



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, June 10, 2014 at 8:55 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 Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau,
Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr and Borges*

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye thanked the Opiate Task Force, School Department, Dr. Hackett and Chris Barrata who did a wonderful job with the event last evening which 200-300 people attended. He also thanked the speakers, the Gonsalves Family, Corey Palazzi, and Matt Sanders for sharing their stories with the Community. He stated that the City is on the right track with less overdoses now than at the beginning of this year. Governor Patrick released the Opiate Task Force Report at the state level and Mayor Hoye stated that he will distribute a copy to the Councilors.

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

Appointments:

The Assistant City Clerk stated that One Permanent Full time Police Sergeant to be sworn in tonight. Councilor Croteau stated that Glenn Jackson was recommended by Chief Walsh. Motion was made to move approval. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. **Motion was made to invite Glenn Jackson in to be sworn in. So Voted.** The officer was then sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk.

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

Communications:

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries, and Public Grounds requesting the approval of the Municipal Council to transfer any account balance in the current FY 13/14 Revolving Account to the FY 14/15 Revolving Account. She is also requesting a dollar limit not to exceed \$300,000.00 from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. **Motion was made to move approval and Marilyn Greene is to provide the Council with the account balances. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health requesting the re-approval of the existing septic & professional consulting revolving account for the Board of Health for FY15.

The account is to be used for professional public health consulting and engineering services to meet Board of Health requirements, duties and obtain related necessary equipment. The Board of Health expects spending not to exceed the amount of \$70,000.00. **Motion was made to move approval and Heather Gallant, Executive Director; Board of Health is to provide the account balance to the council. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health requesting that the Mayor and Municipal Council re-approve the existing flu clinic/nursing revolving account for the Board of Health for FY15. The account will be used for flu clinic and nursing supplies and services necessary to meet duties. They expect spending not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00. **Motion was made to move approval and Heather Gallant, Executive Director; Board of Health is to provide the account balance to the council. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health requesting that the Mayor and Municipal Council re-approve the existing asbestos revolving account for the Board of Health for FY15. The account will be used to maintain and pay for Board of Health environmental and inspectional program needs so that they may keep up with the additional equipment and training necessary for the program. They expect spending not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00. **Motion was made to move approval and Heather Gallant, Executive Director; Board of Health is to provide the account balance to the council. So Voted.**

Com. from Director, Department of Human Services requesting to increase two hourly wage positions beginning July 1, 2014. The Department receives an annual Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula grant to hire part-time employees to provide receptionist and Drop-In Center Aide services in the Senior Center. The grant will allow for a per hour increase for the both of these positions from \$10.00 per hour to \$10.50 per hour. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted. Councilor Cleary questioned whether they are union positions. Mayor Hoye stated that they are not, they are part time.**

Com. from Superintendent of Buildings requesting permission to transfer \$1,000.00 from City Hall Maintenance Salaries and Wages (Overtime) to City Hall Maintenance Expense (Electric). **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.**

Com. from Treasurer/Collector stating that the City issued General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$4,590,000 for the very desirable interest rates of 2.492% with a premium of \$228,792. They also submitted the debt schedules for the new bond issue. She is requesting the Council take action to rescind the \$200 balance remaining on the Taunton Municipal Light Plant loan authorization. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Claim submitted by Ryan Stipetic, 8 Derry Park Dr., Apt. 5, Middleboro requesting reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole on the Bay Street ramp to Route 495 South. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and DPW. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

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

Unfinished Business:

Council President Marshall motioned to move the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on the week of July 4th to Monday, June 30, 2014 in the morning. So Voted. He stated that the Council can do the budget next week for the first reading and then it can be ordained on June 30, 2014. If the meeting is not done on that Monday, the budget will have to be read this evening, rest a week and be ordained on June 24, 2014.

Councilor Carr stated that three or four weeks ago she had asked the DPW to provide her with a list of the street sweeper schedule. She stated that the City has two street sweepers and they should be out on a daily basis. **Motion was made to get a list of the street sweeper schedule from the DPW. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Costa-Hanlon wanted to thank all who attended the raising of the Portuguese flag, due to today being the Day of Portugal. She mentioned Will Mendonca who received the Portuguese Heritage Award at the State House. **Motion was made that the Mayor's Office invites Willits Mendonca, and Mr. Loura from Taunton Day of Portugal, Inc. to a Municipal Council Meeting to recognize their planning and dedication for the Day of Portugal held on June 10, 2014. So Voted.**

Councilor Quinn stated that she has received complaints from a couple abutters of the Lafayette Club about the new outdoor pavilion plying very loud music, particularly on Sundays. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief to inform them to turn the music down. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr motioned to send the flail mower to Longmeadow Road, Fremont Street, Bay Street near the Dever entrance, HomePlate Restaurant and the Lake Sabbatia boat ramp. So Voted. Mayor Hoye stated that the DOC Prisoners did a great job last year on that corner and they could also be asked to do it.

Councilor Carr thanked the ladies at the Garden Club for going out yesterday and planting all of the Welcome to Taunton boxes. The DPW and Building Department also did a great job. **Motion was made to send the women a thank you letter. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

JLL/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
JUNE 10, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:39 P.M.

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

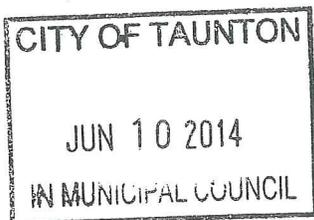
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO
VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:40 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK