



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, May 13, 2014 at 8:25 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 Borges, Carr, Quinn, McCaul, Pottier,
Croteau, Costa-Hanson, Marshall and Cleary*

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

Communication from the Mayor:

The Mayor stated that the Budget presentation will be on May 27, 2014 at 7:00pm. The Mayor shared with the Council the awards received by Cathal O'Brien and Fred Cornaglia from the Massachusetts DEP National Public Drinking Systems.

The Mayor informed that each Council member has on their desks contracts for Mr. Gill Enos and Mr. Kevin Shea for review.

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

Councilor McCaul stated that the Committee on Fires and Wires had a discussion this evening regarding three (3) Firefighters for conditional appointments. **Therefore, Councilor McCaul motioned to approve Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. Masse and Mr. Larkin. Motion seconded for discussion. Councilor Borges motioned to postpone the decision until May 20, 2014 because she has questions regarding residency. Motion seconded for discussion. The Mayor stated there is a motion on the floor, and it would be up to the discretion of the Council. The motion on the floor is to move forward with the three (3) candidates and it would have to be on a roll call vote. Councilor Cleary asked if the maker of the motion would consider a delay on the vote for a week. Councilor McCaul stated that he would like to move this forward. Councilor Marshall stated that he would be voting no on the three (3) candidates because he too has concerns about residency that have not been clarified. Therefore, if the vote was to happen this evening, he would be voting no and would vote to reconsider for next week after the information is received. There is nothing against the candidates. Councilor Croteau stated that he does not recall any questions on residency for these three (3) candidates on current residency. He said that he met with Ms. Blackwell to review the three (3) names and asked her if there would be any problem with Civil Service if they were appointed. Ms. Blackwell stated that under present Civil Service Rules and Regulations, there would be no problems. If there is a concern about an individual's residency, then we should**

separate the question and hold that person's appointment until next week. He said he does not think it is fair to hold the appointment of the others. If there is a question on all three (3), then that would be different. But if there is a question on the residency of one or two then we should hold their appointments, if that is the wish of the Council. Councilor Pottier asked if the three (3) candidates were the names that the Chief put forward as well and he was informed that they were. Councilor Quinn stated that with respect to residency, it may not be to the three (3) candidates. In addition to that, there seems to be some confusion as the requirements for Civil Service and what it requires to by-pass someone. She said she would be inclined to vote to continue until next week to get clarification. The residency of the other candidate would bear on the by-pass requirement as well. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she would be in favor to continue for one (1) week as that is not an unreasonable request and feels it would only be fair to give them more time. With all due respect, this has not been a lightning quick process. This would not be any reflection on the candidates, but it is indifferent to her fellow Councilors if they have questions to continue for a week. Councilor Croteau stated that several Councilors, other than those on the Committee, were present during the interviews. His understanding that when he spoke to Ms. Blackwell, is that the rules, policies, regulations with Civil Service has changed to some extent. If candidate A has a score of 99 and candidate B has a score of 98, the regulations in the past would stipulate that you had to go with candidate A. At some point, five years or eight years ago, they changed the regulations and they band the grouping. The explanation was that seeing there were seven people involved, we had to pick three people from band one. He said that he does not recall seeing any scores. Secondly, even if we had the scores and one, two and three had higher scores, we had to go with three people from band one. Number four and five could be chosen even if the score was lower; and this would not be a bypass. We could not go to band two because that would be a bypass. We picked three people from band one. Councilor Carr stated there is no banding anymore; there are scores now. She as well will defer to her fellow Councilors for a weeks' time to get their questions answers. A lot of these questions were asked of the Chair and they were not answered. At the moment, there are five votes on the floor to postpone for one week. Councilor Carr pressed the motion. Councilor McCaul stated that this is a conditional employment for these individuals and as he understands, the Fire Chief checked the background of each to see if there were any residency problems. The Chief's recommendation was to appoint these three individuals; therefore, he would stand with the Chief in stating these three individuals are qualified for the position. Therefore, he would like to move this forward. The Mayor called for the vote. Motion does not carry 2-7. Councilors McCaul and Croteau voting in favor. Councilors Borges, Carr, Quinn, Pottier, Costa-Hanlon, Marshall and Cleary voting in opposition. Councilor Marshall motioned to continue for one week. Motion carries, 8-1. Councilor Croteau voting in opposition.

Communication:

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds – Submitting response regarding condition of Mill River Park. Maintenance is scheduled on a weekly basis which includes grass cutting, trimming and trash removal. Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds – Requesting approval of summer positions. The positions include a summer director, assistant festival director, AM & PM coordinator, seasonal maintenance and counselors. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries & Public Grounds – Requesting approval of summer pool positions. The positions include pool director, head guards WSI, lifeguards and bathhouse/concession/gate. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries, and Public Grounds – Submitting the Yearly Operation Plan for the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to move approval and to publish the public notice ten days prior so that the spraying can be done for weeds. Councilor Cleary asked for list of streets on Page 19 to be read for residents. The Assistant City Clerk read the list of streets. So Voted.**

Com. from City Planner – Response on 1 Washington Street. The plans did show and require a stop sign in the May 13, 2008 Special Permit/Site Plan Review approval. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

The Mayor read extra communication informing that on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, Governor Patrick will be in Taunton at Hopewell Park, 10:00am along with Secretary Sullivan to announce the Common Backyard Grant winners. The celebration of the splash pad will be done at that time along with other winners from around the State to be honored as well.

Petition submitted by Barbeque Integrated, Inc. 8427 South Park Circle, Suite 250, Orlando, FL requesting a renewal of their Billiard Table License –dba- Smokey Bones Barbeque and Grill located at 1023 County 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 William Sanft, 15R Shores St., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Billiard Table License for Will-O-Bee, Inc. –dba- Willy J's Pub located at 599 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 Jacob Weeks, 5 Woodland Circle, Wareham and Janine Raymond, 36 Indian St., Carver requesting a renewal of their Second Hand Article License for Kyleigh's Closet located at 64 Main St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Brian Mattos, 3 North Precinct St., Lakeville seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on Bay Street near Bridgewater Savings Bank . **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW Commissioner for the pothole. 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 except for the Committee on Fire and Wires. Motion carries, 8-1. Councilor Croteau voting in opposition.

Unfinished Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that the ADA Committee referred a matter to the Mechanics Co-Op Bank about their new building. The concern is that their drive-way was not finished. A response was received from President Baptista stating that the items will be addressed after the water main construction on Broadway is finished. The bank has a contract in place with G. Lopes to complete the work. **Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the letter to the ADA Committee. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the Committee understood there is construction, but wanted something temporary for pedestrians to cross with signs because there are issues with the drive-through. Councilor Pottier stated that the Committee thought it was unfinished because of the plastic and that they were going to leave it that way. He said that he would check back with the Committee. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier said that when the skate park was discussed with Council, it was left with them to speak to Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds to figure out where they could put it and then come back to Council for further discussion. With a report from the media this week, it seems it is a done deal except for the financing. Therefore, he referred it to the Council President. Councilor Marshall stated that he has been trying to work with the Taunton Skate Park Committee since their last meeting to come up with a suitable site. With their efforts to get this project done, it may have gotten the best of them in the media report because it is not complete. They have gone to Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department to look at an alternative site which is the island in front of the Hartshorn Field on Longmeadow Road. However, there are still a couple of concerns that need to be looked at and to see who actually has control of that piece of property. Is it the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Commission, is it part of Hartshorn or is it the City of Taunton because it was a part of the former Longmeadow Road layout. The decision has not been made yet because there is still work to be completed by an engineer and then it needs to go over to the Law Office for a legal description. In looking at that site, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds has agreed that it is a better site than behind the City Hall. If this is not the site, then it will need to come back here before the Municipal Council. He has informed the skate park group that he will not hear it again in Committee of the Council as a Whole until they can prove they are a 501(c)3 non-profit. In response to the article in the newspaper, he has requested the Skate Park Committee to provide him with a letter for next week as to where exactly they are in the process and to make sure they have an attorney and to provide a timeframe of when they anticipate becoming a 501(c)3 non-profit. Naturally, they did not want to go to the softball league until they knew exactly who controlled the site. Once it is known actually who controls the site and the skate park group has a 501(c)3 non-profit, they will have discussions with the softball league that are currently at the Longmeadow location. He said the plan was to always discuss with the softball league prior to coming back so that this can do done as well as being a friendly neighbor. It is his opinion that they can co-exist in the location. Councilor Marshall stated that he should have an answer in 2 or

3 weeks depending on who has control of the site. He said that he asked the skate park to determine how they are going to do this. There are two options for which they will fundraise: one being the skate park group will fundraise the full amount and turn the money over to the City for the City to construct and maintain the skate park for liability purposes or secondly, as others have done, the City could enter into an agreement for the land and the 501(c)3 entity will fundraise, operate and maintain and insure the City operations. He said he has asked them to choose their track before discussion with the Council. Councilor Croteau agreed with Councilor Marshall as Park and Rec cannot do what the article said. He said that permission would need to be given no matter what the skate park group wants to do with the land held by the City. They will need to come before the Council and Mayor. From a liability point of view, the Council will need to vote unless the land is deeded to them with restrictions. Councilor Carr applauded everyone who has tried to get this situation straightened out and who has tried to make everybody happy. Being involved with adult softball for thirty plus years, the parking lot is filled most nights. She just doesn't want the City to get into a situation where cars are parking along Longmeadow Road because that would be a disaster. She said that we need to be very careful about the parking situation because if people think 50 parking spaces are enough, it is not even close to being sufficient. Whoever makes the final decision needs to be very cognitive of the parking situation because we are going to make it worse and the neighbors will be very upset if people are parking in front of their yards along Longmeadow Road, plus it will be a dangerous situation.

There was a recent article in the newspaper regarding ATV use along the Taunton River. Councilor Costa-Hanlon applauded the Police Department. She said that the Committee on Police and License will be receiving updates as to how this is moving forward. Councilor Carr and Quinn have received calls regarding the same issue and hopes what was in the article is sufficient as well as the updates. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that they will be meeting on this issue in the Committee of Police and License within a couple of weeks. Therefore, if there are any residents who can be informed, she suggested inviting them to the meeting. Also, if there are any other issues that have not been covered, it can be brought to the Chief's attention at that time.

Councilor Croteau motioned to request an analysis from the Fire Chief as to the impact, if any, on the budget with the delay in hiring the three fire fighters. He requested the cost for overtime, if any, with these three positions not being filled and a report back before the next Council meeting. Motion carries, 6-3. Councilor Carr, Quinn, and Marshall voting in opposition. Councilor Borges, McCaul, Pottier, Croteau, Costa-Hanlon, and Cleary voting in favor.

Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions

The Assistant City Clerk read communication from Treasurer Collector, Barbara Auger explaining the transfer. The Galligan School project cost came in lower than expected, therefore, it left the City with \$44,184 in unspent, unneeded bond proceeds. The transfer is being requested to fund the Taunton High School and Parker School project. Councilor Cleary stated that Ms. Auger fully explained the transfer. He said he is satisfied with the explanation and would go back to the Ordinance to approve. Councilor Croteau spoke to the City Treasurer and there was \$1.1M left from the High School and \$1.5M left from the Pole School as well as a few thousand left from Norton Avenue. The

Mayor stated that initially it was thought that the Pole School had those funds, but he does not believe that is true and will check with the Treasurer tomorrow. Councilor Croteau stated that his understanding is that those funds were not bonded, but it could still be bonded.

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

Ordered That,

That \$44,184 is appropriated to pay costs of the High School reconstruction project and that to meet this appropriation, such amount shall be transferred from funds originally borrowed to pay costs of the Harold H. Galligan School roof repair project, as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, because such funds are no longer needed to complete that project. **Motion was made to pass to a second reading. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer for speeding on or around 31 Fremont Street. The area is off a drag strip and there are some difficult curves further on down the road. Councilor Croteau asked if the maker of the motion would include Tremont Street because cars are crossing over the double lines. So Voted.

Councilor Marshall said he has been contacted by several residents and the youth sporting organization who expressed their concerns about the atmosphere around the playground area and basketball courts at Hopewell Park. He said that as summer comes along, it will only get worse. There are some youth sport leagues not using the softball fields for practices because of the atmosphere there. The Police Department is doing the best they can, but that is not just the end. The problem needs to be resolved especially if another \$250,000 is going to be spent there for a splash park. Over the summer and into the fall, there needs to be some sort of plan to police this. He said he is not sure if cameras are the way to go, cameras may be somewhat of a deterrent, but there needs to be some enforcement of those cameras and to get word out that if you are caught on camera there are consequences. There are signs all over Hopewell Park stating that there is surveillance on the premises. The Mayor stated that the City needs more enforcement there and he too received some of the same calls including calls from the league and parents in regards to an incident that happened yesterday. It is unfortunate that there is an element that wants to hang out there and who do not make the best choices. He said we need to make the park safe for families who would like to enjoy it. Councilor Marshall stated that Hopewell is the largest public park/basketball court in the City and it is unfortunate that the element has entrenched itself there and their disregard the law and common decency. A lot of stuff may not necessarily be breaking the law, but it is not providing the atmosphere that the City wants for the residence. The Mayor stated that 95% of the people who go there follow the law and do the right things; it is the 5% that the City will not tolerate. He said he will be meeting with the Police Chief tomorrow on the issue. **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Mayor's Office and Police Chief for a discussion on this and a report back in two weeks. Councilor Costa-Hanlon said that it needs to be a little more comprehensive than just Hopewell, because if we keep it at Hopewell Park, they will go to Richards Park/Whittenton**

Field or Hartshorn Park. She said the City really needs to think about more police presence in all the parks or maybe something through Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds where you can utilize the ROTC. It needs to be more than just one park, because her fear is that if it is just to concentration on Hopewell Park that they will be people at Boyden Sanctuary or even at Richards Park/Whittenton Fields. There was an issue at Hartshorn Park. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that Hopewell Park is in her back yard and it is getting really bad. There needs to be a more comprehensive approach to the issue and we need to get a little bit better in policing all the park areas during the summer. She would like to have the motion include all parks. Councilor Cleary stated that the only thing is the need to prioritize the resources. There is a legitimate issue at Hopewell Park and he thinks the City should deal with it to try and find out what works there and move it to other areas. So Voted.

Councilor Borges motioned to invite in the Airport Commission for an update on the Airport and refer that to the needs of the Airport. So Voted.

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner the issue of recycling bins never being picked up on Colt Circle. The recycling was scheduled to be picked up on Friday, but as of the end of the day today, it never got picked up. The resident called Republic a couple of times. So Voted.

Councilor Carr stated that the Taunton Elk Lodge, #150 has invited the Council to their Annual Flag Day Program on Thursday, June 12, 2014, 6:00pm at the VFW Hall on Ingells Street.

Councilor Carr stated that she is glad Taunton is getting the splash pad, but is disappointed in the location. She was hoping it would be in a portion of the City that does not have anything or any water type relief in the summer. The Bristol Commons have a splash pad for the children in that area and Hopewell Park has the pools. When speaking to Ms. Greene, she informed that they did not choose the Weir Playground because it was on the fringe of a critical need area. Ms. Greene informed that the only critical need area in the City is the Hopewell Park area. Obviously, that is not true because we have low income families all across the City. Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer the critical needs area map to Planning and the Park & Rec Department to look at the City's demographic to see if we can get some additional areas in the City that qualify as a critical need area so that we can spread those things around. So Voted.

Councilor McCaul motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner the crosswalk across from the First Parish Church on Church Green for striping. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if there is going to be a list of crosswalks for striping, if not she too has a couple of crosswalks. The crosswalk at the East Taunton Post Office is definitely one that needs striping. So Voted.

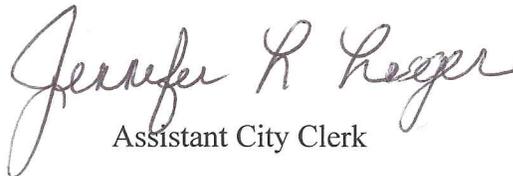
Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner and the Mayor's Office to check to see if there were funds allotted for an employee to be at the landfill confirming some of the loads coming in. It has been discussed on many occasions the need for the employee at the landfill. Councilor Cleary stated that the Assistant City Solicitor was working on this. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon thanked everyone who came out for the Weir clean-up including the Weir Corp for sponsoring the event. Everyone did an excellent job on Saturday.

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:10pm. So Voted.

A true copy:

Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

JJL/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 13, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:46 P.M.

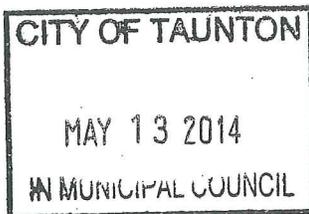
1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:47 P.M.

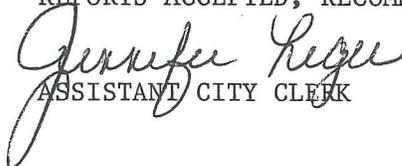
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 13, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS QUINN, POTTIER AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE TREASURER COLLECTOR BARBARA AUGER AND BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT WAYNE WALKDEN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:51 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT FOR AN UPDATE ON CITY HALL

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO A MOTION WAS MADE ON THE COUNCIL FLOOR FOR AN UPDATE ON THE CITY HALL PROCESS AND WHERE WE ARE. THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT SHE FEELS THAT THIS CONVERSATION NEEDS TO BE OPENED AGAIN, THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOMETHING STARTED WITH CITY HALL, FUNDING NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED AND ALSO THE STAR THEATER BUILDING NEEDS TO COME DOWN.

MR. WALKDEN STATED THAT IN AUGUST OF 2012 THE CITY HIRED DURKEE BROWN VIVEIROS WERENFELS ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TO DO A FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL PHASES WITHIN THE STUDY TO HELP DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF DESIGN WE MIGHT WANT, AND SOME PRELIMINARY PRICING. THEY COMPLETED 2 PHASES OF AN APPROXIMATELY 6 PHASE CONTRACT. THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT WITH THEM WAS FOR \$390,855.00 AND WE HAVE PAID THEM ABOUT \$111,000.00. THEY HAVE COMPLETED PRE-DESIGN SERVICES AND A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN WHICH GAVE THE 3 PRELIMINARY DESIGNS THAT HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT OVER THE LAST YEAR.

MR. WALKDEN FURTHER STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE STAR THEATER AND OTHER REASONS THE PROJECT WAS PUT ON HOLD. OVER THE PAST YEAR HE HAS SOUGHT TO HOLD ON TO THIS FIRM BECAUSE HE FELT THAT THEY HAD DONE A GOOD JOB FOR THE CITY. THEY WERE OK WITH THE FACT THAT THE CITY TABLED THE PROJECT, BUT THE FEELING WAS THAT IF THE TIME PERIOD EXTENDED MUCH BEYOND A YEAR YOU WOULD BE LOOKING AT THEIR FEES AGAIN AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO RESURRECT THE PROJECT.

IN APRIL MR. WALKDEN SPOKE TO MARTHA WERENFELS, ONE OF THE CHIEF ARCHITECTS AND THEY ARE MORE THEN HAPPY TO WORK WITH US AGAIN AND TO GET THE CITY TO THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE WHICH IS NEXT. THE 3 PARTICULAR CONCEPT DESIGNS THAT WERE DONE INITIALLY WOULD BE TAKEN A STEP FURTHER, ONE AT A TIME, IF WE WANTED TO DO ALL 3 WITH VARIOUS PRICES.

MR. WALKDEN DID STATE THAT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO FOCUS IN ON A SINGLE DESIGN AND NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME, MONEY AND EFFORT.

MR. WALKDEN FURTHER NOTED THAT ONE OF THE WARNINGS THAT THEY GAVE HIM, AND HE WAS AWARE OF THIS ALSO, IS THAT THE BUILDING, FIRE AND ENERGY CODE CHANGES WILL IMPACT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATES BY THE YEAR 2015. THE INCREASE IN PRICE DUE TO THE CODE CHANGES AND ALSO FACTORING IN ESCALATION COSTS COULD BE ABOUT \$1-2 MILLION. THE OTHER THING TO KEEP IN MIND, IS THAT WHEN YOU GET PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES BY AN ARCHITECT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS INCLUDE EVERY SINGLE FEE THAT WILL BE FACED.

MR. WALKDEN SAID THE OTHER ITEM OF CONCERN IS THAT A PARKING LOT STUDY WILL HAVE TO BE DONE. ANOTHER CONSIDERATION IS TRYING TO DEMOLISYH THE STAR THEATER. SOME REVISIONS MAY HAVE TO BE MADE TO OPTION 3 DUE TO THAT BUILDING COMING DOWN.

RIGHT NOW THE STAR THEATER BUILDING IS THE MAIN OBSTACLE. UNTIL DEMOLISION IS UNDERWAY WE PROBABLY SHOULD NOT GO TO FAR DOWN THIS PLANNING ROUTE. MR. WALKDEN DID CAUTION THAT TIME DELAYS MEAN COSTS INCREASE.

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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY - COMMITTEE

THE TREASURER STATED THAT THE LAST TIME THIS WAS DISCUSSED THEY LOOKED AT A 20 YEAR BOND AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO UNDER MASS. GENERAL LAWS. IT IS THE TYPICAL AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THE CITY WOULD BORROW FOR A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR A NEW BUILDING. SHE PROVIDED A DOCUMENT SHOWING THE 20 YEAR PROJECTIONS. IT INCLUDED COSTS BASED ON A \$25 MILLION PROJECT AND A \$30 MILLION PROJECT. SHE SAID THAT RIGHT NOW WE ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE AT A \$25 MILLION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR THAT 3RD SCENARIO. THE FIGURES REFLECTED 2 METHODS, EQUAL PRINCIPAL AND LEVEL DEBT. THE LEVEL DEBT OPTION IS MORE COSTLY BUT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES MAY BE MORE ACHIEVABLE FOR THE CITY BECAUSE WE ARE PLANNING FOR A SINGLE NUMBER OVER THE LIFE OF THE LOAN.

SHE FURTHER STATED THAT TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF BORROWING BEYOND 20 YEARS THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO SEEK SPECIAL LEGISLATION. THE CITY SOLICITOR IS REVIEWING SOME SAMPLE LANGUAGE PROVIDED BY THE TREASURER. SHE HAS ALSO SPOKEN TO THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR WHO INDICATED THAT IF WE WANT TO MOVE FORWARD IN THAT DIRECTION WE SHOULD PROBABLY REACH OUT TO OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SEEK SUPPORT THERE AND ALSO REACH OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT. THIS WOULD BE A 1 TIME SPECIAL LEGISLATION JUST FOR THE CITY HALL PROJECT.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE AMOUNT INCREASES ABOUT \$50,000 FOR EVERY MILLION OVER THE \$25 MILLION NOTED. IT IS BASED ON 4.5%.

THE TREASURER ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAD PREPARED A DEBT SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY THAT LOOKED AT ALL OF THE CITY'S CURRENT DEBT AND LAID IT OUT YEAR BY YEAR. WHAT SHE NOTICED IS THAT THE DEBT FOR THE CITY IS PRETTY FLAT OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS. THERE IS VIRTUALLY VERY LITTLE DEBT COMING OFF THE DEBT SCHEDULE BECAUSE FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN USING THE LEVEL DEBT PROCESS. WHEN USING LEVEL DEBT, ONE OF THE PROS IS THE PREDICTABILITY AND THE STABILITY AND YOU NEED TO FIND THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE BUDGET ONE YEAR AND THEN IT IS CONSTANT OVER THE LIFE OF THE LOAN, BUT FROM A PLANNING STANDPOIT YOU DO NOT HAVE MUCH DEBT COMING OFF UNTIL THE LOAN IS PAID OFF IN FULL. YOU DON'T SEE THE DROP AND THE ABILITY TO BRING ANOTHER PROJECT ON UNTIL YOU HAVE PAID OFF THE ENTIRE LOAN. IT MAKES LONG TERM PLANNING MORE DIFFICULT WHEN YOU USE THE LEVEL DEBT VS. THE LEVEL PRINCIPAL.

COUNCILOR POTTIER NOTED THAT OPTION 1 AND OPTION 2 FOR CITY HALL WERE CLOSE TO \$15 AND \$17 MILLION SO YOU WOULD JUST CUT THE \$30 MILLION FIGURES IN HALF. IN THAT CASE WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT ABOUT \$800,000. HE ALSO ASKED THAT A COPY BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL AS TO WHAT IS ON THE CITY'S DEBT.

COUNCILOR QUINN ASKED IF MOST OF THE CITY DEBT WE HAVE ORIGINATED AS 20 YEAR DEBT, DO WE HAVE ANY 30 YEAR DEBT?

MRS. AUGER SAID NO WE DO NOT.

COUNCILOR QUINN THEN ASKED IF IT WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR 30 YEAR DEBT.

MRS. AUGER SAID THE LEGISLATION THAT SHE SUGGESTS IS FOR NOT MORE THAN 40 YEARS SO THAT WOULD COVER BOTH 30 AND 40 YEARS. MASS LAW DOES COVER 30 YEAR DEBT BUT IT IS FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS.

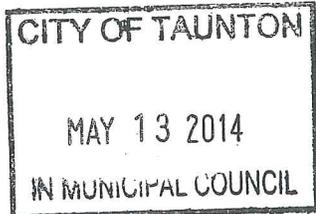
COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE DESIGN FIRM COME IN A FEW WEEKS TO GIVE ANOTHER PRESENTATION ON THE OPTIONS FOR CITY HALL. SHE WILL COORDINATE THIS WITH MR. WALKDEN TO SCHEDULE THE PRESENTATION.

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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:34 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 "Jennifer R. Reger".
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 13, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON SOLID WASTE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS QUINN, MARSHALL, CARR AND COSTA-HANLON. ALSO PRESENT WERE DPW COMMISSIONER FRED CORNAGLIA, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN AND BOB MCNAMARA AND KEITH DAROSA OF WE CARE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:44 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE DPW COMMISSIONER FOR A STATUS ON THE RECYCLING FACILITY, THE SLUDGE GASIFIER, THE TRANSFER STATION AND THE REQUEST TO INCREASE THE HEIGHT OF THE TAUNTON LANDFILL.

THE CHAIRMAN READ AN E-MAIL THAT HE RECEIVED FROM WES GREGORY OF WE CARE ORGANICS DATED 5/11/2014. IT PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING

1. TRANSFER STATION/PROPERTY. GHD HAS STARTED DESIGN LAYOUT FOR THE BUILDING USING SEVERAL DIFFERENT POSSIBILITIES, HAD MEETING WITH THEM A WEEK AGO TUESDAY TO GO OVER SEVERAL DIFFERENT POTENTIALS FOR LAND USES AND AVERAGE AVAILABLE. ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES ARE A FORMAT YARD WAISTE I.E. (LEAVES, BRUSH, GRASS) FOR RESIDENTS AND FINAL USE OF MATERIAL COMING OUT OF ORGANIC DIGESTER. SITE SELECTION APPLICATION ON GOING, BUT AS AGREED WE WILL WAIT TILL LANDFILL STUDY IS OVER.

2. LANDFILL STUDY SPOKE WITH ENSOL FRIDAY HE IS WRAPPING UP HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS, BUT AGREES THIS IS SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE CITY NEEDS TO HAVE INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION ON. FIRST BLUSH NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN BANK TO CLOSE LANDFILL, KNOWS WASTE MGT. HAS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO DO IT, BUT IN YOUR RESERVE ACCOUNT IT WON'T BE ENOUGH TO CLOSE WHAT LAND HAS BEEN USED TO DATE. HE EXPECTS TO SEE DRAFT IN WEEK OR SO DEFINITELY BY END OF MONTH. WHEN COMPLETE HE WILL FORWARD TO ALL APPROPRIATE PARTIES AND WOULD SUGGEST A FACE TO FACE TO DISCUSS.

3. ORGANICS, THEY HAVE LOOKED AT 3 POTENTIAL SITES TO ESTABLISH A ORGANIC DIGESTER

A. TAUNTON WWTP

B. MOZZONE BLVD.

C. ALEC RICH PROPERTY

TECHNOLOGIES THAT WERE CURRENTLY CONSIDEREING, ZERO WASTE, CAMBE, QUSAR - ALL CAN USE ORGANIC FOOD WASTE OR BIOSOLIDS FOR THERE FEED STOCK ALL CAN CREATE SYNTHETIC GAS TO BE CONVERTED TO EITHER ELECTRICITY OR BIODIESEL. THEY HAVE HAD MEETING WITH SEVERAL DIFFERENT INVESTMENT GROUPS ON EACH ONE OF TECHNOLOGIES AND HAVE NOT SETTLED ON ONE YET. THEY HAVE RUN EXTENSIVE FINANCIAL PERFORMA ON ALL OF THE ABOVE AND STILL BELIEVE ONE OF THESE WILL MAKE SENSE FOR THE CITY. HE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE THIS PROCESS WRAPPED UP SOMETIME THIS SUMMER SO THEY CAN LINE UP FINAL INVESTMENT GROUP AND START PERMITTING. THEY WILL NEED TO ALL AGREE ON FINAL SITE SELECTION BEFORE THEY CAN FINISH MODELING FINANCIAL PERFORMA AS ALL SITES HAVE DIFFERENT PLUS/MINUS WITH CONSTRUCTION AND PERMITTING.

4. GASIFICATION OF BIOSOLIDS (MAX WEST)

POTENTIAL SITES - TAUNTON WWTP

HAVE FINISHED PERMITTING IN MAINE RECEIVED LAST PERMIT LAST WEEK, HAVE MEETING UP THERE NEXT WEEK WITH GOVERNORS FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS STATE FUNDING. THEY WILL NOW START PERMIT PROCESS IN TAUNTON FOR THE GASIFIER, THEY HAVE MET WITH SEVERAL INTERESTED FINANCIAL GROUPS TO PROVIDE BACKING. OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS DIFFICULT UNTIL A PERMIT

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WAS AWARDED TO PROVE VIABILITY. NOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IT WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER IN TAUNTON. GHD TO TAKE LEAD ON PERMITTING.

5. SINGLE STREAM MRS
LOCATION 30 MOZZONE BLVD.

ALL PERMITS/REGISTRATIONS HAVE BEEN DONE, THEY NEED CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPANCY FROM CITY THIS MONTH, LAST THING LEFT TO DO IS PAVE OUTSIDE OF SITE. THIS IS SCHEDULED FOR WEEK AFTER NEXT, THEY SHOULD BE OPEN AND RECEIVING CURBSIDE SINGLE STREAM BY 7/1/2014 ON SCHEDULE. PROFIT SPLIT WILL START IN JUNE OF 2014. KEITH WILL GIVE UPDATE AT MEETING WITH SOME PICTURES ON TUESDAY IF YOU WANT.

6. CURBSIDE EXTENSION TO HAPPEN 7/1/2014 CURRENTLY DISCUSSING ANY ISSUES WITH REPUBLIC.

MOTION: E-MAIL TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED WHEN THE LANDFILL STUDY WAS GOING TO BE DONE. IT WAS STATED THAT IT SHOULD BE DONE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, PROBABLY BY THE END OF THE MONTH. THE DPW COMMISSIONER STATED THAT WHEN HE TALKED TO PETER RICHER FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE ELEVATION AND THE CONTOUR AT THE EXISTING LANDFILL AND HE THINKS IT HAS BEEN A YEAR AND A HALF THAT THEY HAVE BEEN BACK AND FORTH WITH THE HEIGHT, SO HE FEELS IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. RICHER AND HAVE HIM PROVIDE DOCUMENTS SAYING THAT THERE IS STILL ROOM ENGINEERING WISE FOR WHAT WE NEED TO HAVE DONE.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THE WAY HE READS THE E-MAIL IS THAT MR. GREGORY DOES NOT THINK THE FUNDS ARE IN THE ACCOUNT AND HE THINKS IN THE CONTRACT IT TELLS THE EXACT NUMBER. WHAT HE IS SAYING IS THAT THE FUNDS THAT APPEAR TO BE THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO CLOSE IT OR CAP IT TODAY.

IT WAS NOTED THAT WASTE MANAGEMENT WILL BE PAYING FOR THIS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PUTTING MONEY ASIDE TO DO IT, AND THAT THEY HAVE SWITCHED OVER SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO JUST GUARANTEEING A BOND, SO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO PUT MONEY ASIDE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF WE WERE WAITING FOR THE FULL REPORT BEFORE WE START FOLLOWING THAT ISSUE OR IS THAT SOMETHING THE DPW COMMISSIONER THINKS SHOULD BE BROKEN OUT OF THE WHOLE REPORT – THE ENSOL REPORT.

THE DPW COMMISSIONER STATED THAT HE FEELS THAT WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL WE GET THE REPORT, BUT THEN BE SURE THAT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER THERE IS SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE CAPPING OR IF IT IS TO BE EXTENDED, OR IF THE CONTRACT IS AWARDED ANOTHER WAY. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY OF THE ANSWERS NOW.

COUNCILOR CARR NOTED THAT REGARDING NO. 5, IT IS CURRENTLY NOT OPEN YET. WHEN THIS RECYCLING CENTER IS OPEN, WHAT HOURS WILL IT BE OPENED. WE CARE STATE IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM. SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE GASIFICATION SITE, WHERE IT STATES POTENTIAL SITE, WWTP – SHE NOTED THAT THIS IS OUR ONLY SITE.

COUNCILOR CARR ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE ORGANIC DIGESTER AND WHERE IT WOULD BE, AND THAT SHE DOES NOT REMEMBER DISCUSSING THIS.

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THIS IS A MANDATE THAT FOOD WASTE FROM SCHOOLS ETC. HAVE TO BE TAKEN OFF SITE AND HAVE SOMETHING DONE WITH IT LIKE A COMPOST FACILITY OR AN ORGANIC DIGESTER. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING, AND HE NOTED THAT WE CARE HAS A FACILITY IN MARLBORO.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CITY'S ORGANIC WASTE WOULD BE GOING TO MARLBORO.

THE DPW COMMISSIONER STATED THAT THIS WAS HIS OPINION ALSO.

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MR. O'BRIEN STATED THAT THE ORGANICS WASTE BAND IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BE IN EFFECT LEGALLY ON OCTOBER 1, 2014. ANYBODY THAT GENERATES OVER A TON OF WASTE – INDUSTRIAL, SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS – WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AND WILL BE AGAINST THE LAW FOR THEM TO LANDFILL IT. IT WOULD BE 1 TON PER WEEK. THIS WOULD BE TRANSPORTED IN A CLOSED VEHICLE. THERE IS NEW TECHNOLOGY THEY ARE THINKING OF PUTTING IN TAUNTON WHICH WOULD HAVE LESS ODOR THAN THE PLACE IN MARLBORO. THERE ARE 3 OPTIONS FOR WHERE TO PUT THIS AND THEY NEED TO BE LOOKED AT.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL NOTED THAT THE LAW MANDATES ORGANICS ARE NOT TO BE LANDFILLED, BUT IT DOES NOT MANDATE THAT A DIGESTER BE PUT IN TAUNTON. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IT IS UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL COMPANY TO PAY TO HAVE THEIR ORGANICS DISPOSED OF IF THEY MAKE MORE THAN 1 TON PER WEEK. HE QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER THERE HAVE BEEN ANY CALCULATIONS DONE, AS IT WOULD PROBABLY BE ONLY THE SCHOOLS AND THE NURSING HOME IN TAUNTON, IS IT 1 TON PER SITE OR 1 TON PER MUNICIPALITY. HE ALSO ASKED WHO THOUGHT THAT THE CITY WOULD BE OPEN TO AN ORGANICS DIGESTER IN THE CITY.

THE DPW COMMISSIONER SAID IT IS AS NEW TO HIM AS IT IS TO THE COUNCIL.

IT WAS NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE 1 TON OF FOOD WASTE PER LOCATION.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DO A RISK/BENEFIT TO REDUCING ANYTHING GOING TO THE LANDFILL BECAUSE THERE IS A TRADEOFF TO THAT, AND THAT IS ANOTHER WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY IN THE CITY SOMEWHERE WITH SMELLY FRONT LOADERS COMING THROUGH THE CITY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HIS GUESS IS THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH WASTE IN TAUNTON TO OPERATE THIS FACILITY TO MAKE IT ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE, SO WE ARE GOING TO BE, AGAIN, LOOKING FOR THE POTENTIAL OF BEING A REGIONAL FACILITY. HE ALSO ASKED HOW BIG THEY WERE LOOKING TO DESIGN THIS.

WE CARE STATED THAT THEY ARE NOT AT THAT STAGE YET.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT THEY MUST HAVE A BALLPARK WHAT THEY NEED TO MAKE IT WORK. MR. DAROSA OF WE CARE SAID HE DOES NOT BUT HE WOULD HAVE TO ASK MR. GREGORY OF WE CARE.

MOTION: THAT THE COUNCIL BE PROVIDED WITH AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH TONNAGE OF ORGANICS WOULD BE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS PROFITABLE AND FEASIBLE FOR WE CARE TO BUILD. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL THEN STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW FAR WE CARE IS DOWN THIS PATH, BUT HE WOULD NOT GO VERY FAR DOWN THAT ROAD UNTIL THEY COME BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE BECAUSE HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THERE IS ANY APPETITE TO SITE AN ORGANICS DIGESTOR. HE ASKED ALSO, OTHER THAN MARLBORO, ARE THERE ANY OTHER ORGANICS IN THE AREA.

MR. MACNAMARA SAID BOSTON HAS A FEW, MARLBORO IS THE LARGEST.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE HAS NO APPETITE TO VOTE FOR ANYTHING THAT EVEN RESEMBLES A REGIONAL FACILITY. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE ONE IN MARLBORO IS A PROBLEM RELATIVE TO MR. MARSHALL'S CONCERN ABOUT ODOR.

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT SOMETHING ELSE THAT THEY WANT TO TALK ABOUT IN BROADEST TERMS IS SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING. THERE ARE 2 FRONTS TO THIS, FIRST WE WANT TO DIVERT AS MUCH FROM THE TRADITIONAL WASTE STREAM AS WE CAN, AS WE MAKE MONEY ON THE RECYCLING, AND SECOND WHATEVER WE DON'T HAVE TO TRUCK OR SHIP OUT OF HERE IS COST AVOIDANCE. THEY ARE LOOKING TO DO IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEP IS TO TRY TO INCREASE THE RATE OF RECYCLING THAT WE HAVE ESPECIALLY SINCE WE WILL BE MAKING SOME CUT OF THE REVENUE.

OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS, WHEN THE CENTER IS OPENING, THE CITY WILL WORK TO TRY TO INCREASE THE RECYCLING LEVELS POSSIBLY USING LARGER CONTAINERS OR TRASH BARRELS WITH

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STICKERS ON THEM. ONE THING ALSO BEING LOOKED AT IS MULTI-FAMILY HOMES. CURRENTLY THE CITY DOES NOT PICK UP RECYCLING AT ANYTHING MORE THAN 4 UNITS, BUT OFFERING RECYCLING AT 5 OR ABOVE. THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WILL COME INTO PLAY AS THE CITY TRIES TO INCREASE RECYCLING OVER THE SUMMER.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO IS THE CURBSIDE PICKUP, AND SHE IS A PROPONENT OF SINGLE STREAM AND A LARGER RECYCLING BIN. BUT, THE CHALLENGE IS THAT WE NEED TO DEVELOP THE CURBSIDE PICKUP, BECAUSE SHE THINKS THAT COUNCILOR MARSHALL HAS RIGHTLY SAID THAT IF IT IS NOT STRUCTURED FOR THE TRUCKS TO PICK IT UP, WE COULD HAVE THE LARGEST BINS AND IT WON'T HELP US IF THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO THROW IT INTO THE TRUCK, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY AREAS WHERE CARS PARK ON THE ROAD.

AGAIN, DISCUSSED WAS ALLOWING PEOPLE TO GET A CONTAINER TO USE FOR RECYCLING SUCH AS A BARREL, AND THE CITY COULD ISSUE STICKERS FOR THESE BARRELS. IF THE CITY USES LARGER TOTES, RECYCLABLES COULD ALSO BE PICKED UP EVERY OTHER WEEK AS A COST SAVING MEASURE.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL NOTED THAT FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES TAUNTON IS SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING, BUT NOT IN NAME, BECAUSE HE HAS YET TO HAVE A RESIDENT COMPLAIN THAT THEIR RECYCLING DOESN'T GET PICKED UP. IN NAME ONLY WE ARE NOT SINGLE STREAM. ALSO, WHEN YOU SAY SINGLE STREAM, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT TRASH AND RECYCLING GO IN TOGETHER, IT STILL HAS TO BE TRASH IN ONE CONTAINER AND RECYCLING IN ANOTHER – IT HAS TO BE 2 DIFFERENT TRUCKS, 2 DIFFERENT COLLECTIONS. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO CURBSIDE COLLECTION AS TRASH WILL STILL HAVE TO GO INTO THE ORANGE BAGS AND BE PICKED UP BY 1 TRUCK AND WHETHER YOU HAVE SEPARATE BINS FOR PLASTIC, GLASS, CARDBOARD OR 1 CONTAINER FOR ALL OF IT, IT IS STILL GOING TO BE PICKED UP BY A DIFFERENT TRUCK.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID THAT THE OTHER CONCERN HE HAS, AND HE DOES WANT TO INCREASE RECYCLING, IS HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE COST. HE REALIZES 30% IS GOING TO COME BACK TO THE CITY BUT DOES NOT FEEL THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A LARGE NUMBER. IF WE ARE TALKING ABOUT INCREASING THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTRACT, USING 96 GALLON TOTES WITH THE ARM, WHICH IS A MORE EXPENSIVE COLLECTION METHOD THAT WHAT WE USE NOW, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NUMBERS AND OTHER OPTIONS. ALL OF THE DIVERSION THAT WE DO NOT SENDING RECYCLABLES TO THE LANDFILL DOES NOT GAIN US OR BUY US EXTRA DAYS AT THE LANDFILL BECAUSE WASTE MANAGEMENT CAN BRING IN OUTSIDE TRASH. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE COLLECTION METHOD OF RECYCLING COULD COST THE CITY MORE MONEY.

COUNCILOR QUINN STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE RECYCLING PICKED UP FOR RESIDENCES WITH 4 UNITS OR MORE BUT TO SET A REASONABLE NUMBER OF UNITS. ONLY FOR RECYCLING, NOT TRASH.

COUNCILORS CLEARY AND MCCAUL BOTH FEEL THAT A 2 BAG SYSTEM WOULD INCREASE RECYCLING.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT 2 SIZES FOR TRASH BAGS.

CHAIRMAN POTTIER STATED THAT IF 2 SIZE BAGS ARE OFFERED ABOUT \$400,000 IN REVENUE WILL BE LOST SO THE QUESTION IS HOW IT WILL BE MADE UP. YOU CANNOT HIT THE MAYOR WITH A \$400,000 DECREASE IN THE BUDGET.

DISCUSSED ALSO WAS THE ISSUE WITH LARGE ITEMS. PEOPLE ARE PUTTING SEVERAL LARGE ITEMS OUT SO IT IS BEING LOOKED AT TO POSSIBLY ISSUE 5 STICKERS PER YEAR.

COUNCILOR CARR NOTED THAT PART OF THE REPUBLIC CONTRACT WAS THAT THEY ARE TO GIVE THE CITY \$20,000 A YEAR FOR A TRASH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

THE DPW COMMISSIONER SAID THAT WE HAVE ONE.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TREASURER COLLECTOR HAS AN ACCOUNT SET UP FOR THESE FUNDS. THERE SHOULD BE ABOUT 3 YEARS FUNDS IN THIS ACCOUNT, BUT

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SHE IS NOT SURE IF THIS WENT INTO THE GENERAL FUND. SHE DOES NOT THINK THERE IS AN ACCOUNT SET UP SPECIFICALLY TO PUT THAT MONEY INTO FOR A TRASH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

MOTION: THAT THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH THE ACCOUNT NUMBER IF IT EXISTS, IF IT DOESN'T EXIST SHE IS TO SEE TO IT THAT IT IS CREATED SO THAT WHEN THAT MONEY DOES COME IN IT CAN BE DIVERTED TO THE RIGHT SPOT.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SECONDED THE MOTION AND ON DISCUSSION STATED THAT SHE THOUGHT THERE WAS A PORTION OF THE WE CARE CONTRACT, THAT ONCE IT WAS SIGNED SOMETHING WAS TRIGGERED THAT ALSO ADDED FOR A TRASH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

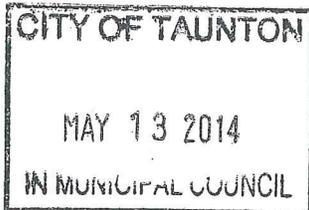
SHE ASKED TO HAVE PART OF THE MOTION TO INCLUDE **TO LOOK AT THE WE CARE CONTRACT TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN THAT.**

THE DPW COMMISSIONER SAID THAT THE \$20,000 IS THE WE CARE CONTRACT NOT REPUBLIC. COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID THAT IT HAS BEEN GOING TO THE DPW SALARY ACCOUNT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DPW. THE MONEY SHOULD BE THERE FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT HE IS NOT SURE ABOUT THE PRIOR YEARS.

THE DPW COMMISSIONER WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE TRASH ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, HOWEVER THIS PERSON HAS TO ACCEPT THE POSITION FIRST.

THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:44 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis
COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

Jennifer R. Heger
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JOHN MCCAUL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND CARR. ALSO PRESENT WAS FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY BRADSHAW

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:48 P.M.

2. MEET TO DISCUSS EXTENDING OFFERS OF CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT TO FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE TONIGHT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT 3 FIREFIGHTERS FOR CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT. A FEW WEEKS AGO INTERVIEWS WERE HELD AND THE COMMITTEE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES. THE FIRE CHIEF RECOMMENDS OFFERS OF CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT TO:

ANDREW MASSE

JOSHUA LARKIN

SEAN CROWNINSHIELD

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND THE OFFER OF CONDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT TO ANDREW MASSE, JOSHUA LARKIN AND SEAN CROWNINSHIELD BASED ON THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION. THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO PUT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS IN WRITING.

THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN MCCAUL.

ON DISCUSSION, COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT CONSISTENCY ON THE PART OF THE CHIEF. IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT THE LAST TIME 3 OR 4 INDIVIDUALS WERE HIRED THERE WAS A CANDIDATE THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH AND THE CHIEF SAID HE IS THE BEST QUALIFIED CANDIDATE AMONG THE WHOLE BUNCH BUT HE JUST BEEN APPOINTED TO ANOTHER COMMUNITY AND LIED ABOUT HIS RESIDENCY. ALSO THAT HE WAS ONLY ON THE JOB 2 OR 3 WEEKS. THEN THE CHIEF GOES INTO THIS SITUATION AND HE SAYS THAT BY TAKING SOMEBODY FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE SOMEBODY WHO DOES NOT HAVE TO GO TO THE ACADEMY, AND IS GOING TO HAVE ALL THE EXPERIENCE HE NEEDS AND CAN START RIGHT AWAY. COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT SOUNDED LIKE THE EXACT SAME ARGUMENT, RATIONAL, NOT ARGUMENT - THAT COUNCILOR CLEARY USED FOR THE CANDIDATE LAST TIME.

THE CHIEF ASKED WHAT CANDIDATE COUNCILOR CLEARY WAS SPEAKING OF.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO USE HIS NAME BUT THAT HE WAS APPOINTED IN NEW BEDFORD. HE HAD APPLIED IN TAUNTON, HE WAS ON THE LIST, WAS AN EX-MARINE, HIS FAMILY LIVES IN TAUNTON, BUT THE CHIEF TOLD HIM BECAUSE HE WAS LESS THAN TRUTHFUL WITH NEW BEDFORD THAT THE CHIEF WOULD NOT HIRE HIM. NOW THE CHIEF SEEMS TO BE ENCOURAGING SOMEONE TO BE LESS THAN TRUTHFUL WITH THEIR CURRENT EMPLOYER AND NOW THE CHIEF WANTS TO HIRE HIM.

THE CHIEF AGAIN ASKED WHO COUNCILOR CLEARY WAS SPEAKING ABOUT.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID HE THINKS HIS NAME WAS LEE.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT NATHANIEL LEE CAME HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY THE TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, BOTH BY THE CHIEF HIMSELF AND CAPTAIN SANTOS, AND MR. LEE WAS NOT HIRED BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE WENT AGAINST THEIR RECOMMENDATION.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID HE WAS IN THE INTERVIEWS AND SAT HERE WITH THE CHIEF AND THAT THE CHIEF USED THAT RATIONAL AND WOULD NOT HIRE HIM EVEN THOUGH HE WAS THE BEST CANDIDATE. THE CHIEF STATED THAT NATHANIEL LEE WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND HE WAS NOT GIVEN EMPLOYMENT, AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED.

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COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT HE REVIEWED THE MINUTES, HAS THE MINUTES AND IT STATES WHAT MR. CLEARY SAYS.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT NATHANIEL LEE WAS RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENT BY HIM AND THAT THE COMMITTEE DID NOT TAKE HIS RECOMMENDATION.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT WAS NOT TRUE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED IF MR. LEE WAS ONE OF THE CANDIDATES THIS EVENING.

THE ANSWER WAS NO. COUNCILOR CROTEAU QUESTIONED WHY HE WAS BEING DISCUSSED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID BECAUSE HE WAS RUN OUT OF TOWN AND NOW THE CHIEF IS USING THE EXACT SAME RATIONAL ON THE OTHER SIDE TO APPOINT A FIREFIGHTER WHO WORKS IN NEW BEDFORD AND WHO HAS BEEN THERE FOR 2 YEARS, AND ORIGINALLY THE CHIEF OF NEW BEDFORD SAID HE WOULDN'T APPROVE THE TRANSFER. NOW HE HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THAT CHIEF TO DO THE TRANSFER AND HE USES ALL THE RATIONAL THAT MR. CLEARY USED LAST TIME TO DEFEND A KID THAT HE DID NOT EVEN KNOW. IT WORKS NOW BUT DID NOT WORK THEN.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT IF YOU SPEAK TO NATHANIEL LEE, HE WILL TELL YOU THAT THE CHIEF RECOMMENDED HIM.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THE CHIEF HAS FLIP FLOPPED ON THE RATIONAL.

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THE FIRE CHIEF TO PROVIDE HIS RATIONAL FOR RECOMMENDING THE 3 CANDIDATES THIS EVENING.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT ANDREW MASSE COMES WITH A GLOWING RECOMMENDATION. HE HAS WORKED FOR 9 YEARS WITH A BOSTON AMBULANCE SERVICE. THE CHIEF SPOKE TO HUMAN RESOURCES AND HIS SUPERVISOR AND THEY BOTH RAVED ABOUT HIS SKILLS AND HIS WORK ETHIC.

JOSHUA LARKIN WAS A MEMBER OF AN ELITE SPECIAL FORCES UNIT THAT DOESN'T ONLY BASE SKILLS ON PHYSICAL ABILITY BUT ALSO A HIGH DEGREE OF INTELLIGENCE. EVERYONE HE SPOKE WITH SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF MR. LARKIN. HIS FATHER IS A POLICE OFFICER AND IN THE CHIEF'S OPINION ONE OF THE FINEST OFFICERS.

SEAN CROWNINSHIELD'S FATHER AND GRANDFATHER WERE MEMBERS OF THE TAUNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. HE DOES COME FULLY TRAINED AND RECEIVED POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOTH THE CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF NEW BEDFORD.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT ALL APPLICANTS WERE WORTHY BUT HE BELIEVES IT WAS HIS JOB TO FIND THE BEST 3 APPLICANTS AND THIS IS HIS OPINION.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THAT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT IT IS THIS COMMITTEE THAT HAS TO RECOMMEND THE PEOPLE. SHE DOES NOT SUBSCRIBE TO ABDICATING HER RESPONSIBILITIES EVEN THOUGH SHE MIGHT NOT BE IN AGREEMENT. SHE ASKED IF WE WERE TO GO BY THE LIST, AS THE PEOPLE APPEAR ON THE LIST, YOU WOULD BE CHOOSING SEAN CROWNINSHIELD BECAUSE HE IS NUMBER 1 ON THE LIST. HE IS THE FIRST GUY, UNLESS THERE IS A REASON TO BYPASS.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT A REASON TO BYPASS COULD BE THAT A LOWER LEVEL APPLICANT IS MORE APPEALING TO YOU.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THAT IS NOT TRUE.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT OTHER CIVIL SERVICE CHIEFS HAVE TOLD HIM IT IS TRUE.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT THERE HAS TO BE SOME SPECIFIC REASON, SUCH AS NEEDING AN EMT AND THE REST OF THEM WERE NOT EMT'S, BUT UNLESS THERE IS A REASON THAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, THEN YOU NEED TO TAKE THAT PERSON.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT HE THOUGHT YOU HAD TO PUT IN WRITING WHY SOMEONE WAS BYPASSED AND THE REASON WHY.

COUNCILOR CARR CONTINUED STATING THAT THE FIRST PERSON ON THE LIST WAS SEAN CROWNINSHIELD, THEN THERE WAS A 3 WAY TIE FOR NUMBER 2, DAVID COSTA WHO HAS A RESIDENCY

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ISSUE, GREGORY KARSNER WHO HAS A RESIDENCY ISSUE AND CHRISTOPHER MARVEL WHO DOES NOT HAVE A RESIDENCY ISSUE. HE IS THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST AND THE CHIEF IS BYPASSING HIM. THE CHIEF SAID HE IS BYPASSING HIM BECAUSE, AS THE COMMITTEE KNOWS, THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION THAT THEY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO GET FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS ALLOWED TO GET THAT INFORMATION IN THEIR OWN HIRING PROCESS AND THEY BYPASSED HIM.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THAT THE POLICE NEVER SCHEDULED HIM FOR AN INTERVIEW, BUT THE POLICE ARE TOTALLY SEPARATE. COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT THE CHIEF IS BYPASSING HIM.

THE CHIEF CLARIFIED THAT HE IS MAKING A RECOMMENDATION BUT HE IS NOT THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT IF THEY TAKE THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS, HE IS BYPASSING HIM TO GET TO ANOTHER PERSON. THAT IS ALL SHE IS SAYING.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT IS CORRECT

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT THE CHIEF IS BYPASSING THIS PERSON WHO IN HER ESTIMATION DOES NOT HAVE A REASON TO BE BYPASSED.

THE CHIEF ASKED WHAT THE REASONS WERE THAT THE POLICE BYPASSED HIM. WE CAN READ THE LETTER – IT DOES EXIST.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THE REASON THE POLICE BYPASSED HIM HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT THE CHIEF IS NOT BYPASSING ANYBODY, THESE 3 PEOPLE, MEANING THE COMMITTEE, WHEN THEY VOTE WILL DO THE BYPASSING. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE HAS MET WITH THE CITY CLERK, AND ASKED IF THE 3 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CHIEF WERE HIRED WOULD WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH CIVIL SERVICE. THE CITY CLERK SAID THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE A PROBLEM.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE AND COUNCILOR CROTEAU GOT DIFFERENT INFORMATION.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO BY PASS A CANDIDATE WITH THE INFORMATION THAT WAS GIVEN. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THEY HAD TO BASE THEIR DECISION ON CORI INFORMATION AND EVERYONE'S CORI WAS FINE. THE NEXT PERSON IN LINE WAS LARKIN, WHICH IS ONE OF THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATIONS, MICHAEL BLAIS HAS A RESIDENCY ISSUE, AND JONATHAN SILVA AND ANDREW MASSE WERE TIED AND THE CHIEF WENT WITH ANDREW MASSE. COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT OTHER THAN THE #2 CANDIDATE, CHRISTOPHER MARVEL, WHO IN HER ESTIMATION HAS NO REASON FOR BYPASS, BUT THE CHIEF IS BYPASSING, WILL MORE THAN LIKELY APPEAL THE BYPASS. COUNCILOR CARR ALSO STATED THAT SHE CHOOSES NOT TO RECOMMEND SEAN CROWNINSHIELD BECAUSE FIRST SHE IS NOT SURE THAT HE IS ELIGIBLE ON THIS LIST BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THAN ANYTHING ELSE, HE HAS BEEN UNTRUTHFUL WITH HIS PRESENT EMPLOYER AND SHE FEELS THAT THIS IS A CHARACTER FLAW. SHE WILL NOT BE VOTING FOR HIM.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU NOTED THAT THE CHIEF HAS TO LIVE WITH THE CANDIDATES SO IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO NOT SUPPORT THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION.

COUNCILOR CLEARY FOR CLARIFICATION STATED THAT HE HAS NOT CRITIZED ANY OF THE CANDIDATES, THEY ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND HE UNDERSTANDS THE REASON WHY THEY ARE BEING RECOMMENDED. HIS CONCERN IS WITH THE CHIEF. THE CHIEF WAS USING THE RESIDENCY AND THE LIEING ABOUT THE RESIDENCY FOR WHY A CANDIDATE DID NOT GET THE JOB IN THE PAST, AND HE HAS TURNED THIS AROUND IN THIS CASE. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE FLIP FLOP ON THE RESIDENCY IS CORRECT.

THE CHIEF AGAIN STATED THAT COUNCILOR CLEARY IS INCORRECT. NATHANIEL LEE WAS RECOMMENDED BY HIM.

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THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES – CONTINUED

THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON WITH COUNCILORS CROTEAU AND MCCAUL VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILOR CARR VOTING IN OPPOSITION. MOTION CARRIES.

1. MEET TO DISCUSS REQUEST OF FIRE CHIEF FOR A CURRENT CIVIL SERVICE LIST FOR LIEUTENANT

THE CHIEF STATED THAT WE NEED TO CALL FOR THIS LIST.

MOTION: SO MOVED TO CALL FOR THE LIST.

MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CARR AND ON DISCUSSION SHE NOTED THAT THERE IS AN OPENING FOR A LIEUTENANT, SO WHO RETIRED?

THE CHIEF SAID LIEUTENANT RIENDEAU RETIRED.

THE CHIEF ALSO STATED THAT THERE IS ONLY 1 INDIVIDUAL ON THE LIST.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE WANTS TO INTERVIEW THIS PERSON, AND THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT HE WILL SCHEDULE THIS FOR NEXT WEEK.

2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT HE HAS HAD A NUMBER OF RETIREMENTS AND WE NEED TO CALL FOR AN ADDITIONAL LIST TO START VETTING MORE APPLICANTS. THE CHIEF SAID THAT HE HAS 2 VACANCIES AND ONE OTHER THAT IS GOING TO BE HAPPENING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. HE IS HOPING TO HIRE 3.

MOTION: TO CALL FOR THE LIST FOR THREE INDIVIDUALS. SO VOTED.

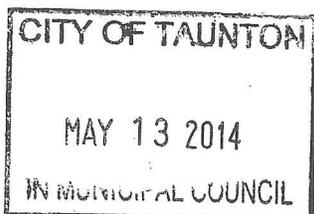
COUNCILOR CROTEAU REQUESTED AN UPDATE ON THE SAFER GRANT.

THE CHIEF SAID IT EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 28, 2014. HE BELIEVES THERE WILL BE MONEY LEFT AND HE WILL BE WRITING AN AMENDMENT. USUALLY WHAT HAPPENS IS THAT YOU HAVE TO ESTIMATE THE FUNDS AND IT WAS ESTIMATED HIGH, SO HE WILL BE ABLE TO SQUEEZE A COUPLE OF MORE MONTHS OUT OF THAT GRANT. HE WILL PROBABLY RUN OUT OF THAT MONEY IN FEBRUARY.

THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE THE ACTUAL COST TO THE CITY FOR THOSE FIREFIGHTERS SINCE THE GRANT WILL RUN OUT HALF WAY THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS THERE SHOULD BE SOME MECHANISM TO FUND THEM AFTER THAT.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE DID PUT IN HIS BUDGET PROPOSAL FUNDS FOR ½ A YEAR FOR 8 INDIVIDUALS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen M. Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.
COUNCILOR CROTEAU VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer R. Rege".
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK