHE FEELS THERE IS A NEED FOR YOUNGER OFFRICERS. SHE ALSO ASKED THE CHIEF TO CONSIDER FEMALE OFFICERS AS HIRING LATERALS WILL PRESENT AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS.

THE CHIEF AGAIN STATED THAT HE HAS 4 FUNDED OPENINGS RIGHT NOW AND A 5<sup>TH</sup> ONE OPENS UP FRIDAY. HE BELIEVES THAT NEXT WEEK THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE THE RESERVE LIST IN FRONT OF THEM TO MAKE 2 FULL TIME APPOINTMENTS. THAT WILL BE 2 NEW BODIES THEY WILL PUT IN THE ACADEMY IN SEPTEMBER. IF HE HIRES 2 LATERALS, HE BELIEVES THAT HE WILL HAVE 3 MORE FULL TIME OPENINGS BY SEPTEMBER THAT WILL BE IN FRONT OF THIS COUNCIL TO HIRE NEW BODIES. HOPEFULLY WHEN THE ACADEMY COMES, THEY WILL BE PUTTING 5-7 BODIES IN.

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THE MOTION WAS CLARIFIED TO THE CLERK AS FOLLOWS:

**MOTION: TO ALLOW THE CHIEF TO FILL 2 OF THE 4 POSITIONS WITH LATERAL HIRES AND TO CONSIDER A FEMALE HIRE. SO VOTED.**

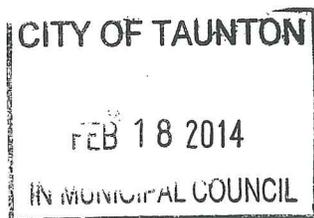
**10. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**

A. COUNCILOR CLEARY BROUGHT UP THE PARKING ON SCHOOL STREET. THE CHIEF SAID THAT THIS IS STILL BEING WORKED ON.

B. THE CHIEF WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT MONDAY NIGHT THE MAYOR, THE CHIEF AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILL BE HOSTING A COMMUNITY FORUM ON THE ISSUES OF HEROIN IN OUR COMMUNITY. IT IS AT 6:00 P.M. AT FRIEDMAN SCHOOL. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

C. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF THERE WAS AN UPDATE ON GALLIGAN COURT. THE CHIEF SAID HE DOES NOT HAVE A CURRENT UPDATE, AND THAT THIS IS PART OF ONE OF THE SEWER PHASES THAT BETA IS WORKING ON WITH THE CITY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, .

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK



# CITY OF TAUNTON

*In Municipal Council* ..... **ORDER #17**  
**FY 2014**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2014** ..... *20*.....

*Ordered, That*        **THE SUM OF THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED**  
**EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$34,289.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED**  
**FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784**

**TO:    DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ACCOUNT NO. 01-244-0203-5852**

..... *Clerk.*



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*In Municipal Council* .....

ORDER #18

FY 2014

FEBRUARY 11, 2014

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*Ordered, That*

THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND

NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR DOLLARS AND FORTY FOUR CENTS (\$189,984.44) BE

AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM WATER DEPARTMENT FREE CASH ACCOUNT

NO. 60-000-0141-3590

TO: WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 60-450-203-5870 – CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

..... *Clerk.*



# CITY OF TAUNTON

*In Municipal Council*

ORDER #19

FY 2014

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*Ordered, That*

THE SUM OF THREE HUNDRED ONE DOLLAR AND

SIXTY TWO CENTS (\$301.62) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM I.T.

DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-155-202-5341

TO: I.T. DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-155-0206-5999 – PRIOR YEAR

..... *Clerk.*