



City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

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Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, May 5, 2015 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: Councilors Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau,
Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr
Council President Borges was absent.*

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

Motion to go out of the order of business to Communications from the Mayor. So Voted.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye announced that he plans on making the budget presentation on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. He asked that the Committee meetings be kept light that night. Mayor Hoye invited Anne Bisson, Maryann Riva, Barry Burt, Charlotte Carr and anyone else that would like to come forward this evening to accept the proclamation into the enclosure. **Motion was made to invite them into the enclosure. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that it is good to have everyone in the enclosure this evening to honor Older Americans Month 2015. He stated that this is always a tremendous occasion and rewards will be given out Thursday and he is looking forward to that event. He stated that they have all given so much to this community and it is great to give something back. He thanked everyone for coming this evening. Mayor Hoye then presented the Proclamation for Older Americans Month. **Motion was made to adopt the proclamation. So Voted.** Anne Bisson thanked everyone for coming and Barry Burt briefly spoke.

Motion was made to recess at 7:15PM. So Voted.

Meeting was called back to order at 9:10PM.

HEARING:

On the petition submitted by James Dorsey, Jr., President, Business Improvement District/Downtown Taunton Foundation, 8 Trescott Street, Suite 1, Taunton to allow: A multi-family structure consisting of 4 units at 15 School Street located in the Central Business District. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to open the hearing and invite the parties in. So Voted.** Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board submitting a positive recommendation with department comments. The Board informed the applicant that to ensure that the two parking spaces being created could be accessed he should

pursue an easement for that purpose. The proponents were also reminded that they are not to change the runoff patterns or flow rates off the site, as the reduction of the footprint of the structure plus the addition of the proposed parking may increase the impervious area at this site. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Michele Restino, Conservation Agent, stating that there is no conservation issues regarding the request for a Special Permit for a multi-family structure consisting of 4 units at 15 School Street located in the Central Business District. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Adam S. Vickstrom, Assistant Executive Director, Board of Health stating that the Board of Health has reviewed the following Special Permit-15 School Street, 4 Multi-Family Units. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Director, AICP, Kevin Scanlon stating that the Planning Board has no issues or concerns with this request. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Downtown Taunton Foundation Business Improvement District submitting Financial Impact Statement. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Dean Harrison, Executive Director, The Neighborhood Corporation, 120 Ingell Street and James Dorsey, President of the Business Improvement District, 8 Trescott Street was in attendance. Dean Harrison stated that they were in front of the Council last week and gave a brief description of the property. He stated that since that time nothing has changed and they are looking to do this as a special program for a four family building. There are two existing units already on the property and the intent is to convert the bottom commercial floor that could not be rented into two accessible units. They would like to add two handicapped parking spaces to the back of the property along the alleyway between the two buildings. They will take down a portion of the back building to make the two parking spots. He stated that they have looked into one issue that was raised by the Planning Board which was in regard to the access to the two parking spaces. They have a letter from the attorney which states that there is an easement in place so the back of the building can be accessed. James Dorsey read a letter from Atty. Edmund J. Brennan. It stated that he has determined that the property at 15 School Street does have the benefit of the use of the passage way as a result of a reservation in a deed dated July 13, 1852, and recorded at the Bristol County Northern District Registry of Deeds, Book 206, Page 184. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that this is a great project and knew that they were trying to get a commercial tenant on the bottom floor. She stated that it will help the area and get it back on the tax roll. She asked if they were considering any special consideration for veterans in those two units. He stated that there have been discussions and they try to stay away from preferences due to affirmative fair housing marketing issues. He stated that they will be meeting and distributing information to various agencies, including veteran's agencies. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if they will be affordable units. He stated that there are no affordable housing restrictions and the two units above are going for \$750.00 a month which is below market. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked how many bedrooms each unit will have. He stated that they are all one bedroom. He also stated that they are tied into the funding, so they will be affordable. He confirmed that all four units will be affordable. Mr. Harrison stated that the property at 8 Trescott Street which has 3 affordable units, 2 which are occupied by veterans. Mr. Dorsey stated that there is one accessible unit there that seems to be rented all of the time and that is what led them to want to put in accessible units at School Street. It is a great usage, they had wanted commercial on the first floor but they thought this was just as good of an option. Councilor Quinn wanted to confirm that all

four units are one bedroom. He stated that there is an efficiency unit and a one bedroom on the first floor and both units upstairs are one bedroom. She asked how many parking spaces there are. He confirmed that there will be two, there were no parking spaces required as part of the previous permit application because the parking garage is well within 100 feet from the building. Nobody was in attendance to speak in favor or in opposition of this petition. **Motion was made to close the hearing and grant the petition. So Voted.**

Appointments:

Appointment of Darlene Lucas, 15 Betty Phillips Circle, Taunton to the Taunton Cultural Council for a term of three years expiring the last day of May 2018. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Appointment of Kristina Fontes, 31 Clinton Street, Taunton to the Taunton Cultural Council for a term of three years expiring the last day of May 2018. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Appointment of Bonnie Knopf, 740 Burt St., Taunton to the Taunton Cultural Council for a term of three years expiring the last day of May 2018. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Appointment of Brenda Neugeboren, 170 Highland St., Taunton to the Taunton Cultural Council for a term of three years expiring the last day of May 2018. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from City Solicitor regarding dangerous and blighted structures at 52 Washington Street. Under G.L. c.143 §9, the local inspector, Mr. Pirozzi, is now in the position to cause the structures thereon to be razed and the lot to be levelled to uniform grade by proper sanitary fill. Therefore, in the near future, there will very likely be a request made for a transfer of funding necessary to pay the costs of demolition. It is anticipated that competitive bids will be sought for all necessary work. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. Councilor Cleary motioned to get the dates of when the 1st warrant was issued and when the 2nd one was issued and when it was served in hand, to have a clarification of the timeline over which the actions took place. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that it was the former Iwanicki Furniture on Washington Street which has been an eyesore for some time.

Com. from Assistant City Solicitor advising that the City obtained a judgement from the Housing Court with respect to 6 Reed Street. On April 21, 2015 the City obtained, by agreement, a judgement and permanent injunction prohibiting the property owner and occupant from failing to maintain the property free from refuse and from failing to comply with the applicable general laws and the State Sanitary Code. This result would not have been possible without the persistent efforts of Board of Health Agent Daniel Syriala, whose professionalism helped to win the cooperation of the property owner. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and place into Agent Daniel Syriala's file. So Voted.**

Com. from Fire Chief informing the Council that the Taunton Fire Department has received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award in the amount of \$136,080.00. The Federal Share is \$123,710.00 and the Department share is \$12,370.00. The grant will be used to equip all of our firefighters with Sterling F4 Firetech Escape Systems and to train all of our personnel on how to use the devices. The F4 allows trained firefighters to make a controlled descent from an exterior window when all other means of egress have been cut off. **Motion was made to move approval of the grant in accordance with the letter. So Voted.** Councilor Carr questioned if the City part of the money in the amount of \$12,370.00 is in the Fire Department's budget or will that need to be taken out of the Reserves. Mayor Hoye stated that he believes that it will be in next year's budget and he will check and make sure that it is in place.

Com. from Fire Chief submitting a request for public use of the SAFE Trailer from Triumph, Inc. the City's early Head Start program, to participate in the fire safety training at their annual Spring Fling Family Event on May 28, 2015 at Lewis Park from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. This is a free event open to all citizens of Taunton and he fully recommends and supports the Fire Department's attendance. He is requesting the Council vote and approves the use of the SAFE House trailer for this particular event. Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the letter from Triumph, Inc. be put on the City's website. Councilor Carr stated that she is voting no on this request because there was supposed to be a meeting before tonight on a policy regarding the use of this trailer. She stated that she voted no on the last request for the same reason because there was no policy. She stated that it isn't that she doesn't support Head Start, she thinks that it is a great organization but she doesn't think that the Council should vote to let the trailer out without a policy as to who pays for it, whether there is some kind of liability insurance on it and many other questions in regards to it. **Councilor Cleary motioned that the Fire Chief forward to the Council, the number of staff members and hours they will work so a cost can be put on it. So Voted.** He stated that it is a good use of the trailer but he would like to know what the City is spending on it. Mayor Hoye stated that he needs to know more about the event before putting it on the website because it is their event, not the City's. He doesn't want to publicize it and have extra people there if they are not prepared for it. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that it is open to the public. Mayor Hoye stated that if they would like it on the City's website then it can be done. Councilor Croteau is concerned that if the policy is not discussed before May 26, 2015, then a policy won't be seen until July or August. Councilor Cleary asked if a policy has been drafted. Councilor Croteau stated that it has and was distributed to the Councilors. It was a copy of the School Department's policy and there has been no discussion since then. Councilor Croteau stated that he wants to see a policy so that there will be a lot less time discussing this issue when it comes up every time. **Councilor Croteau motioned to discuss the policy at next week's meeting of the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Quinn motioned that the Councilors e-mail Council President Borges with suggestions of what they want as a policy. So Voted.**

Com. from Treasurer/Collector notifying of a land court foreclosure decree on a tax title parcel assessed to Baystate Affordable Housing otherwise known as Michael O'Donnell for property located at 4-6 High Street. Although the judgement entered on April 21, 2015, its legal effect reverts to January 30, 2013, the date the original judgement entered. This means the one year right to petition the court to vacate the Judgement has expired.

The City of Taunton is now the owner of the property and should make every effort to insure and secure the premises, as all responsibility and liability for this property now rests with the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Committee on Public Property for immediate disposal once the recorded judgement is received. So Voted.** Councilor Croteau questioned if the property is properly insured. Mayor Hoyer stated that the structures were already torn down and it is vacant land. He stated that he believes it is because Mrs. Barber has been on top of that.

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she has a letter that was sent to the Executive Director of the Board of Health, Heather Gallant and copied to the Municipal Council. The citizen wrote the letter to express their sincere gratitude for the efforts of one of our employees, Sanitary Inspector, Dan Ross. **Motion was made to send the letter to Heather Gallant and it be placed in Mr. Ross's file. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon read an email that she received from a constituent requesting to place one way signs, rotary signs and correcting GPS directions to inform the public that the rotary on the Taunton Green is one way. It discussed an incident that happened in which someone went straight through the Green instead of bearing right to go around it due to GPS directions and was stopped by the Police. She also stated that the citizen will be writing a letter to the Police Department for the officer that stopped her as he was very professional and thoughtful. Councilor Pottier stated that every year that he is out there holding signs; someone tries to go straight on 44 instead of going around the Green. He stated that there is signage there and that it can always be looked at to improve them. He recommended finding out what GPS that the person was using and google it to find out how they come up with their directions. He stated that every system is different. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that it should be left up to the City Engineer because she has heard from other municipalities that there is a way to submit preferred routes that are taken into consideration. Councilor Cleary seconds the motion but the fact is that the City has spent good money on that new island and there is a big arrow on it. Mayor Hoyer stated that the pavement will be completed downtown in the very near future and the island will be improved upon. He also wanted to stress that it is not a rotary. He stated that if the City can improve the signage it will and at the same time, people have to be careful. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Engineer to see if he can look into giving a preferred route when entering GPS on MapQuest. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Timothy Cummings, 4 Oxford St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Antique Dealer's License -dba- Eantiquebroker Consulting Service located at 4 Oxford St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Manuel Rodrigues, President, Taunton Sports Club, Inc. located at 33 Baker Road, 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 Michael Borges, President, Taunton Eagles Soccer Club, 29 Oak St., 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 John Arruda requesting a renewal of the Billiard Table License for Taunton Portuguese American Civic Club located at 175 School St., Taunton. (1 Table) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Jeffrey Kendzierski, 330 Whittenton Street, Taunton requesting a renewal of his Billiard Table License for Pioneer Flying Club, Inc. located at 330 Whittenton 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 Frank Teixeira, 7 Crossman St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Billiard Table License for Frank's Good Times, Inc. located at 381 Winthrop St., Taunton. (1 Table) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by William Hazeldine, 320 Steere St., Attleboro requesting a renewal of the News Rack License for Seventh Day Adventist Church of 109 Winthrop St., Taunton. (1 News Rack) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Russell Wotton, 74 Emerald Dr., North Dartmouth requesting a renewal of the News Rack License for Spectrum Marketing Group LLC –dba- The Real Estate Book. (4 News Racks) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Ralph Davis, Sterling Inc., 375 Ghent Road, Akron, OH requesting a renewal of the Old Gold License for Kay Jewelers located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Michael Ventura, 59 Washington St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Second Hand Article License for Collector's Corner located at 1 St. Mary's Square, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Steven Fernandes, 23 Glebe Court, Taunton requesting a renewal of his Second Hand Article License for The Estate Marketplace located at 93-95 Summer Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Thomas Quinn, 300 South Street, Raynham requesting a renewal of the Second Hand Article License for Society of Saint Vincent DePaul Taunton District, Inc. –dba- Pennies from Heaven located at 141 Washington St., Taunton. **Motion was**

made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.

Petition submitted by Flavio Costa, Treasurer, Best Buy Stores, LP located at 2 Galleria Mall Dr., East Taunton requesting a renewal of the Second Hand Article License to buy used electronics. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Nancy Souza, President, Bargain Bazaar Thrift Shop, Inc. requesting a renewal of a Second Hand Article License located at 320 Bay Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Albert Tucan, 157 1/4 Shores St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his two Livery Licenses for T&F Transportation of Taunton, Inc. -dba- Alexander's Limousine and Taunton Motorized Carriage Company Inc. located at 295 Broadway, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Albert Tucan, 157 1/4 Shores St., Taunton requesting a renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Taxi Stand License for Taunton Cartage Co. -dba- Checker Cab and Taunton Cartage Co. -DBA- Cozy Cab located at 295 Broadway, Taunton. (2 Stands) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Sidney L. Kerley, VP, Automotive Recovery Services, Inc. -dba- Insurance Auto Auctions requesting a renewal of their Junk Collectors License located at 580 Myricks St., East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by William Butler, 195 Field St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Junk Collector's License located at 195 Field St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Edwin DeBrum, 57 Stevens St., East Taunton requesting a renewal of his Junk Collector's License for DeBrum Salvage located at 57 Stevens St., East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Arthur G. Pimenta, Jr., 142R Fremont St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Junk Collector's License -dba- Arthur Pimenta, Jr. Junk Collector located at 147 Fremont St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Sheila Cook, Teacher, requesting a renewal and waiver of the fee for the Temporary Fixed Vendor License for the Non-Profit group, Taunton Area School to Career, Inc. located at 45 Broadway, Taunton (Pilgrim Congregational Church) to sell

food from a vending cart. **Motion was made to approve request for renewal and to waive the fixed vendor fee. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by George DeVincent, 107 Castle Dr., Wareham requesting a renewal of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License for George's Christmas Trees located at 1940 Bay St., Taunton to sell Christmas Trees and flowers. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Erin Curley, 181 Winter St., North Dighton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole in front of 108 Plain Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Arthur Perry, 2 Segregansett Road, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on East Britannia Street near the landfill. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted**

Claim submitted by Beth Fitzgerald, 50 Baldwin Street, Fall River seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole between 132-138 Tremont St., Taunton. **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.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Croteau stated that he made a motion some time ago on the issue of televising interviews to the Committee of the Whole. **Motion was made to reiterate the previous motion for that discussion to take place within the next month, preferably before the budget. Motion was made to refer to the Council President. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that summer is approaching and the City does an excellent job to have summer programs for kids up to age 14. She stated that we are always challenged with programs for kids 14 and over. She stated that she was at a meeting Monday night and was made aware of the Jobs for Justice fair that was at the high school. She stated that there were a lot of vendors and CETA was taking applications. She stated that CETA was discussed in the past and how it was a huge benefit to the City. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office to reach out and get a list and contact information of the vendors that were at the Jobs for Justice fair and see whether the City can have a CETA program informational booth or get information out to the general public. She would also like to know if the City is in the position to offer jobs in the form of CETA jobs through the City this summer particularly for kids in that age bracket with an emphasis on people who have income challenges.** She stated that if there is a CETA program and it is funded in the City, it is important for our students to know. Mayor Hoyer stated that the CETA program has not been in Taunton in a number of years. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that someone had said that they were taking

applications at this particular venue. Councilor Cleary stated that Taunton Area School to Career has been running the youth summer program that replaced the CETA program years ago. He stated that as far as he knows they are still doing it and he knows that there were some funding issues. He stated that he doesn't know where they stand but he will check with Taunton Area School to Career and get back to her. Mayor Hoye stated that temporary fixed vendors are always looking for placement in the summer. Councilor Cleary stated that they have a combination of work and tutoring in the summer. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that TASC was also at the fair and asked Councilor Cleary to get a list of vendors from them. She discussed how thought could be given to any programs that the City could have for our youth between 14 and 17 because it is a challenge.

Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions

Ordinance for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 13

ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Sec 13-82. Prohibited parking places.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:

SECTION 1: That Section 13-82 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby is further amended as follows:

Insert: "Whittenton Street, north side, between Warren Street and Second Avenue"

Insert: "Bay Street, west side, across from the fire station and between the entrance way to parcel 38-423 (348 Bay Street) and entrance way to parcel 39-310 (314 Bay Street), a distance of 33.6 feet."

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to move from a first reading to a second reading. So Voted.**

Ordinance for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

AN ORDINANCE

ARTICLE V. SIGNS, SIGNALS AND MARKINGS

Section 13-171. Same – Designation of Intersections

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:

Section 1: That Section 13.171 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Insert: “Olney Street at Wales Street.”

Insert: “Reed Street at Wales Street.”

Insert: “Round Street at Tremont Street.”

Insert: “Terrienne Drive at Field Street.”

Section 2: All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to move from a first reading to a second reading. So Voted.**

Ordinance for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 7
Article II

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Article II of Chapter 7, Section 7-46 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by replacing the fee schedule therein with the fee schedule appended to this document.

SECTION 2. The following shall be added to Section 7-46 after the word “department”:
“however, any institution or school that is publicly owned and under the exclusive control, order and supervision of public officers or public agents authorized by the commonwealth or federal authority or both, is exempt from fee number (34), Annual Radio Box Monitoring”.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to move from a first reading to a second reading. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary stated that he is concerned about a \$150.00 annual fee that seems too high.

Permits/Inspections	Fees
(1) Oil burner permits	\$ 30.00
Inspect Installation	\$ 20.00
Re-inspect Installation	\$ 25.00
(2) Propane permits	\$ 30.00
Inspect Installation	\$ 20.00
Re-inspect Installation	\$ 25.00
(3) Tank installations, per tank	\$ 200.00
Inspect installation	\$ 100.00
(4) Tank removal, per tank	\$ 200.00
Inspect Removal	\$ 100.00
(5) Tank registration, per tank	\$ 40.00
(6) Tank truck inspection	\$ 80.00
(7) Flammable permit	\$ 50.00
(8) Blasting permit	\$ 50.00
(9) Black powder, gunpowder	\$ 25.00
Commercial permit	\$ 50.00
(10) Fireworks permit	\$ 50.00
Inspect Site and Display	\$ 50.00
(11) Rocket permit	\$ 10.00
(12) Burning permit	\$ 5.00
(13) Sprinkler & fire alarm inspection commercial/industrial/business	\$ 300.00
(14) Re-inspection of number (13), each re-inspection	\$ 150.00
(15) Fire reports	\$ 10.00
(16) Smoke detectors, MGL c. 148 s 26C, 26E, 26F, 26F1/2	
a) One Family	\$ 50.00
b) Two Family	\$ 100.00
c) Three to Six Family	\$ 150.00
d) Seven Families & Above	\$ 500.00
(17) Re-inspect #16	\$ 30.00
(18) Hotel/Motel Function (per room)	\$ 60.00
(19) Fire Warning, New Dwellings	\$ 40.00
(20) Quarterly Inspections	\$ 150.00
Hospitals/Nursing Homes	\$ 150.00
Group Homes	\$ 150.00
Day Care Homes	\$ 150.00
Hotels/Motels	\$ 150.00
Theaters	\$ 150.00
(21) Annual Inspections	\$ 150.00
(22) New Commercial Occupancy Inspections	\$ 150.00
(23) Board./Rooming House (per unit)	\$ 30.00
(24) Re-inspect #21 (per unit)	\$ 30.00
(25) Suppression System	\$ 200.00
Kitchen Hood Systems	\$ 200.00
Explosion Proof Rooms	\$ 200.00
Re-inspect	\$ 100.00
(26) Cutting & Welding Permit	\$ 50.00
(27) Tar Kettle Permit	\$ 50.00
(28) Tire Storage Permit	\$ 50.00
Inspect Tire Storage	\$ 50.00
(29) Salamander Permit	\$ 50.00
(30) Fire Alarm/Sprinklr Maint. Permit	\$ 50.00
(31) Rubbish Container Permit	\$ 50.00
(32) Environmental Reports-21E	\$ 150.00
(33) Hazardous Materials Processing	\$ 50.00
(34) Annual Radio Box Monitoring	\$ 150.00
(35) Work Performed Without Permit	
Residential	Triple Fee
Commercial	Triple Fee

Ordinance for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

AN ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 20

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

ARTICLE III. EXCAVATIONS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

Sec. 20-69

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Article III of Chapter 20 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out existing Section 20-69 and inserting the following Section 20-69 in its place.

Sec. 20-69 Same-Bond required.

- (a) No permit required for excavation in any street or way, including sidewalks and state highways located within the boundaries of the city, shall be granted unless and until the applicant has deposited with the city Treasurer/Collector an amount calculated by the Department of Public Works sufficient to complete any work related to the excavation not done to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works. The amount shall be calculated by the Department of Public Works for each permit application. The applicant shall then cause the application to be brought to the Treasurer/Collector, who shall sign each permit application for which the required deposit is received. The applicant shall then return the application to the Department of Public Works for approval or denial of the application. The deposit shall be held by the treasurer/collector for not less than nine months following the completion of the project and shall not be released without written authorization from the Department of Public Works. If the City of Taunton is the permit applicant, and City of Taunton personnel are to perform the work, no deposit is required.
- (b) As an alternative to the deposit, an applicant may provide the treasurer/collector with a bond, which bond shall be kept current. A bond provided in accordance with this paragraph shall be deemed to be the deposit for the purposes of paragraph (a). The applicant shall cause the application to be brought to the Treasurer/Collector, who shall verify that a sufficient bond is in place and shall sign each permit application for which there is sufficient capacity under a bond to serve as surety. The applicant shall then return the application to the Department

of Public Works for approval or denial of the application. Any such bond shall by its terms remain effective and in full form for a period of time sufficient to provide surety, but in any event not less than nine months following the completion of the project. The surety shall not be released sooner than nine months following the completion of the project and shall not be released without written authorization from the Department of Public Works. Whenever such a bond shall re-issue or renew, said applicant shall cause same to be forwarded to the Treasurer/Collector.

- (c) This paragraph shall apply to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts and any successor (hereinafter Columbia Gas), the above paragraphs (a) and (b) notwithstanding. Columbia Gas is unique, in part, because of its status as a public utility governed by the Department of Public Utilities. No permit required for excavation in any street or way, including sidewalks and state highways located within the boundaries of the city, shall be granted to Columbia Gas unless and until Columbia Gas shall have provided the Treasurer/Collector with a bond, which bond shall be kept current. Whenever such a bond shall issue or renew, Columbia Gas shall cause same to be forwarded to the Treasurer/Collector. Columbia Gas shall submit each permit application to the Department of Public Works (DPW), who shall before issuing any permit cause each application to be forwarded to the Treasurer/Collector. The treasurer/collector shall verify that a sufficient bond is in place and shall sign each permit application for which there is sufficient capacity under a bond. Any such bond shall by its terms remain effective and in full form for a period of time sufficient to provide surety, but in any event not less than nine months following the completion of the project. The DPW shall cause each application to be returned to it from the Treasurer/Collector for approval or denial of the application. The bond shall remain in place for at least nine months following the completion of the work and shall not be released without written authorization from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works or the Commissioner's designee.
- (d) When used in this section, Department of Public Works shall mean the Commissioner or Commissioner's designee and Treasurer/Collector shall mean the Treasurer/Collector or the Treasurer/Collector's designee.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to move from a first reading to a second reading. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that it was brought up some time ago by Attorney de Abreu, was his opinion on changing the Ordinance relative to dealing with parking fines for handicap compliance or lack thereof. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on**

Ordinance and Enrolled Bills for them to adopt in the not too distant future since it has been sitting for a while. So Voted.

Councilor Quinn motioned to refer to the DPW to look at the sidewalks on the westerly side of Bay Street where the new bridge at Morey's Dam ends and the existing sidewalk begins. So Voted. She stated that there is a space there that makes it impassible and people have to go partly into the street at the bad corner.

Councilor Croteau asked who the supervisor of the person at the landfill that some of the City's older citizens would bring their free bags to. Mayor Hoye stated that it is Waste Management and it would either be Peter or Aaron Smith. Councilor Croteau wanted to confirm that if there is a complaint about the attitude being demonstrated by that individual he should contact Peter. Mayor Hoye stated that he could contact either Peter or Aaron. Councilor Croteau stated that he will contact Peter and if he does not get any satisfaction, he will bring this back to the Council. He stated that one of our citizens has not been treated professionally. Mayor Hoye stated that if he needs further assistance he could always contact him.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

A true copy:

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City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:54 P.M.

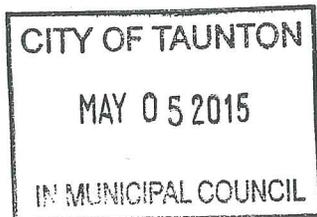
1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS

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

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE CLERK REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE AUDIT WILL BE REVIEWED NEXT WEEK. COMMITTEE
ASKED THAT THE BUDGET DIRECTOR FORWARD A COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO THAT MEETING.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:55 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Blackwell".

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS QUINN, MARSHALL AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE WALKDEN AND MR. MICHAEL BAHRY OF BAHRY BUILDING COMPANY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.

1. MEET WITH BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE WALKDEN AND DAN COLLI FOR AN UPDATE ON THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUM

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT IT HAS BEEN SEVERAL MONTHS SINCE THE PROJECT STARTED SO THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING A BRIEF UPDATE.

THE CHAIRMAN ALSO REPORTED THAT MR. COLLI HAD A PERSONAL EMERGENCY THIS EVENING AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FOR HIM HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO BY SPEAKER PHONE THIS EVENING. WAYNE WALKDEN REPORTED THAT DEMOLITION WAS COMPLETED ON BOTH SIDES TODAY. THE CONCRETE SLABS AND FOOTINGS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT. THE SITE HAS BEEN PRETTY WELL LEVELED OUT. THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT WAS TAKEN CARE OF PRIOR AND MR. BAHRY AND THE PROJECT MANAGER WORKED HARD TO GET THE PERMITS IN PLACE. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT ARCHITECT DAN COLLI HAS REPORTED THAT THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR, MICHAEL BAHRY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB IN GETTING THE PROJECT OFF THE GROUND.

THE SUBMITTAL PROCESS HAS BEEN SMOOTH, THE SUBCONTRACTORS HAVE ALL BEEN ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE REQUIRED SCHEDULE IS NOT COMPROMISED. THE BLEACHERS, PRESS BOX AND TOILET ROOM SUBMITTALS AND COLOR SELECTIONS ARE COMPLETE. THE VERTICAL LIFT SUBMITTAL WILL BE COMPLETE THIS WEEK. BOTH ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING SUBS HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR PACKAGES AND BOTH HAVE BEEN APPROVED.

OPEN ISSUES INCLUDE THE WATER LINE WHICH MAY NEED TO COME DIRECTLY FROM THE STREET. A SUITABLE PLACE TO TIE IN WILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED.

MR. WALKDEN ALSO SAID AS FAR AS THE PROJECT SCHEDULE GOES, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE TO THE SCHEDULE. THEY STILL ANTICIPATE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 15-19, IN THAT TIME FRAME. THEY SEE NO REASON RIGHT NOW FOR DELAYS.

THEY HAVE FILED FOR AN ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD VARIANCE FOR THE LIMITED ACCESS ELEVATOR AND THAT IS STANDARD, AND THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THE AAB THAT THERE IS A 100% APPROVAL RATE FOR THAT TYPE OF VARIANCE. THEY HAVE NOT HEARD HOW THEY STAND ON THAT YET. IT WAS SUBMITTED PROBABLY 30 DAYS AGO.

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED WHY WE WERE FILING FOR A VARIANCE FOR THIS.

MR. WALKDEN SAID IT IS REQUIRED BY THE STATE FOR ALL LIMITED USE ELEVATORS.

MR. WALKDEN SAID THAT THE PROJECT BUDGET REMAINS ON TARGET AND THEY HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF SOME OF THE COSTS THAT WILL EAT INTO THE CONTINGENCY. RIGHT NOW THERE IS A SECURE CONTINGENCY JUST SHORT OF \$100,000.00 WHICH THEY ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY. THEY KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME COSTS THAT NEED TO COME OUT OF THAT STILL REMAINING, BUT THEY ARE HOLDING TIGHT ON THIS.

AS FAR AS UNFORSEEN ISSUES, MR. WALKDEN SAID THAT THEY CAN REPORT THAT THERE ARE NONE.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL NOTED THAT THE LAST TIME THE COUNCIL HAD THE MAJORITY OF THE INPUT INTO THIS PROJECT WAS WHEN THE FUNDING WAS BEING PASSED. HIS RECOLLECTION WAS THAT THEY WERE SENDING THIS OFF TO A JOINT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE PERSONNEL, SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND MR. WALKDEN TO WORK OUT THE FINER DETAILS OF WHAT THE PROJECT WAS GOING TO LOOK LIKE. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT HE FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE

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HELPFUL TO THE COUNCIL TO RECEIVE WHAT THE FINAL PROJECT WENT OUT TO BID FOR. WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? WHAT WAS AGREED UPON? HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT ELEVATOR RAMPS, THE SIZE OF THE PRESS BOX, HOW HIGH, ETC. SO, HE WOULD LIKE TO GET A COUPLE OF SCHEMATICS OF WHAT THE PROJECT FINALLY WAS AGREED UPON AND PUT OUT TO BID. HE IS TRYING TO AVOID THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED WITH THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS, BECAUSE THEY HEARD A BUNCH OF THINGS THAT WERE GOING TO HAPPEN AND THINGS GOT TAKEN OFF THE LIST WHICH RESULTED IN A KIND OF STICKER SHOCK. HE IS NOT LOOKING FOR A PRESENTATION, AN E-MAIL WOULD BE FINE SHOWING THE SCHEMATICS, WHAT THE BLEACHERS AND PRESS BOX IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE, THE SIZES, THE NUMBER OF SEATS, WHATEVER WENT OUT TO BID SO THEY KNOW WHAT IS EXPECTED UPON COMPLETION. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE OFFICIAL BUDGET WAS. COUNCILOR MARSHALL ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MIA/POW SEAT IS STILL BEING INCORPORATED INTO THE PROJECT

MOTION: THAT THE PROJECT DESIGNS AND BUDGET BE E-MAILED TO THE COUNCIL. COUNCILOR POTTIER SECONDED THE MOTION ON DISCUSSION. IN ADDITION TO AN E-MAIL TO THE COUNCIL, HE ASKED THAT IT BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA PACKET.

SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CARR ADDED THAT THE PROJECT IS GOING TO LOOK VERY MUCH LIKE THE SOMERSET BERKLEY STADIUM.

COUNCILOR QUINN NOTED THAT MR. WALKDEN SAID THE AVAILABLE CONTINGENCY WAS JUST UNDER \$100,000.00. SHE ASKED WHAT IT STARTED OUT AT.

MR. WALKDEN SAID \$127,000.00. THERE WAS AN UPGRADE OF \$15,000 AGREED TO BY THE BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH HAD TO DO WITH THE FINISHES ON THE PRESS BOX EXTERIOR. THERE WAS ABOUT \$7,500 FOR THE PAYMENT TO TMLP FOR SOME OF THE FIBER OPTIC WIRING THAT WILL NEED TO BE DONE AND THERE IS A MATERIAL COST INVOLVED OF SOME WIRING UPGRADES BY TMLP THAT WE WOULD COVER AND THEY ARE COVERING THE LABOR. THERE ARE OTHER SOFT COSTS, FOR INSTANCE SOME OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR THE PILINGS, SO THEY ARE AT ABOUT \$5,600 IN EXPENDITURES FOR THAT TYPE OF WORK.

MR. WALKDEN SAID HE FEELS THAT AT LEAST ½ OF THE CONTINGENCY MONEY WILL BE USED.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED WHAT THE DATE OF THE FIRST GAME IS, TO WHICH MR. WALKDEN STATED HE DID NOT KNOW. COUNCILOR CROTEAU WANTS THAT INFORMATION.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ALSO WANTS TO KNOW, REGARDING THE VARIANCE SUBMITTED TO THE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD, WHY IT WAS NOT APPLIED FOR EARLIER.

MR. WALKDEN SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD TO DECIDE THE TYPE OF THE ELEVATOR FIRST. IT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE ARCHITECT ABOUT 30 DAYS AGO, IT WAS SUBMITTED BY HIM AND SIGNED OFF BY HIM.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU WOULD LIKE AN EXPLANATION ON WHY THEY DID NOT HAVE THE VARIANCE BEFORE CONSTRUCTION STARTED. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE THE DATES AS TO WHEN THE VOTE OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE DECIDING ON WHICH ELEVATOR THEY WANTED TO GO WITH. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR COULD PROVIDE TRIGGER DATES THAT HE THINKS CERTAIN THINGS WILL BE DONE.

THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR SAID THAT THE ASBESTOS AND DEMO HAVE BEEN DONE, THE NEXT THING WILL BE GRADING AND COMPACTING THE SITE. THE FIRM WILL COME IN AND DO THE FOUNDATION SUPPORT PROCESS AND THEN THE BLEACHERS WILL BE DONE. NEXT THING THEY WILL DO IS THE LAYOUT. BY MID JULY THE BLEACHERS WILL BE THERE AND BY LATE JULY THE TOILET FACILITY WILL BE THERE.

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COUNCILOR CLEARY NOTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DEBATES ON THIS MATTER AND IT WAS LEFT TO THE COMMITTEE THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER TO MOVE THIS PROJECT ALONG. HE NOTED THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT THERE WILL BE NO VISITOR BLEACHERS, THEY WILL BE OF GALVANIZED STEEL, THE RESTROOMS WILL NOT BE FAR FROM THE 15-20 YARD LINE WHICH IS A LITTLE CLOSER TO THE FILED HOUSE. THERE ARE NO TEAM ROOMS. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT HANDICAPPED PARKING AND IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS IS NOT PART OF THE CONTRACT. THE SOUND SYSTEM IS PART OF THE CONTRACT AND THE SECURITY SYSTEM, CAMERAS, FIBER OPTICS IS ALSO PART OF THE CONTRACT.

MR. WALKDEN SAID THAT TOP OF THE LINE PRODUCTS WERE NOT SPECIFIED BUT THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR THEIR NEEDS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT AS FAR AS THE BUDGET IS CONCERNED IT COMES DOWN TO CHANGE ORDERS. THEY ARE ON BUDGET UNTIL CHANGE ORDERS ARE APPROVED.

MR. WALKDEN SAID THAT NOW NO CHANGE ORDERS ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

MOTION: THAT A LETTER BE PROVIDED FROM THE ARCHITECT AND THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING RELATIVE TO THE VARIANCE. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL ASKED WHAT THE LOW BID WAS AND MR. WALKDEN SAID IT WAS \$1.8 MILLION, JUST UNDER \$1.9 MILLION.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED ABOUT HANDICAPPED SEATING AND IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE WILL BE RAMPS AND THE LULA. THE HANDICAPPED SEATING WILL BE IN THE FRONT ROW.

COUNCILOR POTTIER THEN NOTED THAT HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS REGARDING THE TENNIS COURTS BEING MOVED TO THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL COMPLEX. HE ASKED IF THIS HAD BEEN BEFORE THE COUNCIL AND WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO WITH THE OLD TENNIS COURTS.

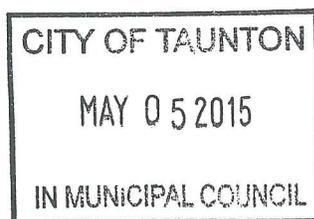
MR. WALKDEN SAID FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTANDS, THE OLD TENNIS COURTS ARE GOING TO BE PART OF SOME EXPANDED PARKING. THE LOCATION OF THE TENNIS COURTS TO THE FRONT WAS STRICTLY DONE THROUGH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE RECEIVED PHONE CALLS FROM WILLIAMS STREET RESIDENTS REGARDING THE TENNIS COURTS, AND THE QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE CAN DO PROJECTS OF THAT NATURE WITHOUT A PERMIT.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT APPARENTLY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO WHAT THEY WANT FOR THOSE TYPES OF THINGS AS LONG AS THEY ARE PAYING FOR IT. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT IF RESIDENTS ARE CONCERNED THEY SHOULD CALL THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MOTION: THAT A RESPONSE FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR BE PROVIDED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT OTHER DEPARTMENTS CAN DO CONSTRUCTION. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.

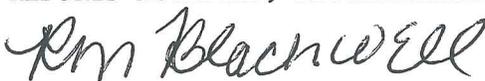


RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL, CROTEAU AND COSTA-HANLON. ALSO PRESENT WERE CITY PLANNER KEVIN SCANLON, DONNA DICORPO, NANCILEE LEMAIRE AND BOB FOLCICK WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE TAUNTON COMMISSION ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND VALERIE FLETCHER AND EILEEN FELDMAN OF THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE CITY PLANNER FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE TRANSITION REPORT

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE CITY PLANNER HAD PROVIDED AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE TRANSITIONAL DOCUMENT THAT WAS WORKED ON BY THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN. THIS WAS FORWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND TCID COMMITTEE.

MR. SCANLON STATED THAT AN RFP WAS DONE AND THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN WAS HIRED. THEY ARE NOT AT A COMPLETE FINAL DOCUMENT BUT THEY ARE READY TO DO A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, WHERE WE ARE AT AND WHAT THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE. IT IS NOT A DETAILED LISTING OF ITEMS TO BE DONE IN A CERTAIN ORDER. THIS WOULD BE DONE WHEN THEY START WORKING WITH THE CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE.

MOTION: THAT THE ADA SELF-EVALUATION EXECUTIVE SUMMARY BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

MR. SCANLON NOTED THAT AS SOON AS THE DOCUMENT IS FINALIZED THERE WILL BE A SEARCHABLE PDF THAT WILL BE PLACED ON THE WEBSITE. IT SHOULD BE FINALIZED WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. MS. FLETCHER STATED THAT THEY HAVE DONE A TOTAL OF 54 BUILDINGS PLUS POLLING LOCATIONS, AN ANALYSIS OF PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES BECAUSE AS A PUBLIC ENTITY THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU PROVIDE ACCESS TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE. THEY HAVE DONE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ANALYSIS, WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY, SIGNAGE GUIDELINES, AND WAY FINDING ANALYSIS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE FAR MORE MANAGEABLE THAT WHAT THEY THOUGHT.

MS. FELDMAN NOTED THAT MOST OF THE FACILITIES SURVEYED WERE EXISTING FACILITIES WHICH IS THAT THEY WERE BUILT BEFORE THE ADA WAS IMPLEMENTED. THE SELF EVALUATION REPORT INCLUDES THE PROGRAM AND POLICIES AND PRACTICES ANALYSIS. IT ALSO INCLUDES A DETAILED FACILITY REPORT FOR EACH 54 FACILITIES PLUS THE 16 POLLING LOCATIONS. THEY SURVEYED THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES, THE SCHOOLS, THE OUTDOOR FACILITIES, PARKING LOTS AND RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE - OVER A 100 LOCATIONS THAT WERE SURVEYED.

THE TRANSITION PLAN DATA BASE PROVIDES A COST ESTIMATE FOR EACH OF THE DISCREET ISSUES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE FACILITIES.

THEY BASED THEIR EVALUATION ON THE FACILITIES ON THE STANDARD OF THE ADA WHICH WAS UPDATED IN 2010 AND BECAME ENFORCABLE IN 2012. THEY ALSO IN CERTAIN IN CERTAIN CASES USED THE STATE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS BOARD REGULATIONS.

TITLE II IS STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHICH IS WHERE WE STAND. TITLE II OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIRES THAT YOU NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES. THIS INVOLVES EVERYTHING THAT THE TOWN ORGANIZES AND IMPLEMENTS.

