



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, April 29, 2014 at 7:05 o'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

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

Motion was made to go out of regular order of business. So Voted.

Motion was made to invite in all interested parties. So Voted.

The Mayor read a Proclamation honoring mature, knowledgeable, Older American's Month. The theme this year for the month of May 2014 is "safe today, healthy tomorrow." **Motion was made to accept the Proclamation. So Voted.** The Mayor thanked all those present for all they have done and continue to do for the community.

Motion was made to revert back to regular order of business. So Voted.

Hearing:

Continued hearing – submitted by Verizon New England and Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant proposing to relocate P12 Washington Street and remove/abandon poles 9, 10 and 11 Washington Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to open the hearing and invite into the enclosure all interested parties. So Voted.** Present was Verizon Right of Way Manager Daryl Crossman, 385 Myles Standish Blvd., Taunton, MA 02780 representing both Verizon and TMLP, Regional Director of Government Affairs for Verizon Stan Usovicz, 63 High Street, Danvers, MA 01923. The City Clerk read a communication requesting information from Verizon. **Motion was made to make it a part of the record. So Voted.** Mr. Crossman stated that the pole will be ADA compliant; it will be within the procedures and guidelines established by and followed by MassDOT. In terms of the double poles, the City is divided in half geographically for set areas. Verizon works hand-in-hand with TMLP as to what they need to be transferred. In late March, there was a crew in the City and there was another crew scheduled for this week to address the double poles. Eight (8) poles will be addressed this week. Councilor Marshall stated that the double poles have been a concern of his because the double poles in the sidewalks are causing huge ADA compliance issues. Number one, our sidewalks are not ADA compliance to begin with and when another pole is placed in the travel lane of the sidewalk, it only makes it worse. Additionally, the poles seem to stay for a significant amount of time. He asked for Verizon's policy on the timeframe for the

removal of double poles. There are several poles around the City that can be seen where a lot of things have been transferred over except for Verizon. Verizon is the lowest on the pole. Some poles have actually been cut down just above the Verizon cables. Mr. Crossman stated that the transfer of cables on the poles start at the top and continue to the bottom. The first to move would be the electric company, street light, fire alarm, communication (Comcast or some other entity) and then lastly Verizon. Typically, they try to work in tandem with everybody to remove the pole as quickly as possible, regardless who may have set the pole. Mr. Crossman stated that he has worked with other communities where they would schedule joint meetings on a quarterly basis with municipal light departments, fire departments and Public Works Departments to identify trouble spots and coordinate the movements. In some cases, the municipal electric department may move very quickly, but there may be a lag in street light or cable TV which would result in a flood of activities that need to be addressed. When meeting on a quarterly basis, it makes greater sense to stream line communications. Mr. Crossman stated that he has not been asked to meet with the City on a quarterly basis. TMLP is very good in communicating their needs in their set area; typically they would submit a listing to Verizon. In some instances, Verizon may have two crews, one for the transfer of cables and the second for the pole removal. Councilor Marshall questioned the requests during construction. He said the Somerset Avenue, Rt. 138 project had double poles for a very long time. Mr. Crossman stated that he could not give a timeframe that would fit all the pole transfers because a typical pole with cable transfer would be different from one that may need relocation of services because those poles would require additional conduit work as well as engineering work. He said that they try to stay on top of them all and by the number he has seen in Taunton, they have done a pretty good job in addressing the poles. Councilor Marshall questioned the timeframe of notification from TMLP regarding the placement of a pole from an accident. Mr. Crossman stated that TMLP would notify everyone on the list based on the transfer. Councilor Croteau asked how many Verizon double poles are there to be removed in the city and when will they be removed. Mr. Crossman stated that to the extent of the number of double poles that Verizon has, it is eight (8) and they are being removed this week. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if the requested three poles for removal on Washington Street is part of the eight (8) mentioned poles. Mr. Crossman stated that poles 9, 10 and 11 are not part of the eight (8) double poles that are being addressed this week. The removal of poles 9, 10 and 11 will be in coordination with the City and MassDOT. Councilor Cleary stated that there was a concern from a citizen regarding additional manholes and/or abandoned manholes and contamination of soil. He asked if there is a plan as to what will be done with the soil if it is contaminated. Mr. Crossman stated that they would follow the MassDOT protocols and procedures in term of handling the remediation of any contaminated soil. He said that they will work in coordination with MassDOT for any work that needs to be done. Depending on the conditions of the area, they would work though any issues to try to remove manholes first. Mr. Crossman informed that the language which states remove/abandon really means remove. Councilor Cleary stated that after the hearing, it is his intent to make a motion to obtain the names and contact information of the gentlemen present and refer to TMLP for the suggestion of quarterly meeting so that the City can continue to resolve the issue of double poles and ADA issues in Taunton. Councilor Cleary stated that there are numerous double poles located along Oak Street and Highland Street. He said he can count eight (8) double poles every time he travels to this meeting and he is not sure if these are included in the number of double

poles mentioned tonight. Mr. Crossman informed that the poles Councilor Cleary mentioned are the power company responsibility to remove. Councilor Cleary stated that after the removal of a pole, the site is not cleaned up. Councilor McCaul asked if the removal of poles 9, 10 and 11 are completed, will the holes be filled in and debris removed. Mr. Crossman stated that the entire area is being reconstructed, which is part of the project. Mr. Crossman stated that you will see a pole cut with blocks of wood underneath. The pole's butt has actually been removed and the new pole installed in its place. The pole is then bolted together for transfers to be completed. Councilor Quinn stated that it has been informed that the new pole, P12, will be installed in accordance to MassDOT, but will it also be in accordance to ADA compliance. It was stated that all MassDOT regulations would be in compliant with ADA. Mr. Crossman stated that the municipal lighting plants will work with the operation department at Verizon. Verizon has a state-wide database where information is updated by each entity. They also rely very heavily on information obtained from municipal lighting plants from their set area. No one present speaking in favor of or in opposition of the petition. Councilor Carr asked for clarification on the ownership of the poles because she has never seen Verizon replacing a pole in the case of an accident. Mr. Crossman stated that it depends on the case or the situation. There may be an agreement operationally, where in the case of an emergency, the municipal light will set and transfer in Verizon's set area. Councilor Carr stated that seeing that Verizon is the last to make the transfer from one pole to another; they should send someone to remove the pole at the same time. Mr. Crossman stated that in some cases the municipal light will set in an area. They may leave the pole in the ground and dig a new pole alongside. In other cases, the pole is in the ground and is their responsibility is to remove the poles. Mr. Crossman stated that all poles are determined on their height and make-up by the US Electrical Code. If a pole is set in a Verizon area by the municipal light, the municipal light would then send a bill to Verizon for the pole. Typically, there is enough cross work that bills aren't exchange. Councilor Carr stated that the majority of the issue is the procedure being used. She said that it would make more sense if there was an accident; TMLP would install the pole and move their things over. Then with Verizon being the last to transfer they could take the pole away. She said there are many more than eight (8) double poles in the City. **Motion was made to close the hearing and grant the petition. So Voted.**

Communication from the Mayor:

The Mayor thanked all those who came out and help with Earth Day especially Karen Kullas and Ms. Lee Ann Tavares who has headed up the project for over twenty (20) years. He encouraged residents in all neighborhoods to continue the efforts. Residents can call his office to coordinate pick-ups if need be.

Meet in executive Session to discuss ongoing Collective Bargaining Negotiations. **Motion was made to move to the end of the meeting. So Voted.**

Communication:

Com. from City Solicitor - Submitting information on 437 Washington Street-Fire Watch. **Councilor Pottier asked if there is a balance remaining on Mr. Murphy's account and if not available now, he motioned to have it for next week. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director/Retirement System – submitting Annual Statement for the Financial Condition of the City of Taunton Contributory Retirement System. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. Councilor Pottier stated that he was thinking to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole because it is a pretty important issue. Also, to invite in Mr. Slivinski to discuss where we are funded. So Voted.**

Com. from the Veterans Director Agent –Requesting additional funding in the amount of \$130,000.00 for the Veterans Benefits Account. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Conservation Agent – Submitting update on Mill River Dam. All vegetation is growing, herring, pickerel, trout, lamprey and river eel have all been recorded upstream of the dams. Councilor Cleary stated that it is very good news that the area of species of fish are coming back and actually getting up to Snake River and Sabbatia Lake. Ms. Restino informed Councilor Cleary that the Reed and Barton Dam is scheduled for demolition in 2015 and there should be no problem at that time with the migration of fish. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from St. Anthony's Parish. 126 School Street, Taunton – Requesting permission to hold a Procession on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 8:00pm. **Motion was made to approve and refer to the Police Department. So Voted.**

Com. from Taunton Municipal Network – Submitting requested status report on the municipal network. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole and the IT Director, Paul Arikian. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she attended the recent Cable Commission meeting where a letter from the Mayor was read into the record. As this is to be a formal hearing, she hopes that Council could do something similar to what the Mayor did relative to what the Council is looking for from Comcast. She asked that Council consider not only having a meeting regarding this but also refer this to that hearing. She said that it is important that the hearing include the voices of the City Council. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked that the letter from Mr. Glynn be referred to the Commissioner of the Cable Commission so that they can include it in the formal hearing. Councilor Croteau stated that they had a brief meeting with Mr. Pestana and Mr. Higgins some time ago and it was his understanding that they were going to put together a report with recommendations relative to microphones and so forth. Councilor Croteau requested a written response from Mr. Higgins and Mr. Pestana. In addition to his report, the Mayor asked to invite in Mr. Pestana. Councilor Cleary stated that the report states that the audio system, microphones and such, is owned by the City. Therefore, any upgrades would come out of the City's budget. Even though a loose wire was recently found, Councilor Cleary stated that he has had people twice this week speak to him about not hearing what goes on at the Council table; especially during Committee meetings. He said he cannot hear people sitting at the table when he himself is sitting in his seat. He said that when Mr. Pestana comes in with a recommendation, it should be done. The City needs to address the sound system that is being used if we are not moving out of this building for a couple of years. The Mayor stated that Council could consider moving the meetings to E. Pole**

School at some point because this room is not designed for this type of meeting. Another short term solution could be the use of Council desks during Committee meetings instead of the table. Councilor Carr stated that more of the problem is the people using the equipment. When Mr. Pestana was here, he informed that the equipment was running as efficiently as it can in this building. As for the transmittal, Mr. Pestana and Mr. Higgins informed that the cable connection in Rehoboth is the issue. Councilor Pottier stated that due to the heat, Council has conducted meetings during the summer at the E. Pole School. In the short term, if the School Committee would allow, this may be something to consider. Councilor Pottier said that this could also be a time to compare and contrast how much better it would be for Council at E. Pole School. Councilor Cleary stated that it may be inefficient because the City Solicitor or Assistant City Solicitor and City Clerk have to come out. This would be a loss of time for them. He feels it is a good idea to use the desks for Committees. Councilor Croteau stated that he thinks it will be found that new equipment is needed. **So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier read extra communication from Ms. Nancilee Blake-Lemaire in reference to ATV's which was brought up during the Committee of Police and License. Ms. Blake-Lemaire requested additional police presence surrounding the Blake Walker Cemetery. The topic was addressed last week, but wanted to reemphasize the need. Councilor Costa-Hanlon informed that the meeting will be within a month. **Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the Committee on Police and License. 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 Borges stated that Councilor Quinn had previously motioned to refer 16 Scadding Street to the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Enforcement Officer has gone out to look at the property and the property owner was to clean the property by Wednesday. **Councilor Borges motioned to obtain an update from the Zoning Enforcement Officer on the property. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that last week the Mayor or Council President Marshall talked about the process of reviewing potholes due to extra funding being received. The review was to see what areas would be included in fixing the potholes. She has had a number of constituents contact her and they would like to refer Tremont Street, Weir Street, General Cobb Street, Dana Street and State Street. While out in the community, she had a constituent also ask about Hill Street. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer the mentioned streets to the DPW Commissioner with a letter of correspondence back to Council referencing those streets. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr stated that about three weeks ago she made a motion to refer to the Committee on Police and License the cameras that have been placed throughout the City for trash dumping. If it is not the Committee on Police and License who is handling this, then she would request that the Chair of the Committee forward to the correct place.

Earth Day was a great success. She said that she lives on a road that has a lot of trash thrown on it. Saturday, after Earth Day clean-up, the road looked beautiful. Sunday there was trash on the side of the road and today there are four tires. She said she is so disgusted the way that certain residents feel they can treat the City. She was out in the rain with a lot of other people on Saturday picking up trash. She said that the City really needs an Ordinance that has some teeth in it and slaps people hard. Not just \$5 or \$10, but \$1000 fine if they are caught throwing trash on the side of the road. The City needs to invest in cameras to survey these areas and start catching some of these people because until we do it is never going to stop. **Councilor Carr motioned for a report on the locations of the cameras as well as the individuals who monitor them for two weeks. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul stated that Councilor Pottier motioned about six or seven months ago for correspondence to be sent to CSX regarding the railroad tracks lifting up on Arlington Street and Dean Street. There are now other locations buckling, Hart Street. They certainly can cause harm to a person on a motorcycle or even a person in a car. **Councilor McCaul motioned for an update from CSX as to when they are going to repair the tracks. So Voted. (The City Clerk sent this communication to Fred Cornaglia, DPW Commissioner to handle.)**

Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution Designating Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of Municipal Public Moneys – Student Activity Account – Signatures of Matthew Mattos, Headmaster and Brian Green, Bookkeeper. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Cleary motioned to have the City Clerk send a letter to TMLP summarizing the Council's discussion this evening with the Verizon Right of Way Manager Daryl Crossman, 385 Myles Standish Blvd., Taunton, MA 02780 and TMLP, Regional Director of Government Affairs for Verizon Stan Usovicz, 63 High Street, Danvers, MA 01923 regarding double poles and their willingness to meet quarterly to discuss pole problems. Councilor Quinn suggested adding to the motion a request from TMLP to let us know what double poles need to be addressed. Verizon is saying there is only eight and we are seeing more than eight, we need to make sure that TMLP feels the number of poles are correct. Councilor Cleary stated that a part of the letter could state the issue that came up on the number of double poles along with Verizon not grabbing ownership of all the double poles. Also, that we would like a list of the double poles that are under the control of the TMLP so that we can monitor their replacement. Councilor McCaul suggested submitting to the Committee of the Council as a Whole so that TMLP and Verizon can meet to discuss and address the issues. Councilor Cleary stated that a copy of the letter could be sent to the TMLP Committee. Councilor Cleary stated that the TMLP Committee could monitor and he will volunteer to attend the quarterly meetings and represent the Council of Committees. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the clean-up on Earth Day was a great success. She said she has received a couple of calls regarding trash pick-up in East Taunton. Therefore, she asked for a follow-up on the pick-up of bags in East Taunton.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she had a couple of issues with the requirement/verification of signatures for elections. At times, it is difficult to read signatures, therefore they would be disqualified. She said she came across a couple of people recently who have Parkinson Disease and it is difficult for them to sign. She Also had a resident who was very frustrated because she said her signature is often disqualified only because it cannot be read. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to request from the Registrar of Voters, information as to how something like this would be handled. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she had a resident who contacted her regarding the Mill River bank along the Morey's Bridge Dam. Trees were removed and it is believed that the trees were going to be replaced but the resident is not sure whose responsibility it is. Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to send communication to the Conservation Commission, TMLP, and MassDOT with a request to communicate with the resident and for a report back to Council in 2-3 week to make sure the concerns are addressed. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Taunton High School Carpentry Department received an award for their work in developing a game room of recyclable products. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Committee on Public Property to discuss having input from the students. Not only from Taunton High students but from students at Bristol Plymouth and Coyle & Cassidy on the design that is being proposed for the new City Hall. She said that she would like to see the new City Hall utilize solar technology or reclaiming technology. She feels getting the students involved would be a wonderful aspect of the project. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier asked if the project on Broadway between Hong Kong City and the car wash is a State or city project. The Mayor stated that it is sewer work, therefore we can ask the DPW for a report. **Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the DPW Commission for a report on the construction for one week. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier asked if the email updates that Councilors receive are on the City's website as well as the master plan of the streets that are going to be worked on during the summer. The Mayor stated that the updates are on the website and the master plan of streets should be on shortly once the budget is done.

Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the City Solicitor for information on federal and state ADA requirements to see if it would trump the ordinance the City has. It was heard in the Sub-Committee that in some instances the City said no. If it is not a City ordinance then they would not have to comply with it even though it is state or federal. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier stated that he received communications regarding 151 Middleboro Avenue for trash issues like boats and car parts. The Mayor stated that he believes it is being addressed by the Building Department and Board of Health.

Councilor McCaul stated that the bank along the river near the park directly behind the Police is eroding. Also, the entire bank of the river has debris. **Therefore, he motioned to refer to the Parks Department to look at the park to see what they can do to correct the problem. So Voted.**

Motion was made to revert back to communication from the Mayor. So Voted.

Meet in executive Session to discuss ongoing Collective Bargaining Negotiations. **On A roll call vote. Nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor of entering into Executive Session. Motion was made to come out of Executive Session. All Councilors present. All Councilors voting in favor of coming out of Executive Session. No votes were taken in Executive Session.**

A true copy:

Attest:

Rose Marie Blackwell
City Clerk 

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CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 29, 2014

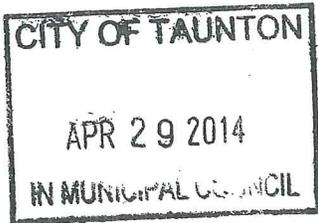
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR 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, .

Colleen Ellis

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Rm Blackwell
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL, CROTEAU, COSTA-HANLON AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE BOB FOLCIK, DONNA DICORPO AND NANCILEE LEMAIRE OF THE ADA COMMISSION AND KEVIN SCANLON, CITY PLANNER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M.

1. MEET FOR AN UPDATE ON THE HANDICAPPED FINES ACCOUNT

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT HE TALKED TO THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR WHO IS GOING TO BE DRAFTING WITHIN A WEEK A SHORT MEMO OF HIS UNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT THESE FUNDS CAN BE USED FOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH MASS. GENERAL LAWS.

HE FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE TOTAL IN THE HANDICAPPED FINES ACCOUNT IS \$66,456.00. THOSE FUNDS HAVE BEEN SEGREGATED, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN EXPENDED FOR ANYTHING ELSE. IT DOES ALSO LIST THE BREAKDOWN OF WHEN THESE HAVE COME IN. THE CHAIRMAN WILL PROVIDE COPIES TO EVERYONE.

HE ALSO STATED THAT A GROUP CALLED THE WHITE TIGERS IS TRYING TO DO PROGRAMMING FOR PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY CHALLENGED INDIVIDUALS. MS. JENNIFER WILSON OF THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT HERE BUT MR. STEWART FROM THE ORGANIZATION IS.

A LETTER DATED 4/4/14 FROM JENNIFER WILSON, FOUNDER/PRESIDENT OF THE TAUNTON WHITE TIGERS WAS READ. SHE STATED THAT THE PROGRAM IS REQUESTING UNUSED FUNDS FROM HANDICAPPED PARKING VIOLATIONS BE USED TO ASSIST IN SUPPORTING THE TAUNTON WHITE TIGER PROGRAM. THEY ARE A NON-PROFIT ALTERNATIVE YOUTH SPORT LEAGUE THAT PROVIDES SOCIAL SKILLS AS WELL AS TEAM BUILDING SKILLS AND EXERCISE TO ATHLETES WITH DIFFERENT ABILITIES.

THEIR PROGRAM BENEFITS ATHLETES FROM 4 YEARS OF AGE TO AGE 22 (PROVIDING THEY ARE STILL ENROLLED IN HIGH SCHOOL). THE ATHLETES RANGE FROM PHYSICAL DISABILITIES TO DEVELOPMENTAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES.

100% OF ALL MONIES FROM THE CITY WILL BE USED TO FURTHER THE PROGRAM AND EXPERIENCE OF THE ATHLETES THROUGH, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BANQUETS, AWARDS, APPROPRIATE ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT AND APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS.

MOTION: LETTER FROM THE TAUNTON WHITE TIGERS THAT WAS SENT TO THE COUNCIL IN THEIR GENERAL PACKET BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE CHALLENGE THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR WILL FACE IS FINDING THAT THIS CAN BE USED OR IS ALLOWED UNDER THE STATUTE IN SO FAR AS USING MUNICIPAL FINES FOR BENEFITING THE ORGANIZATION. HE WILL RESEARCH THIS TO DETERMINE IF THIS IS A LEGAL AND AUTHORIZED USE.

THE CHAIRMAN ALSO STATED THAT THE ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR WILL ALSO COME UP WITH A PROCEDURE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS. THE WAY HE SEES IT, IT IS ALMOST LIKE A 3 PARTY UNDERSTANDING, WITH THE ADA COMMISSION, THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST USE FOR SOME OF THESE FUNDS.

MS. DICORPO NOTED THAT IF A REQUEST CAME IN IT WOULD HAVE TO BE MORE DELINEATED AS TO WHAT IT IS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR IN TERMS OF WHAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR, ALMOST LIKE A BREAKDOWN, WHAT THE ITEM IS, IS THERE SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR THEY ARE LOOKING TO PURCHASE BECAUSE IT IS VERY STRICT AS TO HOW THIS MONEY IS USED, AND THE MORE INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL.

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THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)

MOTION: THAT THE CHAIRMAN SEND MS. WILSON A LETTER LETTING HER KNOW THAT THIS INFORMATION IS SOMETHING NEEDED TO EVEN FURTHER THIS PROCESS, TO PROVIDE AN ITEMIZATION AND AN ESTIMATE OF THE COSTS. SO VOTED.

MR. FOLCIK ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN ANYTHING DRAWN FROM THIS ACCOUNT.

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE SO, HOWEVER HE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT ALL FUNDS HAVE BEEN SEGMENTED IN THE PAST, BUT WE ARE CURRENTLY AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEGREGATE THEM. THE SHEET THAT THE CHAIRMAN HAD SHOWED INCOME ONLY GOING BACK TO 2013, SO THE QUESTION IS WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FUNDS PRIOR TO 2013.

MOTION: THAT THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE PROVIDE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FUNDS PRIOR TO 2013. ALSO THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BE CONTACTED TO SEE IF THEY HAVE ANY DATA OR HISTORY OF THE FINES. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR BORGES ASKED IF THE TAUNTON WHITE TIGERS WAS A 501C? MR. TOM STEWART SAID THAT THEY ARE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE STATUS. THEIR ORGANIZATION WILL PROVIDE AN OUTLET FOR PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY CHALLENGED YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR CITY, WITH SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPORTS. THE FIRST PROGRAM IS BASEBALL, AND ALSO THEY WILL HAVE FOOTBALL, CHEERLEADING AND NEXT YEAR THEY WILL HAVE A SCCER PROGRAM.

MS. JEN WILSON ARRIVED AT THE MEETING AND SHE STATED THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE USED DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT DONATED. SHE SAID THAT THE UNIFORMS ARE ALREADY PAID FOR, BUT THAT ALL FUNDS WILL BENEFIT THE ATHLETES. THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A BANQUET AND PROVIDE TROPHIES FOR ALL THE PARTICIPANTS, SO FUNDS WOULD GO TOWARDS THAT.

THEY HAVE A LITTLE LESS THAN 40 KIDS SIGNED UP RIGHT NOW. THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$70 FOR TAUNTON RESIDENTS AND \$130 IF THEY LIVE OUTSIDE TAUNTON.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT USED EQUIPMENT AS LONG AS IT IS SAFE.

2. MEET WITH KEVIN SCANLON FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION REPORT

MR. SCANLON INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE RFP WENT OUT, THEY RECEIVED BACK THE RESPONSES, THE DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE MET AND REVIEWED THEM, THEY SUBMITTED THEIR NO. 1 FIRM TO THE MAYOR AND HE JUST GAVE THEM THE AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON A CONTRACT. FUNDING IS IN PLACE.

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED WHO WAS ON THE DESIGNER SELECTION COMMITTEE.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT HE WAS, MARILYN GREENE, MARIA GOMES, WAYNE WALKDEN, BOB FOLCIK, ALYSSA GRACIA AND COUNCILOR CARR WERE ON IT.

QUESTIONED WAS WHAT THE TARGET DATE IS TO HAVE THE TRANSITION DOCUMENT COMPLETED.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT WHEN THE RFP WAS SENT OUT IT WAS 6 MONTHS FROM THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT, BUT THE RESPONSES HE GOT BACK INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE AN 8 MONTH TIME FRAME. IT WILL PROBABLY BE DONE BY NEXT MARCH.

THE PLAN WILL COME OUT BUT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH A FUNDING SCHEDULE. SOME OF THE FIRST THINGS THAT WILL PROBABLY BE DONE WILL BE LOW COST ITEMS SUCH AS SIGNAGE, ETC.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE THINKS THE COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COUNCIL TO HAVE A FINANCIAL PLAN IN PLACE. THOUGHT NEEDS TO BE GIVEN AS TO WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FY 2015 BUDGET.

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THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)

MOTION: REFER TO THE ADMINISTRATION, THE BUDGET DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL REGARDING PUTTING MONEY ASIDE IN THE FY 2015 BUDGET PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS REPORT. SO VOTED.

3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

MOTION: TO GET A LIST OR SPREADSHEET FROM VERIZON AND/OR TMLP OF THE POLE LOCATIONS IN TOWN. SO VOTED.

ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE WORK BEING DONE FOR THE RAMP ON WEIR STREET. THE ADA COMPLIANCE ISSUES THERE ARE A MESS.

MS. DICORPO STATED THAT IT IS NOT JUST THIS DOWNTOWN PROJECT, IT IS AN ONGOING ISSUE. WHEN A SIDEWALK IS CLOSED AND A ROUTE IS BEING CHANGED IT NEEDS TO BE AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS WHERE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE GOING. THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE SIGNAGE SAYING THE SIDEWALK IS CLOSED, THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE DIRECTIONALITY AS TO WHERE YOU ARE GOING, AND IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE MARKED AS TO WHERE YOU THEN CROSS. IF A SITUATION IS ONGOING, THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE JERSEY BARRIERS, SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE FOR ANYBODY WHO HAS A VISION LOSS SO IF USING A CANE THEY HAVE A CONSTANT CONTACT. COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED IF, SINCE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC DIVISION IS NOW BIGGER, CAN WE REFER THESE ISSUES TO THEM.

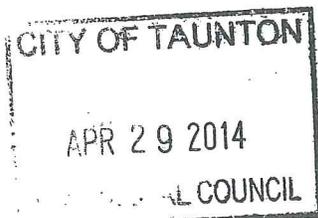
COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT THE CONTRACTOR IS RESPONSIBLE, BUT IT MUST BE ENFORCED. IT CAN BE DISCUSSED IN POLICE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE.

MOTION: REFER TO POLICE AND LICENSE TRAFFIC DIVISION IN SO FAR AS APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE AND OR ADA ACCESSIBILITY TO CONSTRUCTION SITES IN THE CITY OF TAUNTON. REGARDING THE WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE PROJECT, REFER TO THE SAFETY OFFICER AND CHECK WITH DPW AND LEGAL AS TO WHAT THE CITY'S INVOLVEMENT IS WITH THE STATE. SO VOTED.

MRS. DICORPO BROUGHT UP THE ISSUES OF THE DETECTABLE WARNINGS AT THE NEW MECHANICS BANK ON BROADWAY. IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE WARNINGS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN CONCRETE, THEY ARE BOLTED DOWN ON THE ASPHALT. IT ALSO STILL HAS PLASTIC COVERING ON THEM WHICH WAS TO BE REMOVED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF INSTALLATION. IT IS IN TERRIBLE CONDITION.

MOTION: TO CONTACT THE BANK AND ASK WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 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.

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CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
APRIL 29, 2014

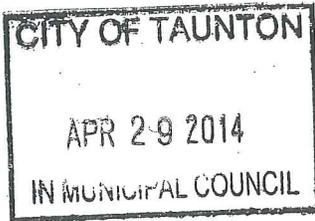
THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES

NO COMMITTEE MEETING WAS HELD.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



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CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #46

FY 2014

APRIL 29, 2014

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

AND NO CENTS (\$130,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT

NO. 1-132-202-5784

TO: VETERANS BENEFITS ACCOUNT NO. 1-543-202-5770

..... Clerk.