



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, June 2, 2015 at 7:15 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, Cleary, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau,
Marshall, McCaul, Quinn, Pottier*

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

Motion was made to go out of the regular order of business to address letters 11 & 12 in the packet from Manuel Garcia, who is the president of Latin Pass. So Voted.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Manuel Garcia, President, Latin Pass, Inc. requesting that the City consider hiring a Spanish speaking police officer. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Committee of the Whole or the Committee on Police and License to discuss this and make sure that the Police Chief and Civil Service Officer/City Clerk is present. So Voted.** Com. from Manuel Garcia, President, Latin Pass, Inc. requesting that the City consider creating a part-time Spanish interpreter position. This person could be available to all departments on a scheduled or on call basis, similar to hospitals and courtrooms. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Whole for discussion. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Mr. Garcia to speak briefly about the two letters. So Voted.** Mr. Garcia stated that he will wait until the next meeting to speak. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked the City Clerk to send a letter out to Latin Pass when she and Council President Borges let her know when the meeting is scheduled.

Com. from City Solicitor submitting Host Community Agreement with MassMedicum, Corp. Councilor Pottier stated that the Host Community Agreement is in the packet tonight and was wondering if it will be discussed and voted on tonight or will it be referred to the Committee on the Whole. Mayor Hoye stated that it is up to the Council because the hearing will be pretty lengthy tonight. **Councilor Marshall motioned to approve the Host Community Agreement with Mass Medicum Corp. as presented. So Voted.**

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

Hearing:

On the petition submitted by Elizabeth Thompson, Esq., Duval & Klasnick, LLC, 210 Broadway, Suite 204, Lynnfield, MA on behalf of her clients, Varsity Wireless, LLC and Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd. DBA Verizon Wireless ("Verizon Wireless") to allow: A 145' tall monopole Wireless Communications Facility (Cell Tower) within a 60' x 52' compound area at 201 Alfred Lord Boulevard located in the Rural Residential District. **Motion was made to open the hearing and invite the parties into the enclosure. So Voted.** Com. from Conservation Agent stating that this falls within 100 feet of bordering vegetated wetlands (BVWs) that were delineated on the property. The Taunton Conservation Commission reviewed the delineation and issued and Order of Resource Area Delineation on November 20, 2014. The applicant has filed a Notice of Intent for this project and will be on the April 13, 2015 agenda. **Motion was made to make part of the hearing. So Voted.** Com. from Craig Foley, Distribution Manager, TMLP stating that the TMLP has no comments on this proposed work, as it does not appear to impact the electrical facilities. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Assistant Executive Director, Board of Health stating that if the special permit – 201 Alfred Lord Blvd., Cell tower is approved a City of Taunton Board of Health, Hazardous Materials Permit would need to be obtained. The proposed plans indicate the use of a 500 gallon propane tank. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Anicet Teves, Sanitary Sewer Collections System Supervisor, Veolia Water stating that he has no issues with the proposed plans for a cell tower at 201 Alfred Lord Blvd. It will have no impact on Taunton Sanitary Sewer System. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Chairman, DIRB stating that the DIRB met to review the application of Varsity Wireless for a 145 foot wireless Communication facility at 201 Alfred Lord Blvd. which requires a Site Plan Review from the Planning Board. In considering the petition, the DIRB familiarized itself with the premises and examined the location, layout and other characteristics. After reviewing the petition, plans and testimony, the DIRB finds that the petition was formally sufficient and submitted and reviewed in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Zoning Ordinance and that proper notice was given. The DIRB recommended that any approval of this petition by the Planning Board contain 15 conditions that are listed in the letter. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board advising that on May 7, 2015, the Taunton Planning Board reviewed the Special Permit for the proposed 145' wireless communication facility at 201 Alfred Lord Blvd. submitted by Varsity Wireless, property owned by George Hudson. The Planning Board voted to send a positive recommendation to the Municipal Council for this proposal. They attached department comments which included 13 conditions. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Petition submitted by 180 residents in opposition. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Stanley Johnson, 235 Alfred Lord Blvd., Taunton submitting an article on the subject of a cell tower on people with pacemakers. He has a pacemaker/defibrillator and cannot find any information as to an actual study. He stated that this health concern is real and because there is no reasonable doubt he respectfully urges all members to vote NO on granting this special permit. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that the way it will work to keep the hearing as orderly as possible, is that Varsity Wireless will make a presentation to the Municipal Council and after that is completed, the Council will ask questions. When the Council is done with their questioning, people who are present to speak in

favor of the installation of the cell tower can ask questions, make a statement or just be recorded. When they are done, people who are against the petition can make a statement or be recorded in opposition. He asked that they do not repeat the same questions. He stated that everyone who would like to speak will be given the opportunity to. Atty. Elizabeth Thompson, Varsity Wireless LLC., 210 Broadway, Lynnfield, MA 01940; Andrew LeMay, Real Estate Consultants of New England, Concord, NH; Dr. Donald Hayes, Independent Health Physicist, Hudson, NH; Keith Vellante, Radio Frequency Engineer, C² Systems, Auburn, NH, Jesse Moreno, Site Engineer, Proterra Design Group, Hadley, MA; and Francis Parisi, representing the applicant, Varsity Wireless are present to speak tonight. Atty. Thompson stated that the application before the Council is for a 145' monopole type telecommunications tower to be located at 201 Alfred Lord Blvd., Taunton. The proposed monopole can accommodate up to five (5) wireless service providers. As part of the application, the co-applicant is Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless intends to install a twelve (12) panel antennae array at 143' above ground level on the proposed monopole. At the base of the facility, there is a fenced compound area. Within that area would be the wireless equipment to support the panel antennae array of Verizon Wireless with sufficient room to accommodate the equipment of up to four additional wireless service providers. Based upon the comments and questions that they have had from the various boards that they have presented to thus far in the process and the correspondence, questions and comments from the abutters and residents of Taunton a team of experts has assembled here tonight to give an in depth, concise presentation on all of the issues that they feel will be a concern to both the members of the Council and to the public. She stated that they will begin tonight with Keith Vellante; he is the radio frequency engineer with Verizon Wireless. Keith will be talking about a significant gap in wireless coverage that exists for Verizon Wireless in this geographic area of Taunton. In addition, he will show the Council a graphic that not only shows the gap but shows how the proposed facility will close that gap. Based upon additional comments from members of the Council, it will also be discussed how existing locations within the City both where Verizon Wireless is already located on the existing towers and where they are not located are insufficient to close that gap. At the conclusion, all of the experts will be happy to answer any questions that the Council may have. The second presenter will be Dr. Donald Hayes who is a certified health physicist. In a report that was provided to the Council, Dr. Hayes studied the cumulative effect of radio frequency emissions that the proposed facility would emit. He studied separately what Verizon Wireless alone would emit. She stated that they are a co-applicant at this time. They also wanted to show if the tower was fully loaded with 5 applicants, what the emissions would be. She stated that his conclusion would be that it will be well below the federal standards for radio frequency emissions for a wireless facility of this nature. It is important for her to point out that under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, there is a part that states if a wireless communication facility complies with the FCC regulations that govern radio emissions then it is out of the purview of a permitting authority to consider the environmental or health impact that the facility will emit. The reason for this is that the standards were established at the time the scientific analysis was taken and given the nature of the concerns that have arisen with the abutters, they have taken that particular item off the table for local municipalities if those levels are met. As Dr. Hayes will state in this case, they are well below the radio frequency standards. She stated that because the concerns for health are so great, they understand it and would like to be a good neighbor to the residents of the proposed facility. Dr. Hayes is here to speak in general about the health

and safety of a facility of this nature. She stated that next they have a certified real estate appraiser, Andrew LeMay. He will discuss his report that has been submitted to the Council and his supplemental data which was submitted in direct response to questions from the Council members which sites Taunton specific real estate data and how the proposed facility may affect residential property values. He will also establish his qualifications to make the statements of determinations and go through some degrees of methodology in preparing reports. She feels that it is very important so that the Council will adequately judge the veracity of the statements that are being made. She stated that finally they have Mr. Fran Parisi up at the podium that will be running the power point presentation so that people in the audience can see the visuals a little bit better. As a representative of Varsity Wireless, he is going to walk us through the photographic simulations which they have prepared to represent how this might impact the facility from different locations of the abutters and how the test was actually performed. He will also tell us a little bit more about the company and he will discuss the existing wireless facilities in the City of Taunton and their proximity to residences as well. She wanted to note that this project has come before the Conservation Commission and has received an order of conditions. They have also been before the Zoning Board of Appeals and were granted a variance. They have been before the Planning Board and a positive recommendation was made to this Council on the application as well as approval of their site plan with conditions that they do not object to. She stated that she brought this up because as we navigate through this complex regulatory process that we have here in the City, we must be mindful that there are certain time limits for a wireless facility from the time of application to the time the City must grant relief or denial of the proposed application. They are here to cooperate with the City, they just want to ensure that the team that has been assembled here and the veracity of the data is all taken into consideration this evening so that we are moving together towards this approval. Keith Vellante stated that he is here to discuss on behalf of Verizon Wireless, their existing network in the area and why they are here with the proposed site and how it fits in to better fill out and improve the service throughout the area. He stated that they have prepared a fairly detailed report and what are shown on the overhead projector are the attachments which depict the coverage of the Verizon network. He gave a brief lay of the land from the map. He discussed the locations of existing towers and monopoles that Verizon is located on in and around Taunton. He discussed how the map shows Verizon's existing coverage of the area and how there is a gap in coverage. He showed how Verizon's coverage would improve should the facility be approved. He stated that there is a need to support all of the data usage that is demanded by these networks. In addition to the coverage deficiencies present today, there are also capacity issues that Verizon has seen particularly on the Taunton West side of the map down towards the proposed site. He then explained the second map which shows the footprint from the Taunton West sector to the Taunton Center. He stated that in addition to the coverage needs, the site is also needed to offload the capacity demands in the area. He explained on the next slide what would be provided by all three sectors of the proposed site and those footprints seen previously would be reduced to be more manageable for the sites to support. He stated that the need for the site is a twofold, there's the need from the coverage standpoint as well as to improve the coverage due to capacity related issues on Verizon's network. He stated that one of the other requests was to look at what other existing structures in the general area might work. He then discussed additional slides which show the existing towers and modeled the coverage if Verizon were to locate on

the existing tower. He explained the terrain map and stated that it is why the site is located too far away to provide the coverage in the area as well as the capacity needs. Donald Hayes spoke about his background. He is not an employee of Varsity Wireless; he just put in his retirement papers at MIT. In addition to his full time employment as a defense contractor, he does consulting work. His academic training includes a Bachelor's, Master's and a PHD in the field of radiation safety. He is active in the field and has a list of almost 200 clients consisting of all walks of life. He also has a list of all the communities he has been to in the last 30 years. He understands the issues and has had formal training. He is on the International Committee on Electromagnetic Safety. He stated that he has a group of volunteers that work on exposure standards. The exposure standards that they develop are published by the IEEE and the American National Standard Institute. He stated the standards are accepted worldwide. He stated that he was asked to look at a couple of aspects associated with this proposed installation. If this was an actual installation, it is simple with the right equipment and the right expertise to do a field evaluation. If there is a proposal like this one, it makes it a little more difficult to measure because they don't have anything to measure against. He stated that they can try to find something similar but things that are similar are not the same so they performed a theoretical analysis. They use formulas that are accepted and specified by such groups as the FCC. They came up with a theoretical predication on what the highest possible exposure that could be expected. He stated that on page 5 of the report that he submitted included a table of the different carriers that are proposed, the first one being Verizon Wireless, who he has consulted for the past 27 years. He knows what they are doing in every one of their systems and has good confidence in the values and the antennas that he has chosen and they put that into the formulas that the FCC tells them to do. They then turn it around and base it on 24/7 exposure and they get figure 3. He then discussed figure 3. He stated that at the regulatory requirement at 6 feet above the ground, they have a limit of less than .4% of the standard. At 16' above the ground the highest is less than 1/2 of 1%, or 200x's below the limit. He stated that Varsity Wireless asked him to do one more analysis of what would happen if the tower was loaded up with everything that it could be. He stated that he looked at the design capabilities and at 10' increments down the tower. He added the remaining wireless companies whether they have an interest or not. He stated that it would show less than .6% at the regulatory 6' marks at 24 hours a day exposure. It would be less than 1% at 16'. He stated that the other question that he asked himself was can anybody grab ahold of the front of the antennas. He stated that the answer is no, it will be built in a way that discourages climbing. He stated that his conclusion is based upon the theoretical analysis that this site will be well compliant within the federal rules and also within the Massachusetts rules which he did help write. He stated that he heard a question about pacemakers or specifically, a defibrillator. He stated within this particular area of the country when it comes to doing evaluations for an implanted medical device which includes pacemakers, defibrillators, pasting system, insulin pumps or something that delivers they look at what the manufacturer says they are susceptible to based upon their testing. He stated that they look at what the FDA does for their testing. He stated that he knows what makes these things no longer work. He stated that what physically happens if a person is exposed to a field where their device no longer works. It is not like the person will suddenly expire, it is just that the dependency on that device stops until the field is shut off. He stated that pacemaker and defibrillator wearers are given a warning about getting near devices that have large electric motors in them. There are also discussions about the phones; the

phone itself can emit a large amount of energy in a small area. If it is in vicinity of the takeout lead, it can cause an inhibition of the signal. He discussed how the limits for your phone are 20x's higher than the limits for the tower. Andrew Lemay spoke about his background; he has a bachelor's degree in administration. He has worked in the real estate industry since 1972, starting out as a broker and remains an active realtor in New Hampshire. He has 42 years of experience and has been an appraiser for 39 years. He has worked as a right of way appraiser for the state of New Hampshire. He had a private partnership for a number of years and in the early 2000's he went into the assessing field. He has been an assessor for the past 18 years and has been building on past experience. He is currently the Deputy Assessor for the city of Nashua, NH. They currently manage about \$8B worth of property and he manages the staff and runs the operation when the Chief Assessor is not present. He holds two national designations awarded by the Appraisal Institute. He has the SRA designation and Senior Real Property Appraiser designation which is more towards commercial and industrial properties as well. He is a certified New Hampshire Assessor and a certified General Appraiser licensed in the state of New Hampshire. He stated that he has an affiliate Mr. John Lopes, who is a certified general appraiser in Cambridge, MA who is assists him when they work in the Massachusetts area. He has court experience at the Superior Court level and has published a couple of articles and monographs about communication towers and the value thereof. He has been the president of the New Hampshire chapter of the Appraisal Institute and has received a number of manuscript awards from different organizations. He stated that the question that he was asked for this particular application was, will the granting of the requested permits impact the values of the surrounding properties? He stated that he has worked on this particular issue for about ten years now and has done a substantial amount of research in the area. There was an article written by Randall Bell who is an MAI member of the Appraisal Institute in a publication called Real Estate Damages, An analysis of detrimental conditions. It summarizes the way he has approached the problem. He then read the article into the record. He discussed the view of the tower from residential homes. He stated that he has gone around and looked for sales of properties that were near towers. He would contact the buyer if he could and he would contact the brokers. The question that he always asked is did the tower in anyway affect the listing price of the property and did they get any negative feedback. He stated that he was told no. He cited some of their responses in this document. He stated that he initially prepared two documents for this particular site. The first was a letter and it cited four recent sales of Massachusetts owned properties. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if he was referring to the report that the Council received that was dated May 15, 2015. He confirmed. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the reports dated May 15, 2015 and May 26, 2015 are made part of the record. So Voted.** He stated that he offered four properties as examples and provided the comments from the brokers. In those cases, there was no impact. He has other, older data that was not included because he is trying to provide the most updated information. He conducted a survey of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont assessors. He asked three questions on the survey. 1. Have you observed or are you aware of any loss of property value due to the presence of a cell tower; 2. Have you observed or are you aware of any appeals filed in the last two years for any property value loss due to the presence of a cell tower; 3. Have you observed or are you aware of any property value loss due to the ability to see any part of a cell tower from a residential property regardless of distance. He stated that he has received responses from 26 communities in New Hampshire and the population covered by those

communities is about 38% of the State of New Hampshire. The answer was no. In Massachusetts, same questions, and they have covered about 6% of the Massachusetts population. In Vermont, they have about 5% of their population covered. He stated they have gotten a feel for the three states on what is going on. He stated that there are a lot of properties being represented by those assessors. He stated if it was a real problem and it is affecting market value, people will come in and file. He then conducted a national survey of assessors and appraisers through the Appraisal Institute and contacted a lot of state organizations. He asked the same questions that he asked of the assessing community and he received 172 responses from 146 communities in 15 states. He stated that this covered a population in excess of 13½ million people. He stated that the bottom line was that no, they had not had any information relative to the three questions that he was asking. In addition, he gathered a number of reports covering from 1998 through 2015 and on page 13 he listed the appraisers, the date of the report and the community in which they were working. These appraisers were investigating the same issue that he is talking about, if cell towers drop property value and in their research, they found that it did not. Based on that information, it is in his opinion that the development of the tower in the proposed location would not have a negative impact on surrounding property values. He stated that there was a question about why there is no local data from Taunton, MA in the report. He discussed the research that was done on the sale of three properties in Taunton that is described in the May 26, 2015 letter. He stated that on the next page is a tabulation of a bunch of sales for properties within about 1800' of a tower. He stated that with the help of a Massachusetts broker, they have compiled a map and he then passed out the handout. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to make the handout part of the record. So Voted.** Mr. Lemay stated that there is a mistake on the document, in the first three examples the data is mixed up. He discussed the data contained on the sheet which has the address, distance to the tower, size of the homes, the number of rooms, bedrooms and baths, time on market, original price, list price and sale price and the average of similarly sized homes. He stated that this is the information that he looks at to form his conclusions. He stated that there was another issue that came up relative to real estate brokers versus real estate appraisers. He stated that because he is a broker and a realtor he doesn't mind sharing this information. He discussed the requirements of becoming a real estate sales person, an appraiser trained, a state licensed real estate appraiser, a state certified real estate appraiser, and a certified general appraiser. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to make Dr. Hayes' report part of the record. So Voted.** Fran Parisi discussed how Varsity Wireless is a wireless infrastructure developer. He stated that the reason why it is relevant to the City is that they are a developer that works with all of the carriers. He stated that they are very active in this market, and recently got sites approved in Raynham, Norton, Plymouth and hopefully the Taunton site will be approved. They are very conscious of the concerns of the communities and the zoning requirements. What they can do is make all of the telecommunication companies play nice together, find a location and design a facility that is not only appropriate for just Verizon but for all of the different telecommunication companies and be sensitive to the area that they are in. He stated that the reason why they are looking at another cell site is that the statistics are staggering. Almost 40% of the Commonwealth only has cell phones. He stated that almost 80% of calls made to 911 are from cell phones. He stated that basically everyone in the state has at least one cell phone and better coverage is needed. He discussed how telecommunications have evolved from mobile technology into residential technology which requires a better signal. He spoke

about what kind of areas that they look for to place a tower at. He stated that the lot itself is set back off of Alfred Lord Blvd. about 500'. It is all surrounded by wetlands and they had to go to the Conservation Commission to get orders of condition and it was cited in a particular way so as to not have any impact on the neighboring wetlands. The land surrounding it is essentially undevelopable because it approaches a substantial wetland area and a pond. The other advantage of this facility is that the coverage benefits around Route 140. He stated that there is a large recreational facility just on the other side of the pond. He believes that there is a middle school and a high school. He stated that the other thing that has happened in the industry is that the FCC has put mandates on telecommunications companies to better pin point where a cell phone call is coming from. He discussed 911 and how that technology requires a better signal. He stated that all that points to the need for more cell sites and better coverage. He then explained that one of the requirements of the Zoning bylaw is that they float a balloon up in the air and take photographs from certain vantage points to show visibility or lack of visibility of the facility. They did this in November when there were no leaves on the trees. He stated that the map represents where their engineers drove around to see where the tower is visible and where it is not visible. He then explained the areas on the map that show where the tower is visible and due to the tree canopy it is not as visible as people think. He stated that the tower will not be able to be climbed, as the climbing pegs are not left on site. He discussed the photographs of the balloon and where they were taken from that was included in the application. He stated that they are required to do a very extensive environmental impact analysis including the impact on any historic structures in the neighborhood. They submit that report to the Massachusetts Historical Society. They have determined that there is no impact in any historical resources in the City of Taunton. He discussed the visibility of the tower from different locations in the area. He wanted to point out that they have submitted an immense amount of information that we haven't even talked about tonight. He stated that Atty. Thompson submitted a very large memorandum going through all of the requirements of the special permit. They have submitted documentation from the FAA indicating that no lighting will be required, because this tower is so far from any regional airport. They have submitted extensive data showing all of the other places that they have looked at, this one site was not targeted. They looked at the whole neighborhood and a lot of other options before they settled on this site. He stated that they have gone through a very long and lengthy process and applied for this over six months ago. One of the things that the federal government is strongly encouraging is the development of wireless telecommunications. They imposed timelines to try to get these things developed. He stated that they, as well as the board have time constraints to make informed decisions to come to a resolution with respect to this. He stated that they believe that they have met all of the requirements for a special permit. They have gotten dimensional variances from the Zoning Board, a Site Plan Review from the Planning Board, order of conditions from the Conservation Commission, and they respectfully request that this board grant the special permit as requested. Councilor Borges asked what attracted them to Alfred Lord Blvd. He stated that originally they worked with the radio frequency engineers; they start the process by saying we have sites here and have a gap here. They then engage real estate specialists to drive around the neighborhood targeted by the radio frequency engineers. They also look at the Zoning bylaws before that. The Zoning bylaw requires that it be set back by various property lines; to be sensitive to the visual impact and they take that all into account. They then look for areas that would be appropriate for a cell tower. They look

for sites that have trees that would serve as a visual buffer. They are trying to be as close to residences as possible to provide the service without being as close to the residences to generate so much concern. In this particular case, they explored lots of different properties but this area of Northern Taunton is residential and there really aren't any other commercial or industrial zoned neighborhoods. They were able to find 201 Alfred Lord Blvd. which has historically been used commercially and industrially. There are two industrial buildings on the lot and it was ideal because it is set way back and it is still in the area that they want it to be. It has the tree buffer that they find attractive to mitigate the visual impact. They identified two commercial parcels in the whole neighborhood, one was a gas station and the other is this parcel that met all of the requirements of the Zoning bylaw with one exception for which they had to get a variance from the Zoning Board. They were limited in their options. Council President Borges stated that he had mentioned 42 Tremont Street and asked what that was about. He stated that there is an existing tower at 487 Tremont Street which is a mile and half away from the site. He stated that they look to see if they can utilize an existing structure as opposed to building a new structure. As they got deeper into the analysis, they talked to the radio frequency engineer and they found out that that site is too far away from 140 and too far away from the neighborhoods that the radio frequency engineers are trying to cover to serve as an alternative. He stated that it might actually be a compliment for Verizon because it provides coverage to another neighborhood but it doesn't replace the coverage for this particular neighborhood. Council President Borges asked that when they mentioned that they explored other areas, which other ones were explored close to that area. Atty. Thompson stated that in the original application package exhibit 10 is the alternative site analysis that was prepared for the site. It describes in more detail what Mr. Parisi described, the manner in which things are done. It also lists six properties that were investigated. Council President Borges asked what issues they are having when they say they need more coverage area. Mr. Parisi stated that one of the things that are happening is that people are moving indoors to use their phone. If you think about it, your car is not a structural impediment to a telecommunications signal. When you go into a building with concrete walls, you need a better quality signal. As people are using phones in their homes, a better quality signal is needed. He discussed other towers in other areas whose coverage extends into Taunton and how they are not reliable signals. Keith Vellante stated that what Verizon has is a link budget which defines what their requirements are for a level of signal that has the reliability that they are trying to provide their customers with. He discussed what Verizon's requirements are on the map for coverage in this area. He stated that coverage just doesn't stop it degrades as you get further away from the site. In this case, it is a two-fold issue; one there is not sufficient signal strength in the area to provide that coverage in the buildings where the users are located these days. In addition, the capacity loading of all the usage in the area, the existing sites just can't support it as the usage grows. Council President Borges asked if the property is being leased. He stated that they have entered into a long term lease with the property owner. They intend on being there for a very long time. She asked if they have a set number of years on the lease. He stated that it is dependent on the technology, they predict at least 20 years up to 50 years. Council President Borges stated that out west they use fake greenery to cover up the towers and asked if that was something that they would consider. He stated that it has been considered and they are doing it in other communities. It is a location specific thing and it tends to work well in areas with more diverse topography. In a flat area, it tends to stick out like an artificial Christmas tree.

He stated that they are not averse to doing it but they have determined that it wouldn't make this any better here. He stated that it could be talked about, but in his professional opinion, he doesn't think it would be appropriate for that location. Council President Borges stated that she thought about that because a lot of the pictures that were put up tonight showed that the tower cannot be seen very well and she thought it would help to add the greenery for aesthetics. She stated that she has a question for the real estate consultant. She is curious as to the three properties that he compared in his analysis of Taunton. She asked if he drove to those properties and saw them. Mr. LeMay stated that he did. She asked if those were pictures that he had taken himself or if he got them from MLS. He stated that he got them from MLS and Google Earth. Council President Borges stated that when he talks about Craven Court, did he actually talk to the realtor or the builder. He stated that he talked to a realtor for 167 Craven Court and he called the builder for 113 Craven Court. He stated that they have developed a lot of homes in that area, he can't remember their name but they are out of Rhode Island. Council President Borges stated that as far as the market and property value, it may not decrease the value but people will not call the realtor to see the property because of the cell tower. She stated that it could increase the time for the property to be on the market. Mr. LeMay stated that on the handout there is time on market and it shows the actual days on market for each property and the average for the community. Most of the time, they sold just about the same time, maybe a few days longer. If there was a real measurable impact on market value, he would expect to see two or three months longer, but you are not seeing it here. He stated that for the last ten years he has been researching these issues all over New England. It occurred to him that there are two types of buyers, those that don't want a cell tower if nearby and there are the buyers that don't care. He stated that over time, looking at all of the data, he has determined that there are a lot of people that understand that cell towers are necessary like telephone poles. He stated that 167 Craven Ct. sold in 34 days. The average marketing time for comparable properties was 87 days. He stated that a cell tower has been described as a passive commercial use and it's there. It doesn't generate a lot of noise or any steam or odors. It is just there quietly doing its job. The generator runs once in a while. He stated that it is not as pronounced as a more intense commercial use like a retail store or industrial building. He stated that there may be some change in marketing, but not enough to impact time on market to where it would cost a lot of money to sell a property. Council President Borges asked if he has been to the Alfred Lord Blvd site and would he compare the Pine Ridge Circle, Horton St., and Craven Court to it. He stated that he was not doing a one to one comparison or an individual appraisal. He stated that what he did was look at the site, the features of the site, and then a general survey of the market. He stated that there will be extended marketing just because of the tower. He mentioned that the small gas station on the corner may be more of a detriment or less desirable to someone looking to buy in that area than the fact that there is a communication tower out back in the woods. He discussed the different property values between Alfred Lord Blvd and Craven Court and how he is not comparing those two areas. Councilor Carr asked what the radius of area that the existing tower emits a satisfactory signal to. Mr. Vellante stated that the range itself will vary. The coverage areas are irregular and are defined by the topography of the area. She stated that she uses her cell phone in that area and she never has an issue with coverage in that area. She asked if the dates of erection are known on all of these towers. He stated that he doesn't know when the towers were built, just that they have been around for a number of years. Councilor Carr stated that the application requires that

they have a hazardous permit because of the propane and would like to know what it is for. Atty. Thompson said that it is for a backup emergency generator proposed. Councilor Carr asked if any pictures were taken with the balloon from the adjacent residences. He stated that the only ones that they took were directly across the street from the facility. Councilor Carr asked what the closest address to 201 Alfred Lord Blvd. is. He stated that the house directly across the street would have the best view because they do not have the trees in front of them because of the driveway. Councilor Carr asked if there were any pictures taken from the houses on either side of the space metal buildings. He stated that they did not and what the map represents is where the tower would be visible based on the engineers. He explained the visibility of the tower on various areas of the map. The one advantage of the property is the tree canopy along Alfred Lord Blvd. Councilor Carr stated that on the pictures of the cell towers that were provided to the Council, you won't see any of them in a residential neighborhood. She stated that they are located on Rt. 44 and there are trucks and a commercial building there, and on Dana Street there is railroad tracks and a metal recycling company and is not really a residential area. She stated that in the three or four examples given by the real estate professional the actual towers were not located in a residential area. She understands that there were some commercial things going on there. She thinks that it is not a good place to put the tower and there are a large number of citizens that do not want it in their neighborhood. She stated that before she was a Councilor she had things crammed down her throat that she didn't like by the City and she did not like the feeling of it. She wouldn't want to subject other people to it. As far as the real estate stuff goes, she disagrees with it. She stated last week that she wouldn't buy a house in view of the cell tower and she wouldn't buy a house under a high tension wire. She asked Mr. LeMay on the May 15th document on page 10, if the comments stating that there was no effect on the sales price were from real estate agents not by buyers. Mr. LeMay stated that he couldn't get ahold of the buyers so he called the selling brokers which work closely with the buyers. He feels that they are a good source to get insight from if there is an issue with the property. He stated that when he looks at the MLS sheets on the homes that are being sold around cell towers, the brokers have a fiduciary duty to disclose any problems with the property. In ten years, he has only found one listing with a cell tower mentioned. Councilor Carr stated that she thinks that they are only required to divulge problems with the property, not a cell tower down the street. She stated that a lot of people may not notice it when they are looking at a house. She stated that if someone called the buyers after the fact and asked them if they would have bought the house if the tower was there, it may be a different story. Councilor Carr stated that some of the other questions were asked in New Hampshire and Vermont and it didn't say where the cell towers were in relationship to any of the properties. She asked if it was all within a small amount of distance. Mr. LeMay stated that when he asked those questions, he asked for the entire community. He wanted to know if anyone in their jurisdiction from any location had ever appealed. He stated that if someone wants a reduction in their property tax they have to go through the assessor's office first. It makes the assessors a clearing house to any kind of adjustment of value. She stated that some parts of New Hampshire and Vermont are very rural and a cell tower could be on top of a mountain and the house could be twenty miles away. Councilor Carr stated that one of the charts gave an evaluation based on the size of the home. She thinks that a better indication of the home's value would be not only the size but the location and condition of the home. He stated that statistically if you have homes of a certain size and room count and you have

250 examples, you can take the average and move away from that so you can get a sense of whether or not the property fits. Councilor Carr asked if the reason that they are asking to lease land and not buy it is because they only expect to be there for a short amount of time. Mr. Vellante stated that it is a long term lease and they expect to be there for a very long time. **Councilor Carr motioned that section 8.7.7 of the Zoning Ordinance which allows the City Council to hold a passbook or bond of 150% of the cost of takedown which protects the City from having to pay for the removal of it if the owner does not remove it to be added if this should be approved. So Voted.** He stated that one of the things that were submitted recently in response to the committee meeting was an inventory of all of the existing towers in town. He stated that there are seven towers in the City of Taunton, two of which are considered to be in residential neighborhoods. One of which is behind Trucchis, which is much closer to Stanley Ave. and Horton Street. He stated that he cannot tell if the tower is more recent than the neighborhood but in his professional opinion, this neighborhood has been there for at least 50 years and the cell tower was built in the last 15 years. Councilor Carr stated that if you went down Dana Street you would not see the houses on Horton Street. He stated that if you drive down Horton Street or Stanley Avenue you can see the tower. She stated that the towers themselves are not located within a residential setting. He stated that it is a dilemma that they have. If there was an industrial zone on Alfred Lord Blvd they would certainly be looking at that. He stated that there are two very large towers on Route 44 heading towards Rehoboth. He is guessing that they have been there for a very long time as they are a different type of tower. He stated that what is interesting about those is that there are two residential neighborhoods that were built in close proximity. He is suspecting that they were built more recently than those towers. He discussed real estate data from the sale of those neighborhoods. Councilor Quinn stated that the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance is to preserve the safety character, appearance, property values, natural resources etc. and to mitigate any adverse visual effects through the proper design location and screening of the structures. She wanted to commend them on their presentation and they have done a great job in educating all of the Councilors. She stated that she has a difference of opinion on two topics. She stated that they have pretty substantially addressed the real estate issue. In her opinion, she would not want to buy a house in the vicinity of a cell tower nor would she want to have a cell tower placed in the neighborhood of the home that she bought. She stated that there are some divisions that were built in proximity of the cell towers after the fact, and then you know what you are buying. She feels like the location of this tower is not the best and just by looking at the color coded map, it looks like it will only satisfy a one mile radius. She asked if it was in a different location, perhaps not in a residential neighborhood, would it be able to cover a different area where there are big gaps. She stated that there are more rural areas perhaps still with the same tree shelter to shield it. She stated that as far as it affecting property values on the report that was provided to the Councilors she felt was not comparing apples to apples. She thinks that it is a very subjective matter on whether you would purchase a property that has a cell phone tower on it. She discussed as Council President Borges mentioned, you may not know the people who aren't going to the properties with the potential to purchase because they see the tower and decide that they have no interest in the property. She stated that when questioning real estate brokers after the sale, they are not getting to that group that has already declined purchasing the property. She admits that there are a lot of people who may not have a problem with being close to a cell tower but there are a lot of people who would. She stated that Craven Court and its

proximity to the tower on Winthrop Street is an entirely different situation. The towers on Winthrop Street have been there for many years and we have grown accustomed to seeing them there. It is a business type of area. She stated that Craven Court being located across 44 and pretty secluded, they just don't notice it. She doesn't think it would be as bothersome as putting it in this neighborhood. She stated that she doesn't think that the value of the homes would have any effect on that whether it is a higher scale, low or median priced home located next to a cell tower. She thinks those are things that have to be considered and she wishes that the Council had seen the list of sites that were provided. She asked that if at some point during the presentation, those could be mentioned. She has a problem feeling like there could have been a better location for this that would serve the purposes of Varsity Wireless, Verizon Wireless, the other carriers and the residents of the City of Taunton. Atty. Thompson stated that specifically regarding the location she thinks that it is important to point out that it is up to the network need of the federally licensed wireless carrier to design the network. The location is determined first and foremost upon where those significant gaps exist. In each case, a wireless provider company or an independent tower company first looks for existing tall structures to place the antennas. She stated that only when those aren't available they look for raw land sites. In their cumulative experience they would go to an industrial or commercial site prior to locating in proximity to residences. As towers become more widespread, the gaps become more concentrated. The sites that are left to fill, which the wireless providers are mandated to fill by their FCC licenses, tend to be closer to residences. It is not a preference; it is based upon a significant gap in coverage. The alternative site analysis was submitted with their original application package to the Municipal Council as exhibit #10. It was prepared by Stephen Kelliher, the site acquisition specialist for Varsity Wireless, who in conjunction with identifying the need by Verizon Wireless for the site investigated the locations. They included existing towers, raw land and commercial sites at the gas station and the Dunkin Donuts. Councilor Quinn stated that not too far up from that is the industrial park and asked if that was one of the sites. Atty. Thompson stated that if they had a location, the radio frequency engineer could be asked to look and tell them if it is too far away. Mr. Vellante stated that there is already a tower located on Constitution Drive in the Myles Standish Industrial Park. Councilor Quinn stated that it seems like even with this tower where it is, there are still big gaps. Atty. Thompson stated that there will be additional gaps in coverage and it is carrier specific. She stated that they can't testify to gaps for other wireless carriers and they can't maintain that there won't be additional gaps. She stated that Mr. Vellante testified that the distance needed in between sites can vary between city, neighborhoods, topography and tree coverage and it is difficult to say where they will be needed and how many will be needed. Atty. Thompson stated that one final point that she would like to make is that they understand there is a general distaste by some people towards towers in proximity to homes. The federal frame work that she keeps talking about says that they can't allow a general distaste for towers to govern, to be substantial evidence that a Council or a Board can base their decision upon. She stated that it is one of the reasons that the Telecommunications Act exists is because there is also a competing desire to allow widespread use of wireless communications. Councilor Quinn stated that the one part of the Zoning bylaws that the Council can enforce is the location and that is what it comes down to. She stated that it boils down to location for her. Atty. Thompson stated the site that they are proposing is the only feasible location to place it to close the significant gap that Verizon Wireless has

identified in this particular targeted area in their own network which they have an obligation to design, maintain and improve. Councilor McCaul thanked them all for the information that they have provided tonight. He asked that it was indicated on the map that they are proposing a monopole on 201 Alfred Lord Blvd. He asked what made them decide to use a monopole at that location. Atty. Thompson said that it was a technological and an aesthetic decision. She stated that her team would all agree that a monopole is a much less intrusive design standard than a guide tower or a lattice tower. She stated that the industry has moved away from designing the more intrusive towers. In a monopole, they can place the cabling inside the structure and as Mr. Parisi stated it is less of a climbing hazard. Most people believe that is less of a visual impact to have a monopole. Councilor McCaul stated that a monopole is like a pole with moose ears sticking the antennas out further, where as a close array has everything close to the pole. He asked why they didn't look in that direction. Mr. Vellante stated that he thinks that he is discussing the three sets of four antennas as far as sticking out from the monopole. Verizon's licenses multiple frequency bands so their standard deployment is what is proposed. It allows a greater level of flexibility and they can transmit different license bands out of different antennas. If one antenna goes down, the whole site or sector doesn't go down. One of the other issues with 4G LTE's is the use of remote radio heads. In the past, wireless sites typically had all of the electronics down at the bottom of the tower. They were fed with coaxial cables. All of that RF energy goes through the coaxial cables and gets to the antenna's and gets transmitted out. One of the drawbacks of that is that you lose some of that energy as it travels through the cables and it decreases the coverage range and the performance of the site. Remote radio heads are used now which still has some equipment down at the base station and there are fiber optic cables that feed the radio heads which are installed near the top of the tower. The radio heads convert that light energy directly into the RF. There is much less loss and it is a better performing site. He stated that you can't physically fit the radio heads and conceal them. He stated that Verizon is proposing twelve antennas and if they are pushed into a concealed design, instead of having them horizontally distributed you have to take up more vertical space. Councilor McCaul stated that they showed pictures of a balloon test and asked if they notified residents about it so they were able to see and asked why the Planning Board or the City Council wasn't notified so they could look at it. Atty. Thompson stated that it isn't a requirement under the City's wireless bylaw for notification. She stated that some jurisdictions require that and some don't. In this case it was not required and in order to prepare the simulations as part of the initial application package, when it is not required is a matter of course. They do not notify the public; they take the pictures and prepare the simulations so that they can show the renderings which are required under the City's bylaw. It was not their intention to dissuade people from seeing the balloon; they can be seen quite well in the air. The purpose was not for public notification under the bylaw, but for the preparation of the simulations. Councilor McCaul stated that they mentioned earlier that they like to be a good neighbor. He stated that he would have felt more comfortable visually seeing it instead of just in the picture. Councilor McCaul stated that over the past couple of weeks he has received a lot of phone calls and went door to door to talk to people. He stated that they mentioned in their presentation two weeks ago that the abutters to the property were in favor of the project. The ones that he talked to were totally against it. There was a petition given tonight of 180 people who are totally against it. He stated that he is not convinced with the studies that he has and the people are in opposition. He stated that a recent real estate

study that was done on June 2, 2015, "Do cell or grid towers impact property desirability?" The survey was calculated from 1000 respondents and 94% said that cell towers and antennas in a neighborhood would impact an interest in a property and the price they would be willing to pay for it. 79% of people said that under no circumstances would they ever purchase or rent a property within a few blocks of a cell tower or antenna. It was mentioned that 94% stated that a nearby cell tower or group of antennas would negatively impact interest in a property and the price that they would be willing to pay for it. He stated that location is key. He discussed things that would defer him from buying a home. He stated that under the National Institute of Science, Law and Public Policy also had a test with 1000 respondents. 94% of them said the cell tower or an antenna attached to an apartment would negatively impact interest or the price that is willing to be paid for it. He stated that he understands their report but he needed to research it also. This report is telling him that people are really worried about their property values being lowered. He stated that on January 9, 2015 the New York Times indicated that property values could drop 40%-50% from having cell towers. There are other reports out there that are against it and some are for it. He stated that he has not been convinced tonight on the information on the real estate report. Mr. LeMay stated that there is a fundamental difference between the information that he has provided and the research that Councilor McCaul has done. He stated that he has taken actual transactions that have been completed to do his research. He has tested those to see if the values have been materially impacted. He verified the data with parties to the transaction that is not to say that Councilor McCaul's research is 100% wrong. He stated that there are two types of people, ones who will buy and ones who won't. Councilor Croteau asked if they are here to debate because there is a number of Councilor's who wish to speak along with many others. Councilor McCaul stated that he is not comfortable with the survey that he received tonight because of a lot of research that is in front of him. He stated that the people do not want it in a residential neighborhood and he does not want it there either. Councilor Pottier stated that many of his questions were answered during the presentation and appreciates the information that has been forthcoming, not just this evening, but earlier from Atty. Thompson. He asked what the diameter of the pole is. Mr. Vellante stated that it tapers from 5' in diameter at the bottom to 12"-16" at the top. Councilor Pottier stated that he visited some of the towers that he was able to find online in town and the point that Mr. Parisi made on the tower on Winthrop Street is true and it is a main thoroughfare. He rode around the neighborhood and took photographs. From his eye, it seemed like if the tower did fall it would strike some of the residences that were so close. The neighborhood that specifically stands out to him is Danforth Street. Because of the lot size there are far more properties that are in close proximity to Danforth Street. He stated that until he rode by he didn't notice that it was there. He stated that it is not a monopole it is a square box that leads up with lattice all around it. He stated that more and more people are getting cell phones. If there were challenges of getting coverage in town then it will be a safety issue because during storm events this winter, phone coverage went down. He stated that if it wasn't for a cell phone during storm coverage he was thinking about how people would get in touch with 911 service if need be. He appreciates 180 residents signing a petition and many more people present to address their concerns. He stated that many of the decisions that the Councilors make directly impact quality of life issues, the perception of what their own home will sell for, even potential health concerns. He stated that this Council will be voting on a landfill expansion, which will not be popular with people in that neighborhood which has some

health concerns. They will be talking about a sledge gasifier off of West Water Street at the end of this year and that will not be a popular decision that this Council will have to make. He stated that the Council just signed an agreement and they just ratified the Host Community Agreement for a marijuana dispensary in East Taunton. He stated that they all thought Martignetti was a slam dunk until residents came in and said it would impact their traffic. He stated that he appreciates the fact that the City will have a pole 140' high by 5' diameter about 500' into the woods. He has a concern about a 14 story, 140' hotel on Stevens Street 75' off of the street. He appreciates valid concerns and likes to think that he listens and appreciates the concerns of every neighborhood in this City but he has to vote for what he thinks is best for the residents of this town with the most mitigating circumstances possible which he thinks we have in this case. Councilor Croteau asked if this was a long term lease and if there is an escape clause language in the lease. Mr. Parisi stated that it is a five year lease with nine, five year renewal options. He asked if at the end of the five years, if they decide not to stay is there a penalty. Mr. Parisi stated that there is not. Councilor Croteau stated that there are three types of buyers. If it did not concern him in any way whatsoever that there was a cell tower there, he would use that to reduce the price below what he would be willing to pay if there wasn't. He stated that this is based on experience and common sense. He stated that when talking about signals, is he to believe that Verizon has thousands of calls coming in because they can't provide the signal and asked if it is documented. He stated that what they are trying to do is improve the quality and reliability of the network in the area. Councilor Croteau asked if they are not getting a lot of calls about the signal, why do they have to improve it. He stated that he had lived in that general area of the City and he had a concern about the signal so the company sent a technician who spent a lot of time talking to a lot of people. The technician looked at the installation that the company put in when he built the home. He stated that they didn't have to put up a tower and is assuming that they have documentation to show that the signal is the problem. He finds it hard to believe that they are willing to spend money if there are no problems. He has been told countless times that the City of Taunton is one of the largest cities in the United States from a square mileage point of view. He stated that from a common sense point of view, thinking that they can't find land that maybe is much further from houses or perhaps they are impressed at the thought that they are leasing environmentally poor land for a good price. He stated the last concern that he has is when Atty. Thompson mentioned something about language that contains the words "can't allow distaste." He asked where that came from. Atty. Thompson stated that it is from established case law that came from a judge. Councilor Croteau stated that he becomes concerned when the words "can't allow" are used. He stated that the people that used those words work for the people. He stated that they can allow anything that these people want. Councilor Costa-Hanlon thanked them all for their presentation which was very informative. She stated that Councilor Quinn alluded to the fact that the Council didn't see a full application and she doesn't recall seeing one either. She stated that she wasn't able to look at it to see what she was referencing as their memorandum for the standard at which the Council can view the application. She tried to do her own research and wanted to confirm something on the FCC website relative to state and local governments and the standards for them to review variances and citings for proposed new or improved towers. She stated that it looks like it is an order of declaratory ruling adopted November 18, 2009. She asked if that is what they were relying on when they set the standard on what the Council can review. Atty. Thompson stated that no it is not, there are many declaratory rulings which

would provide some guidance to the Council on different aspects on what we are discussing. She is referring to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that Atty. Thompson also said that this body cannot review possible health and environmental effects. Atty. Thompson stated that the exact citation is included in the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The letter which was submitted in the latest supplemental package gives the exact statutory language. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she understands that she still had her expert testify about health and environmental issues. She asked how that does not open that up for the Councilors review. She asked if the Council should disregard testimony from the expert on his opinion of the health and safety issues or is she presenting it so they meet their burden of saying because your expert says that his evaluation shows that it is below the federal guidelines that this body cannot use a health and environmental standard. Atty. Thompson stated that they have Dr. Hayes's report to establish theoretical radio frequency compliance at 1% of 100% of the allowable limit. Councilor Costa-Hanlon wanted to make sure that she was clear on the point of his testimony was to prove to the Council that they have met the standard so it basically forecloses this Council's ability to deny based on health and safety issues. Atty. Thompson stated that she is correct. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked when they are calculating the standards, do they take a pinpoint measurement or is that over time. He stated that he has made tens of thousands of measurements over the past 28 years. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she used to work for a certified industrial hygienist and she used to sample people for exposure. She stated that they would do a 50 minute sample and then a 40 hour sample to get an average. She asked if they do the samplings over time or do they come at one time to get one reading. She asked if samples are taken when a tower is built and for compliance purposes to determine that they are meeting the federal government standards are they required to sample over time or are they required to take one sample on one day and get a measurement of the megahertz or the non-ionizing radiation levels are. Dr. Hayes stated that there are protocols to follow when determining different levels of compliance with the standards. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if they have long term or point source. Dr. Hayes stated that for non-ionizing radiation there are different protocols that have to be followed because of the nature of the physics. She asked if it is point or over time. He stated that is taken over time and there are numerous methods. He stated that if you are doing a special average the normal time that you would take would be 30 seconds, if you are doing occupancy, it would be 6 minutes, if it is a publically occupied space it would be 30 minutes. There are different ways to do an assessment of an actual field measurement. She asked if towers are monitored by the federal government after they are built. He stated that there is no continuous monitoring of these by the government. She asked if they are monitored by the owners or the carriers. He stated that it is up to the owners. She asked if the federal government could require monitoring after it is built. Dr. Hayes stated that the Commonwealth of Mass requires monitoring if it shows that you may go over 30% of the standard. She wanted to confirm that once it is built that governing bodies don't just walk away. She asked if he ever had a situation where he has presented a proposed amount and the actual monitoring was off. He stated that usually when he does the post measurements, he finds that his theoreticals are high by anywhere between factors of 10 or 2. She wanted to confirm that he actually does post monitoring. He stated that he has done that in that past for a carrier that wanted it done. She asked if he has ever calculated and found that the proposed calculations were in fact above the level. He confirmed. She asked if he was a consultant of the carrier and had to go back to them and let them know

that they have to do something. He stated that he hasn't for a cell phone carrier but for a radio station. She asked if he has represented someone that did not want a cell phone tower coming in and has he ever recommended against a cell phone tower. He stated that he was fighting hard to get a cell phone tower lowered one time but has not represented someone that wanted a tower taken down. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she asked those questions in order to understand if he had ever been on the other side. He stated that he doesn't have any sides; he has the side of science. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she understands his point and has no reason to disagree with what is here, except to say that her concerns are different when it comes to point sources as opposed to when you are looking at the cumulative effect of non-ionized radiation. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that it is very important for the audience to understand what standard of review that the Council has. She stated that if her fellow Councilors are inclined to deny this, they need to do it for the right reasons or there will most likely be an appeal, the City will spend money or choose not to defend it and a cell tower will go up anyway. She stated that she appreciates Dr. Hayes' frustration and apologizes but she thinks that it was a very important message to be sent to everyone. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that as she looked through what was provided for the existing towers, she sees that there was only one monopole that had five or more tenants in Taunton. It is located at Mozzone Blvd which is in an industrial area so they couldn't have ever done any kind of real comparable values as far as potential reduction in property values. She stated that every other cell tower that was presented was not an apples to apples ratio. She is concerned that when it comes to the standard of when they have met the burden, she understands that they have an obligation for coverage but she asked if they have looked to improve existing towers in the area. She stated that the monopole is the newest and best technology; she has a list of eleven existing towers and over half of them are not monopoles. She stated that she would have liked them to look at those and updated them from the guide and considered them to be monopoles. She stated that she appreciates all of the research that was done on the values by Mr. LeMay but she sees two fatal flaws on the analysis that concern her. The first is when he talked to brokers. Brokers represent sellers and unless they spoke to the buyer's brokers, it is not a valid review of whether a broker feels like someone had an issue with a cell phone tower. The second one is their reliance on the assessors. She stated that someone who will look for abatement will be careful on what they are looking to abate their value on because of resale values. She stated that it is very rare for someone to look for an abatement based on a fatal flaw in that property for resale values. She stated that it would be part of their record forever. She stated that it makes her believe that there are real issues when it comes to evaluating whether property values will go up or down. She stated she looked at the analysis for North Andover and Middleton. She was able to get the average home sale values for those two towns. She said that the average home sale values for the four properties that were given. However, she could only look at the average sale of house and those averages were much higher than the ones that were near the cell phone tower. She is not comfortable relying on the analysis on what would happen to the property values. Her reason for not voting for this is not going to be whether someone claps behind her. It is because the analysis provided is fatally flawed and there is enough evidence in what she has showing that property values will go down. She thinks that the analysis on how they could meet the requirements for coverage is not fully developed and believes they could use spots on existing towers whether they own them or not. Councilor Marshall asked if there are seven existing towers in Taunton. Mr. Parisi confirmed. He asked out of the

seven existing towers, how many existing towers fill the gap that they are saying is a necessary requirement. Mr. Parisi stated that none of them do. He discussed a map of the existing towers that show them on the perimeter of the City. Councilor Marshall asked if there were any existing structures that are already there that they could co-locate on. Mr. Parisi confirmed that there is not. Councilor Marshall stated that a Councilor had brought up the situation of them walking away after 5 years. He wanted to confirm that the City is protected by the motion that was made to require 150% of the take down cost. Atty. Thompson confirmed. Councilor Marshall asked what numbers of residential homes are within a 500', 1000' and 1500' radius of the tower. Mr. Parisi stated that there are no homes within 500'. Councilor Marshall stated that he could work on the number of homes within 1000' and 1500' during the hearing. Councilor Marshall asked on the residential analysis, was the time on the market based on the date it was listed to the closing. Mr. Lemay confirmed. Councilor Marshall stated that there have been 16 houses that have been sold in Taunton within 1800' of a cell tower. 75% have been sold for more than the average market value according to Mr. Lemay's research. Four of them sold for below the list price. Councilor Marshall applauded them for choosing the monopole which is the least obtrusive looking rather than the lattice towers that we currently have. He asked if they did any simulations around camouflage when they were determining whether to camouflage it and if they had any photographs of it. Mr. Parisi said they certainly could produce those but they did not. He stated that they are not averse to doing a tree but if it was in a forest or on a hill with green behind it, it may work. In this case, because the tower is 145' it would stick up above the trees and make it more noticeable. Councilor Marshall asked if the 145' would be the shortest tower in Taunton. Atty. Thompson stated that it is correct. Mr. Parisi also confirmed. Councilor Marshall asked how far from the top of the tower would the antennas be located. Mr. Parisi stated that Verizon would attach its antennas at 142' not to exceed the height of the tower. Councilor Marshall asked if the other antennas would gradually get lower. Mr. Parisi confirmed. Councilor Marshall didn't come tonight with any predisposed notion on how he would vote. He is still not sure on how he will vote; he would like to hear from the rest of the public and the panel's responses to some of their concerns. He will try to make an educated decision based on facts not by how many phone calls he has received. Councilor Cleary stated that after 3 ½ hours, most of his questions have been answered. He wanted to confirm that no sound comes from the tower. Atty. Thompson stated that some sound comes from the generator when it is testing for about 30 minutes, once a week. Councilor Cleary stated that he doesn't live near a tower but wanted to know if there is any interference with neighbor's television and radio reception. Atty. Thompson said there is not in fact; part of the licensing structure is that there cannot be any interference with any of it. Councilor Cleary stated that there is a City Zoning Ordinance for communication facilities. His understanding, except for 16 feet, is that their proposal falls within the City Ordinance. He stated that they did get a dimensional variance from the Zoning Board. He stated that the nearest house is at least 500' away. He stated that it is 10 acres of land which is an area of wetlands on which nobody will build. He stated that there are not too many opportunities for that land to be developed. He stated that their facility will not interfere with the wildlife. He thinks that it will not be a bad use of the land. He stated that he read that a registered engineer will be onsite during construction and it should be certified for hurricanes up to 100mph. Mr. Parisi stated that they will provide an affidavit of that with their building permit application. Councilor Cleary stated that we have not come to any resolution on how the tower will

impact property values. He stated that it does appear based on the evidence from the experts that there will not be a significant impact on the sales of the properties. He said that there is a lot of concern about safety but nobody spent much time on the safety of the community with having a strong communication signal in that area. He stated that it is important and the City Council should look out for the best interest of the entire community. He stated that when people move to a community they are interested in what kind of reception there is. He stated that the petition cannot be denied without substantial evidence according to the Telecommunications Act of 1996. He stated that another Councilor brought up the words "standard of denial". He stated that the appeal process will make that decision. He stated that whatever the Council chooses, that standard on how the Council based their decision will be dealt with by another authority. He stated that it has happened many times in this City that the Council has denied projects which we were not comfortable with and lost the appeal in court. He gave the example of the donut shop in the same area, it delayed the project but eventually the City lost. He stated that the Council needs to be careful with making their decision. He discussed all of the approvals that they have received from different boards and commissions in the City. He stated that he agrees with Councilor Pottier that the Council has to make decisions, which in some cases, are not popular. They have to do what is in the best interests of the City. He stated that he came to the hearing with an open mind and will listen. He is going to make his decision on what is the best for the City of Taunton. Councilor Borges stated that when she said that a tower was 60' earlier in the hearing, it was actually measured in meters so she wanted to clarify that it is 190'. She asked if the Councilors could hear the locations that they never saw in the permit application. Mr. Vellante stated that there were some technical difficulties earlier and they are now up on the screen. He discussed what was submitted with their application. He discussed the chart that was made by Mr. Kelliher which included six or eight different locations in the area. The following people spoke in favor of the petition; Kathryn Trainor, 210 Alfred Lord Blvd. discussed how the health concerns are minimal. She is a teacher and spoke how technology is forthcoming and many schools are forcing technology to be a key part of the day. She spoke about the benefits to families that may depend on cell coverage due to the lack of internet service. She spoke about the traffic benefits of not having a commercial property located there. Rev. Christiana Wille McNight, pastor of the First Parish Church spoke about her interest in having a cell tower put at the Church located at 76 Church Green in order to benefit the people who come to the shelter and the working families that do not have access to technology other than cell phone communication. She stated that the City will have to find ways to provide the needs that need to be met in our City. Michelle Littlefield, 192 Erin Road discussed how she would welcome more towers in the area. She spoke about how she has cell phone reception issues in the City while either Downtown or in her car. She was disappointed that the Councilors didn't have the documents available to them; her copy was received by the City on May 26, 2015. She stated that she was afraid that most of the people present who oppose this project probably haven't had the ability to read the information that was provided. She understands that they will likely win on an appeal and she hopes that they will do that. Scott Rodrigues, 108 Williams Street discussed how he agrees with Councilor Cleary today. He stated that there is prior history here and that this situation has been looked at and it is for the betterment of Taunton. He spoke about how the same Councilors who won't put a cell phone tower up are the same ones that said they would put a casino up in your yard. Dave Littlefield, 192 Erin Road spoke about how there is already a monopole that is on Mozzone Blvd. and if the Council

denies this for any health issues then that monopole needs to come down immediately. He discussed how he has stopped the casino thus far and he will take the tower down. He stated that the Council cannot pick and choose what part of the community to stand up for. They should listen to the people and make their decisions wisely. The following people spoke in opposition of the petition; Neil Caldeira, 39 White Pine Drive spoke about what he has heard from the panel tonight. He questions the panel that has been brought forth tonight as they are not from the area. He mentioned the FCC law that should be updated because it was written in 1996. He stated that he would not want to live within a mile of a tower that would magnify radio frequency in an area. Charles Doherty, 121 Solitude Drive stated that his focus isn't on the aesthetics of the tower and he commends the Councilors for what they have had to say. He read an article about the dangers of microwave radiation from cell towers as well as satellite dishes. He asked that the map be shown of the area and spoke about different facilities in the area that will be affected by the tower. He agrees that there was good information presented by our guests tonight but the technology is new and not a lot of studies have been done in the 19 years because there is not enough information that has been developed in that amount of time. He stated that there is no expert that can definitively say that it is not dangerous. There is a lot of radiation coming off of these things and Verizon is only looking for one of the five available antennas and we don't even know what the other four will contain. Sandra McDonald, 130 Solitude Drive spoke about how she moved here from Dighton six months ago. She is upset and was not aware of the tower in the disclosure fact when buying her home. She discussed how the cell phone and internet coverage here is the best she's ever had. She discussed the lack of coverage in Dighton and told them that they should go to other areas that are complaining about their coverage. She then read a letter of opposition written by her husband. Hamie Hamie, 239 Alfred Lord Blvd. stated that he lives in the property adjacent to the proposed tower. He has attended Taunton Schools and is now attending UMass Amherst as a chemical engineer. He discussed how he has been listening to the board talk about property value and health effects. He stated he, his father, and several other people received 180 signatures in opposition of the tower. He stated that it is 180 people that would not buy a house close to the cell tower. If that doesn't represent a drop in property price, he doesn't know what does. He stated that when the FCC has a limit on the radiation that comes from a cell phone tower, then it is obvious that cell phone towers emit radiation that can cause negative health effects including cancer. He stated that the FCC limit is out of date and this technology is 20 years old. We haven't lived long enough to experience the full effects of the cell towers and his generation will be the first to experience that effect. Mary Reilly, 131 Alfred Lord Blvd. had a question about the Telecommunications Act; the way she understands it is that it is supposed to help underutilized carriers. If there are small carriers that didn't have the revenue they would have the means and could go on someone else's tower. She thinks that with the Act you can't preclude somebody, even if a small carrier can afford it and wanted to build one. Atty. Thompson stated that she thinks what she is referring to is co-location and there are certain protections and provisions that encourage co-location so that when a tower is built whoever built that tower is required to offer space on the tower to any carrier who can co-locate at reasonably commercial terms. She stated that the particular provisions of the Telecommunications Act are very different than what Ms. Reilly is talking about. They are specifically about not prohibiting a carrier from providing reliable service where they have demonstrated a significant gap in coverage. Ms. Reilly asked if the Act precludes them from doing this. Atty. Thompson stated that it

provides protection. Ms. Reilly spoke about other establishments that have been placed in her rural residential zoned area. She stated that she has only found out about the whole issue because there was a notice in the paper for the hearing. She discussed how she is not considered an abutter because she is not within 300' and would not have to be advised of any of this. She suggested that when things are this tall or high that the circumference of the abutters should be looked at to consider who should be notified at the beginning of the process. She spoke about why house values have gone up and how this could affect what she could get for her property in 3-4 years. Beth Dost, 100 Solitude Drive spoke about the reasons that she moved to Taunton from Easton. She suggested that they put a tower in Easton because on Bay Road, Foundry Street and 106 you get dropped calls and no reception. She moved to this area because it is rural and likes that there is a gas station at the end of her street and likes that there was a Donut & Deli Barn there too. She spoke about how the new Dunkin Donuts located there is in violation of zoning laws that she sees and complains about. She is concerned about the electromagnetic field and nobody has convinced her otherwise. She urges the Council to think about the people who moved and brought their money and resources to North Taunton which is rurally zoned. She spoke about how good her reception is on 140 and how she doesn't see the need for any additional cell tower services in that area. Stanley Johnson, 235 Alfred Lord Blvd stated that he lives directly across the street from Standish Gas and can see the two space metal buildings from his backyard. He did not see the balloon because nobody told him about it. He is concerned about the wildlife and what will happen to them. He spoke about safety concerns and how everyone talks about federal safety standards. He questioned whether the tower will be inspected. He stated that he has a pacemaker and there are no studies on the effects on them. The FCC's website on wireless devices and health concerns states that while there are no federally accepted developed national standard for safe levels of exposure to radio frequency energy, many agencies have addressed this issue. He stated that there are no federal standards on the FCC's website. Juanita Gallagher, 145 Winthrop Street stated that she heard everyone speak tonight and wanted to address a few things. She spoke about what some of the Councilors said here tonight. She brought up how Dr. Hayes said that he is not on anyone's side and she doesn't think he is here for nothing; she thinks that he must get a remittance so he must work for somebody. She stated that Atty. Thompson said her job is to come in and talk to people to make sure that wireless companies and zoning boards don't empathize with communities and they don't discriminate because of a tower. She spoke about how this is a municipal corporation and the people are the shareholders in this community. She stated that she has invasive ductal carcinoma caused by environmental issues and she knows firsthand what safety concerns are. She stated that she is not criticizing them, but we have a right to decide what we want in our community. Peg Bates, 25 Worcester Street stated that she lives right across the street from the gas station and saw the balloon when it went up. She stated that she has lived here for the past three years and loves her neighborhood and fears that it will be destroyed, especially the animal life in her backyard. She is worried about the health of her children, grandchildren and everyone else in the area that is affected. She spoke about how she has excellent cell phone service and has never had a problem getting a hold of 911, the Fire Department or the Police Department. Lamia Hamie, 239 Alfred Lord Blvd stated that the tower will be in her backyard and doesn't like it because it is not her choice. She spoke about how the radiation that comes off the tower can affect her and her family. She stated that they built their home a few years ago and it isn't fair to

them because they didn't know that anything else would be going up in her backyard. She discussed health issues that can happen if you live within 400 meters of a tower. She has done a lot of research and in the three hours that she's been sitting here nobody has spoken about the health risks. She stated that who cares about seeing a tower from where you live, it is what the tower does to you. Bob Dziekiewicz, 300 Ferncrest Drive stated that he just found out that he has the best view of the tower because he is in the red zone. He stated that it was unfair and should probably be considered in future development projects. He discussed the view of the tower that he will have. He stated that it is a double edged sword; we need coverage although he doesn't have any problem with coverage in the area. He stated that there is no consideration and we have no input. He asks that in the future that some of these considerations be given to property owners who are directly impacted. He stated that he agrees with the issue that these are projects being added after people have bought their properties. If there had been cell towers located there prior people probably would not buy in the area. Paul Whiffen, 79 Short Street spoke in opposition of the petition. He stated that he will be in the middle of two towers that would not be more than two miles apart. He has a young daughter that he is scared for. He also has two dogs that he lets out into his backyard. He stated that it is crazy that health issues aren't in public interest and are not important to people and the town. He questioned how the Conservation Commission could okay this project. He stated that the woman that spoke about endangered wildlife should call the National Heritage Endangered Species Program which he thinks could shut it right down. He stated that he doesn't think that the cell phone tower falls under the limited project as far as the documents that he has that state that only limited projects should be done in a wetland area. Mr. Marino stated that they did file with the Conservation Commission and they did meet the performance standards with the ACEC and in fact they are located outside the mapped habitat. He stated that Mr. Whiffen is correct that they are nearby but they are not in it. Mr. Whiffen stated that the health of the people and of the animals in the environment and the natural resources are a crucial concern for the town. Nate Daniels, Jefferson Street spoke about how he has grown up in Taunton and he doesn't think that anyone is bad in the room; everyone up there has a job to do. He stated that everyone that he has talked to in that area has cell coverage and if he was Verizon or Varsity Wireless he would look in other areas where people are struggling and would be more receptive to have a tower put up. Council President Borges stated that she wanted to clarify a couple of things that were brought up that were regarding the Council not being concerned with health issues. She stated that the Council did their research and it is unfair to say that they are not concerned with health issues. They base their decisions by studies that they read and she personally has not come across a scientific journal or study that has proven that there are significant health issues with this. She stated that the Council has to decide on this because these are things that the Federal government is going to throw right back at the Council. She stated that they can't just deny this because of health concerns because they have no proof. Councilor Marshall asked the City Solicitor when he is considering the granting of the special permit, what legal thresholds or circumstances he should take into consideration or what thresholds does the applicant need to meet for him to meet that decision. The City Solicitor stated that it is more complicated than a strictly zoning analysis. If this was just a zoning matter, it is an application for a special permit and all zoning and land use laws and special permits govern that class of uses of land that lie between those that are prohibited and those that are allowed. He stated that a special permit concerns the use that under the zoning code

is thought to be potentially acceptable but only after subject to review and permission of the Council. The Council has a wide latitude and discretion in knowing the area and the special circumstances that this particular petition and the area where the proposed project is going to go. Ultimately it is the Council's exercise of its discretion to determine whether this proposal is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning ordinance. That is the zoning analysis. There is also the analysis under the federal law with the Telecommunications Act and the petitioner has correctly recited title 47 of the U.S. code section 332 governing environment effects of radio frequency emissions. The law is very clear that to the extent that the facilities comply with the FCC regulations concerning the emissions then the government cannot regulate the tower based upon that as long as you are satisfied that the applicant has demonstrated that it will be operated in accordance with FCC regulations on emissions. He stated that they need to look at aesthetics, property value, whether they believe there is a coverage concern, if the applicant has demonstrated that there is a coverage gap. He stated that they are well within their rights to talk about and consider whether the applicant really has demonstrated that there are not other feasible alternatives to the site., whether there are not only other sites but a less intense use on this site, maybe a shorter tower, whether they have adequately studied other sites, do you believe that the reasons that they sited as to why they didn't go to those other sites were valid, there are potentially other sites out there that weren't discussed at all. He stated they can look at not only the visual impact to the immediate neighborhood, the height in relation to other structures, if they are making an effort to camouflage it. He has looked at a few hundred case scripts from different circuit courts of appeal around the nation on this issue. There are plenty of decisions that uphold of the denial of these types of facilities and there are a lot of cases that overturned the denial of these types of things. Councilor Quinn wanted to clarify an item in fairness to the petitioners as well as to the Council. She stated that there was a comment that was made that the Council didn't have all of the information, the Council received over a hundred pages of information that has been provided by the petitioners along with their own research. The one thing that they were missing was the list of comparable sites. She didn't want it to come across as though the Council wasn't provided the information. Mr. Parisi answered Councilor Marshall's question and stated that there are approximately 25 homes that are within 1000' of the tower and are none within 500'. **Motion was made that the hearing be closed and the petition be granted as presented. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, six (6) Councilors voting in opposition, three (3) Councilors voting in favor. Councilors Cleary, Marshall and Pottier voting in favor. Councilors Costa-Hanlon, Croteau, McCaul, Quinn, Carr and Borges voting in opposition. MOTION DOES NOT CARRY. Motion was made to close the hearing and excuse the parties. So Voted.**

A one minute recess was taken.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Director Agent, Veterans Services requesting an additional \$35,000.00 in funding for their Veterans Benefits Account. The state will reimburse the City of Taunton at a rate of 75%, making an actual total for this request \$8,750.00. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.**

Com. from Human Resources Director requesting that \$6,000.00 is transferred out of the reserve account into the Disability Retirement Account so that they can process the payments that they are required to by law. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and the Mayor's Office. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Ali Abouzeid, 73 Cavalier Ave., Taunton requesting a renewal of his Old Gold License for Hannoush Jewelers, Inc. 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 Sharon Evanichko, Controller, Norwell Manufacturing Co., Inc. located at 82 Stevens St., E. Taunton requesting a new Temporary Fixed Vendor License to sell lighting fixtures and miscellaneous items on June 12 and 13, 2015 at 82 Stevens Street, East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Ann Harris, 284A Washington St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a bump in the road at 40 Vernon St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Mackenzie Delekta, 12 Chandler Ave. #27, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting multiple potholes near Chandler Tower Apartments on Chandler Ave., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Brian Carraggi, 369 Dighton Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his mailbox from a snow plow truck hitting it during one of the winter storms. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Denis Tetrault, Proprietor, Fall River Pawn Brokers, 48 Taunton Green seeking reimbursement for damages to his front store window due to major road repairs. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor's Office. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that the City did some roadwork at 51 Disamar Road and since then there has been a huge puddle/mini-lake in front of the resident's property and it is bad in the winter time but in the summertime it doesn't go anywhere. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW to try doing something about his property. So Voted.** Councilor Pottier stated that he will give the pictures to the City Clerk. Councilor McCaul stated that he has received the same information and he spoke to the DPW and they are on their way to take care of the situation.

Councilor Pottier stated that this is something that he has referred before, there is a stop sign at Macomber Street on County Street that should be there but isn't. He stated that Macomber Street comes to an extreme angle onto County Street and there is no stop sign. He stated that he had referred it months ago but nothing has been done about it. **Motion was made to refer to the Safety Officer. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that he knows that there is a lot of work being done downtown. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the BETA Group to be more cognizant of letting area businesses know when streets will be shut down and when there will be detours. So Voted.** He stated that business owners have shown up on Mondays at 9AM and they can't get to their property because they didn't know ahead of time.

Councilor Carr motioned to receive a communication within two weeks from the Parking Commission as to when the poles will be removed from the sidewalks where the meters were taken down. So Voted. She stated that it has been discussed a few times and she has had a couple of calls about that.

Councilor Carr motioned to refer to Mr. Duquette, Board of Health the issue of the smelly dump because she has received calls in the last two days about it. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer a master plan to the Committee of the Whole. She stated that it was discussed during the budget hearings. So Voted. She stated that Council President Borges will invite Mr. Scanlon and whoever she believes should be there to discuss the City adopting a master plan.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 A.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WAS BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:43 P.M.

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

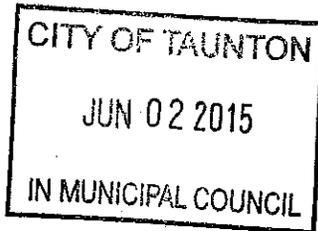
2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER \$26,282.50 FROM VEHICULAR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-480-5200-5481 – GASOLINE SUPPLIES AS FOLLOWS:
\$13,000.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-400-5100-5191 – COMM-UNUSED SICK BUY BACK
\$13,282.50 TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-400-5100-5197 – COMM-UNUSED VACATION BUY BACK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #21
FY 2015
JUNE 2, 2015

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That

THE SUM OF TWENTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED

EIGHTY TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$26,282.50) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED

FROM VEHICULAR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 1-480-5200-5481 – GASOLINE-

SUPPLIES AS FOLLOWS

\$13,000.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 1-400-5100-5191 – COMM-UNUSED SICK BUY BACK

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..... *Clerk.*