THE PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY STANDARD INSURES THAT EACH PROGRAM SERVICE AND ACTIVITY WHEN VIEWED IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY. THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY

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REQUIRE THAT THE EXISTING FACILITIES THAT WERE BUILT BEFORE THE ADA WAS IMPLEMENTED BE BROUGHT UP TO 2010 STANDARDS. IT DOES REQUIRE THAT THE PUBLIC ENTITY INSURES THAT ALL THE PUBLIC PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO AND USEABLE BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE THAT VISIT, EMPLOYEES AND RESIDENTS.

WHEN THEY EVALUATE THE PROGRAM THERE ARE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE MANDATES OF THE ADA. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DESIGNATION OF A RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEE, AND KEVIN SCANLON IS THAT RESPONSIBLE EMPLOYEE. THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE, WHICH THE CITY HAS BEEN UPDATING AND WILL UPDATE, A NOTICE OF ADA RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, THE RECENT MODIFICATIONS OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES, THAT IS THE COMMITMENT OF THE CITY TO REASONABLY MODIFY WHERE IT IS APPROPRIATE AND WHERE IT IS FEASIBLE – TO MODIFY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEY CAN BE READILY ACCESSIBLE AND USABLE BY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. IT ALSO INCLUDES EMPLOYMENT AND REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION, WHICH IS BASICALLY THE PROVISION OF AUXILLIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, EVACUATION PLANS AND EMERGENCY SHELTERS, WHICH THE CITY OF TAUNTON DOES WITH THEIR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

THERE WERE 20 MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS SURVEYED, 6 FIRE STATION BUILDINGS, ONE OF WHICH HOLDS PUBLIC PROGRAMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR WHICH IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THE OTHERS ARE BASIC FIRE STATIONS.

MS. FELDMAN SAID SHE WILL GO THROUGH SOME OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS JUST TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE TYPICAL KINDS OF ISSUES THAT THEY FOUND.

THEY ALSO HAVE 14 SCHOOLS, AND SHE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT 1 OF THE SCHOOLS, AND 16 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, AND ACTUALLY DURING THE SURVEY MARTIN PARK WAS BEING DEMOLISHED, SO THEY DID NOT ACTUALLY EVALUATE THAT. THEY SURVEYED THE 6 PARKING FACILITIES AND 16 POLLING LOCATIONS ON PRELIMINARY AS WELL AS ELECTION DAY.

THEY DID FIND THAT THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES THAT COULD POSE BARRIERS TO RESIDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND EMPLOYEES WITH DISABILITIES. IT IS A LARGE CHALLENGES FOR THE CITY TO BRING ALL OF THESE FACILITIES UP TO CODE AT THIS TIME, AND THIS IS NOT WHAT THEY ARE ASKING THE CITY TO DO, THEY ARE SAYING THE PROGRAM ACCESS IS THE STANDARD THAT THEY ARE GOING TO USE.

KEY FACILITIES, FOR EXAMPLE THE RETIREMENT BOARD, WHICH IS A RENTED FACILITY, THEY DO NOT FIND THAT TO BE AN ACCESSIBLE RENTED FACILITY. THOSE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SHOULD BE RELOCATED SOMEWHERE ELSE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE RETIREMENT BOARD DID MOVE OUT OF THAT FACILITY.

MS. FELDMAN SAID TEMPORARY CITY HALL IS FUNCTIONALLY ACCESSIBLE. THERE ARE CERTAIN TYPICAL ISSUES THAT SHE WILL SHOW. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED, THE LACK OF SIGNAGE ON THE SIDE OF THE DOORS WHERE THE PROGRAMS ARE HELD. THAT IS ACTUALLY A BARRIER TO PARTICIPATION.

MS. FELDMAN CONTINUED STATING THAT THE TRANSITION PLAN IS WHERE YOU DECIDE TO MODIFY OR RENOVATE FACILITIES THAT WILL BE IN THE TRANSITION PLAN. IT WILL BE A LIVING DOCUMENT THAT WILL CHANGE AS TECHNOLOGIES CHANGE, AS THE PROGRAMS CHANGE, AND WILL BE AN ASSET FOR THE CITY OF TAUNTON.

REGARDING PROGRAM ACCESSIBTY, THE BOARD OF HEALTH WAS MENTIONED. IT IS EXISTING FACILITY, IT HAS MANY ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES BUT SOME ARE NOT. FOR EXAMPLE WHERE THE HEALTH CLINIC IS, THE DOORWAY IS NOT PASSABLE. IT IS NOT WIDE ENOUGH. SO THEY WOULD SAY TO RELOCATE THAT IN ANOTHER FIRST FLOOR ROOM IF THAT IS A FEASIBLE OPTION. THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF RELOCATING THE PROGRAM WITHIN THE EXISTING FACILITY.

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THERE ARE A COUPLE OF FACILITIES THAT THEY SUGGEST THE CITY NOT CONTINUE TO USE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY.

SHE ALSO SPOKE ABOUT PRIORITIES. IT IS A CASE BY CASE ANALYSIS, BUT GENERALLY SPEAKING IF YOUR APPROACH AND ENTRANCE TO A BUILDING IS A PROBLEM, THAT IS A DEAL BREAKER RIGHT THERE. YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE AN APPROACH AND ENTRANCE, ACCESS TO THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES AND THAT COULD BE A MATTER OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, YOU WANT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE AMENITIES, SUCH AS THE PUBLIC RESTROOMS AND DRINKING FOUNTAINS, AND THEN THERE ARE CERTAIN ROOMS AND CONDITIONS THAT AS THE BUILDING CONTINUES TO BE MODIFIED YOU WANT TO INVEST IN MAKING THOSE ADDITIONAL ROOMS AND SPACES ACCESSIBLE TO ALL OF THE PUBLIC.

SHE MENTIONED TEMPORARY CITY HALL AGAIN. THERE ARE SOME WALKWAYS THAT ARE NOT SMOOTH AND LEVEL, THERE ARE SOME DOORS THAT HAVE ISSUES WITH MANEUVERING, THE STAIRS NEED TO HAVE HANDRAILS ON BOTH SIDES, THE EGRESS ROUTE NEEDS TO BE WELL DESIGNATED AND IF THE EGRESS ROUTE IS NOT ACCESSIBLE THEN YOU NEED TO HAVE DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE POINTING FOLKS TO THE NEAREST ACCESSIBLE EGRESS ROUTE. A COUNTER WAS 42 INCHES HIGH AND A COUNTER SHOULD NOT BE OVER 36 INCHES HIGH TO BE ACCESSIBLE. ALSO FLOOR SURFACES NEED TO BE SMOOTH AND LEVEL AND SOMETIMES THE PILE ON SOME MATS CAN BE A TRIPPING HAZARD. THIS WAS POINTED OUT IN PRACTICALLY EVERY SINGLE FACILITY. THE RAMP WAS QUITE GOOD BUT LACKED EDGE PROTECTION AND SO A WHEEL COULD DRIFT OVER TO THE SIDE AND TIP OVER. SIGNAGE, THERE IS SIGNAGE BUT IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. IT NEEDS TO BE BRAILLE AND SHOULD BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE DOOR. ALSO KNEE CLEARANCE SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE UNDER TABLES. THESE ARE THE TYPICAL KINDS OF ISSUES. ALSO, THE LIBRARY HAD SOME OF THE EXACT SAME TYPICAL ISSUES. THERE WAS ALSO A PARKING ISSUE THERE AS WHERE THE SPOTS WERE DESIGNATED, THE SIGNAGE WAS TOO LOW. THE RAMP ITSELF AT THE LIBRARY HAS VERY GOOD SLOPE, BUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE RAMP THERE WAS A LEVEL CHANGE WHICH WAS A DEAL BREAKER. THERE WAS ALSO A 42 INCH COUNTER. THE TOILET ROOM WAS EXCELLENTLY DONE EXCEPT FOR THE FLUSH VALVE BEING ON THE WRONG SIDE. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THE STACKS WERE SO CLOSE TOGETHER SO NOBODY COULD GET THROUGH THEM. THIS IS AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE ISSUE. EXIT SIGNAGE IS ALSO NEEDED, AS WELL AS DESIGNATED SIGNAGE FOR THE BATHROOM. THERE IS ALSO AN INACCESSIBLE RESTROOM SO THERE NEEDS TO BE SIGNS INFORMING PEOPLE WHERE THE ACCESSIBLE ONE IS LOCATED.

THE POLICE STATION HAS SOME UNIQUE FEATURES BECAUSE IT HAS HOLDING CELLS. AT THIS TIME THE HOLDING CELL IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THE ADA DOES CALL FOR MINIMUM ACCESSIBLE DIMENSIONS FOR A HOLDING CELL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THAT OR CANNOT MAKE THAT THEN THE HOLDING CELL SHOULD PROBABLY BE PUT INTO A REGIONAL POLICE STATION OR FACILITY UNTIL IT CAN BE BROUGHT BACK ON LINE AS ACCESSIBLE.

THE OTHER TYPICAL ISSUE WAS THAT THE PIPES IN THE BATHROOM WERE NOT INSULATED SO SOMEONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE CONTACT WITH THE HOT PIPES. THERE IS A WORK SURFACE ISSUE IN THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH CLEARANCE AND THE INTERVIEW ROOM TELEPHONE AND THE ATM DID NOT HAVE REACH RANGE.

REGARDING THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. THERE IS SIGNAGE THAT INFORMS PEOPLE THAT THE ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE IS IN THE REAR, BUT THEY SUGGESTED THAT THIS SIGNAGE BE PLACED SOMEWHERE WHERE PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO BACKTRACK. THERE WAS ALSO A COUNTER ISSUE AND A KNEE CLEARANCE ISSUE.

AT THE DPW, THE FRONT DOOR, WHICH IS AN ACCEPTABLE DOOR, SHOULD HAVE SIGNAGE BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER DOORS AROUND THE FACILITY THAT ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE. THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN WAS ACCESSIBLE BUT THERE WAS A FILE CABINET THAT WOULD NEED TO BE MOVED DUE TO MOBILITY

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ISSUES. THERE WAS ALSO A WORK SURFACE THAT WAS TOO LOW AND HAD ITEMS ON IT THAT WOULD NOT PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF ACCESSIBILITY.

AT THE TMLP FACILITY, THE SLOT WHERE PEOPLE DEPOSIT THEIR PAYMENTS AFTER HOURS IS NOT AN ACCESSIBLE SLOT.

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THE TELLER WINDOWS FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE IN THIS BUILDING WERE TOO HIGH AND AT LEAST 1 OF THEM SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE.

SHE ALSO NOTED THAT AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE DOOR WAS VERY HEAVY TO OPEN, AND ALSO THERE WERE CHAIRS IN THE WAY THAT WOULD CAUSE AN ISSUE WITH MOBILITY.

THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE WAS ONE OF THE MOST INACCESSIBLE PLACES THEY SURVEYED. THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH THE HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES AND WHEN THEY WENT INTO THE BUILDING THEY FOUND THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN PLACE WHERE A PERSON WITH DISABILITIES COULD ENJOY THE GOLF COURSE.

THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT OFFICES WERE ALSO SURVEYED AND THEY FOUND THE PROGRAMS THEMSELVES WERE NOT ACCESSIBLE. THERE WERE 2 ROOMS THAT WERE THE MAIN PROGRAM ROOMS, ONE WAS THE PROJECT MANAGER'S OFFICE AND THE OTHER WAS A CONFERENCE ROOM. THE CONFERENCE ROOM IS USED FOR THE PUBLIC TO COME IN AND LOOK AT PLANS, AND THAT ROOM HAD A WORK SURFACE THAT WAS NOT ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH MOBILITY DISABILITIES AND THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH A RECESSED DOOR.

AT MAYFLOWER CEMETERY BUILDING, THERE IS NO RAMP AND ALSO THERE IS NO DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED PARKING.

MS. FELDMAN DID SAY THAT WHEREVER THERE IS PARKING YOU WANT AT LEAST 1 VAN ACCESSIBLE SPACE.

SHE ALSO ADDRESSED THE BENNETT SCHOOL. ONE OF THE ISSUES WAS THAT THIS BUILDING HAD SO MANY DOORS THAT WERE INACCESSIBLE. ALSO MOST OF THE DOORS HAD HARDWARE THAT WAS INOPERABLE. WITH MOST OF THE DOORWAYS, WHEN YOU HAD 2 DOORS OPEN THERE WAS ENOUGH WIDTH BUT IF JUST 1 WAS OPEN YOU WOULD NOT HAVE ENOUGH WIDTH TO GO THROUGH. YOU ALSO NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR EGRESS ROUTE SO THAT EVERYONE WILL KNOW WHERE IT IS. THERE WAS ALSO SIGNAGE ISSUES THERE. THERE WERE NO ACCESSIBLE TOILET ROOMS. IN THE CAFETERIA, THE TABLES DID NOT PROVIDE FOR ACCESSIBLE SEATING. IN THE PLAY AREA THE MULCH DOES NOT PROVIDE AN ACCESSIBLE ROUTE.

OF THE 6 FIRE STATIONS, THEIR LARGEST CONCERN WAS THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION BECAUSE THEY ARE HAVING RENOVATIONS DONE AND THAT DOES TRIGGER MORE FACILITY RENOVATIONS. THERE ARE 4 HISTORIC FIRE STATIONS THAT ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE. SHE NOTED THAT THE OAK STREET FIRE STATION HAS PROGRAMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR WHICH IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THERE IS NO ELEVATOR GOING TO THE SECOND FLOOR SO THESE NEED TO EITHER BE BROUGHT DOWN TO THE FIRST FLOOR OR CONSOLIDATED INTO ANOTHER FACILITY.

REGARDING PARKING FACILITIES, THERE WAS ONE FACILITY WHERE THERE WAS NO ACCESS PROVIDED. SHE THINKS THAT IT WAS THE BAY STREET ONE. THE BEST ONE WAS THE COURT STREET PARKING FACILITY. THERE WERE SOME ISSUES WITH THE GALLIGAN COURT AND TRESCOTT LOTS, AND AT THE WIER STREET LOT THE HANDICAPPED PARKING SIGN WAS TOO LOW.

AT HOPEWELL PARK PLAYGROUND THERE ARE NEW PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESS TO THE PLAY AREA IS AN ISSUE. REGARDING THE POOL, THERE IS A SLOPED ENTRY WHICH IS GOOD, BUT A POOL THAT SIZE IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A FIXED LIFT. IF YOU HAVE A PORTABLE LIFT, IT NEEDS TO BE OUT AND IN SERVICE WHEN THE POOL IS OPEN. THE SPECTATOR STANDS ALSO NEED TO BE ADDRESSED FOR ACCESSIBILITY. THERE WERE ALSO PARKING ISSUES.

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REGARDING THE POLLING LOCATIONS, THERE WERE SOME ISSUES WITH HANDICAPPED PARKING AT SOME OF THE SITES. AT ONE OF THE SCHOOLS, ONE OF THE ENTRANCES WAS NOT WIDE ENOUGH, HOWEVER THERE WAS ANOTHER DOOR THAT COULD BE USED. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT SOME OF THE ACCESSIBLE MACHINES WERE DIFFICULT TO GET TO AND THAT SOME WERE FACING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION THEN ALL THE REST OF THE MACHINES, OR SEGREGATED FROM THE OTHER MACHINES. THEY SHOULD BE WITHIN THE ROW AS MUCH AS SPACE WILL ALLOW. THERE WAS ALSO A TRIPPING HAZARD AT ONE OF THE POLLING PLACES DUE TO WIRES ON THE FLOOR. A STURDY CHAIR SHOULD BE AVAILABLE AND AT ONE PLACE THE HEADPHONES WERE THERE BUT THEY WERE NOT PLUGGED IN. COUNCILOR POTTIER NOTED THAT WHEN HE THINKS OF ADA ISSUES, HE THINKS OF PHYSICAL ISSUES PRIMARILY, OF TRYING TO GET TO A PLACE. WHAT HE FOUND EYE OPENING IN THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY WAS ALSO THE VIRTUAL CITY HALL AND HOW ACCESSIBLE THE CITY IS ON LINE. HE ASKED WHEN THIS IS FINALIZED WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES IN THE CITY IN DEALING WITH THE ISSUES – WHAT IS THE NEXT ROLE OF THE PLAN.

MS FLETCHER SAID THAT YOU NEED TO DETERMINE WHAT MAKES SENSE. THEY WILLO BE WORKING WITH KEVIN SCANLON ON A LIST OF PRIORITIES.

IT WAS NOTED THAT IT COULD TAKE 10 YEARS TO ADDRESS THE BIG ISSUES, BUT MANY ARE VERY MINOR SUCH AS SIGNAGE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT THE FIRST PART OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HE WANTS TO SEE ARE THE SAFETY ISSUES. HE WOULD LIKE A LISTING OF EACH ITEM WITH THE DOLLAR AMOUNT TO CORRECT IT WITHIN 1 MONTH.

MR. SCANLON NOTED THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDING FOR THESE AT THIS TIME.

MOTION: WITHIN ONE MONTH, THIS COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT TO THE FULL COUNCIL A LIST OF THE SAFETY ITEMS WITH THE COST. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT SHE FEELS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ANY DEPARTMENT HEAD THAT HAS A BUILDING THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT THEY BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF THE REPORT AND HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST AND DISCUSS THIS AS PART OF THEIR BUDGET AND THERE SHOULD BE A LINE ITEM AS PART OF THE BUDGET FOR THESE ISSUES.

MR. SCANLON STATED THAT ANYTHING STRUCTURAL WOULD BE IN MR. WALKDEN'S BUDGET. ALSO, FOR HIM TO MEET WITH ALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE ISSUES THAT CAN BE CORRECTED WILL TAKE TIME. BUDGET HEARINGS WILL BE HELD WITHIN THE NEXT 5-6 WEEKS AND IT IS JUST HIM AND THAT DOES NOT GIVE HIM ENOUGH TIME.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID SHE IS NOT EXPECTING THE DEPARTMENT HEAD TO HAVE THE MONEY IN THEIR BUDGET BUT EXPECTS THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. THIS DISCUSSION SHOULD BE PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS AS THAT IS WHEN THE COUNCIL HAS INTERACTION WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS.

THE MAYOR ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE STATING THAT THIS IS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE REPORT. THERE IS A CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER AND ONCE THIS REPORT IS IN FINAL FORM THEY WILL ACT ON IT. THESE ISSUES ARE NOT GOING TO BE SETTLED IN 1 YEAR. YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE. SOME BUILDINGS MAY BE COMING OFF LINE SO SOME PROBLEMS MAY DISAPPEAR. DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL NOT BE READY TO DISCUSS THIS AT BUDGET TIME.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT ALL HE WANTS IS A LIST OF WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A SAFETY MATTER WITH AN ATTACHED DOLLAR AMOUNT. HE SAID THAT THERE MAY BE A NEED TO BOND FOR SOME OF THESE ISSUES.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT SHE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY. EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD SHOULD BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THIS IMMEDIATELY. THERE IS NO EXCUSE NOT TO DISCUSS THIS WITH EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD WHEN THEY COME IN FOR THEIR BUDGET.

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MRS. DICORPO STATED THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHE IS HAPPY THAT THIS REPORT IS BEING DONE. SHE WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY. SHE ALSO THINKS THAT THIS IS 2 FOLD, SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY. SOMETIME IT IS AN EASY FIX, BUT SHE ALSO FEELS THAT YOU DO NEED TO SEE THE SAFETY ISSUES FIRST. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THE TAUNTON COMMISSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE IN SERVICE TRAINING.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL STATED THAT THE REPORT IS VERY ENLIGHTENING AND IS HAPPY THAT THE MAYOR IS TAKING STEPS TO GET THINGS DONE.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT ONE OF THE REASONS HE WILL NOT BE READY TO HAVE THIS ADDRESSED AT BUDGET TIME IS THAT OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS THEY ARE GOING TO BE SITTING DOWN TO FINALIZE THIS REPORT, IT IS NOW IN DRAFT FORM. IT WILL TAKE TIME TO GET TO A POINT WHERE THEY WILL BE CLOSE TO THE FINAL DRAFT. AT THAT TIME THEY STILL HAVE TO DO THE COMMENT PERIOD AND YOU ALSO HAVE TO DO THE TRAINING THAT IS BEING TALKED ABOUT WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS. TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE TRAINING WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AND HAVE THEM READY TO HAVE A DISCUSSION IN THE NEXT MONTH IS JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

MR. SCANLON DID NOTE THAT SOME THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE, THE RETIREMENT BOARD HAS MOVED, THE CITY IS LOOKING AT A POTENTIAL NEW WEBSITE, THE BLEACHERS AT TAUNTON HIGH ARE IN THE REPORT, AND THEY ARE GETTING DONE NOW. THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING IS UNDER DESIGN AND IS CLOSED RIGHT NOW BECAUSE IT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THEY ARE DOING STUFF, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO THIS.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TCID WORK CLOSELY WITH KEVIN SCANLON ON THIS.

MRS. LEMAIRE ASKED ABOUT THE PARKING GARAGE AND IF IT HAS TO BE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE. COUNCILOR POTTIER STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT IF THERE WERE SO MANY HANDICAPPED SPACES ON THE FIRST FLOOR THAT IS HOW THEY COULD GET AROUND IT.

IT WAS NOTED THAT YOU CAN HAVE HANDICAPPED PARKING ON THE FIRST LEVEL, BUT IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THAT LEVEL IS FOR MONTHLY RATES SO BECAUSE YOU HAVE DIFFERENT RATES, THAT WOULD BE AN ISSUE UNLESS YOU HAVE THE DAY TO DAY PARKING DOWN BELOW ALSO.

MOTION: REFER THIS PARKING DECK MATTER TO PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR ONE WEEK. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED ABOUT THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE WILL BE 1420 SEATS, SO THERE IS A NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE HANDICAPPED SEATS.

MS. FLECHER SAID THAT YOU NEED 6 SEATS PLUS 1 FOR EVERY 150 SEATS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT AS FAR AS THE STADIUM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, HE WOULD SUGGEST THAT SOMEONE DO THE MATH AND THAT THE ARCHITECT BE TOLD IN WRITING THE NUMBER, NOW BEFORE THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT YOU ALSO NEED COMPANION SEATS, SO IF IT IS 16 HANDICAPPED SEATS, YOU WILL NEED 32.

MOTION: THROUGH THE PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE TO MR. WALKDEN'S OFFICE THAT IT BE MADE CRYSTAL CLEAR THAT THE STADIUM IS TO BE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH RESPECT TO ADA REQUIREMENTS RELATIVE TO SEATING WITH THE QUESTION OF COMPANION SEATS ADDRESSED. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ALSO NOTED THAT THE PARKING GARAGE IS ANOTHER ISSUE. HE THINKS THE COUNCIL SHOULD SEND A DIRECTIVE AND HE WILL MAKE A MOTION IN FULL COUNCIL THAT A LETTER BE SENT REGARDING HANDICAPPED PARKING AT THE PARKING DECK.

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COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT SHE IS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE COMMISSION WAS NOT MORE INVOLVED IN THESE ISSUES. THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR MOTIONS FOR THE ARCHITECT IF THE COMMISSION WERE CONSULTED ON THESE MATTERS. SHE ALSO FEELS THAT IT IS UNREASONABLE TO WAIT FOR 6 WEEKS TO MEET WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS. SHE WANTS THESE MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THE BUDGET HEARINGS.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID THAT THIS SAME PRESENTATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, BUT MS. DICORPO STATED THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT IS VERY PRO-ACTIVE. MR. SCANLON STATED THAT A LOT OF THE ACCESSIBLE ISSUES ARE STRUCTURAL. HE IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THEY ARE JUST NOW STARTING TO FLUSH OUT THE PRIORITIES.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON THEN SAID THAT SHE WANTS MR. SCANLON TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT HEADS WITH WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE SO THAT THEY CAN LOOK AT WHAT CAN BE FIXED AFTER PASSING IT BY MR. SCANLON.

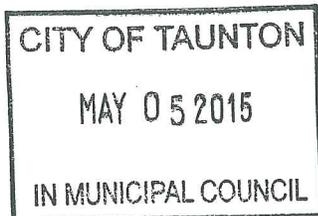
MOTION: TO EXCUSE THE PARTIES.

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR THE RECENT BALANCE IN THE HANDICAPPED FINES ACCOUNT. THAT FIGURE IS \$79,838.98. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THOSE FINES. THE CHAIRMAN WILL REFER THIS TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE IN ORDER OT MOVE THIS FORWARD.

B. MS. DICORPO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THIS COMMITTEE IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS WITH THE COMMITTEE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:04 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK