



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Council President Estele Borges presiding

Prayer was offered by the Council President

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

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Council President Borges stated that as we all know, Earth Day is approaching and this year marks the 25th annual City Wide Earth Day Clean Up which is scheduled for April 25, 2015 and without these dedicated individuals this probably wouldn't happen. Motion was made to invite Karen Kullas, Paula Morrison, Kim Zimmerman, David Fuller and Gail Bookings into the enclosure. Karen Kullas stated that this is the 25th year that the Taunton Ecology Awareness Group (TEAG) has been sponsoring the city wide clean up to be held on April 25, 2015. The meeting place will be behind the old City Hall at about 8:30am where people may select an area to clean or be assigned to an area that needs to be cleaned. If you would like to pre-register you may e-mail them at tauntonecoaware@gmail.com or just show up behind the old City Hall. Bags and gloves will be provided and the City will provide free trash pick-up of those bags that have been collected. Presently, there are sites available in East Taunton such as Sikorski Field and Caswell Street which Paula Morrison will be coordinating. In the Taunton area Dana Street, Prospect Hill Street, Scadding Street will be cleaned. She stated that a lot of it is light trash and she encourages people to come out and help. She then introduced the other members of TEAG and stated that they have all lent a big hand over the years to help make this a very successful event and they look forward to having more volunteers. Paula Morrison stated that there will be a party after the clean-up at 12PM at the PACC and the information will be on the Taunton website. She discussed how she is running the East Taunton end of it and if anyone from the East Taunton area would like to get in touch with her to clean a particular section, they may call her at 508-272-7098. David Fuller stated that it is very nice that everyone works on this program and that the Council members support this. Karen Kullas would like to thank all of the sponsors of this program including Columbia Gas & Electric, Domino's Pizza, Taunton Federal Credit Union and a lot of other businesses who have made donations. This is how they are able to provide free T-Shirts for the first 150 volunteers. Friedman School had over 200 entries in their poster contest and a young lady named Abigail from the 7th grade was selected as the winner and her logo will be on the front of the shirts. She stated that anyone who would like to clean a certain area of the City such as the railroad tracks,

behind the old Taunton Mall, the Dana Street area or up Fremont Street there will be dumpsters up on Fremont Street by the tracks donated by New England Recycling, a Lopes Company. There seems to be a lot of trash that has been dumped there over the years. She stated that Stevens Street and Caswell Street have been cleaned and Paula is doing a great job with East Taunton. It took almost 12 years to clean Stevens Street and now they are working on Fremont Street. Any help out there would be great. People may contact her at 508-272-2222 or email her at karenkullas@hotmail.com the information will also be up on the City calendar website. Council President Borges then read and presented the proclamation on Earth Day to them. **Motion was made to approve the proclamation. So Voted.** Councilor Pottier asked if there are any special instructions for picking up hypodermic needles in the field. Karen Kullas stated that if anyone finds sharps or broken glass to call her number and the Police will come down and pick them up. Councilor Cleary thanked the group for the example they have set in our community. He stated that it is unfortunate that people litter and should do a better job at taking care of our community. He stated that community service adds to the quality of the community. This is one of many opportunities that citizens have to do community service. He stated that it is a great activity to be associated with and hopes that it is as successful as others. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Mayor has started a program where if anyone throughout the year wanted to clean up a public area, they could call the Mayor's Office and he will make arrangements for the trash to be picked up. She stated that they all should be proud of the work that they do and she wanted to recognize Lee Ann Tavares, who is typically with Karen Kullas, and former Councilwoman Debbie Botelio who is there every year. Council President Borges thanked them for their on-going support in the clean-up of the City of Taunton.

Motion was made for a two minute recess. So Voted.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Fire Chief informing the Council that the 1997 Ford Expedition that has served the Department for almost 20 years is no longer needed. The SUV served as the Deputy Chief's command vehicle for many years and then was used as an auxiliary/transport car for the department. The overall condition of the vehicle is poor and it is in need of a brake relining and four new tires. To complete these repairs would be an inefficient use of Department funds. He would like to declare this asset as surplus. If no other use for the vehicle can be found, he asks that it be donated to the training office for the upcoming Jaws of Life training. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office for evaluation of need. So Voted.**

Com. from Assessor stating that they have reviewed the correspondence from the City Clerk regarding a Taunton Veteran Tax Payoff Program. The Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 §5N details how the Mayor with the approval of the Council can adopt such a measure. Also attached is M.G.L. Ch.4 §7 Clause 43 which details the qualifications for said program. Councilor Carr stated that she has general questions about the program as well as the Senior Write Off Program. She questioned how they go about picking people, if there are income requirements and things like that. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office and ask that he takes steps to approve it and bring back to the Council for a vote. Motion was made for the Assessor's Office to**

provide the Committee on the Council as a Whole with a short update on exactly how the program will work before anything is done. So Voted.

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board advising that he has received a Site Plan Review for property at 263 Broadway for auto sales out of a portion of the existing building, submitted by Robert Martin, Jr. Nitram Realty TR. The next scheduled meeting for this petition will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 9:30am in the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer St., Annex Bldg., at which time the application shall be reviewed by the DIRB and again on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 5:30pm at Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, MA at which this petition will be reviewed by the Planning Board. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Police Chief submitting a tentative schedule for the project of the Municipal Parking Deck on Leonard Street. He stated that work has already commenced and hopefully the project will be completed by the end of July. **Councilor Pottier motioned to post this on the City's website and that the Chief and whoever is responsible for this project keep the Council apprised of the budget of the said project and that a copy is sent to the BID District and Chamber of Commerce. So Voted.** Councilor Carr stated that she is planning on having them to come in during the Committee on Public Property meeting in three weeks and do the stadium and the parking deck on the same night. Councilor Croteau stated that he appreciates the comment from Councilor Carr because he had made the motion on the parking garage and also a motion on the football bleachers so they will be updated on both.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Representative Shaunna O'Connell, State House, Room 237, Boston informing the Council that the host committee for S.A.F.E Kids Fun Day is requesting the participation of the Taunton Fire Department and Taunton Police Department in this event being held on June 13 from 11:30am to 2:00pm at the Boys & Girls Club Lewis Park. The members of the host committee are State Rep. Shaunna O'Connell, Boys & Girls Club of Taunton, Mendes Martial Arts, Taunton Fire Association, G. Lopes Construction and B&D Construction. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole. So Voted.** Councilor Croteau stated that the motion he made a month ago for the Council to adopt a use of facilities policy which is now in the Committee on the Council as a Whole was not intended to hold up this request. Councilor Carr stated that there was a lengthy discussion about this and the biggest issue was the payment of the firefighters and police officers who must accompany the trailer. She stated that this is why they are going to request a policy that comes out of the Committee to the Council as a Whole. The event is not until June 13, 2015 and she thinks that a policy should be put into place by then. She stated that she would like to see a policy in place in the next week or two. She would like it to be decided on if there will be a fee to use it to help defray the cost of the employees. She doesn't think that it should be approved tonight. Councilor Borges stated that the request was probably submitted early in order to advertise the event. Councilor Cleary stated that a decision should be made and then move on. He doesn't know that a policy needs to be made. In the last discussion that was had there was a lot of concern over who was paying for the hours of the firefighters. He stated that they need to be careful with that and this particular

activity is organized by the Boys & Girls Club of Taunton, Mendes Martial Arts, Taunton Fire Association, G. Lopes Construction and B&D Construction and he would assume that each of those groups are donating time and money to make this an education activity for the students and he thinks that the Committee should decide if they want to participate in the activity. He stated that he does not think that it is a good idea to pass on the cost of the firefighters because that trailer will sit there forever. He believes that it should be approved. Councilor Quinn stated that she agrees with what Councilor Cleary just stated, that these are good community events that are well attended by students and parents. She stated that she does think that it is important that some kind of policy is established because these things will keep coming up. She stated that the Council made the policy that anyone who requested the use of the trailer and firefighters that go with it that they present in front of the Council. She stated that the reason that Chief Bradshaw had come to the Council initially was to get guidance in how to allow people to use the trailer. She stated that a deep discussion needs to be had as to what the policy should be and she doesn't think that the policy will be in place in time to let the good local organizations who are all volunteering their time to get their advertising out. She stated that she is inclined to vote to approve this if it gets to that point tonight, but meanwhile, push the fact that there needs to be a policy. Councilor Croteau stated that he would ask the City Clerk to send a copy of the motion that was made about a month ago to each City Council member. He asked the Council President to remind him as to what date was set that the policy is to be presented in front of the Council. Council President Borges stated that she believes that the date certain was before May 2, 2015 but she doesn't have the date in front of her. She stated that she reached out to Dr. Hackett and had the use of facilities policy in front of her that will come before the Committee on the Council as a Whole. Councilor Croteau stated that there was a use of facility policy in place when he arrived as the Superintendent of Schools in 1981. That policy was administered by both Dr. Croteau and Councilor Cleary for 20 years and it became more comprehensive as time went on. His recollection was that the policy never waived the fees for custodians and so forth. He stated that whether it was a non-profit or not everyone paid the personnel cost and what was waived was the use of facilities. He felt at the time when he asked the Council President to present that policy that he would agree with Councilor Quinn that he had no intention to hold up the current applicant. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she would be willing to support the use of police and fire at the City's expense if, as we do with every other entity, we get a copy of the insurance policy which she is sure the Boys & Girls Club has, if the City of Taunton is going to be paying for the employees then it should be considered a sponsor. The combined total cost of manning the fire house and the police officers that were there was \$800.00. **Motion was made to rescind the previous motion. So Voted. Motion was made to approve the use with two stipulations, first that the City of Taunton be put on as a co-sponsor and that the Boys & Girls Club provide the Council with a copy of their insurance policy. Councilor Croteau motioned to refer the matter to Risk Management to review because the trailer and the equipment to be used are owned by the City of Taunton. So Voted. Councilor Carr voting in opposition.**

Com. from Ernest Cardoza, 5 New Carver St., Raynham extending an invitation to its Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 2015. Formation will begin at 12:30PM on Dartmouth, Coram, Bradford and Adams Streets and begin at 1:15PM. **Motion was made to approve and refer to the Police, Fire and Ambulance as needed. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Alan Medeiros, Treasurer, Italian Social Club of Taunton, Inc. located at 2 Columbus Blvd., Taunton requesting a renewal of their Billiard Table License. (1 Table) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Nancy Medas, 71 Disamar Rd., Taunton requesting a renewal of her Billiard Table License for Atlantic Café, Inc. located at 10 Plain St., Taunton. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Jeffrey Smith, 16 Clifton St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Billiard Table License for Smitty's Sports Pub, Inc. located at 445 Bay St., Taunton. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Denis Tetrault, 39 Well Meadow Way, Tiverton requesting a renewal of his Old Gold, Pawn Broker and Second Hand Article Licenses for Tetrault Enterprises, Inc. –dba- Fall River Pawn Brokers located at 48 Taunton Green. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Gabriel Pires, 29 Orchard St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Livery License for Link Transport Systems, Inc. located at 447 Broadway, Taunton. (7 Vehicles all kept at 447 Broadway) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Derek Dagesse, 38 Gilmore St., Raynham seeking reimbursement for damages to his property located at 396-400 Bay St., Taunton as a result of a city water main break under Bay Street in February. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Manuel Delgado, 36 Malcolm Circle, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his fence from a snow plow pushing extreme amounts of snow into it. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Jack Rosato, 84 Wood St., Rehoboth seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Fremont Street near Forekicks. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Nicholas Gomes, 207 Winthrop St. Apt. 6, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole near 37 Plain Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Kyla Valcovic, 210 Seekell St., East Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Staples Street near the entrance

to Powhatten Estates. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Michael Dantowitz, 18 Meadowlark Dr., Middleboro seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole near 30 Plain Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Christopher and Courtney Lopes, 320 Crane Ave. South seeking reimbursement for damages to their automobile from hitting a pothole on Crane Ave., South near the railroad tracks. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Michael Andrews, 483 Bay St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole near 57 Linden Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Patricia Rodriguez, 29 Granite St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Oak St. near the vicinity of 189 Highland St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Joshua Mont-Rond, 262 Broadway, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Hart Street near the Bridge. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and 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. Councilor McCaul stated that the Committee on Fires and Wires met last night and interviewed five applicants for conditional employment on the Fire Department. Motion was made to move forward the two names, Justin Dumas and Brian Guenther that were selected to fill two positions. Councilor Pottier asked if it was a unanimous vote in the Committee for both names. Councilor McCaul confirmed that it was. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked Councilor McCaul if they were both Taunton residents and also wanted to confirm that the Fall River re-employment list was dealt with and that list is not in play. Councilor McCaul stated that the firefighters on that list took jobs with the Framingham Fire Department. He stated that both of the selected candidates are disabled veterans. **On a roll call vote to appoint Justin Dumas and Brian Guenther with conditional offers of employment, with CORI, PAT, psychological and medical exam nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.** Councilor Cleary stated that he is voting in favor of hiring them but still has questions on the impact on the budget. Councilor Croteau stated that putting aside the need to provide public safety it comes down to numbers. He discussed how the City has submitted a grant through the federal government and that would be 127 firefighters seven of which would be paid for by the government. He stated that if we do not hire these two people then we only have 118. If we get the grant the government will question why we are two people short. Councilor Pottier stated that the City did not lie about the number of firefighters; it is hard to keep a certain level when people retire.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Quinn stated that the condition of the property at 19 Monica Street and other properties on Monica Street have been brought up repeatedly before the Council . She stated that it has been referred to the Board of Health and the Zoning Enforcement Officer previously but she has received phone calls that much of the work has not been done and the situation has gotten worse. There is brush approaching the sidewalk, there is debris from the homes falling apart. **Councilor Quinn motioned to refer to the Board of Health and the Zoning Enforcement Officer to revisit the premises and report back to the Council on the status within two weeks. Councilor Croteau motioned to refer to the City Solicitor's Office for enforcement. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that in some instances he has been contacted by homeowners whose claims could be rectified in house. He discussed situations of homes located on intersections and when the snow is pushed on their property the plow may have grinded into their front yard. **Motion was made that these claims possibly be fixed in house by the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department or the DPW. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul stated that he has received a few phone calls regarding a speeding issue that is on Liberty Street to Caswell Street. **Motion was made to place the radar trailer there from the hours of 3PM to 6PM. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that last week the interpretation of some of the City's Ordinances were discussed either in the Council or in the Committee on Finance and Salaries. She stated that she was in touch with the Attorney General's Office and they have a local government division that would review our ordinances and determine whether they are in conflict with Mass General Law. The City Clerk stated that they have been in the process for the past year redoing our ordinances by general code. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Attorney General's office looks at them and determines whether it is in conflict with M.G.L. The City Clerk stated that she has spent many hours working with the City Solicitor on these and the attorneys that work on these make sure that they are with the law and everything is being done properly. Councilor Costa-Hanlon questioned when it would be completed. The City Clerk stated that hopefully it will be done and presented to the Council in two months. **Motion was made that the City Clerk forward whatever the scope of work is and whoever is doing it to the Council and reach out to the Attorney General's Office to possibly help our consultants to move things along. So Voted.** Councilor Croteau stated that it is important because what they are doing is what Councilor Costa-Hanlon mentioned, looking at the ordinances in relation to state law. In the last six months, he can recall two situations where it appeared that there was a conflict with the ordinance and union contracts. His stated that when he spoke to the agency that is working with the City, he found out that not only are they looking to see what is in conflict with state laws but with what is in conflict with contracts the City has with the unions and other agencies. The City Clerk stated that she would like to talk to Councilor Croteau about what contracts and ordinances that he is talking about.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the DPW a recessed manhole cover located at Main Street going onto the Green and she would like it to be fixed or a cone to be placed there. So Voted.

Councilor Carr stated that there are several public hearings coming up on different items in the next month or two. She stated that at the last couple of hearings there have been letters from department heads but they have not been present to answer any questions. **Motion was made that in the future that any time there is a public hearing, any department head that has submitted a communication be present at the Public Hearing to answer any questions that the Councilors may have. So Voted.**

Councilor Croteau stated that last week he asked for a report from the Safety Officer on the intersections in East Taunton and there is no report here this evening. He received a phone call from a resident of the East Taunton area inquiring about what progress has been made. **Councilor Croteau motioned to get a status report from the Police Chief and the Safety Officer on the intersections in East Taunton that have been under question to put up additional Stop Signs next week. So Voted.**

Councilor Cleary discussed some roads that need pothole repair and should be considered for re-paving. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW whether Linden Street, Dighton Avenue, Plain Street and Dana Street are on any re-paving list and if not, could they be added to it. So Voted.** He stated that he has gotten complaints about those streets.

Councilor Cleary stated that he read an article about the revitalization of 911. He noticed that one town was spending \$250,000.00 and another was spending \$350,000.00 and as a Councilor he does not know what this City spends. **Motion was made to request from the Fire Chief a presentation and a report on the 911 operations in the City of Taunton, what kind of staffing is needed to operate 24 hours a day, what the work schedule is, what kind of overtime is used. At the end of the report, he could give his opinion if there is an opportunity for regionalization to cut the cost and share the cost with immediate neighbors. So Voted.**

Councilor Quinn stated that this is a follow up to the earlier motion from Councilor Costa-Hanlon relative to the City Ordinances. She knows that the City Clerk and the City Solicitor have been working diligently to get our ordinances in a pretty finalized state. She believes that they are almost there and ready to go to print. She wanted to make sure that while she approves the submission of it to the Attorney General's Office, she doesn't think that it is free because we do pay for it as taxpayers and she doesn't think that it would be quick. She wants to make sure that it is clear that in doing so, it does not delay what the City Clerk and the City Solicitor have in motion and if after it is printed, there is something found later it can be amended. She thinks that they have been working so long on this with our legal counsel that she doesn't want it to be held up. She stated that a current up to date book of ordinances is needed and she doesn't want it delayed by sending it to the Attorney General's Office. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she had made a motion two years ago for the Council to get a clarification of the Ordinances. She discussed how important it is and how money was put into the budget at the Clerk's request for this. She stated that towns can't even pass a bylaw without the Attorney

General's Office reviewing it first and cities can pass ordinances. She stated that it is not meant to hold up things and she doesn't think that it would. She agrees that if there are any changes by the Attorney General's Office then they could be amended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rm Blachutze".

City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 6, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JOHN MCCAUL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCILORS QUINN, POTTIER, FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY BRADSHAW, AND FIRE CANDIDATES JUSTIN DUMAS, BRYAN GUENTHNER, NICHOLAS TITUS, DAVID PAITEN AND BRADLEY KERRIGAN.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:21 P.M.

1. MEET TO INTERVIEW FIRE CANDIDATES.

THE FIRST CANDIDATE TO BE INTERVIEWED WAS **JUSTIN DUMAS**. HE PROVIDED A COPY OF HIS RESUME TO THE COMMITTEE.

MOTION: RESUME TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

MR. DUMAS IS 28 YEARS OLD AND IS A MARINE COMBAT VET HAVING SERVED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. HE HAS NEVER BEEN ARRESTED, IS A NON SMOKER AND HAS NEVER CALLED OUT SICK FROM HIS JOB. HE IS A 2004 GRADUATE OF TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL. HE WORKED AT THE AUTO AUCTION FROM JUNE 2004 TO FEBRUARY 2005 THEN JOINED THE MARINE CORP. HE WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR 4 YEARS. HE ATTENDED COLLEGE AT MASSASOIT, THEN IN HAWAII. HE IS CURRENTLY TAKING ON LINE COURSES AT COLUMBIA SOUTHERN. HE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE HIS EDUCATION AND HOPES TO MOVE UP IN THE RANKS OF THE DEPARTMENT IF HE IS HIRED. HE HAS A DISABILITY FROM THE SERVICE WHICH HE STATED WILL NOT CAUSE HIM PROBLEMS BEING A FIREFIGHTER. HE HAS SOME RINGING IN THE EARS AND SOME PAIN IN HIS KNEES. HE SEES NOTHING THAT WOULD PROHIBIT HIM FROM DOING THE JOB. HE CURRENTLY LIVES IN FLORIDA BUT COULD RELOCATE HERE IN A WEEK OR TWO. HE IS NOT MARRIED.

THE SECOND INTERVIEW WAS WITH **BRYAN GUENTHNER**. HE GREW UP IN CARVER, WAS A MARINE AND SERVED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. HE HAS NEVER BEEN ARRESTED, IS A NON SMOKER AND CURRENTLY WORKS AT QUIRK DODGE IN MARSHFIELD. HE IS MARRIED BUT GETTING A DIVORCE. HE HAS BEEN LIVING AT 221 BAY STREET FOR A LITTLE MORE THAN 3 YEARS. HE HAS A 40% DISABILITY FROM THE SERVICE WHICH ARE HIS BACK, KNEES AND HEARING. HE SAID THE HEARING ISSUE IS THE WORST. HE GRADUATED FROM OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN 2006 AND JOINED THE MARINES IN APRIL OF 2007. AT SCHOOL HE MAJORED IN WELDING. HE IS STILL IN THE RESERVES AND WAS DEPLOYED TO IRAQ FOR A YEAR. HE FEELS THAT HE WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM PASSING THE PHYSICAL OR THE FIRE ACADEMY. HE DOES NOT WEAR HEARING AIDS, HE JUST HAS RINGING IN HIS EARS. HE HAS A MECHANIC BACKGROUND AND HAS NO PROBLEM TAKING ORDERS. HE HAS ONE CHILD, A 6 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER.

THE THIRD INTERVIEW WAS WITH **NICHOLAS TITUS**. HE WAS RAISED IN TAUNTON AND JOINED THE MARINE CORP RIGHT OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL. HE HAS NEVER BEEN ARRESTED, IS A NON SMOKER AND HAS A PRISTINE WORK RECORD. HE HAS A 40% DISABILITY FROM THE SERVICE WITH IT BEING HIS SHOULDER AND BOTH KNEES. HE FEELS THAT HE WILL NOT HAVE AN ISSUE IN THE ACADEMY. HE GRADUATED FROM TAUNTON HIGH IN 2006 AND IMMEDIATELY JOINED THE MARINES WITH 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY. HE HAS A DAUGHTER AND HAS ALSO GOTTEN HIS CDL LICENSE TO BETTER SUPPORT HIS FAMILY, HOWEVER HE HAS BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR ABOUT 6 MONTHS. HE SAID HE IS OUTGOING AND A HARDWORKER. THERE WERE A COUPLE OF INCIDENTS WITH THE POLICE THAT WERE NOTED, BUT HE SAID HE WAS LIVING WITH FRIENDS, THERE WERE PARTIES.

THE FOURTH INTERVIEW WAS WITH **DAVID PAITEN**. HE GREW UP IN STOUGHTON AND ATTENDED CARDINAL SPELLMAN. HE JOINED THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND WAS DEPLOYED IN 2004 TO IRAQ FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. HE WENT TO SCHOOL FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY. HE WAS AGAIN

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THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES - CONTINUED

DEPLOYED TO IRAQ IN 2010 FOR A YEAR. HE IS STILL IN THE RESERVES. IT WAS NOTED THAT HE WAS ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE AT ONE TIME. HE IS A NON SMOKER AND WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WHERE HE SAID HE HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE. HE GREW UP WITH A STEPFATHER WHO WAS A FIREFIGHTER. HE WOULD LIKE TO GO AS FAR AS HE CAN WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IF HE IS HIRED.

THE FIFTH INTERVIEW WAS WITH **BRADLEY KERRIGAN**. HE GREW UP IN BRIDGEWATER THEN MOVED TO TAUNTON. HE IS A 2004 TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, JOINED THE AIR FORCE FOR 6 YEARS AND GOT OUT IN 2010. HE HAS A 7 YEAR OLD SON. HE IS A NON SMOKER AND SAID HE HAS A FLAWLESS ATTENDANCE AT HIS JOB. HE IS NOT MARRIED. HE HAS JOINT CUSTODY OF HIS SON AND HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MOTHER OF HIS CHILD. HE TAKES ORDERS WELL AND HAS NO PROBLEM GIVING ORDERS. HE WOULD BE VERY APPRECIATIVE IF HE GOT THIS JOB.

MOTION: TO MOVE THE NAMES OF JUSTIN DUMAS AND BRYAN GUENTHNER FOR CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT TO THE TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. SO VOTED.

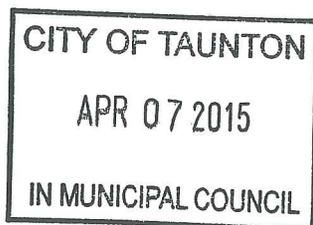
COUNCILOR CROTEAU NOTED THAT THESE INTERVIEWS WERE NOT TELEVISED. THE ISSUE OF ALL MEETINGS BEING TELEVISED WAS REFERRED TO COUNCIL AS A WHOLE, AND HE FEELS THAT ALL FIRES AND WIRES MEETINGS SHOULD BE TELEVISED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:49 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 7, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WAS BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:18 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

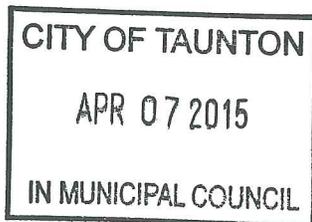
A. THE BUDGET DIRECTOR INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE AUDIT IS COMPLETE AND THE OPEB REPORT IS COMPLETE, SO WHEN THE COMMITTEE IS READY, A MEETING CAN BE HELD TO DISCUSS THIS.

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MR. ENOS TO SCHEDULE THIS IN 3 WEEKS – APRIL 28, 2015.

MOTION: TO INSTRUCT MARIA GOMES, HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO PROVIDE THE LIST REQUESTED FOR ALL PERSONNEL WHO RECEIVED UPGRADES FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR NEXT WEEK. ALSO, COUNCILOR CROTEAU WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE BUDGET DIRECTOR, AUDITOR AND TREASURER FOR THEIR INPUT ON THIS LIST. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT ONCE THE REPORT IS RECEIVED, HE WILL ASK FOR A REVIEW ON THE PROCESS SO THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE NOTIFIED OF EVERY INCREASE IN SALARY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:24 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen M. Ellis

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CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rm Blackwell
CITY CLERK