



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, May 28, 2013 at 7:05 o'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

Present at roll call were:

Councilor's Marshall, Cleary, Colton, Medeiros, Costa-Hanlon,

McCaul, Carr and Barbour

Councilor Pottier arrived at 7:20pm

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

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

Appointments:

Appointment to Committee on Individuals with Disabilities/Commission of the Affairs of the Handicapped, Mr. Robert Folcik, 90 Longwood Avenue, Taunton for a term of (3) years, which will expire the last day of May 2016. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted. Motion was made to invite into the enclosure Mr. Robert Folcik.** At this time, Mr. Folcik was sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk.

Appointment to the Taunton Airport Commission, Mr. Charles D. Malo, 2 Scott Dam Road, South Easton for a term of (3) years, which will expire the last day of May 2016. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted. Motion was made to invite into the enclosure Mr. Charles D. Malo. So Voted.** At this time, Mr. Malo was sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk.

Appointment to the Taunton Airport Commission, Mr. Burton Schriber, 667 South Crane Avenue, Taunton for a term of (3) years, which will expire the last day of May 2016. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

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

Hearings:

None

Communications from the Mayor:

At this time, the Mayor presented the FY14 Budget. The Mayor stated that the City will live within its means, seek new growth, and create new opportunities to move the City forward. The Budget contains no lay-offs. The requests from various departments this year excluding Enterprise Departments, totals \$169,507,736. The cuts by the Mayor's Office to get the figure down to a workable budget were \$4.5M. The Police Department needs to grow along with the Building Department needing another Inspector. The entire budget, in comparison to the FY13 budget, was \$187,767,808.95-including Enterprise Account; a \$2.6M increase from the FY13 budget. General Government is down about \$1M mainly because the \$1.5M received from the Wampanoag Tribe was put into the Reserve Account last year, therefore, there will be \$500,000 put into the Reserve Account this year. Public Safety is up about \$930,000 due to retirements especially in the Fire Department. The Police Department overtime is slightly under budgeted and will be addressed in the supplemental budget. Education is up this year by \$185,000, which is negotiable and may move up at some point. Public Works and Facilities up \$320,000 due to a sewer project on Plain Street and various small projects. Health and Human Services down \$10,000 and Health and Recreation is up \$26,000. Debt and interest is down \$400,000 due to refinancing some debts. SRPEDD is level funded and Employee Benefits are up \$2.3M. Health insurance rate rose 5.57% or about \$1.2M and there is about another \$1.3M in pension obligations that need to be done this year. State assessments are up about \$149,000 which is some off-sets from the MBTA. Taunton average tax bill is just over \$3100 whereas the State average tax bill is \$4,800. The City of Taunton ranked 277 out of 351 communities in MA as far as tax bills goes. A re-cap of the FY13 goals were to maximize new growth opportunities. The Mayor stated that he hopes that is the goal each and every year. This year the City has seen the re-development of the former Paul Dever School - Phase IV and V of the Industrial Park. The City is closer to meeting net school spending. Streamlining City Services includes ongoing re-organization of the DPW, City Hall hours have been modified, improvement of the on-line bill payment services, and Treasurer/Auditors Offices moving to the Maxham School is almost complete. Downtown Revitalization - Phase I is complete and Phase II is underway. The City will aggressively continue to pursue grant opportunities. The City this year had the opportunity to hire nine (9) new firefighters through the Safer Grant. Improving Public Safety-the Mayor stated that he spoke to the Police Chief and at the present, the City does not have any Patrolman under the age of 30; he will be working with the Police Chief to find ways to hire new patrolman. The City was able to purchase five new cruisers with the help of Steward Hospital and the committed lease payment on the fire truck should be coming in soon. Expedited permitting process is beginning with the Building Department and should be moving into other Departments soon and the Geotms Software was purchased and will be implemented soon. The City purchased a second street sweeper for the DPW and the City is trying to fill five positions within the Department. Department Heads are at adequate level of staffing with employees who are professionally trained to carry out the job they were hired to perform. Training and education opportunities were given to current employees to give a more productive work force. Street improvements for FY14 are Crossman Street, Cushman Street, Disamar Road, Fairview Ave, Fisher Street, Florence Street, Morris Street, Harrison Street, Laurel Street, Purchase Street, Round Street, Second Street, Washburn Street, and Wilbur Street. Sidewalk Improvements - Cushman Street, Fairview Avenue, Florence Street, Harrison Street, Purchase Street, Randall Street, Second Street, Washburn Street and Williams

Street. The Water Department Enterprise System is working well. This year the City will self-fund projects and do not plan to go out for state revolving funds this year. The Water Department is in the process of purchasing a new floating cover for the Prospect Hill Reservoir. They continue to realign and replace out dated pipes, continue critical upgrades to the water treatment plant as needed and deliver quality water to the residents. Main replacements will be on Berkley Street, Bradford Place, Broadway, Cooper Square, Court Street, East Broadway, Eldridge Street, Kilmer Avenue, Monica Avenue, Purchase Street, Washburn Street and Worcester Street. Sewer improvements for this year will be Bay Street, Everett Street, First Street, High Street, Hill Street, Washington Street, Weir Street and Whittenton Street. Hiring additional police officers is a priority as is filling retirements in the Fire Department as well. The goal is to increase on-street police officers. Veteran Services is committed to an obligation to take care of the needs of our serviceman and servicewomen. The Office of Economic and Community Development has added a grant writer in FY14. The City will continue to fund the \$35,000 in Facade Improvements which will be utilized downtown as needed and will be moved to the Weir and Whittenton neighborhoods as well. The Parking Commission has said the Downtown parking kiosk is working well and they are assessing the value of using parking kiosk throughout the municipal lots. There is also a need to make long-term repair to the Leonard Street Parking Garage. The BETA Group completed their analysis of the parking garage and the cost of repair will be \$500,000. Fundamental changes will be done to the Parking Commission and pavement will be completed at the Pleasant Street Parking Lot. The Human Services has filled the Assistant Director position and will maintain the NSI Advisor position. Head Start continues to maintain a progressive input to the program. Municipal Access will be paid a stipend per meeting and the re-appointment will be an individual to oversee and maintain equipment and troubleshooting. The Taunton Public Library is in the process of making improvements to the HVAC and carpeting. Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds will continue to offer programs such as Summer Festival, Taunton Jr. Basketball, Family 4th Night, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, and Summer Track Series. The Whittenton Fields will be re-furbished which include adding new swings, cleaning up of graffiti and re-finishing the basketball court through a \$1,800 Grant funded by Home Depot. The Hopewell pool will remain open throughout the duration of the summer camp and Summer Festival. The sidewalk vegetation project will continue this year. Future goals are to fund Capital Infrastructure equipment needs through the supplemental budget and continue to pursue grants to increase police staffing levels, create solutions to improve city services, work with the City's Challenge Grant, work toward the need for net school spending, and to develop an obtainable and prudent economical plan to rebuild the City Hall. Councilor Costa-Hanlon thanked the Mayor for the presentation. Councilor Carr asked if the budget is on the website. She was told it would be tomorrow. She said this is the earliest she has ever seen the budget presented. The Mayor stated that the budget is based on the State funding amount. The Mayor will continue to advocate on Beacon Hill and will take advantage of all Gateway opportunities. The Mayor thanked Alyssa and Gill for their assistance in the presentation. Councilor Barbour stated that based on presentation there is no lay-offs at this time and Council will be conducting meetings with Department Heads in the next couple of weeks. He also asked if there was a completed analysis on the overtime budget for Police versus the new hire process. Whereas the hiring of three new officers would reduce the overtime budget. Councilor Cleary would like to see the preliminary budget prior to the \$4.5M cut. Councilor Costa-Hanlon requested Mr. Enos

be present during the Monday meetings with Department Heads and would like to see an executive summary of cuts.

Councilor Pottier arrived at 7:20pm

Motion made to recess for 2 minutes at 7:39pm. So Voted.

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting back to order at 7:43pm.

Motion was made to refer the Budget to Budget Hearings. So Voted.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Assistant Director of Retirement – Notifying of a retirement for Superannuation of Steven R. Robbins, an employee of the Fire Department on July 6, 2013 under the provision set forth in Section #5 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws of Massachusetts. **Motion was made to move approval and send appropriate scroll. Also, notify Council of buyout amount. So Voted.**

Com. from City Clerk – Requesting transfer of funds in the amount of \$4,500 to be added to my overtime budget for the April 30, 2013 Special State Primary and the June 25, 2013 Special state Election. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office and to ask the City Clerk if she expects and funding from the State for the elections. So Voted.**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds – Requesting approval of summer positions out of the General Operating Budget beginning July 1, 2013 for 8 weeks. Positions are: 1 Summer Director, 1 Assistant Festival Director, 1 AM & PM Coordinator and counselors to be hired based on enrollment. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds – Requesting approval of summer pool positions out of the General Operating Budget beginning July 1, 2013 for 8 weeks. Positions are: 1 Pool Director, 2 Head Guards WSI, WSI Lifeguards, 13 Lifeguards and 4 Bathhouse/Concession/Gate. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary informed that the Recreation Director has informed that all salaries are based upon last year's salaries.

Com. from Director, Human Services – Requesting permission to apply for a grant through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs/Formula Grant Program. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from City Engineer – Responding on North Walker St. & Winthrop St. intersection and submitting a response from MassDOT. It was recognized that the intersection poses a safety concern, but not certain as to whether signal warrants would be met. Suggestion was that SRPEDD conduct a traffic study/warrant analysis to determine the proper course of action. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and to provide an update to the Council in one month. So Voted.**

Com. from David LeClair, Race Director, Knights of Columbus, 65 Woodlawn St., East Taunton – Requesting permission to host their annual “Running/Walking 5K Road Race for Charity” event on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 10am. Race to begin and end in the parking lot of the Holy Family Parish Center located at 438 Middleboro Ave. **Motion was made to move approval and to notify the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Ambulance Service. So Voted.**

Com. from Fire Chief – Requesting Council schedule interviews for Open Firefighter Positions. **Motion was made to refer to Committee on Fires and Wires. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon submitted an extra communication from Taunton Safe Neighborhood Initiative, Oakland/Westville Neighborhood Association information meeting scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Edmund Hatch Bennett School on 47 North Walker Street, Taunton. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Police Chief a request to advise the meeting on the trailer and that the trailer be positioned closer to North Walker Street rather than Downtown. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon submitted an extra communication from Taunton Eagles Soccer Club, 29 Oak Street, Taunton requesting permission for Holy Ghost Procession from club to Mass at St. Andrew Church, 19 Kilmer Ave. **Motion was made to move approval of parade route and refer to the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon submitted an extra communication from Police Chief Walsh requesting the Municipal Council to request a Police Officer Reserve List from the Department of Human Resources for two Reserve Officers due to the anticipation of two retirements and a potential for additional new hires. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and instruct the Police Chief to identify which of the anticipated retirements will actually happen in FY14 for the presentation to the Committee on Police and License. Also that the City Clerk and Human Resource Director clarify the issue of when people start accruing benefits on the reserve list. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon submitted an extra communication from the Boys and Girls Club of Taunton - Invitation to attend “The 2013 Citation Ceremony” on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 4pm for the Chess Club participants who participated in the Rhode Island Chess Championship Tournament. The Mayor stated he would take care of this.

Petitions:

Petition submitted by George Andrews, Officer, Italian Naturalization Club located at 46 Wales St., Taunton requesting a renewal of their Billiard Table License. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. 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:

Continued Com. from May 21, 2013: Dorothy Stetson Pierce, 33 Hill St., Lakeville – regarding Amendment to Conservation Restriction. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Councilor Barbour stated that construction will be beginning within the couple of weeks on Rt. 44/Dean Street. **Councilor Barbour motioned to refer the project to DPW Commissioner and ask him whether or not the striping will be refreshed and replaced upon the completion of the construction. So Voted. Councilor Barbour motioned for an update from Commissioner Cornaglia as to the striping quality. He said the paint is fading quickly especially in the foot traffic area as well as the vehicle traffic areas. Also, an update on the list of all the crosswalks that the Councilor's have submitted in anticipation of when they will begin and when they will be completed. So Voted.**

Councilor Barbour motioned to refer to the Police Chief for random radar in the morning and in the afternoon to possibly slow down vehicles and possibly the radar tent sign on William Street near Homestead Crossing. So Voted

Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions

None

New Business

Councilor Pottier stated that there will be a Public Hearing tomorrow night at the Pole Street regarding the potential consolidating of Leddy School and relocating students of the Barnum School. A vote is anticipated on June 5, 2013 from the School Committee on the disposition of the schools. Councilor Pottier will be present during the Hearing.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. So Voted.

A true copy:

Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

JLL/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 28, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND COLTON. ALSO PRESENT WAS BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS

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

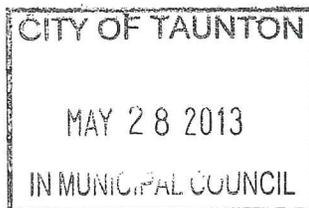
1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,893,339.00. SO VOTED.
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,348,921.10. SO VOTED.

2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$60,000.00 TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE TWO SPECIAL ELECTIONS (APRIL 30 AND June 25, 2013). FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784 TO ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION ACCOUNT NO. 1-162-202-5599 – OTHER EXPENSES. SO VOTED.

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT AFTER THIS TRANSFER, THE BALANCE IN THE RESERVE ACCOUNT IS \$534,164.54.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO TRANSFER \$2,300.00 FROM ACCOUNT NO. 1-291-201-5130 – OVERTIME TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-291-202-5246 – REP/MAIN – VEHICLES. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:49 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MAY 28, 2013

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN MCCAUL AND COUNCILORS BARBOUR, CARR, COSTA-HANLON, MEDEIROS, COLTON, CLEARY AND MARSHALL. ALSO PRESENT WERE BILL SHAMON, CFO OF MYLES STANDISH MEDICAL CENTER LLC, CHARLIE OROSZ, DIRECTOR OF EVENING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION OF BAY STATE COLLEGE AND BOB FIELD OF FIELD ENGINEERING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:14 P.M.

1. MEET FOR A PRE-REVIEW HEARING FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR AN EDUCATION USE AT 101 INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE LOCATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

MOTION: TO OPEN THE PRE-REVIEW HEARING AND INVITE THE PARTIES IN. SO VOTED. THE FULL HEARING IS SCHEDULED ON THIS MATTER FOR JUNE 4, 2013. A HEARING IS REQUIRED BECAUSE THEY WISH TO HAVE AN EDUCATION USE IN A BUSINESS ZONE. IT ALSO REQUIRES THE EXPANSION OF THE PARKING AREA.

THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE SITE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS.

THIS WILL BE A SATELLITE CAMPUS OF BAY STATE COLLEGE WHICH IS BASED IN THE BACK BAY IN BOSTON. THEY WILL BE CLOSING THE MIDDLEBORO LOCATION WHERE THERE ARE ABOUT 130 STUDENTS. INITIALLY THEY WILL HAVE NIGHT CLASSES, BUT EVENTUALLY WILL OFFER DAY CLASSES. THEY WILL OCCUPY THE WHOLE FIRST FLOOR OF THE 3 STORY BUILDING. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 157 PARKING SPACES AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER TO 214 SPACES.

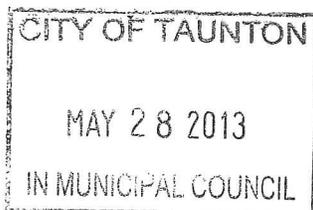
CONSERVATION COMMISSION HAS SIGNED OFF ON THIS ALSO.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED THAT THE STIPULATIONS OF THE D.I.R.B. BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCILORS.

INITIALLY THERE WILL BE 2 FULL TIME AND 2 PART TIME STAFF PEOPLE. WHEN THEY GO TO A FULL TIME CAMPUS, THERE WILL BE ABOUT 12 STAFF PEOPLE.

MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER TO THE HEARING DATE OF JUNE 4, 2013.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #24
FY 2013
May 28, 2013

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF SIXTY THOUSAND

DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$60,000.00) BE AND HEREB IS TRANSFERRED FROM
RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-202-5784

TO: ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION ACCOUNT NO. 1-162-202-5599 – OTHER EXPENSES

..... *Clerk.*



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #25
FY 2013
May 28, 2013

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND

THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$2,300.00) BE AND HEREBY IS

TRANSFERRED FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-291-201-5130 –

OVERTIME

TO: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-291-202-5246 – REP/MAIN –
VEHICLES

..... *Clerk.*