



City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

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Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, April 1, 2014 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Regular Meeting

Council President A.J. Marshall presiding

Prayer was offered by the Council President

Moment of silence for Police Officer Jeff Arruda and the Boston Firefighters

*Present at roll call were: Councilor's Borges, Carr, Quinn, McCaul, Pottier,
Croteau, Costa-Hanlon, and Marshall.*

Councilor Cleary was absent.

Present were students participating in Student Government Day.

The Mayor stated that during the day today there were about forty students taking part in Student Government Day at the City Hall.

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

Communication from the Mayor:

The Mayor stated there are a couple of presentations for this evening. New Hope will be coming forward as we declare Sexual Awareness in Children Abuse Prevention Month. **Motion was made to invite in the interested parties. So Voted.** Kim Thomas, Director of New Hope was present. She informed that they work with victims of sexual assault and domestic violence within the Taunton community. They also work with victims through the Taunton Court. There are approximately 900 people that come through the Taunton Court who obtain protective orders, criminal harassment orders, and restraining orders. Ms. Thomas thanked the Mayor, City Council and the community for welcoming them back again today to kick-off Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Month. She said it is also wonderful to partner with Michelle Loranger, Executive Director Child Advocacy Center. Ms. Loranger thanked the Mayor, City Councilors, emerging leaders, and veterans present. She said that the Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County is both a place and a process for healing children and families who are victims of abuse. April is a very important month because of the focus they have on children and families affected by sexual violence. The children's advocacy center in the past six years has surpassed 2,550 cases. In addition to providing state of the art services for children and families who have been victims of sexual violence and sexual abuse, they also coordinate the investigation process and connect them with services on their path to healing. She urged everyone to visit their website and download their brochure. The brochure explains caretaker choices and talking openly and honestly around safety with children at an early age. The Mayor stated that these ladies do wonderful work for their organization and they need your help. Both organizations are non-profit and they do wonderful work around the area of abuse. The Mayor read the

Proclamation declaring the month of April as Child Abuse Sexual Awareness Month. **Motion was made to adopt the resolution. So Voted.**

The Mayor welcomed the Taunton area Veterans Association. **Motion was made to invite in the interested parties. So Voted.** The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out last weekend to help celebrate the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony. Present were Dennis Proulx and Bob Silvia. Mr. Proulx thanked the Mayor, City Councilors and the City of Taunton for allowing them to do this. It meant a lot to them. When they first started in 1983, the biggest issue was the POW/MIA. Mr. Proulx informed that they have organized a POW/MIA day and vigil and are trying to do new things every time to involve people. One year they bought a POW/MIA flag and a USA flag. In other years, they sent up balloons with tags stating send a note to your congressman. They also organized an internal flame ceremony and most recently dog tags. About a year and a half ago, Mr. Proulx noticed on the internet that Bob Kraft of the Patriot's and Joe D'Entremont of the Rolling Thunders dedicated a chair at Foxboro Stadium for POW/MIA's. Mr. Proulx stated that he spoke to Mr. D'Entremont who informed him that his goal was to have a POW/MIA chair in every city hall in the State of Massachusetts. After speaking to Mr. D'Entremont, Mr. Proulx asked Mayor Hoye if they could place a chair here at City Hall. At this time, a chair was brought into the enclosure. Tom Murphy from Rolling Thunder, Bob Silvia President, Preacher Steve, and Warren Jones from the Massachusetts Chapter 5 Patriot Riders unveiled the chair. Mr. Proulx read the inscription on the chair. **Student (Councilor Costa-Hanlon) motioned for an additional chair to be placed at Tiger Stadium. So Voted.**

Appointment:

Re-appointment of Robert B. Adams, 7 Poole Street, Taunton to serve on the Airport Commission for a term of three (3) years, expiring in March 2017. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Communications:

Com. from Superintendent of Buildings – Requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,700 to install the new above ground fuel tank system for the Parker Golf Course. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. Councilor Croteau requested that Mr. Walkden be present at that Sub-Committee meeting when scheduled. So Voted.**

Com. from Administrator, Taunton Nursing Home – Furniture Disposal of 5 old steel case desks from the business office, 2 wood desks from social services, 30 old tables and 25 chairs from the dining room, 6 tables, 5 chairs and 5 office chairs, love seat from the sunshine room, computer desk and 6 chairs from a nurses station. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Assistant Fire Inspector –A list of monitored Radio Boxes. The list contains 463 boxes and is listed according to street address. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board – Notifying of a public meeting for a Site Plan Review, 220 High Street scheduled on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 5:30pm. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Assistant Director of Retirement – Notifying of a retirement for Superannuation of Mark Riendeau, an employee of the Fire Department on March 30, 2014. **Motion was made to move approval and to send a Scroll. So Voted.**

Com. from Assistant DPW Commissioner - Requesting a transfer of funds in the amount of \$29,000 for additional funds needed for VMD salaries due to 1144A contract settlement. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. Councilor Croteau stated that he would like to receive a projection of the street salary budget for this year so that we can make sure that the street salary line will not go over, seeing that we are taking the \$29,000 out. So Voted.**

Com. from Risk Manger – Response on pothole claims. The Law Department has received a total of 64 Claims for potholes. Of the 64 claims, 26 were denied, 15 were allowed and 10 were referred to outside contractors who were performing work at the specified location and during the time of the claim. With the regard to claims that were allowed, the City of Taunton has paid out a total of \$5,867.60. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Glen Dady, 496 Berkley St., Berkley seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Berkley Street at the intersection of Mechanics Street. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW for the pothole and the Law Department. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Joan Gomes, 55 Deerhill Road, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Hart Street near Star Food Mart. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW for the pothole and the Law Department. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Brian Lynch, 19 Spring St. Apt. 117, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on High Street in front of Dr. Mark Turner's Dental Office. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW for the pothole. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Dineen Robinson, 516 Caswell St., East Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on South Precinct Street near the Raynham line intersection. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW for the pothole. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Eric Pimental, 65 Forest Hill Drive, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his mailbox. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW for the pothole and City Solicitor. 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 Marshall motioned to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole for an update on contract negotiations for 1144 Nursing Home and Clerical for six weeks. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor McCaul motioned to refer to the DPW trash and other debris that needs to be cleaned on Baker Road West toward Dighton Avenue. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the DPW a request for a list of streets for street sweeping and to post the list on the City's website. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall stated that he thoroughly likes the idea to place a POW/MIA chair at Tiger Stadium and that Council would like to hear more ideas such as this.

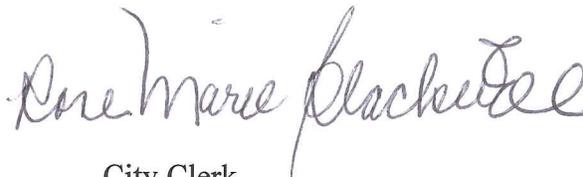
Student (Councilor Croteau) motioned to talk to the Taunton School Committee regarding reinstating February vacation. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall recognized Mr. Peter Gillen, Student Facility Advisor. Mr. Gillen thanked the City and stated that the students who have come here today have experienced a level of graciousness that is really touching. The students have had a great time. The Mayor, Alyssa Gracia and the entire staff at City Hall has really made an opportunity for them to be involved. Mr. Gillen stated that his objective was to get the students aware of their government. He said the more you teach students about government, the more they are interested in participating.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. So Voted.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 1, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

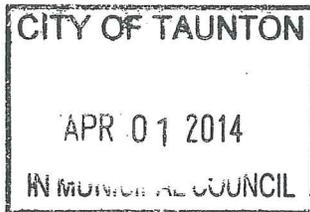
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND CONCILORS CARR AND
POTTIER

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 VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. 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 "Rm Blackwater".

CITY CLERK

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREW MARSHALL AND COUNCILORS COSTA-HANLON, CROTEAU, POTTIER, MCCAUL, QUINN, CARR AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE MAYOR THOMAS HOYE, CITY SOLICITOR JASON BUFFINGTON, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR MARIA GOMES, AND TAUNTON NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR JOHN BRENNAN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:21 P.M.

1. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR, HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR AND JOHN BRENNAN TO DISCUSS 1144 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TAUNTON NURSING HOME
2. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR AND HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR FOR AN UPDATE ON ALL REMAINING 1144 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION: TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON BOTH AGENDA ITEMS TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND AN OPEN MEETING ON THIS TOPIC WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CITY'S BARGAINING POSITION. ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT MR. BRENNAN PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING. COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT HE DOES NOT SEE THIS AS A DETREMENT AND HE WANTS HIM HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ANYONE MAY HAVE.

MOTION: TO INCLUDE MR. BRENNAN IN THE MEETING.

MOTION WAS SECONDED.

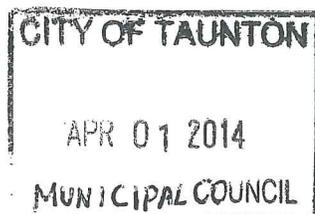
COUNCILOR CROTEAU DISAGREED AND SAID THAT THIS IS OVER RULING A PREVIOUS MOTION, IT IS A RECONSIDERATION OF A PREVIOUS MOTION.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL DISAGREES WITH EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FROM THIS DISCUSSION.
THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON WITH COUNCILORS BORGES, CARR, QUINN, MCCAUL, POTTIER AND MARSHALL VOTING IN FAVOR, COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND COSTA-HANLON VOTING IN OPPOSITION. MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO VOTED.

NO MOTIONS WERE MADE OR VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:28 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

RM Blackwell
CITY CLERK