



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, June 16, 2015 at 7:05 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

*Present at roll call were: Councilors Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanson, 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 stated that it is Student Government Day. He thanked Mr. Peter Gillen for bringing the students from Taunton High School. He stated that it was a great day and he spoke about the teachers and department heads that took the students through a typical day in City Hall. The students then had lunch and a question and answer session with him. He spoke about what a great learning experience it is for them. The students then introduced themselves. Massasoit State Park's Spring Clean Up and Park Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015. Clean up starts at 9AM followed by a celebratory picnic at 11AM. Mayor Hoye stated that everyone is invited and a tremendous amount of work that has gone on at Massasoit State Park. It will be re-opening but will not be open for camping quite yet. He thanked the Friends of the Park, Senator Pacheco and especially Representative Orrall who have put a tremendous effort to secure funding for the park so it can be reopened and an asset to the community. Mayor Hoye thanked Chuck Kowalker who has done an outstanding job in spearheading many of the efforts. He will be attending the July 21, 2015 Council meeting along with Senator Pacheco and Representative Orrall to speak about the improvements of the park.

*Communications from City Officers:*

Com. from Assistant City Solicitor regarding CE Design, LTD v. Matrix LS, INC. It stated that there is a copy of a check in the amount of \$320.10 which represents the City's portion of a class action settlement in the above-matter. This case alleged that Matrix, Inc. violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act by faxing advertisements to class members without first obtaining their prior express invitation or permission. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that he believes that the money will be going into the General Fund.

Com. from City Solicitor regarding the potential acquisition of land for cemetery purposes. There is a City cemetery at the corner of Stevens Street and Pinehill Street in East Taunton and immediately to the North of it is Assessor's Parcel 95-44, which appears to consist of 3.54 acres. He recently met with Marilyn Greene, Commissioner of the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department, who has expressed a strong desire to acquire parcel 95-44 in order to expand the adjacent cemetery. **Councilor Croteau motioned that the City makes an attempt to acquire the land, refer to the City Solicitor. Councilor Carr motioned to refer to the**

**Committee on Public Property. Councilor Cleary motioned that the Council supports the land acquisition. So Voted.**

**Communications from Citizens:**

Com. from Michael Callahan, 111 Wren St., E. Taunton requesting letter of commendation recognizing the achievements and service of Quinton Callahan, Troop 22, Boy Scouts of America, newly risen Eagle Scout. **Councilor Marshall motioned to invite Quinton Callahan to a Council Meeting in recognition of becoming an Eagle Scout. SoVoted.**

**Petitions:**

Petition submitted by Kenneth Ferreira, 58 Stevens St., East Taunton requesting a renewal of his Second Hand Article, Old Gold, Junk Dealer and Pawn Broker Licenses for Money Tree located at 49 Weir St., Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Patrick Bowers, 418 Center St., Raynham seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a trench on Court Street near the District Court Building. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Richard M. Sylvester, 389 Richmond St., East Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a large hole in the road near 629 Middleboro Avenue, East Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Jonathan Crowell, 36 Shores St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole at the intersection of Wilson Avenue and Jackson Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and City Solicitor. 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 Borges stated that the Parking Commission met today and they discussed some of the pole issues in front of Cohannet School. She said that the reason that the poles are still there is because they don't know if something else will come into Cohannet School. She stated that several Councilors have said it was because of safety issues so today they voted to cap the poles. She doesn't believe that there were any ADA Compliance issues, just a safety issue. The parking garage is still within budget and that they are going to go with 4 different kiosks, 2 on the top and 2 on the bottom. She stated that during the budget hearing a Councilor brought up that they were concerned that 2 more Safety Enforcement Officers were being hired. The Parking Commission needs enforcement with those kiosks; those positions were already funded, and have already interviewed and hired two new officers.

**Council President Borges motioned to refer Fayette Place to the Committee on Ordinances and Enrolled Bills to look at the no parking on both sides issue. So Voted.** She stated that it is something that has come up several times this week. Councilor Pottier stated that on the

Council President's report on the parking deck, they have continuing ADA concerns to make sure that if the City goes with a split fee schedule that we have the same opportunity for HP plates on the first floor. He would like to get something back from the Parking Commission to assure the ADA Commission that it will be done. Councilor Borges stated that it was confirmed that there are 13 spots for them but wasn't sure which floor they are on. She stated that the Parking Commission discussed the variance that they had to get for the storm water and that didn't go too well so they have to seek other options and they will be meeting with BETA.

**Councilor Carr motioned for the Parking Commission to contact the ADA Commission to find out what the problem is with the poles. So Voted.** She is not sure if it is people getting by them or something else on the sidewalk.

Mayor Hoye was asked if he had an update on the lights at Williams Street and Gordon Owen Parkway. He stated that they had the initial meeting with the DOT regarding the lights on Williams Street about four or five weeks ago. The plans are up to about 75%, so hopefully in the next year or so we will see that come to fruition. He stated that it is a very difficult intersection especially when school gets out.

### Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions

#### FY2016 Preliminary Budget for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

	<u>Salary &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Expenses</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>
General Government	\$ 3,227,246.30	\$ 2,275,972.98	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5,553,219.28
Public Safety	\$ 22,588,045.38	\$ 1,989,376.40	\$ 521,180.85	\$ 25,098,602.63
Education	\$ -	\$ 80,014,151.00	\$ -	\$ 80,014,151.00
Public Works/Facilities	\$ 3,327,473.60	\$ 5,951,175.92	\$ 736,084.96	\$ 10,014,734.48
Health/Citizen Services	\$ 1,442,981.52	\$ 1,135,196.68	\$ -	\$ 2,578,178.20
Culture & Recreation	\$ 1,823,719.93	\$ 787,433.94	\$ 17,316.36	\$ 2,628,470.23
Debt & Interest	\$ -	\$ 8,309,200.00	\$ -	\$ 8,309,200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 9,041.80	\$ -	\$ 9,041.80
Employee Benefits	\$ 71,189.76	\$ 48,736,374.59	\$ -	\$ 48,807,564.35
Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Enterprise Accounts	\$ 6,712,432.67	\$ 19,455,070.91	\$ 18,231.00	\$ 26,185,734.58
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 39,193,089.16</b>	<b>\$ 168,667,994.22</b>	<b>\$ 1,342,813.17</b>	<b>\$ 209,203,896.55</b>

**Motion was made to approve the first reading and move to a second reading. So Voted.** Councilor Carr stated that she had a question regarding the readings and at what point something can be changed in these readings. Mayor Hoye stated that he is not going to add anything to the budget so that it won't change. She stated that she would like to adopt the budget the way that it is handed to the Council line by line. She had some questions about the way some things are presented in the budget. She asked when any kind of change could be made to the different items on the budget. Mayor Hoye stated that the problem is how it is advertised; it would probably cost thousands of dollars to re-advertise at this time. He stated that in the future if we want to present the budget a certain way he thinks that needs to be looked at. He thinks that for this year it would be somewhat chaotic to do that at this point. **Councilor Croteau motioned to have an opinion from the City Solicitor as to what implications are relative to transfer one line item to another if the budget is published as a line budget. So Voted.** He wanted to know if the Council has the authority to transfer money from one line to another or will it have to be re-advertised at any point during the year.

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to invite Miguel Garcia into the enclosure to present the letter that he submitted relative to the interpreter services that he was requesting that the Council put into the budget. So Voted.** Miguel Garcia, President of Latin Pass, 210 Middleboro Avenue, East Taunton and Alberto Rivas, Treasurer of Latin Pass were present to speak. He then read the communication that he submitted for the June 2, 2015 agenda which requested 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. Mayor Hoye stated that it is something that will be looked at in the near future as it is a much needed service. He would like to set that up in the next week or two where it could be figured out how much it could possibly cost and how it would work. Mayor Hoye thanked them both for all of their efforts. Councilor Croteau asked them if they have established their office in Taunton. He confirmed that it is located at 1 Taunton Green. He stated that he is inviting all of the City Councilors to a fundraiser for the Latin Pass which will be held next Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Hampton Inn. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer the interpreter services to the supplemental budget. So Voted.**

**New Business:**

**Council President Borges motioned to invite District Attorney Quinn to the Committee of the Whole for next Tuesday evening at 6:30PM. So Voted.**

**Council President Borges motioned to invite the Executive Director, Assistant Director and the Sanitary Food Inspector from the Board of Health to the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee of the Whole to have a discussion on permitting. Councilor Croteau asked that the Board of Health doctors be included. So Voted.** She stated that they spend a lot of time out there with different fundraisers and the proper permits that one needs to have whether it is private or public and whether tickets are sold or not. She thinks that it is important for them to talk to the Council about that so that the public knows exactly what they need to do in order to have functions.

Councilor Quinn stated that the Taunton Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will be held this Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> from 3PM overnight until Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at the BP Track.

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the street sweeper to the DPW on Kilton Street and Kilton Place. So Voted.**

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer the street sweeper to the DPW on Bay Street and the condition of the Goldstein's parking lot to the Parking Commission. So Voted.** Councilor Pottier stated that he heard today that the parking lot at Goldstein's is a municipal parking lot.

Councilor Pottier stated that he sent an email to the Councilors for educational purposes last week from Kevin Scanlon. It mentioned how the next step in the transition plan process is to have a public hearing to review the spreadsheets that he sent out to the Councilors. He stated that they are trying to set that up for Monday, June 22, 2015 at Temporary City Hall at 6PM. He stated that the only expectation is to present those spreadsheets which came back with a list broken up; he thinks there is one for public buildings, one from Parks, and one for the parking lot commission. It is just to review the lists and if there are any questions or anything that people of the community want to add they can bring it up then. He stated that the reason why

time is of the essence is because we are currently paying for the consultants with money that was encumbered from 2014 and he wants to make sure we can use the rest of that money in this fiscal year so it doesn't adversely impact FY16 budget. **Motion was made to set up the meeting for next Monday, June 22, 2015 at 6PM and that Kevin Scanlon makes sure that those files are on the City's website for people to access. So Voted.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer a pothole at the traffic light between Oak Street and Washington Street to the DPW to fill. So Voted.**

**Councilor Marshall motioned to refer traffic review at the corner of Cohannet Street and Taunton Green to the Committee on Police and License. So Voted.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to receive a copy of the full report from the Public Adjuster on the City Hall fire presented to the individual Councilors. So Voted.** She stated that there doesn't have to be a discussion on it.

Councilor Marshall wanted to let the Councilors know that they are working on the street sweeping bid which came back quite large and the DPW team is working with the Mayor's Office on what actually is available for funding and resend that out for bid or just carve out some of the streets. It will probably be central arteries first and then progress out.

**Council President Borges motioned to refer to the DPW to look at the rebar and pipes that are sticking up on Pleasant Street that could be dangerous. So Voted.**

**Council President Borges motioned to refer to the DPW to take a look at a huge hole with a cone in it on King's Court. So Voted.**

**Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the DPW an informal speed bump on Burt Street at Glebe Street. So Voted.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the DPW and the Trash Enforcement Officer the trash on the sidewalk at 11 Hodges Avenue and if the City cannot get in touch with the owner that the City remove it and takes whatever legal process has to be taken. So Voted.** She stated that it has been there for a while and is blocking the sidewalk.

Council President Borges thanked Councilor Cleary and the Elks Club for the Flag Day ceremony on Sunday, it was very educational.

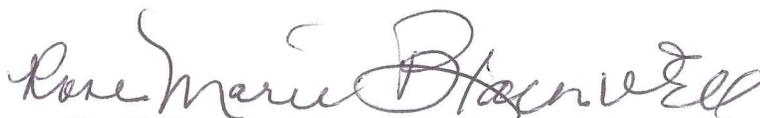
**Councilor Carr motioned to refer the intersection of Rt.44 and Richmond Street to the Safety Officer for evaluation. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

RMB/SJS

  
City Clerk

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JUNE 16, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

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

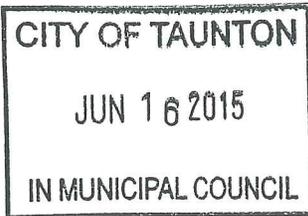
- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEELY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS  
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR CITY  
DEPARTMENTS. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:52 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JUNE 16, 2015

**THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS QUINN, MARSHALL, POTTIER AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WAS RISK MANAGER SUSAN BARBER

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:09 P.M.**

**1. MEET WITH RISK MANAGER TO DISCUSS INSURANCE FUND FROM CITY HALL FIRE**

THE RISK MANAGER REPORTED THAT WHEN THEY RECEIVED THE SETTLEMENT IT WAS BROKEN INTO 3 CATEGORIES. ONE WAS FOR THE BUILDING, WHICH HAD A BEGINNING BALANCE OF \$1,347,741.05. THE ONLY CHARGE OUT OF THAT ACCOUNT WAS FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY SO THERE IS A BALANCE OF \$956,886.05 NOW. THE SECOND ACCOUNT WAS THE CONTENTS, WHICH IS FOR THE ITEMS WITHIN CITY HALL THAT WERE DAMAGED BY THE FIRE. THAT AMOUNT WAS \$109,182.70 WITH A CURRENT BALANCE OF \$53,788.60. THE LAST ACCOUNT WAS WHAT THEY CONSIDERED EXTRA EXPENSES, WHICH WAS WHAT WAS NEEDED TO STAY AT MAXHAM SCHOOL BUILDING ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THAT WAS \$545,886.51 WITH A CURRENT BALANCE OF \$185,323.18. THE TOTAL INSURANCE SETTLEMENT FOR ALL 3 CATEGORIES WAS RIGHT AROUND 2 MILLION. MRS. BARBER SAID THEY DO HAVE SOME OUTSTANDING CLAIMS THAT ARE IN THE LITIGATION PROCESS RIGHT NOW WHICH ARE NOT ADDED IN.

COUNCILOR CARR ASKED IF THERE WERE SPECIFIC PARAMETERS OF WHAT COULD COME OUT OF EACH OF THESE ACCOUNTS AT THE BEGINNING. MRS. BARBER SAID IT WAS JUST HOW THE SETTLEMENT WAS BROKEN DOWN.

REGARDING THE CONTENTS ACCOUNT, MRS. BARBER SAID WHEN THE AUDITOR AND TREASURER WERE RELOCATED TO THIS BUILDING THERE WERE EXPENSES TO GET THEM SET UP HERE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT MOST OF THE MONEY SPENT HAS BEEN OUT OF THE EXTRA EXPENSE ACCOUNT. MRS. BARBER SAID THESE ARE THE MONTHLY EXPENSES THAT THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING SINCE THE FIRE TO BE HERE, AND CITY HALL HAS BEEN HERE FOR ALMOST 5 YEARS.

MRS. BARBER FURTHER SAID THAT THE WATER WAS SHUT OFF LAST YEAR AT THE 15 SUMMER STREET BUILDING, SO NOW THE ONLY 2 EXPENSES THEY HAVE BEEN PAYING SINCE ABOUT A YEAR AGO ARE THE STORAGE UNITS AND THE ELECTRIC BILL.

COUNCILOR CARR ASKED IF THE STORAGE UNITS ARE \$1500 A MONTH, TO WHICH MRS. BARBER SAID THEY USED TO BE \$1500 A MONTH BUT THEN MORE SPACE WAS NEEDED SO THEY ACQUIRED ANOTHER FLOOR. IT IS NOW \$2,062.50 A MONTH FOR THE STORAGE FACILITY.

QUESTIONED WAS WHAT IS IN THE STORAGE FACILITY AND IT WAS STATED THAT AS FAR AS MRS. BARBER KNOWS IT IS JUST RECORDS.

MRS. BARBER NOTED THAT THEY ARE SPENDING ABOUT \$2700 A MONTH TO STAY HERE RIGHT NOW, IF THEY INCUR ANY ADDITIONAL MONTHLY EXPENSES, THAT WILL CHANGE. THE BALANCE IS ONLY \$185,000.00 SO SHE IS NOT QUITE SURE HOW LONG THAT WILL LAST.

COUNCILOR QUINN ASKED WHAT WAS BEING PAID ON AN ONGOING BASES ON THIS PROPERTY (MAXHAM) OUT OF THAT ACCOUNT?

MRS. BARBER SAID JUST THE STORAGE BECAUSE SHE BELIEVES THE TMLP BILL IS FOR 15 SUMMER STREET. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT MOST OF THE EXPENSES WERE TO GET THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES UP AND RUNNING IN THIS BUILDING.

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED WHAT THE COSTS WERE, AND HOW WERE THEY PAID ASSOCIATED WITH AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRE, FOR THE DEMO WORK AND REMEDIATION WORK RIGHT AFTER THE FIRE. MRS. BARBER SAID THEY WERE PAID DIRECTLY BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY.

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED IF SHE KNEW THOSE COSTS, BUT SHE DID NOT HAVE THEM WITH HER.

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED TO HAVE THESE COSTS PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY – CONTINUED**

COUNCILOR POTTIER ALSO NOTED THAT IT WAS MENTIONED THAT IN THE STORAGE FACILITY THERE ARE RECORDS FOR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, SO HE ASKED ABOUT THE ARTIFACTS THAT WERE IN THE BUILDING SUCH AS THE PHOTOGRAPHS, SOME OF WHICH WERE HISTORICAL INCLUDING THE ONES OF THE MAYOR'S GOING BACK MANY YEARS, PAST COUNCILS, ETC. HE ASKED IF MRS. BARBER KNEW WHAT THE STATUS WAS OF THESE. SHE NOTED THAT IT WAS BEFORE SHE WAS RISK MANAGER.

**MOTION: THAT WAYNE WALKDEN, BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT, REPORT BACK INSOFAR AS THE SAFE KEEPING AND/OR THE STATUS OF THOSE ARTIFACTS THAT WERE AT CITY HALL AT 15 SUMMER STREET, WITHIN 2 WEEKS. SO VOTED.**

COUNCILOR MARSHALL NOTED THAT BASICALLY WE ARE SPENDING \$2700 A MONTH, SO ROUNDING THAT UP TO \$3000 A MONTH, IT WOULD GIVE US ABOUT ANOTHER 5 YEARS. MRS. BARBER SAID IT IS BETWEEN 6 AND 7 YEARS.

**MOTION: THAT WAYNE WALKDEN , BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT, INFORM THE COMMITTEE AS TO WHETHER THERE IS ANY CITY OWNED SPACE THAT COULD PROVIDE THE SAME AS THE STORAGE UNITS, A PUBLIC SPACE THAT THE ITEMS IN THE STORAGE UNITS COULD BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE PRIVATE STORAGE FACILITY. SO VOTED.**

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE STORAGE FACILITY BEING USED IS CLIMATE CONTROLLED AND IS ALSO SECURED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF THE COUNCIL COULD GET ALL THE DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER THAT THE CITY HIRED. WHAT SHE IS LOOKING FOR SPECIFICALLY IS THE INVENTORY OF WHAT THE CITY GOT FOR EQUIPMENT, FIXTURE LOSS, ETC. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF WHAT WAS LOST AND WHAT THE VALUES WERE ASSIGNED TO GET THAT SETTLEMENT. THIS IS FOR THE CONTENTS.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ALSO ASKED ABOUT TANKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOME OF THE FILES THAT ARE IN STORAGE SCANNED TO GET THEM ONTO SOME ELECTRONIC MEDIUM. SHE THOUGHT THAT THE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO RECEIVE A QUOTE ON THIS AND ACTUALLY WORK THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S OFFICE. SHE THOUGHT IT WAS ASKED A WHILE BACK FOR SOMEONE TO INTERFACE WITH THAT OFFICE AND GET THEIR INPUT AS TO WHAT WE CAN DO NOW THAT THINGS ARE OFF SITE. THERE IS SOME MONEY, AND MAYBE WE COULD USE SOME OF THE MONEY TO GET A QUOTE ON WHAT IT WOULD COST TO MAKE THE TRANSITION INTO SOME KIND OF ELECTRONIC STORAGE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ALSO SAID THAT SHE THOUGHT THE CLERK HAD SEPARATE STORAGE AT BRISTOL COUNTY SAVINGS BANK.

MRS. BARBER SAID THAT SHE HAS A VAULT THERE. THE BANK WAS KIND ENOUGH TO LET THE CITY USE ONE OF THEIR VAULTS FOR BIRTH RECORDS, DEATH RECORDS, ETC. SHE FURTHER NOTED THAT MOST OF THE THINGS ON WINTHROP STREET ARE PROBABLY CLOSED FILES.

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED IF COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON WANTED THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE A MOTION ON THIS, OR IF SHE WANTED TO JUST REFER IT TO THE MAYOR. SHE FURTHER NOTED THAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME REVENUE OR APPROPRIATION TO DO THAT. THE CHAIRMAN WOULD HAVE NO ISSUE WITH REFERRING THIS TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR CONSIDERATION.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID SHE WOULD MAKE A MOTION IN FULL COUNCIL.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED PROCEDURALLY HOW THE MONEY IS EXPENDED, AND WHO SIGNS OFF ON THE EXPENDITURES.

MRS. BARBER SAID THAT THESE ARE SPECIAL ACCOUNTS THAT THEY WERE SET UP BY THE AUDITOR, AND EXPENDITURES ARE SIGNED OFF BY THE LAW DEPARTMENT.

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THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY – CONTINUED

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT HIS RECOLLECTION IS THAT AT ONE POINT IN TIME THERE WAS \$5 MILLION AVAILABLE FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND THAT THE COST OF THE DEMOLITION WORK THAT WAS DONE AT CITY HALL TOGETHER WITH THE COST OF MOVING OVER HERE WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN \$1.5 AND \$2 MILLION. WHAT HE COULD DISCERN FROM MRS. BARBER'S REPORT WAS PROBABLY, AND SOUNDED TO HIM, LIKE A SECOND STAGE, THAT SHE WAS REPORTING WHAT HER EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN SINCE SHE TOOK OVER. HIS RECOLLECTION IS THAT THERE WAS A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL SOME YEARS AGO THAT STARTED OUT WITH \$5 MILLION, AND WELL IN EXCESS OF \$1.5 MILLION WAS SPENT ON THAT DEMOLITION AND MOVING TO THIS BUILDING, SO PERHAPS THEY SHOULD BE TALKING TO THE CITY AUDITOR AND THE CITY TREASURER.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU CONTINUED SAYING THAT HE ALSO REMEMBERS HEARING THAT THE MONEY THAT WAS LEFT, WHICH WAS WELL IN EXCESS OF \$1 MILLION WAS IN DANGER OF BEING LOST IF WE DID NOT DO SOMETHING WITH IT WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME. SOME OF THAT MAY ALL BE IN THE COURT ACTION THAT IS UNDERGOING. HE WOULD LIKE AN EXPLANATION OF THAT.

MRS. BARBER SAID THAT THE CITY DID NOT RECEIVE THE FULL \$5 MILLION. \$1.5 MILLION WAS HELD BACK FOR SOME OUTSTANDING CLAIMS AND THAT PART WAS IN LITIGATION RIGHT NOW.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT IT WAS BEING WITHHELD BECAUSE OF CLAIMS, BUT ALSO IF WE DID NOT DO SOMETHING WITH A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THAT MONEY WE WERE GOING TO LOSE IT.

MRS. BARBER SAID SHE DOES NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE DISCUSSING SOMETHING THAT IS IN LITIGATION, AND WOULD RATHER REFRAIN FROM THAT TOPIC RIGHT NOW.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP, AND AGAIN, THE DEMOLITION AND THE MOVE OVER HERE CAME TO CLOSE TO \$2 MILLION. MRS. BARBER SAID THAT WAS PAID DIRECTLY BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID WHETHER IT WAS PAID DIRECTLY BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY OR NOT, IT WAS A COST, IT IS LESS MONEY THE CITY HAS TO DEAL WITH. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RECORDS FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY.

IT WAS CLARIFIED BY COUNCILOR QUINN THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE THE INFORMATION REGARDING HOW MUCH WAS PAID FOR THE DEMOLITION PEOPLE DIRECTLY, HOW MUCH AND FOR WHAT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HE BELIEVES THIS REPORT WAS MADE TO THE CITY COUNCIL SOME TIME AGO. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE RECALLS THAT IT WAS CLEARLY STATED AT A PUBLIC MEETING THAT WE WERE IN DANGER OF LOSING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY IF WE DID NOT SPEND IT. THIS WAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CLAIMS. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE INSURANCE, AND IF 15 SUMMER STREET WAS STILL INSURED.

MRS. BARBER SAID YES IT IS INSURED FOR \$3.2 MILLION AS A VACANT BUILDING. THIS WAS ON THE ADVISE OF OUR CURRENT INSURANCE ADVISOR AND AGENT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU THEN NOTED THAT COUNCILOR POTTIER'S MOTION IS CRITICAL BECAUSE HE HAS HEARD THAT SOME OF THE ARTIFACTS HAD BEEN DESTROYED. SOME OF THE PICTURES, SUPPOSEDLY HAD BEEN ADVERSELY EFFECTED IN STORAGE. THAT REPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED WHAT THE PERCENTAGE WAS THAT THE CITY PAID FOR THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER'S SERVICES.

MRS. BARBER DID NOT HAVE THAT, BUT FROM THE BREAKDOWN, IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS 3% OF THE SETTLEMENT.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED IF THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER WAS STILL WORKING FOR US, TO WHICH MRS. BARBER STATED THAT HE WAS PAID A PORTION OF THE SETTLEMENT THAT THE CITY RECEIVED. THERE IS A PORTION OF THE SETTLEMENT THAT HAS BEEN WITHHELD AND IS IN LITIGATION. HIS WORK HAS

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**THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY – CONTINUED**

STAYED UNTIL THE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS ARE SETTLED.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID HE THINKS IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA, IF WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT CITY HALL, TO HAVE MR. WALKDEN HERE AND THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER SHOULD BE HERE SO THAT THE COUNCIL CAN ASK HIM ABOUT INSURANCE INFORMATION.

MRS. BARBER ASKED IF HE MEANT THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER OR INSURANCE ADVISER, BECAUSE THE ADJUSTER IS LOCATED IN NEW YORK. SHE FURTHER NOTED THAT OUR PUBLIC ADJUSTER IS ADJUSTERS INTERNATIONAL, OUR CURRENT INSURANCE COMPANY IS ZURICH AND OUR CURRENT INSURANCE ADVISOR IS BRADLEY SMITH. SHE FURTHER SAID THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER WAS BROUGHT IN FOR THE SETTLEMENT ONLY. THE INSURANCE SETTLEMENT WAS FOR \$4.8 MILLION, THE TOTAL ADVANCE PAYMENTS WAS \$2.8 MILLION, THE CHECKS THAT THE CITY RECEIVED WAS \$2 MILLION AND THE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS THAT ARE STILL IN LITIGATION ARE \$5 MILLION.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID WHAT HE WOULD SUGGEST, IF THE COUNCIL IS GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT CITY HALL AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE DOING, THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE OUR INSURANCE PERSON, TO HAVE THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER HERE BECAUSE HE IS GOING TO PUT FIGURES ON THE CONTENTS – HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST.

MRS. BARBER SAID THAT THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER IS OUT OF NEW YORK AND THE CITY WOULD HAVE TO PAY HIM TO COME HERE TO A PUBLIC MEETING.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THAT SHE THINKS THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER IS DONE. HE HAS DONE HIS PART, HE HELPED WITH THE SETTLEMENT.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT IN THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SHE WILL BE ASKING FOR THE ADJUSTER'S FULL REPORT, SO IF COUNCILOR MCCAUL SEES THE FULL REPORT AND HAS QUESTIONS, PERHAPS HE CAN ADDRESS THAT WITH MRS. BARBER. SHE WILL BE ASKING FOR THE FULL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER.

COUNCILOR QUINN STATED THAT REGARDING THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING SCANNING DOCUMENTS THAT ARE IN STORAGE, IT IS A GREAT IDEA AND WOULD REDEUCE THE PAPERS THAT ARE IN STORAGE, BUT IT IS TIME CONSUMING AND IS COSTLY. SHE DOES NOT THINK THE RISK MANAGER OR THE LAW DEPARTMENT HAS THE STAFF OR THE TIME TO DO THAT. COUNCILOR QUINN MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

**MOTION:           REFER THE ISSUE OF SCANNING DOCUMENTS THAT ARE IN STORAGE TO THE MAYOR TO SEE IF HE CAN COME UP WITH THE MONEY TO DO THIS, PERHAPS WITH A PART TIME PERSON. ALSO TO REFER THIS MATTER TO THE I.T. DEPARTMENT. SO VOTED..**

COUNCILOR QUINN ALSO SAID THAT SHE WAS NOT ON THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, BUT SHE HAS TO THINK THAT ALL OF THE ADJUSTER'S REPORTS MUST BE IN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL AND SHE WOULD HATE TO JUST REHASH THIS AGAIN. IT IS PUBLIC RECORD AND IS ACCESSIBLE, AND THAT IT COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY SOLICITOR OR RISK MANAGER. SHE IS SUPPORTIVE OF GETTING THE REPORTS TO SEE WHAT HAS BEEN PAID OUT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED THAT COUNCILOR POTTIER'S MOTION BE REFERRED TO THE CITY CLERK AND ASK HER FOR MINUTES OF ANY AND ALL MEETINGS REGARDING CITY HALL AND THE FIRE.

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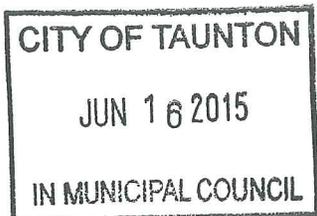
THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY – CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK