



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, June 9, 2015 at 8:05 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

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

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

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Hoye announced that the Day of Portugal Flag Raising will be held tomorrow in front of the original City Hall on Summer Street. He stated that all are invited to attend. It is usually a well-attended, brief event. Hopefully everyone can make it there tomorrow.

**Appointments:**

Reappointment of Manuel Massa, 1153 Locust Street, Raynham as the Animal Control Officer for a term of four (4) years expiring June 30, 2019. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Reappointment of Donna DiCorpo, 10 Craven Court, Taunton to the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities for a term of two (2) years expiring June 30, 2017. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Reappointment of Nancilee Lemaire, 12 Kilton Street, Taunton to the Commission for Individuals with Disabilities for a term of two (2) years expiring June 30, 2017. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

**Communications from City Officers:**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds requesting approval to transfer any account balance in the current FY14/15 Revolving Account to the FY 15/16 Revolving Account. They also requested a dollar limit not to exceed \$300,000.00 from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

**Communications from Citizens:**

Com. from Mark Walter, Race Director, Sun Multisport Events, LLC, 54 Beechnut Road, Westwood requesting to conduct a bike race through Taunton on Saturday, August 22, 2015 beginning at 7:30AM and cyclists will ride along Rte.79/Myricks Road in Taunton from approximately 7:45AM until 9:30AM. **Councillor Costa-Hanlon motioned to**

approve and refer to the Police Chief, Fire Chief and EMS. Councilor Cleary motioned to send a copy to the Soccer League so they are aware of the fact because of their operations on Myricks Street. So Voted.

Com. from Barbara Monteiro, Secretary, Holy Ghost Society of East Taunton, Inc., 545 Middleboro Ave., E. Taunton extending an invitation to attend their annual Holy Ghost Feast celebrating their 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary, which will take place on Friday, July 10 – Sunday, July 12, 2015 at their grounds located at 545 Middleboro Avenue, East Taunton. **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Council President. So Voted.**

Com. from Melissa Ferrara, Rianna's Deli and Variety, 6 Cedar St., Taunton requesting use of parking lot for grand opening on June 20, 2015. Their plan in collision with Hometown Furnishings located at 52 Main Street, Taunton is to set up an area on the parking lot with fun activities for the kids. **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Police Chief for approval and the Risk Manager for any insurance that is needed. Councilor Croteau motioned to approve subject to approval by the Police Chief and the insurance. So Voted.** Councilor Pottier stated that he went to Hometown Furnishings this weekend and it was nice inside and stated that anything that the Council can do to welcome them with open arms is great.

Com. from Jonathan Mongie, Project Director, Veolia Water North America, 825 West Water St., Taunton requesting that the Taunton Sewer Use Ordinance be modified to remove the language from Section 19.23.1(6) pertaining to the 5mg/l limit for total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs). **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Committee on the DPW for further discussion. So Voted.** Councilor Cleary asked if it should go to the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills. Mayor Hoye stated that he thinks that the Council should have further discussions so everyone has an understanding of what this actually means. He stated that it goes along with what Councilor Croteau has been mentioning for several months about some of the wastewater treatment changes that are on the horizon for not only Taunton, but for Brockton, Fall River and all the communities in between. He stated that it is an appropriate motion and then can go to the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills at some point.

**Petitions:**

Petition submitted by David Spiegelman, 5 South St., Canton requesting a renewal of his Second Hand Article License for User-Friendly Recycling LLC -dba- User-Friendly Electronics located at 336 Weir St., Taunton to sell used computer parts and refurbished computers. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Lillian Amaro Rocha, 889 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton requesting a renewal of her Temporary Fixed Vendor License at 515 Middleboro Ave. East Taunton to sell Christmas trees and wreaths. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Joe Silva, 316 Middleboro Ave., East Taunton requesting a renewal of his Temporary Fixed Vendor License for Joe's Fresh Seafood located at 255 Cape Highway, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Barbeque Integrated Inc., 8427 South Park Circle, Suite 250, Orlando, FL requesting a renewal of their Billiard Table License for Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill #7592 located at 1023 County Street, Taunton. (2 Tables) **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Lewis Pacheco, 7 Saints Way, Berkley requesting a renewal of his Old Gold License for Pacheco's Gold and Gems, Inc. -dba- Pacheco Jewelry located at 20-22 Taunton Green, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Paul Ardita, 68 Shores St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole in front of 94 Kilmer Avenue, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Breanna Manora, 5 Sunnyide St., Hyde Park seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a water main cover on Route 138, Taunton in front of Advanced Auto Parts. **Motion was made to refer to Mass Highway and the Law Department. So Voted.**

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Unfinished Business:**

Councilor Pottier stated that he has brought up the Stop Sign on Macomber Street previously and his understanding is that it never been written in an ordinance form or never included in the ordinances. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills and the Safety Officer for a stop sign at Macomber Street and County Street. So Voted.**

**New Business:**

Councilor Pottier stated that he has received calls along with Councilor McCaul regarding the trash issue on Church Street and Church Avenue. They are small streets and there is often trash situations that he thought was rectified last year because of the dumpsters that were in the area but it has become an issue again. **Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the Trash Enforcement Officer. So Voted.**

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the potholes on Fairbanks Avenue in East Taunton and a pile of old asphalt from some earlier roadwork at the corner of Fairbanks Avenue and Caswell Street to the DPW. So Voted.**

**Councilor Carr motioned that the Police Chief and the Fire Chief email the Council by Friday, June 12, 2015 lists of any of their employees who will age out at 65 years old during FY16 for budget discussions. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr stated that she received multiple complaints from residents on Bay Street near the Whittenton House of Pizza and Jackson Street area. She stated that roadwork is being done there and there are large metal plates in the road and all night long it was very loud every time a car or a truck went over it. People did not sleep all night and nobody worked there today. They questioned what is going on and how long it will be like that. **Councilor Carr motioned for the DPW Commissioner to call her tomorrow to let her know what is going on so she can get back to the residents.** *(City Clerk called the DPW Commissioner on this Wednesday morning.)* **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to add signage saying that there is a bump ahead so people will actually slow down so it may not be as loud because we don't know how long it will be there. Councilor Pottier motioned to place no jake-braking signs on Bay Street by where the bridge is at the dam and on Worcester Street. So Voted.** He stated that the resident there stated that trucks do it all the time there. It is very loud and disturbing and happens at 3AM. Mayor Hoyer stated that this came up a number of years ago on Worcester Street and he knows that there was discussion on whether it was legal or not but he has seen them all over other communities.

**Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the Committee on the DPW the road opening wordage with the gas company. So Voted.** She is not sure if it is in ordinance form or just an agreement that they have. She stated that she had to call the DPW on Thursday and Friday because the gas company opened the road on Washington Street, closed it, left a deep indentation in the road and put up a sign that said "Bump" She stated that it is not acceptable to leave a road like that. She stated that our agreement needs to be beefed up with them as to how they leave roads, whether they have to pay to have a DPW person go there to release them at the end of the day when the road is at an acceptable condition.

Council President Borges stated that two residents have called regarding the Gertrude Boyden Bird Sanctuary. She stated that apparently cars have been broken into at their residences and they feel as though it is because the gate is not locked during the evening hours. **Motion was made to refer to the Police Department and the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds department. So Voted.** Mayor Hoyer stated that it should just be locked because he received a similar call today. He stated that a mechanism needs to be figured out to lock it. He stated that up until a few years ago it was consistently locked and there has been some thefts and vandalism up there. He stated that the Council may want to look at putting a City agency back up there to give it a little bit more supervision during the day. Council President Borges suggested that the Police could lock it when they go up there at night. Mayor Hoyer stated that he doesn't think that it is their responsibility to lock it but they can check with the Police Chief.

**Councilor McCaul motioned that the Police Chief step up the police patrol in the Harrison Street, Harrison Avenue and Walnut Street area because there has been a lot of drug activity in that area. So Voted.** He stated that some of the residents are concerned about what is going on. He stated that there was a stabbing on the railroad

tracks this weekend. Mayor Hoye stated that he spoke to the Police Chief about that issue today and hopefully there will be some additional police patrols.

Councilor McCaul stated that he is excited to hear that the Police Department received a grant to step up the speeding problems in the community and the dangerous intersections. He stated that about a month and a half ago he requested to have a speed trailer located on Liberty Street and Middleboro Avenue. **Councilor McCaul motioned to have more of a Police presence in that area because there is speeding constantly down Middleboro Avenue going towards Liberty Street at the intersection where Amaro's market is located during the hours of 3PM-6PM every day. So Voted.**

**Councilor Marshall made a motion to refer to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills the changing of the title of the City's current Automation Department to the City's Information Technology Division. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the Safety Officer to report back to the Committee on Police and License in two weeks because she has had some complaints from people whose security alarms and car alarms are going off because of truck traffic on Highland Street and Cohannet Street. So Voted. Councilor Cleary stated that it is a long street and she should give the house numbers. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she will give them to the Safety Officer.

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer the hiring of three police officers that she believes was approved in the budget to the Committee on Police and License and considers one of those three to be a Spanish speaking officer because of the letter from Latin Pass. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JUNE 9, 2015

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS AND TREASURER/COLLECTOR BARBARA AUGER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:55 P.M.

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

2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING  
**MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$6,000.00 FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 1-132-5200-5784 TO DISABILITY RETIREMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-916-5200-5790 – MEDICAL EXPENSES. SO VOTED.

**MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF VETERANS SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER \$35,000.00 FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 01-132-5200-5784 TO VETERANS BENEFITS ACCOUNT NO. 01-543-5200-5770. SO VOTED.

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT THE BALANCE IN THE RESERVE ACCOUNT AFTER THESE TWO TRANSFERS IS \$203,545.10.

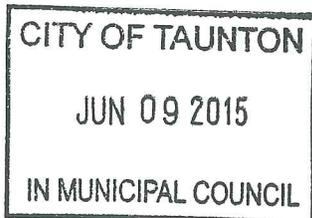
**MOTION:** MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF TREASURER/COLLECTOR TO RESCIND THE AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED BALANCE ON THE LOAN ORDER FOR THE HOPEWELL PARK COMPLEX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,551.86. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
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**THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WAS DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M.**

DETECTIVE SMITH PROVIDED A LETTER DATED 6/8/2015 FROM DAVID WARISH, ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE WHICH STATED THAT THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE DIVISION FOUND NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT THE APPROVAL OF THE PETITIONS LISTED ON THE COMMITTEE AGENDA.

1. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF NORWELL MANUFACTURING CO., INC., 82 STEVENS STREET FOR A NEW TEMPORARY FIXED VENDOR LICENSE TO SELL LIGHTING FIXTURES AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS ON JUNE 12 & 13.**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.**
  
2. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF, DETECTIVE SMITH AND ALBERT TUCAN TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS:**
  - A. **RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND STANDS FOR TAUNTON CARTAGE CO., LTD D/B/A CHECKER CAB AND TAUNTON CARTAGE CO., LTD D/B/A COZY CAB, 295 BROADWAY. 2 STANDS LOCATED AT SCHOOL STREET AT TAUNTON GREEN**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.**
  - B. **RENEWAL OF LIVERY LICENSE FOR TAUNTON MOTORIZED CARRIAGE COMPANY INC. (21 VEHICLES, 2 HANDICAP) LOCATED AT 295 BROADWAY**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.**
  - C. **RENEWAL OF LIVERY LICENSE FOR T & F TRANSPORTATION INC. D/B/A ALEXANDER'S LIMOUSINE (2 VEHICLES), LOCATED AT 295 BROADWAY**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.**
  
3. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH TO DISCUSS PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR CLASS II LICENSES.**  
DETECTIVE SMITH REPORTED THAT HE FORWARDED THE DRAFT CLASS II APPLICATION TO THE CITY SOLICITOR AND AS OF TODAY HAD NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE. HE WILL NEED MORE TIME.  
**MOTION: TO TABLE THIS MATTER UNTIL IT COMES BACK FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR. SO VOTED.**
  
4. **MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE**  
**MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF PETITION OF ALI ABOUZEID, 73 CAVALIER AVE., TAUNTON FOR RENEWAL OF HIS OLD GOLD LICENSE FOR HANNOUSH JEWELERS, INC., LOCATED AT 2 GALLERIA MALL DRIVE. SO VOTED.**

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE – CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:11 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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JUN 09 2015  
IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



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