



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, March 19, 2013 at 7:03 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding*

*Pledge of Allegiance was led by the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Lightening Orange Champion Basketball Team.*

*Alexia White sang the National Anthem*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

*Present at roll call were:*

*Councilor's Marshall, Cleary, Medeiros, Costa-Hanlon,  
Pottier, McCaul, Carr and Barbour*

*Absent: Councilor Colton*

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

**Councilor Barbour motioned to revert out of the regular order of business. So Voted.**

*Communications from the Mayor:*

Mayor Hoye stated that we are fortunate to have present members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Lightening Orange Champion Basketball Team. Coach Scott and Coach Kim Martin were present and helped present each girl with a Citation in recognition to their championship win. **Motion was made to move adoption. So Voted.**

Mayor Hoye stated that we are honored to recognize such an outstanding person. He presented a Citation of Recognition to Paula Farrales for 9 years of volunteer work with the Taunton Emergency Management Agency and commitment to public safety through the Massachusetts VOAD and American Red Cross. **Motion was made to move adoption. So Voted.**

Mayor Hoye commended the Fire Department in saving the buildings around the Columbia Electrical building on Oak Street during a recent fire.

Mayor Hoye stated that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe compact is expected to be signed later tonight or tomorrow morning; as soon as the Mayor has in hand, he will pass it along to Council Members.

Mayor Hoye discussed with the City Clerk the need of two voting locations. The City Clerk informed that the City will no longer have the Holy Rosary Parish Hall starting in June. Possible locations could be the Maxim School, Polish Club, Ward 5, Columbia Cultural Center, and the Friedman or Chamberlain Schools. Once the Council decides on a location, Ms. Blackwell informed that Mr. Scanlon would need to approve the location for handicap accessibility.

**Councilor Pottier motioned to re-schedule the regular Municipal Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> to Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> in the evening. So Voted.**

**Councilor Barbour motioned to revert back to regular order of business. So Voted.**

**Hearings:**

Hearing came up by assignment on the petition for the issuance of a special permit to allow entertainment in conjunction with a restaurant (TJ's Diner) at 413 Bay Street, Taunton located in the Business District submitted by Attorney Nicholas A. Felicia, Feindberg & Fel Lee C, 127 Cambridge Street, Burlington on behalf of his client Antonio Pires, 413 Bay Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted.**

**Motion was made to invite all parties into the enclosure. So Voted.**

Present was Mr. & Mrs. Pires and Attorney Nicholas A. Felicia. The applicant is looking to expand their activities at the restaurant to include Cape Verdean style music which would coordinate with the native cuisine offered at the restaurant. The music will be quiet style music with no stage. The entertainment is being proposed for Friday and Saturday nights during the hours of 8pm to 12:30am. The establishment normal operating hours are till 1am on these evenings. Mr. & Mrs. Pires have operated the restaurant very successfully over the past few years. Communication from the Taunton Planning Board - the Taunton Planning Board has reviewed the proposal for the addition of an entertainment license to the existing property of 413 Bay Street (TJ's Diner) located in the Business District. The City Clerk read communication from the Planning Board as they voted to send a positive recommendation for this proposal with the following conditions: Special Permit for Entertainment is for the rear of the building only known as 4 Alger Avenue and entrance off Bay Street (one-way) and exit off Alger Avenue. Petition to post one-way and do-not-enter sign. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** Attorney Felicia informed that they have not received any correspondence. The City Clerk read communication from the Department of Public Works Engineering Division - they have reviewed the plans and reports for the above reference project and have the following comments: the angled parking (approximately 60°) and the relatively narrow cut on Bay Street suggest that this should operate as an entrance only. One-way and do-not-enter signs would be appropriate here. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** The City Clerk read communication from the Department of Planning and Conservation - recommendation that the requested Special Permit be granted as presented. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** The City Clerk read communication from the Department of Conservation Commission - Response regarding Special Permit for 413 Bay Street, Restaurant and Entertainment. There are no conservation issues regarding this request. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** The City Clerk read communication from the Police Department, Detective Lieutenant Daniel McCabe, Licensing Division -

Response to an application for a Special Permit for entertainment submitted by Antonio Pires of 413 Bay Street. The license premises are identified as 4 Alger Avenue and the Assessor recognizes only one lot, 413 Bay Street. A request was received that the any decision by the Board regarding this petition specifically reference that the Special Permit for entertainment be for the rear building, known as 4 Alger Avenue, as that is the building where the entertainment will be conducted. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** Ms. Blackwell informed that there were copies received of maps for the hearing. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she knows the establishment and proprietors very well; adding the entertainment to the establishment would do nothing but improve the area. Her only concern is having the only exit on Alger Street via Bay Street due to the narrowness of the street and people parking on both sides. Councilor Costa-Hanlon said that she could bring up her concerns regarding the one-way with Traffic at a later date. Attorney Felicia stated that he did not know of the stipulations by the Planning Board as he was not able to attend the last Planning Board Meeting. His clients are aware of the stated conditions are will adhere to them. **Motion was made to open the hearing for public input. So Voted.** No one to speak in favor of. Speaking in opposition was Ann Zwieback, 8 Smith Street. Her concerns are with the number of designed parking spaces. The restaurant currently has a seating capacity of 65 seats; and the city ordinance states that you cannot have less than one-half of the number of seats for parking spaces. The proposed is for 19 parking spaces which is nowhere near the required number of parking spaces. There are three parking spaces designated for the apartment building at 413 Bay Street. Mrs. Pires informed that there is another four spaces proposed on the side on the existing building of 4 Alger Avenue. Ms. Zwieback also had concerns as to how individuals will be parking in the spaces numbered 16-19. Her other concern is sound. Attorney Felicia stated that the type of musical instruments being proposed will not be amplified. The instruments used generally for Cape Verdean music is violins or acoustic guitars. Ms. Zwieback stated that since Mr. & Mrs. Pires have owned the establishment, the noise level has been loud. Mrs. Pires stated that sprinklers are only needed for a seating capacity of 100 or more. Also speaking in opposition was Tommy Borges, 16 Smith Street. He stated that the building previously repaired vehicles, therefore, how can it now be a restaurant. Mrs. Pires stated that they renovated the entire building. It is not the first time that the building has housed a restaurant. Mr. Borges said that he did not want to be woken up by cars going by and beeping their horns. Attorney Felicia said that that is a concern of everyone in the neighborhood; although, the applicant does not see a burden on the residents. His other concern is parking in the area. He said that they would need to be more than careful to have a balance with the neighbors so parking and/or noise does not intrude on their privacy. Attorney Felicia stated that their intent is to have quiet music and realizes that those agencies would be out there in full control if they did not follow through with their intent. Councilor Marshall stated that they are not increasing the number of seats only asking for an entertainment license. Attorney Felicia stated that the current closing time is 1am on Friday and Saturday nights, 12:30am on Sunday and that all music will cease one-half hour prior to the closing time. He also stated that they are not proposing any additional sound proofing to the building. Councilor Pottier asked if there are any complaints on file for the applicant on part of the establishment or liquor license. Attorney Felicia informed that there have not been any complaints. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to close the hearing and grant the**

petition with the conditions as stated by the Planning Board in their letter dated March 8<sup>th</sup>. **So Voted. Motion was made to excuse all parties present. So Voted.**

**Appointments:**

At this time, the Mayor appointed Bolivar Rubiano of 701 Winthrop Street #314, Taunton, MA to the position of Director/Agent of Veterans Services for a term of (3) years. His term will expire March 2016. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Bolivar Rubiano into enclosure to be sworn in by the City Clerk. So Voted.**

Re-appointment of Aline Mulhern of 36 Fisher Street, Taunton, MA to the Golf Course Commission for a term of (3) years. Her term will expire January 2016. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

**Communications from City Officers:**

Com. from Acting Treasurer/Collector – Notifying of a land court decree , Parcel #15-0-087-0 Field Street. Foreclosure decree on a tax title parcel assessed to Lynn & Charles Rowe. Said property is now owned by the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to Law Department and Risk Manager. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary asked if the Council could receive an address on future land decrees.

Com. from Acting Treasurer/Collector – Notifying of a land court decree, Parcel #45-0-132-0 Norton Avenue and Parcel #43-0-1-0 Worcester Street. Foreclosure decree on tax title parcels assessed to Danny E. Leonard. Said property is now owned by the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and Risk Manager. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairmen, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public hearing scheduled for Site Plan Review of 316 Broadway. The property location is for demolition of the existing bar/restaurant and replaces it with a bank. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public hearing scheduled for a Form J – Waiver of Frontage Requirement and Special Permit for common driveway - 815 Middleboro Avenue, East Taunton. The proposal is for the division of one lot into 4 lots (lot 5 not buildable). **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Attorney David Gay, 73 Washington Street, P.O. Box 988 Taunton on behalf of his client – Requesting a Class II License name change. The request for the present Class II Used Car Dealer's License issued to Best Price Inc. to be changed to Prestige Car Wash & Gas of Taunton, Inc. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police & License and Police Chief and that the City Clerk sends Attorney Gay a letter to inform him when the meeting is. So Voted.**

Com. from John Nelson, 93 Country Way, Taunton – Requesting a public vote from Council to extend the hardship abatement from the Now Age 70 required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D and/or for Clause 41C to

lower the age to 60 years of age to conform with the ruling of elderly at 60. **Motion was made to refer to Board of Assessors and Committee of the Council as a Whole and a letter to be forwarded to Mr. Nelson to inform him as to when this will come up in Committee. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor – 40 Norton Avenue. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Law Department learned that the City acquired title to this parcel of real estate via the tax taking process. The property contains a single family residence and two shed on the property for which the structures are in deplorable condition. In addition, there is a person residing on said property. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department to take any appropriate action to secure the premises of any outstanding persons on the property. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul received communication from Kevin Shea requesting a presentation for updating the Council on Phase 2 of the Downtown Sidewalk Project. Taunton was awarded a WORK Grant in the amount of \$1.2M for the construction of the Downtown Project. Bidding process to begin in April with construction to begin in May. Mr. Shea is requesting to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole on March 26, 2013. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul received communication from the City Clerk requesting a letter from the Municipal Council identifying Ms. Blackwell as the liaison who will act on behalf of the Appointing Authority in the New Massachusetts Automated Civil Service (MaCS) system. **Motion was made to approve and submit an appropriate letter identifying Ms. Blackwell as the liaison. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon spoke of communication received from Jacqueline Solara regarding issues of a Special Permit. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and to discuss in two weeks. So Voted.**

**Petitions:**

Application submitted by Herve Vandal, Jr. requesting a renewal of his Constable License desiring to service civil process. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Nicole Arraiol, 96 Harvestwood Drive., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Dunbar Street heading toward Norton Ave. from Fremont Street. **Motion was made to refer all claims to the Law Office and Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Donna Griffin, 60 Kins Court, P.O. Box 1517, Onset, MA seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Route 140 (county Street) in the vicinity of Pete's Mart. **Motion was made to refer all claims to the Law Office and Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Andrew Buckley, 25 Settlers Drive, Lakeville seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Hart Street near

the railroad crossing heading toward the Weir Village. **Motion was made to refer all claims to the Law Office and Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Marcio DeAndrade, 25 Indian Trail, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on County Street between Mechanics Cooperative Bank and before the school. **Motion was made to refer all claims to the Law Office and Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Jarod Gagnon, 10 Friend Street, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole in the vicinity of 40 Plain Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer all claims to the Law Office and Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Application submitted by Gary Maltais, 418D Drift Road, Westport, for a new Class II License – DBA Marli Motors to be located at 17 Tremont Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and Licensing and Police Chief. So Voted.**

Site Plan Review for property located at 316 Broadway for the demolition of the existing bar/restaurant and replaces it with a bank submitted by 1877 TPM Corp., Joseph Baptista, President, Mechanic's Co-Operative Bank, 308 Bay 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.

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the Mayor's Office to consider a \$25.00 increase for the poll workers who work the elections in his next fiscal budget. Additionally, she stated that some elections are extremely busy and it is difficult for poll workers to take their lunch and/or dinner breaks. Therefore, she motioned that the Mayor consider supplying some type of lunch and water for the workers. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the Mayor's Office to consider offering a stipend for the two (2) individuals who work to record the Municipal Council Meetings. So Voted.

**Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions**

None

**New Business:**

Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the condition of the flag at Memorial Park to the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Commissioner. Additionally, that she look at all the flags in our City prior to Memorial Day. So Voted.

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the Committee on Solid Waste to discuss the flyer that Allied Waste recently sent out to residents that contained a number of errors. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that downtown businesses are concerned about public parking lots, specifically the Galligan Court Lot. **Therefore, she motioned to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole to discuss renovating lots relating to funds from parking meter fees and that the DPW, the BID, the Heart of Taunton, Chamber of Commerce, Police Chief, and the Parking Commission be invited to this discussion. So Voted.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the Committee on Police and License meet in two weeks with the Police Chief to discuss staffing levels and what his plans are for the Police Department. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that the 772 Company Open House is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> and on April 22<sup>nd</sup> a fundraiser will be held at the 99 Restaurant to help support family members while overseas.

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn, the Morton Hospital Cabbies will be hosting the Taste of Taunton.

Councilor Barbour stated that the Park & Rec has scheduled the Easter Bunny for Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Taunton Pre-School from 9-11am  
The YMCA Spin-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 19, 2013

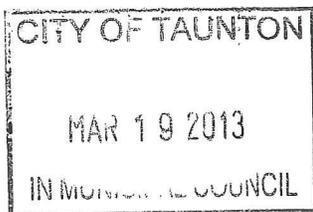
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR CLEARY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:51 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS:  
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,638,592.79. SO VOTED.  
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$967,088.28. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:52 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Marie Blackwell".  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 19, 2013

**THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN MCCAUL AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, CARR, POTTIER, COSTA-HANLON, MEDEIROS, CLEARY AND MARSHALL. ALSO PRESENT WAS JEAN FOX, PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE SOUTH COAST RAIL PROJECT.

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

**1. MEET WITH JEAN FOX, PROJECT MANAGER FOR AN UPDATE ON THE SOUTH COAST RAIL PROJECT**

MS. FOX STATED THAT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS PLANNED FOR TAUNTON WITH SOUTH COAST RAIL, OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THEY KNOW SOUTH COAST RAIL IS NEEDED FOR AN ECONOMIC DRIVER PROJECTED TO RAISE UPWARDS OF \$500 MILLION A YEAR. ALSO TAUNTON WOULD BE WHERE BOTH THE FALL RIVER LINE AND NEW BEDFORD LINE COME TOGETHER. IT WILL OPEN UP A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITY. AT THE DEPOT STATION ON ROUTE 140 THERE WILL BE 400 SPOTS. THERE IS ALSO A DEPOT STATION PROPOSED ON ROUTE 44/DEAN STREET IN TAUNTON. THESE ARE THE 2 PROPOSED STATIONS ON THE STOUGHTON STRAIGHT ROUTE WHICH IS THE ROUTE THAT THE STATE HAS CONCLUDED IS THE BEST ROUTE. BASICALLY AN EXTENSION OF WHAT IS ALREADY THERE IN STOUGHTON AND IT GOES DOWN TO THE SOUTHERN TRIANGLE WHICH INCLUDES A BRANCH DOWN TO FALL RIVER AND A BRANCH DOWN TO NEW BEDFORD.

THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WHICH WOULD BE DANA STREET IN TAUNTON IF ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE WAS SELECTED BY THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS. THAT ALTERNATIVE IS KNOWN AS THE WHITTENTON VARIANT. THE STATE IS NOT SUPPORTIVE OF THAT ROUTE BECAUSE IT HAS 7 GRADE CROSSINGS, ADDS 11 MINUTES TO THE COMMUTE AND IMPACTS THE COMMUNITY. THE STATE SO FAR IS MAINTAINING THAT STOUGHTON STRAIGHT IS THE BEST AND MOST VIABLE ROUTE, BUT THE CORP IS THE ONE THAT WILL HAVE TO MAKE THAT FINAL DETERMINATION. THE ONLY ADVANTAGE REALLY TO WHITTENTON OVER THE STOUGHTON STRAIGHT IS THAT WE AVOID THE PINE SWAMP.

WITH THE STOUGHTON LINE THE PROPOSED NEW STATIONS WILL BE THE 2 FOR TAUNTON, 2 IN FALL RIVER, 2 IN NEW BEDFORD, 1 IN FREETOWN, 1 IN RAYNHAM AND A COUPLE IN EASTON. THE EASTON VILLAGE AND BATTLE SHIP COVE, FALL RIVER WILL HAVE NO PARKING, THE OTHERS WILL ALL HAVE PARKING.

MS. FOX FURTHER NOTED THAT TAUNTON, FALL RIVER AND NEW BEDFORD ARE THE ONLY 3 MAJOR CITIES LOCATED WITHIN 50 MILES OF BOSTON THAT ARE NOT CONNECTED BY RAIL. SINCE 2007 THE PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION HAS COMMITTED SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES TO PLANNING FOR THE SOUTH COAST RAIL AND PREPARING THE REGION FOR APPROPRIATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND PRESERVATION THROUGH THE CORRIDOR PLAN. THIS HAS BEEN AN INTENSIVE PROCESS. THE FINAL ROUTE DECISION WILL COME DOWN TO WHAT THEY CALL THE LEAST ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE. THE CORP IS THE ONE THAT WILL BE MAKING THAT DECISION. THE CORP IS CONSIDERING WHITTENTON, BUT AGAIN IT IS SLOWER BECAUSE IT IS ON A CURVE AND THERE ARE ADDITIONAL RAILROAD CROSSINGS AND THE IMPACT, THEY FEEL, ON RESIDENTS WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT.

AWARDED TO TAUNTON FOR FY13 WAS A \$25,000 GRANT TO UPDATE THE CITY'S OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN. IN FY 11 THE ROUTE 44 TARGET STUDY WAS DONE, IN FY 2010 TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IN EAST TAUNTON WAS DONE AND IN FY 09 A BIKE/PEDISTRIAN STUDY WAS DONE. THE SOUTH COAST RAIL HAS BECOME, THROUGH THEIR CORRIDER PLAN, BOTH A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MODEL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING, THEY HAVE

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED

COMPLETED ON THE STATE SIDE ALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTS AND HAVE PROVIDED THEM TO THE CORP. ALSO IN 2010 THE SOUTHERN TRIANGLE WAS ACQUIRED BY THE STATE, IT WAS BOUGHT FROM CSX SO THAT WHOLE SOUTHERN TRIANGLE FROM TAUNTON DOWN TO FALL RIVER AND NEW BEDFORD IS NOW STATE PROPERTY. ALSO VERY CRITICAL TO THIS PROJECT IS THE EXPANSION OF SOUTH STATION AND THAT IS UNDERWAY – IT IS IN THE PLANNING STAGE. THEY ALSO RECEIVED ONE OF THE FIRST TIGER GRANTS AND THIS PROVIDED FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF 3 NEW BEDFORD BRIDGES.

THEY HAVE ALSO WORKED WITH ALL OF THE 31 COMMUNITIES IN THE CORRIDOR. EXECUTIVE ORDER 525 WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR IN 2010 HAS REQUIRED THAT ANY STATE FUNDING THAT COMES TO OUR REGION AND GOES TO ANY ONE OF THE 31 COMMUNITIES ALIGN WITH WHAT EACH COMMUNITY HAS IDENTIFIED AND THE STATE HAS VERIFIED ARE PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT OR PROTECTION AREAS.

THEY REGULARLY MEET WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THEY HOPE TO ISSUE THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND REPORT SHORTLY. THE CORPS IS DEVELOPING THIS FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/REPORT NOW.

MASS DOT CONDUCTED 17 PUBLIC HEARINGS ACROSS THE STATE TO HEAR DIRECTION FROM PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT THEIR NEEDS AND CONCERNS RELATIVE TO TRANSPORTATION ARE. GLEANED FROM THOSE MEETINGS WAS SYNTHESIZED AND CONSOLIDATED INTO A DOCUMENT THAT SUMMARIZES TRANSIT NEEDS TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE

THE STATE NEEDS \$1-\$1.3 BILLION ANNUALLY FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS TO FIX OUR ROADS AND BRIDGES, ENHANCE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES, MODERNIZE THE MBTA, AND EXTEND RAIL TO THE SOUTH COAST AS WELL AS SPRINGFIELD, AMONG OTHER TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES. THE PATRICK MURRAY ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN TO ADDRESS THESE SHORTFALLS. REFORMS UNDERTAKEN BY MASS DOT OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS HAVE RESULTED IN COST SAVINGS OF MORE THAN \$500 MILLION AND A SAFER, MORE CUSTOMER-FOCUSED TRANSPORTATION TEAM.

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED WHAT THE ASSESSMENT FOR THE CITY WOULD BE AS THIS WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO KNOW. MS. FOX WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE A MAP OF THE CITY SHOWING WHERE THE LINE WILL GO AND THE AREAS AFFECTED. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT PARKING FOR OUR RESIDENTS AT STATIONS IN TAUNTON, AND WOULD ALSO HAVE TO KNOW THE FEE STRUCTURE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED, REGARDING THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS, WHAT THE DEADLINE FOR LETTING THE STATE KNOW THAT WE WANT PARKING FOR TAUNTON RESIDENTS.

MS. FOX SAID IT CAN BE DONE NOW – IT WON'T HURT TO GET THAT IN.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, ONCE THINGS ARE FINALIZED, WHAT THE TIMELINE WOULD BE.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT. THERE WILL BE REGIONAL MEETINGS. THE PERMITTING PROCESS IS LENGTHY AND WILL GO COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY. THEY WILL HAVE TO GO BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AS THIS WILL INVOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON WOULD LIKE SOME KIND OF A STOP IN WHITTENTON AS WHITTENTON IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ANY THOUGHT GIVEN TO A STOP IN WHITTENTON WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

IT WAS NOTED THAT INITIALLY WHITTENTON WAS NOT IN AT ALL, BUT AS THE DESIGN UNFOLDS THEY COULD BRING IT UP.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL ASKED THAT A MAP BE PROVIDED SHOWING THE 7 CROSSING IN THE WHITTENTON AREA.

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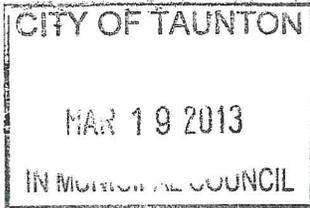
THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT RIDERSHIP IS DOWN, SO HOW IS IT GOING TO INCREASE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE CLOUD OF THE BIG DIG IS STILL AN ISSUE. HE WOULD LIKE A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR SOUTHEASTERN, MASS.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON FURTHER STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT SUPPORT THE LOOP IN WHITTENTON BUT WOULD LIKE SOME KIND OF STOP IN WHITTENTON. THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT THE 7 CROSSINGS.

**MOTION: TO EXCUSE THE PARTIES AND THANK THEM FOR THE PRESENTATION. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK