



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, April 21, 2015 at O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Council President Estele Borges presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Council President*

*Present at roll call were: Councilors Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau, Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, and Borges  
Councilors Carr and Costa-Hanlon are absent.*

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

*Communications from the Mayor:*

Council President Borges reminded everyone that Earth Day is this weekend and the 25<sup>th</sup> annual city wide clean-up is Saturday. She stated that it would be much appreciated if anyone is available and able to help clean up the target areas in the City. She stated that it starts at 9am behind the Taunton Police Station. Councilor Marshall stated that Taunton Eastern Little League is having its opening ceremony on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at noon. He stated that all of the Councilors and the public are cordially invited to attend and he would love to see everyone there. He said that they are having a special ceremony honoring long-time volunteers, Connie and Jim Abrego, on Saturday. They have been actively involved since the 1980's. He realizes that it is a very busy day with Taunton Junior Girls softball opening up, Taunton West Minor League opening up and the Men with Taste event being held. Council President Borges discussed how the Kiwanis's Men with Taste event is being held at the Lafayette Club on Saturday night. She stated that she is one of the chefs and Peter Mozzone, who is responsible for the great event is present in the audience and he is the one to contact if you are looking for tickets.

*Communications from City Officers:*

Com. from City Solicitor stated that when reviewing the ordinance book with the City Clerk in conjunction with the upcoming recodification of city ordinances, an issue was discovered with snow and ice removal legislation that warrants the Council's attention. **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer this issue to the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills for action. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they have received a modification of a Site Plan Review for property at 88 Washington Street for the Grove Street parking lot to be constructed in a future phase, not part of current ED project, ambulance drop off shall be modified as shown on plan, submitted by Donna Maher, c/o Morton Hospital. The DIRB will meet on this on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 10:15 AM in the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer Street, Annex Bldg., and then the

Planning Board will meet on this proposal on Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 5:30 PM at Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

**Communications from Citizens:**

Com. from Chairman, Mayor Charles Crowley Memorial Committee proposing to rename the Oakland Fire Station to The Charles E. Crowley Oakland Fire Station. The purpose of this proposed change is to honor our late Mayor and friend, Charles Crowley. Councilor Pottier stated that he whole heartedly endorses this and there are a number of members of the Committee here this evening. William Hanna, 68 Duffy Drive, Taunton spoke. He stated that he is here as a member of the Committee asking to rename the Oakland Fire Station in honor of Charles Crowley. He stated that it was Charlie's neighborhood and the area that he loved, along with the entire City. It seems appropriate that a memorial to him would be located there. Councilor Croteau stated that when he was the Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Crowley was a Councilor, Mr. Crowley was the initiator of the project. Councilor Marshall stated that it is a great idea but is not sure procedurally, if it can be done this evening. He stated that he is not sure if there are any ordinances that have to be looked at. He stated that it would also give Councilors Carr and Costa-Hanlon an opportunity to weigh in. **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the City Solicitor. Councilor Croteau motioned that this be brought back before the Council no later than two weeks from now for a vote. Councilor Pottier motioned that the Council officially thank the members of the Committee for their work on this and also that whenever this is scheduled to be officially unveiled that it is done in conjunction with the Committee to make sure that we get as many Committee members there as possible. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary discussed asking the City Clerk to review the ordinances to see if there is an ordinance on naming facilities. Council President Borges stated that she spoke to the City Clerk today and there is no ordinance on it. She understands that some of the Councilors are missing tonight who would like to participate in this so the suggestion of moving it to the Committee of the Council as a Whole is a good one.

Com. from Manager, Downtown Taunton Foundation, 8 Trescott Street, Suite 1, Taunton requesting use of the portable stage for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual "Taunton Creates" public art festival to be held on May 16, 2015 on the Taunton Green and a waiver of the fee. **Councilor Marshall motioned to move approval and waive the fee as long as the stage is available and notify the Risk Manager and the DPW. So Voted.**

Com. from Dr. Richard Gross, Superintendent, Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District, 207 Hart Street, Taunton submitting the FY16 Proposed Budget. **Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the administration and the Budget Director for the budget hearings. So Voted.**

**Petitions:**

Petition submitted by George Andrews, 88 Dean St., Raynham requesting a renewal of the Billiard Table License for Italian Naturalization Club, Inc. of Taunton –dba- Italian Naturalization Club, 46 Wales Street, Taunton. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Ernest Cardoza requesting a renewal of the Billiard Table License for the David F. Adams Post #611 Athletic Association, Inc. located at 82 Ingell Street, Taunton. (1 Table) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Donna Francis, 48 Worcester Street requesting a renewal of her Livery License for A&D Enterprises –dba- Pegasus Airport Service located at 48 Worcester St., Taunton. (3 Vehicles) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by James J. Lyons, Jr., 12 Highvale Lane, Andover requesting a renewal of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License –dba- Dandi-Lyons located at 649 County Street to sell flowers. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

### Claims

Claim submitted by Jane Pittsley, 38 Anthony St., Berkley seeking reimbursement to her automobile from hitting a pothole in front of 39 Hart St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Karen Harnois, 199 Fremont St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole in front of 19 Bassett Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Kelly Gallagher, 59 Linden Street, Unit 216, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting potholes on Tremont St. and South Crane Ave., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Daniel Jacobs, 2 Tyashk St., East Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Caswell Street near East Side Pizza. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Kathleen and Michael Baran, 49 Mayflower Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to their automobile from hitting potholes in the vicinity of 392 South Crane Avenue, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Jacques Barbour, 9 Greystone Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole between 40-42 Plain St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Two (2) Claims, dated March 2, 2015 and April 2, 2015, both for damages to her automobile from hitting potholes on Hodges Street near Round Street, Taunton submitted by Crystal Kavanaugh, 49 Connie St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor's Office. 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.

**New Business:**

Councilor Pottier discussed the street sweepers and how last week Councilor Marshall mentioned that the City is down one. Councilor Marshall stated that it was a total loss. Councilor Pottier asked if it was insured. Councilor Marshall stated that it is a matter of getting the claim processed, ordering one and getting it back. Councilor Pottier mentioned getting an email from the Risk Manager at the DPW to inform the Council of what happened. Councilor Marshall stated that from what he's been told, the rear end motor which runs the sweeper may have had a hydraulic leak which hit a warm part of the motor and started a fire. He stated that by the time the driver could try to extinguish it, it was fully engulfed with the diesel. Councilor Pottier stated that a schedule of street sweeping would be helpful. Councilor Marshall stated that it will be part of the presentation next week. He stated that they concentrated on downtown and they were going to try to follow the main thoroughfares following the trash schedule. He stated that they were developing a plan before the fire occurred and ask residents to sweep the sidewalks in front of their homes into the gutter a day or two before trash day so the sweeper could come by and try to get it all.

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the issue of Massasoit State Park to the Committee of the Whole. He motioned that if Senator Pacheco, Rep. Orrall, Rep. O'Connell or the Friends of Massasoit, who have been actively doing volunteer clean-up efforts over the last several months, have anything to report he would like to invite them to a meeting anytime between now and the fall to talk about some of the initiatives they have going on with some of the support from Beacon Hill. He would like that scheduled in the coming months. So Voted.** He stated that it will be useful especially because the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA are looking forward to increasing their access to the park. He stated that it is an unbelievable facility that is so under used. He stated that there have been a number of initiatives both with a volunteer organization and on Beacon Hill. He stated that Senator Pacheco, Rep. Orrall and he believes Rep. O'Connell have been involved with trying to get that back up and running.

Councilor Pottier stated that the Council has had some success in dealing with some properties that are challenging with trash and/or the nuisance of the properties in the neighborhood. He stated that there was a situation with Hodges Avenue and he worked with a number of fellow Councilors on it. He stated that 271 Broadway was brought to his attention and he drove by it today. **Motion was made to refer to the Board of Health and to the Trash Enforcement Officer to address. So Voted.** He stated that the Council is using the ordinances that are currently on the books and have had success on some of the properties and he would like to continue the momentum to get some of these things dealt with.

Councilor Pottier stated that there are two tours scheduled for tomorrow, one at the Department of Mental Health and the second one at the Department of Youth Services.

He stated that they are both on the campus of Taunton State Hospital. He stated that they will be at DMH at 4:00PM and DYS at about 4:30PM. He stated that there are about 4 or 5 Councilors that are attending and others are welcome to attend. He stated that he is looking forward to visiting with the folks there to see what is going on. He thanked Councilor Marshall for pulling together the DYS portion of it. Council President Borges stated that she will be attending and thinks it is a good idea.

Councilor McCaul stated that he held a neighborhood meeting recently on School Street. He stated that it was brought to his attention by the residents that from the corner of Leonard Street and School Street up to Randall Street, cars are parked during the day on the left hand side where the Employment Office is located. He stated that it makes it hard for people to go down the street. He stated that it is supposed to be a two way pass and it is turning into a very tight squeeze. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer to look at having a no on street parking on that side of the street so people are not blocking ways for a person to get down School Street. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary stated that there is an ordinance in existence for no parking on the right side all the way up. He stated that he believes that it has been dealt with before. Councilor Pottier stated that the lot for the Employment Office is small and that is why there is parking needed in that area. He stated that it could be a challenge to ban parking on that street because the customers of the Employment Office would have no place to park. He stated that the problem could take care of itself when the parking deck opens. Councilor McCaul stated that when the parking garage was open they still had that problem.

Councilor McCaul stated that it was brought to his attention that there have been numerous calls to emergency services and ambulances from a resident of 11 Church Street. He stated that the person does not need the services. Council President Borges stated that one of the Councilors made a motion to get a list of all of the 911 calls. Councilor Pottier stated that he had made a motion to get a listing of all the 911 plus fire calls from the Chief and he has not seen that list yet. He stated that the Council has talked about the police having charges for alarms at home. The challenge that we have for help calls is that if you don't show up the one time that it is a legitimate concern, they could bring up a lawsuit. He stated that there is a cost involved, not only in dollars but in safety. **Councilor McCaul made a motion to have the Fire Chief get back to the Council to report what the cost is for them to keep going to a home that does not need services. Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the City Solicitor's Office to do research to possibly charge after multiple calls from a particular residence. So Voted.** Councilor Quinn stated that she wanted to add that it is a problem and getting an opinion from the Fire Chief and the City Solicitor is a good starting point. She stated that she thinks there is a very fine line in determining whether it is a legitimate health and safety call. It is a judgement call and what someone's health and safety issue is may not be the same for someone else. Council President Borges stated that she is at patients homes all of the time and sometimes you have to call three times in a week so it is a tough decision to make. Councilor McCaul stated that last week the person called at 11pm, 2:50am and 4. He stated that it is repeating at the same address constantly and it is not an emergency situation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

*Rm Blacnute*  
City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

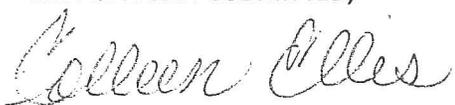
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR POTTIER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:49 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 5:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CITY OF TAUNTON
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IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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**THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DONALD CLEARY, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS BORGES AND QUINN. ALSO PRESENT WERE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR DANIEL DEABREU AND POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH

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

**MOTION:** TO GO OUT OF THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS. SO VOTED.

1. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR AND POLICE CHIEF REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR STOP SIGN ON ROUND STREET AT TREMONT STREET.
2. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR STOP SIGNS AT OLNEY AND WALES STREETS AND REED AND WALES STREETS
3. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR AND POLICE CHIEF REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR STOP SIGN ON TERRIANNE DRIVE AT FIELD STREET

THE CHAIRMAN ADDRESSED THE NUMBER OF STOP SIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY EITHER THE POLICE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE OR THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE AND HAVE NOT BEEN PLACED INTO OFFICIAL ORDINANCE FORM. GOING BACK TO SEPTEMBER, 2014 POLICE AND LICENSE DID APPROVE A STOP SIGN AT OLNEY STREET AND WALES STREET, A STOP SIGN AT REED STREET AND WALES STREET, A STOP SIGN ON TERRIANNE DRIVE AT FIELD STREET ALONG WITH A STOP SIGN AHEAD WARNING SIGN ON TERRIANNE DRIVE AND AN INTERSECTION WARNING SIGN INSTALLED ON FIELD STREET. ALSO A STOP SIGN ON ROUND STREET AT THE CORNER OF TREMONT STREET AND A STOP SIGN AHEAD WARNING SIGN ON ROUND STREET, AND ON TREMONT STREET AN INTERSECTION WARNING SIGN.

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THESE HAVE ALL BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE PAST.

**MOTION:** TO PLACE THESE LOCATIONS INTO THE EXISTING ORDINANCE FOR STOP SIGNS AND WARNING SIGNS.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND ON DISCUSSION COUNCILOR QUINN ASKED THE CHIEF THAT INITIALLY THE STOP SIGNS AT OLNEY AND WALES AND REED AND WALES WERE LOOKED INTO AND THERE WERE NOT ANY ACCIDENTS THERE. THEN, THE SAFETY OFFICER HAD A CONVERSATION WITH SOME OF THE RESIDENTS, SO WHAT IS THE REASON FOR PROMOTING THESE TWO STOP SIGNS?

THE CHIEF SAID THAT THE REASON IS THE TRAFFIC THAT IS GOING THROUGH THERE AND PEOPLE ARE NOT STOPPING. THERE IS ALSO A MAJOR APARTMENT COMPLEX ON ONE END AND THERE IS ANOTHER ONE SCHEDULED FOR THE OTHER END SO THE TRAFFIC WILL INCREASE MORE.

**THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE. SO VOTED.**

4. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING STREET OPENING PERMITS

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT A MEMO WAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM ATTORNEY DE ABREU WITH A COPY OF THE PROPOSED REWRITE OF THE ORDINANCE AND THE OLD ORDINANCE.

THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR STATED THAT THIS AROSE OUT OF DISCUSSIONS THAT WERE ONGOING BETWEEN THE DPW AND COLUMBIA GAS COMPANY. COLUMBIA GAS HAS BEEN DOING A LOT OF ROAD OPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THEY ARE HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE ALL OTHER STREET OPENING PERMIT APPLICANTS. THROUGH THESE DISCUSSIONS THEY AGREED UPON A PROTOCOL THAT WOULD BE FOLLOWED. AS PART OF THIS, HE DISCUSSED WITH THE TREASURER REGARDING WHAT

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THE EXISTING ORDINANCE WAS, AND THROUGH THOSE VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS THEY CAME UP WITH AND DRAFTED AN UPDATED PROCEDURE TO BETTER REFLECT WHAT WAS ACTUALLY HAPPENING. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IT HAS BEEN WORKING WELL.

COUNCILOR CLEARLY STATED THAT IT SEEMS TO HIM THAT THE EMPHASIS IS THE EXISTANCE OF A DEPOSIT AND OR BOND

THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR SAID THIS IS CORRECT AND COLUMBIA GAS USES A BOND. EVERYTIME A ROAD OPENING PERMIT IS RECEIVED BY DPW, DPW MAKES A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AS TO WHAT THE BOND AMOUNT SHOULD BE. THEN THE TREASURER LOOKS AT ALL THE EXISTING PERMITS AND THE AMOUNT OF THE BOND. ASSUMING THAT THERE IS STILL CAPACITY ON THE BOND FOR THE PERMIT, SHE MAKES THAT NOTATION AND IT IS THEN RETURNED TO DPW FOR THEIR APPROVAL FOR THE STREET OPENING PERMIT.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE BOND OR DEPOSIT IS GOOD FOR 9 MONTHS AFTER THE PROJECT SO IF THERE IS DISREPAIR OR IT IS NOT PROPERLY PATCHED, THERE IS STILL MONEY IN BOND OR DEPOSIT THAT CAN BE USED TO CORRECT ANY MISTAKES.

THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR STATED THAT AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT, THE DPW LIKES TO HAVE A FREEZE AND A THAW AFTER THE PATCH IS DONE SO THEY CAN OBSERVE THAT IT WAS DONE CORRECTLY AND MAKES IT THROUGH ONE ANNUAL CYCLE.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NEW DRAFT AND REFER TO THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO BE PUT IN PROPER FORMAT. SO VOTED.**

**5. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGE RELATIVE TO FEES FOR ON AND OFF STREET PARKING**

THE POLICE CHIEF STATED THAT THE PARKING COMMISSION IS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING 2 THINGS. FIRST IS THE REVITALIZATION OF THE PARKING DECK WHICH IS ONGOING RIGHT NOW. THE SECOND ITEM IS THAT THEY ARE LOOKING TO START USING CREDIT CARDS IN THE KIOSKS DOWNTOWN. AS FAR AS THE DECK, AS IT MOVES FORWARD, THEY REALIZE THEY HAVE TO DO SOME CHANGES AS FAR AS CHARGES FOR THE DECK. THE PARKING COMMISSION CAME BEFORE THE COUNCIL ABOUT 4 MONTHS AGO AND THERE WAS A LONG DISCUSSION CONCERNING RATES. THEY WENT BACK AND MET AGAIN AND CAME UP WITH A RATE CHANGING IT FROM \$30.00 A MONTH TO \$60.00 A MONTH. THIS WAS PARTIALLY BASED UPON INFORMAL SURVEYS DONE BY COMMISSION MEMBERS TO THE MERCHANTS IN THE AREA TO SEE IF THAT WAS A VIABLE RATE, AND THAT THEY WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SUSTAIN THE DECK AT THAT RATE, AND IT WAS.

THE CHIEF CONTINUED SAYING THAT LOOKING AT THE CREDIT CARD ISSUE, THERE WERE SOME ISSUES WITH THE ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE IS GETTING ENOUGH REVENUE FROM THE TRANSACTIONS TO PAY FOR THE CREDIT CARD FEES. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PARKING COMMISSION AND THE CITY TREASURER, THE COMMISSION OPTED TO REQUEST TO INCREASE THE RATE FROM \$.25 FOR 20 MINUTES TO \$.25 FOR 12 MINUTES. THE MAIN REASON FOR THAT IS THAT THEY STILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF METERS DOWNTOWN THAT WILL ONLY TAKE QUARTERS SO THEY NEED A RATE THAT WORKS WITH QUARTERS. THAT IS HOW THAT RATE WAS DERIVED.

COUNCILOR QUINN SAID THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE CHIEF EARLIER ABOUT SOME OF THE REASONS WHY THE DIFFERENTIAL IN THE PARKING RATE AND THE PROXIMITY OF THE PARKING DECK TO DOWNTOWN AND THE FAVORABLE PARKING, IS THE MAJOR REASON WHY THAT IS MORE. IT ALSO HAS TO SUSTAIN THE COST OF THAT BOND, SO HOPEFULLY THE \$60.00 A MONTH WILL BE ENOUGH TO PAY THE BOND AS IT COMES DUE WITHOUT NEED FOR FUNDS FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE. THEY HAD DONE THE CALCULATIONS TO MAKE SURE THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE SUFFICIENT. COUNCILOR QUINN FURTHER STATED THAT SHE PERSONALLY WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF GIVING A MONTH FREE FOR THE

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YEARLY PASS. IF THERE IS NO DISCOUNT OFFERED SHE DOES NOT FEEL THERE IS ANY MOTIVATION FOR SOMEONE TO COME IN AND PAY FOR THE YEAR IN ADVANCE. SHE IS IN FAVOR OF GIVING ONE MONTH FREE IF IT IS PAID IN ADVANCE FOR THE YEAR.

COUNCILOR BORGES STATED THAT SHE ALSO LIKES THE SUGGESTION OF 1 FREE MONTH IF IT IS PAID IN ADVANCE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT HE THINKS THEY SHOULD LOOK AT REDUCING THE AMOUNT AND SOME SORT OF INCENTIVE FOR PEOPLE TO PAY FOR THE YEAR IN ADVANCE. HE WOULD ENTERTAIN SOME SUGGESTION FROM THE CHIEF OR THE PARKING COMMISSION TO LOOK AT REDUCING THAT YEARLY FEE. SECOND, COUNCILOR CLEARY CONTINUED SAYING THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO THE PARKING METER FEES FROM 20 MINUTES TO 12 MINUTES FOR \$.25. HE BELIEVES THAT THE KIOSKS AND THE PARKING METERS ALONG WITH THE AGGRESSIVE TICKETING IS WORKING VERY WELL DOWNTOWN. YOU CAN ACTUALLY FIND A PARKING PLACE DOWNTOWN AND THERE IS NOBODY PARKING THERE ALL DAY. HE THINKS THE FEE IS CORRECT AND DOES NOT WANT TO SEE IT DOUBLE.

THE POLICE CHIEF SAID THAT THE REASON FOR RAISING THIS FEE IS THE DEMAND FOR USING CREDIT CARDS. THEY NEED TO INCREASE THE RATE TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL FEES FOR CREDIT CARDS. THEY CHECKED AND THEY CANNOT DO A DUAL CHARGE, ONE FOR CASH AND ONE FOR CREDIT CARDS. THEY HAVE SET THIS UP, AND THEY ARE ALMOST READY TO GO ON BOARD BUT THE REASON THEY HAVE NOT IS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE A RATE. THEY HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO CAPTURE THE COST FOR THE ADDITIONAL FEES FOR CREDIT CARDS.

COUNCILOR QUINN SAID THAT SHE AGREES THAT PAYING AN EXTRA \$1.50 TO RUN INTO A RESTAURANT DOWNTOWN IS EXPENSIVE, BUT IF WE DON'T RAISE THE RATES, THE CITY WILL LOSE MONEY AND IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE ANY PARKING RATES HAVE BEEN INCREASED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT ANOTHER COMPONENT OF THIS IS THE OFF STREET PARKING LOTS. THE KIOSKS ARE GOING TO BE THERE AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BUY A MONTHLY PARKING PASS – EITHER WAY.

THE POLICE CHIEF SAID IT DEPENDS ON THE LOT. THAT IS ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED. RIGHT NOW THEY DO NOT CHARGE FOR TRESMOTT STREET AND GALLIGAN COURT DOWNTOWN. BOTH OF THEM NEED SUBSTANTIAL REPAIRS AND HE BELIEVES THAT WHEN THE ADA REPORT COMES UP THERE WILL BE SOME ISSUES WITH THESE LOTS. COURT STREET NEEDS REPAIRS. PLEASANT STREET IS FINE RIGHT NOW. ORIGINALLY WHEN THEY SET UP PLEASANT STREET THEY DID NOT ALLOW PASSES, THEY ALLOW PASSES NOW AND ALSO ON COURT STREET. COURT STREET IS NEVER AT CAPACITY. THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING DOWNTOWN, AND THE CHIEF FEELS THAT THE METER ENFORCEMENT DOWNTOWN HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF CLEARING SPACES. THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE SOME POSITIVE CHANGES AND HE HOPES WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR THEY WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL LOOKING TO CHANGE GALLIGAN COURT AS WELL AS TRESMOTT TO MAKE THEM PAID LOTS. RIGHT NOW IT IS FREE PARKING AND THEY WILL NOT GET ANY REVENUE UNTIL THOSE LOTS ARE FIXED. COUNCILOR CLEARY THEN NOTED THAT IF THEY APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE IT SAYS THAT TRESMOTT AND GALLIGAN WILL BE \$30.00 A MONTH.

THE CHIEF SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT SAYS THAT, BUT COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THE ORDINANCE SAYS OFF STREET PARKING LOTS. THE CHIEF SAID THE ONLY ONES PAID RIGHT NOW ARE COURT STREET AND PLEASANT STREET. RIGHT NOW IT IS FREE PARKING ON GALLIGAN COURT AND TRESMOTT STREET. COUNCILOR CLEARY CLARIFIED AND SAID THOSE OFF STREET PERMITS FOR \$30.00 A MONTH ARE FOR PLEASANT STREET AND COURT STREET.

THE CHIEF SAID YES.

COUNCILOR QUINN ASKED IF THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT THEY COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE 15 MINUTES.

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THE CHIEF SAID ULTIMATELY IT IS THIS COMMITTEE THAT MAKES THE DECISION AS TO WHAT THE PARKING RATES ARE, THE COMMISSION MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS. THE COMMITTEE CAN CHOOSE TO ADOPT THEM, MODIFY THEM OR IGNORE THEM.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PARKING METERS AND KIOSKS STAY AT \$.25 FOR DOWNTOWN ON STREET PARKING AND HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE OTHER FEES SUGGESTED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY FURTHER CLARIFIED THAT IT BE \$.25 FOR 20 MINUTES – NO CHANGE FOR THE ON STREET PARKING DOWNTOWN.

COUNCILOR BORGES THEN ASKED IF IT WAS TO BE NO CHANGE WITH CASH BUT CHANGE WITH CREDIT CARDS OR DOES IT HAVE TO BE THE SAME.

THE CHIEF SAID IT HAS TO BE THE SAME, BUT WHAT THEY ARE PROPOSING TO DO IS IF USING A CREDIT CARD THERE BE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1.00.

COUNCILOR QUINN ASKED IF YOU COULD HAVE \$.25 FOR 20 MINUTES AND THEN A MINIMUM OF \$1.00 IF YOU USE A CREDIT CARD.

THE CHIEF SAID YES.

COUNCILOR CLEARY WENT THROUGH EACH PROPOSAL. THE FIRST ONE SAYS \$.25 FOR 12 MINUTES. THE COMMITTEE WANTS TO LEAVE IT AT \$.25 FOR 20 MINUTES. AND THEN TO SOME HOW WRITE IN THERE THAT THE USE OF A CREDIT CARD WILL HAVE TO BE A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF \$1.00.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID HE IS IN FAVOR OF THE \$.25 FOR 20 MINUTES AND THE ONE MONTH FREE FOR THE MONTHLY FEES IF PAID IN ADVANCE AND FEELS DECEMBERS SHOULD BE THE FREE MONTH.

COUNCILOR POTTIER STATED THAT HE THINKS COUNCILOR QUINN'S POINT WAS THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO BUY IN BLOCK YOU WOULD GET A FREE MONTH, IT IS NOT LIKE YOU WOULD GET A CERTAIN MONTH OF THE YEAR FREE, YOU WOULD GET 12 MONTHS FOR 11 MONTHS CHARGE.

COUNCILOR BORGES NOTED THAT IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDED THAT IT SAYS ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM PURCHASE OF ONE HOUR OF PARKING, BUT IF WE LEAVE IT AT \$.25 FOR 20 MINUTES, THAT WILL ONLY BE \$.75.

THE CHIEF NOTED THAT IT WAS SUGGESTED BY COUNCILOR QUINN THAT WE ADD ONE SENTENCE THAT ALL CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS REQUIRE A MINIMUM PURCHASE OF \$1.00 FOR PARKING.

THIS WAS THOUGHT TO BE REASONABLE AND AGREED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT AT THE PARKING DECK UPPER LEVEL THERE WILL BE A KIOSK AND THE LOWER LEVEL WILL BE FOR THE YEARLY PASSES AT \$660.00 PER YEAR (\$60.00 MONTH FOR 11 MONTHS)

THE CHANGES WERE CLARIFIED TO BE THAT THE ON STREET PARKING WILL REMAIN AT \$.25 FOR 20 MINUTES. FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS THERE IS A REQUIRED MINIMUM PURCHASE OF \$1.00

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REVISED ORDINANCE WITH THE COMMITTEE'S CHANGES AND ALSO TO OFFER THE DISCOUNT FOR YEARLY PASSES FOR THE PARKING DECK AS WELL AS THE OFF STREET PARKING LOTS. (ONE MONTH FREE IF PAID IN ADVANCE FOR THE YEAR). SO VOTED.**

**6. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO REVIEW REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE FOR NO PARKING ON WHITTENTON STREET BETWEEN WARREN STREET AND SECOND AVENUE**

A REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ON WHITTENTON STREET BETWEEN WARREN STREET AND SECOND AVENUE WAS RECEIVED BY THE SAFETY OFFICER FROM CITY ENGINEER MARK SLUSARZ.

COUNCILOR QUINN NOTED THAT THE SKETCH THAT SHE WAS PROVIDED WITH SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO PARKING ALL THE WAY FROM WARREN TO SECOND AVENUE AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE ON BOTH SIDES, HOWEVER THE CITY ENGINEER RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE NO

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PARKING ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE WHICH WOULD NOT GO ALL THE WAY TO WARREN STREET. SHE ASKED IF THE INTENT HERE WAS TO NOT PARK ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET. BOTH THE POLICE CHIEF AND THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THEY BELIEVE IT IS JUST ONE SIDE.

**MOTION: APPROVE NO PARKING ON WHITTENTON STREET FROM WARREN STREET TO SECOND STREET ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE. SO VOTED.**

**7. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR AND POLICE CHIEF TO REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR NO PARKING ON BAY STREET FROM THE ENTRANCE/EXIT OF 348 BAY STREET (WHITTENTON HARDWARE) TO THE ENTRANCE/EXIT OF 314 BAY STREET (POLISH CLUB)**

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE SAFETY OFFICER AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE LOOKING FOR NO PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF BAY STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 33.6 FEET, AND HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS IS THE AREA BETWEEN THE ENTRANCE TO WHITTENTON HARDWARE AND THE BACK ENTRANCE TO THE POLISH CLUB. THIS IS AN AREA WHEN THEY ARE MOVING IN AND OUT OF THE FIRE HOUSE, THE TRUCK NEEDS THAT SPACE.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.**

**8. MEET WITH THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS ORDINANCE REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION FEE SCHEDULE**

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE CHANGES WERE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE LIST WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE ONLY NEW ONE IS THE ANNUAL RADIO BOX MONITORING FEE WHICH IS \$150.00. A LOT OF THE NEW FACILITIES HAVE A RADIO BOX INSTALLED IN THEIR FACILITIES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MONITORS ANY PROBLEMS WITH THOSE FIRE BOXES. COUNCILOR QUINN STATED THAT THESE CHANGES HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE COUNCIL SEVERAL TIMES, AND THEY WERE JUST LOOKING FOR SOME CLARIFICATION ON A COUPLE OF ISSUES.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL**

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT HE FEELS THAT THE ANNUAL RADIO BOX FEE OF \$150.00 IS A HIGH NEW FEE.

**THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON WITH COUNCILORS BORGES AND QUINN VOTING IN FAVOR AND COUNCILOR CLEARY VOTING IN OPPOSITION. MOTION CARRIES. SO VOTED.**

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

A. COUNCILOR POTTIER SAID SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP A NUMBER OF TIMES, AND HE KNOWS THAT THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR HAS LOOKED AT WAS THE HANDICAPPED PARKING VIOLATIONS AND THE MONEY WHICH HE BELIEVES IS PUT INTO A SEPARATE ACCOUNT, AND HE BELIEVES IS STILL IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT. THEY WERE TRYING TO COME UP WITH SOME METHODOLOGY FOR ALLOWING THE TDAC TO COME UP WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL TO SPEND SOME OF THAT MONEY ON MITIGATION EFFORTS OR FOR OTHER HANDICAP TYPE ISSUES IN THE CITY. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHERE THAT STANDS.

**MOTION: TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW AND TO REPORT BACK IN ONE MONTH. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED ON WHAT THE FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR AND HOW. ALSO, THE AMOUNT THAT IS IN THIS ACCOUNT IS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE AUDITOR.**

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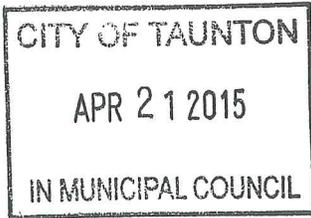
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:48 P.M.

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 OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ESTELE BORGES AND COUNCILORS CLEARY, MARSHALL,  
CROTEAU, POTTIER, MCCAUL, AND QUINN

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:52 P.M.**

**1. MEET WITH JOHN BRENNAN, ADMINISTRATOR OF TAUNTON NURSING HOME TO DISCUSS  
DEFICIENCY AT THE NURSING HOME**

THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT MR. BRENNAN WAS NOT ABLE TO BE HERE  
THIS EVENING.

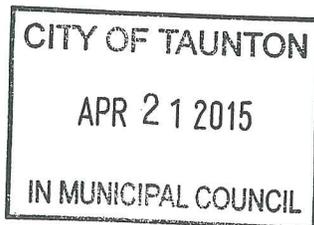
**MOTION: TO POSTPONE THIS MEETING UNTIL MAY 12, 2015. SO VOTED.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:53 P.M.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



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