



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, June 17, 2014 at 9:35 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Walter Tereska, a long time Taunton Police Officer who passed away this week.

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 on Friday, June 27, 2014 fireworks will be held at Family 4th Night. There will be two bands performing, The Toe Jam Puppet Band and Soul City. The fireworks will be held at 9PM sharp. The rain date is Saturday, June 28, 2014. Families are welcome to bring a picnic and lawn chairs.

Appointments:

Reappointment of Peter C. Lamb of 651 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA to the License Commission for a period of three years. His term will expire June 2017. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Reappointment of Elizabeth Pottier of 42 Power Street, Taunton, MA to serve on the Board of Registrar of Voters for a period of four years. Her term will expire April 2018. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted. Councilor Pottier voting present.**

Reappointment of Carol Welch of 764 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA to serve on the Board of Registrar of Voters for a period of three years. Her term will expire June 2017. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Communications:

Com. from Building Commissioner regarding two applications for permits for Chateau Estates on 103 Hart Street. One permit is to demolish the fire damaged structure and the other to construct a new 24 unit apartment building. The demolition permit has been delayed pending completion of asbestos abatement. Also, the Building Department and Fire Department do not have any control of this building. Any residents wishing to access the structure for any reason should contact the property owner directly. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Barbara Monteiro, Secretary, Holy Ghost Society, Inc. extending an invitation to their 80th Annual Holy Ghost Feast. **Motion was made to receive and place on file and refer to Council President. So Voted.**

Com. from Caleb Burghardt, Meeting House Church, 239 Broadway, Taunton requesting to use the City Stage for a free outdoor concert featuring local bands on August 9th and for an outdoor service on August 10th. Mayor Hoye disclosed that he is not affiliated with this organization. The Meeting House Church is responsible for payment. A reference check will be done of the 3 bands for safety concerns. **Motion was made to approve and refer to the Police Chief to report back to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer within two weeks. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by David Spiegelman, 5 South Street, Canton requesting a new Second Hand Article License for User-Friendly Recycling LLC –dba- User-Friendly Electronics located at 336 Weir Street, 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.**

Claim submitted by Lucy Jorge, 85 Leahy Dr., Taunton seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained when she fell in a pothole on the street in front of her driveway at 122 School Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License, Police Chief and the 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:

Com. from Michael Horrigan, General Manager, TMLP - Submitting report of action on street lights. He recommended that the cost of lighting from Taunton Development/Mass Development Corp. be transferred to the City of Taunton. It will be looked into who is paying for the other poles in the Industrial Park and why twelve poles are needed. **Motion was made to continue for two weeks. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon wanted to make sure that all Councilors got the packet from the Police Chief announcing that the Committee on Police and License will be interviewing for two (2) new positions. They have been scheduled for the Committee meeting to be held next week.

Tabled from the Municipal Council Meeting of June 3, 2014

Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions

FY2015 Preliminary Budget for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

	<u>Salary & Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Expenses</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>
General Government	\$ 3,151,429.57	\$ 2,312,847.58	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 5,519,277.15
Public Safety	\$ 23,848,060.66	\$ 1,722,069.00	\$ 112,423.35	\$ 25,682,553.01
Education	\$ -	\$ 75,658,875.00	\$ -	\$ 75,658,875.00
Public Works/Facilities	\$ 3,201,603.31	\$ 5,409,103.76	\$ 622,134.96	\$ 9,232,842.03
Health/Citizen Services	\$ 1,406,450.06	\$ 1,098,568.68	\$ -	\$ 2,505,018.74
Culture & Recreation	\$ 1,727,935.41	\$ 743,695.55	\$ 22,170.00	\$ 2,493,800.96
Debt & Interest	\$ -	\$ 7,529,234.50	\$ -	\$ 7,529,234.50
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 9,041.80	\$ -	\$ 9,041.80
Employee Benefits	\$ 71,065.88	\$ 46,120,938.78	\$ -	\$ 46,192,004.66
Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ 9,851,770.00	\$ -	\$ 9,851,770.00
Enterprise Accounts	\$ 6,625,914.44	\$ 17,160,529.94	\$ 18,540.00	\$ 23,804,984.38
Total Budget	\$ 40,032,459.33	\$ 167,616,674.59	\$ 830,268.31	\$ 208,479,402.23

Motion was made to approve the first reading and move to a second reading. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that recently he was at the intersection of Arlington and Dean Streets and he witnessed a train pulling across the tracks and stopping traffic with no railroad crossing lights. **Motion was made to refer to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye will relay the concern to the D.O.T. He has a meeting with them tomorrow.

Councilor Borges stated that the Downtown Taunton Foundation is sponsoring a Free Movie Night featuring The Lego Movie on Church Green that will be held on Friday night at 8PM.

Councilor Quinn stated that this Friday night, the Relay for Life will be held at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School.

Councilor Quinn stated that she has received emails from students of Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School expressing concern about accidents and difficulty exiting the school at the County Street entrance onto Route 140. **Motion was made for Fred Cornaglia, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works to contact MassDOT on this matter and the Safety Officer to provide input on installing a traffic light at this intersection. Also, the Safety Officer is requested to speak with the traffic consultant for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe as they have already conducted studies on this area as well as the Poole and Hart Street school entrance. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul stated that the crosswalk at First Parish Church and Church Green is in need of being restriped. **Motion was made to refer to DPW. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul stated that the Southeastern Massachusetts Voices Against Violence is having a fundraiser on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the PACC. It is a chicken barbeque to help raise funds for their program.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that the work being done on West Britannia Street is a mess, with dirt everywhere and the area is being left open. Mr. Cornaglia spoke with the contractor on this matter, but nothing has been done. She stated that drivers are not being properly notified that they will encounter dirt in the roadway and she is concerned that these materials will go right into our manholes. **Motion was made to refer to the Assistant City Solicitor to look at the contract to be sure our contractors are actually buttoning up that work and whether we can require the contractor to do something better when they leave that site and that this matter also be referred to the Beta Group as we are paying this engineering firm who designed the project and has a resident engineer on site all the time. So Voted.**

Councilor Borges stated that the 25 miles per hour speed limit sign at 525 Burt Street near the sharp corner is missing. **Motion was made to refer to DPW and the Safety Officer to have it reinstalled. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr stated that during recent budget hearings with Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical High School's Superintendent Dr. Gross, she had questions regarding the admission of Dighton and Rehoboth to the district which the Superintendent could not answer. Councilor Croteau discussed how he questioned Dr. Gross about the common practice for districts to "buy in". Someone is to assess the value of the association at the time the school members are becoming members. They need to provide some money based on what the district is worth. Dr. Gross did not provide a response to this. **A motion was made to send a FOIA request to the Commissioner of Education, requesting any correspondence between the Department of Education Office, Dighton, Rehoboth, and Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School with regards to the entrance of those two towns into the district and any monies that have been paid or should have been paid to enter the district. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon discussed the water issues experienced by residents of 8, 10 and 14 Foss Street. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW to provide an update in three weeks. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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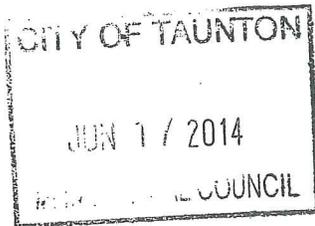
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

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 AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:56 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREW MARSHALL AND COUNCILORS BORGES, CARR, QUINN, MCCAUL, POTTIER, CROTEAU, COSTA-HANLON AND CLEARY. ALSO PRESENT WERE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR MARIA GOMES, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT JULIE HACKETT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS JOHN CABRAL, SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS CAROL DOHERTY, DAVID SOUZA, JOSEPH MARTIN, PETER CORR AND JORDAN FIORE, AND BUILDING COMMISSIONER WAYNE WALKDEN

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:06 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR FOR PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL 1144C, TAUNTON NURSING HOME

MRS. GOMES STATED THAT THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CONTRACT THAT RAN FROM JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013 IS 0%. THE SECOND YEAR OF THE CONTRACT WHICH IS THE FISCAL YEAR THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN AND ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2014 IS 3%. THE RETROACTIVE COST FOR THAT NUMBER FOR THE EMPLOYEES IN THIS PARTICULAR UNION AMOUNT TO \$62,842.08. YEAR 3 OF THE CONTRACT THERE WILL BE A 3% INCREASE. A TYPICAL PAYROLL FOR THIS UNION IS \$1.9 MILLION SO THE INCREASE WILL RANGE ANYWHERE, BASED ON OVERTIME, FROM \$55-\$65,000 FOR THE 3RD YEAR OF THE CONTRACT.

MOTION: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY NOTED THAT IT SEEMS THAT THERE ARE VERY FEW LANGUAGE CHANGES IN THE CONTRACT, BUT THE CHANGES SEEM TO DEAL WITH WORKING HOURS, OVERTIME, CALL BACKS. IT ALMOST READS AS IF THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THERE AND THE COMMITTEE MAY WANT MR. BRENNAN TO GIVE A PRESENTATION AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON.

MRS. GOMES STATED THAT ONE OF THE LARGEST ISSUES HAD TO DO WITH AN ARBITRATION PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, BUT THEY DID COME TO A COMPROMISE WHICH IS INCLUDED UNDER NO. 4.

THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WAS RATIFIED ABOUT 1 ½ MONTHS AGO AND WILL BE SIGNED AS SOON AS THE COUNCIL APPROVES IT.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. SO VOTED.

2. MEET WITH WAYNE WALKDEN AND THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TO CONTINUE TO DISCUSS NEEDED RENOVATIONS OF THE TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

MR. WALKDEN PROVIDED A HANDOUT OF A COST MATRIX SORTED BY TOTAL PROJECT COST OF 13 OPTIONS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ARCHITECT HAD MADE MENTION THAT THE WHENEVER THE PRESS BOX WAS TO BE LOCATED ON THE VISITORS SIDE IT WOULD BE AT GRADE LEVEL. THIS IS INCORRECT. IT WOULD BE LOCATED AT 7.5 FEET OFF THE GROUND, NOT AT GRADE AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.

MR. WALKDEN NOTED THAT SOME OF THE OPTIONS CALL FOR THE BLEACHERS TO BE RENOVATED OR DEMLOISHED. HE FURTHER STATED THAT EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. HACKETT RESULTED IN PUTTING TOGETHER SOME IDEAS OF WHAT REALLY MADE SENSE FOR THAT STADIUM.

MR. WALKDEN NOTED THAT THE PRICE RANGES FROM \$3.4 MILLION ALL THE WAY DOWN TO \$2 MILLION. MR. WALKDEN ALSO SAID TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE WAS AN OPTION DONE IN 2010, PLANS ABOUT 60% FINISHED THAT CALLED FOR THE VISITORS AND THE HOME TO ALL BE MINGLED ON 1 SIDE SEPARATED BY A FENCE. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BLEACHERS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE, AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRESS BOX ON THAT SIDE. THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO

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BE A DESIRABLE OPTION AT THIS POINT. THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED A PARTICULAR OPTION WHICH IS 1A.

MR. WALKDEN SAID THE 1A OPTION CALLS FOR AN ALL NEW PRESS BOX TO BE LOCATED ON THE HOME SIDE ABOVE THE BLEACHERS. THIS WAS TO INCLUDE AN ELEVATOR AS OPPOSED TO A LULA WHICH IS A LIGHTER CAPACITY ELEVATOR, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BLEACHERS IS TO BE STEEL.

MR. WALKDEN SAID THE PRICE COULD BE LOWERED IF YOU CONSIDERED OPTION 1B WHICH WAS ALUMINUM. THE PRICE COULD BE REDUCED ANOTHER \$200,000.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER DAVID SOUZA STATED THAT THEY HAVE HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OPTION 1A AND 1B AS FAR AS THE STEEL AND ALUMINUM FOR THE BLEACHERS. HE BELIEVES THE CONCERN IS THAT WITH THE ALUMINUM BLEACHERS YOU CANNOT HAVE STORAGE OR ANTHING UNDERNEATH THEM BUT YOU CAN WITH STEEL.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT THE COUNCIL JUST SPENT A LONG TIME DISCUSSING THE BUDGET AND HOW TIGHT MONEY IS. IN HIS OPINION HE HAS NO REAL INTEREST IN TRYING TO DESIGN SOMETHING WITH AN ELEVATOR. HE FEELS THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE THAT IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF A PRESS BOX WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE EXPENSES OF AN ELEVATOR.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ALSO THOUGHT THAT THE ARCHITECTS WOULD BE HERE TO ASSIST IN BRING THIS PROJECT TO A CLOSE. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD EXPECT THE ARCHITECTS TO DESIGN A BATHROOM COMPLEX THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF BOTH THE VISITORS AND THE HOME PEOPLE, MAYBE ON THE END SOMEPLACE SO THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO OPEN UP POLE SCHOOL. PUT IT SOMEPLACE WHERE BOTH VISITORS AND HOME PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO THE FACILITIES. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE THE VISITORS BLEACHERS REHABED. HE WOULD LIKE TO LOCATE, WITH THAT HUGE COMPLEX OF BLEACHERS ON THE HOME SIDE, TO DESIGN A PRESS BOX THAT WOULD BE IN THE MIDDLE, WHICH IS ABOUT 6-8 FEET OFF THE GROUND AND BE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE WITH A RAMP, AND WOULD NOT CAUSE A LOT OF BLIND SPOTS FOR THE SPECTATORS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A HANDICAP RAMP THERE AND ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE TEAM ROOMS WITH LIMITED BUT SOME RESTROOM FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYERS. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HANDICAPPED PARKING INSIDE THERE SOMEPLACE. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE PARAMETERS PRESENTED TO THE ARCHITECT AND HAVE THEM COME UP WITH SOMETHING LESS COSTLY BUT MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER FIORE STATED THAT THE RESTROOMS IN THE END ZONE IS SOMEWHAT APPEALING. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA ASSUMING IT MEETS CODES REGARDING DISTANCES, TO ELIMINATE THE POLE SCHOOL FACTOR. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THEY HAVE DECIDED AGAINST DOING ANY KIND OF RENOVATION BECAUSE RENOVATIONS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE THEN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MAY HAVE MORE LIMITATIONS ON LIFE AS THERE IS ALREADY SOME KIND OF WEAR FACTOR. IN TERMS OF BOTH COST EFFICIENCY AND ENDURANCE THEY THOUGHT THAT NEW CONSTRUCTION WAS BETTER. THAT IS WHY THEY DID NOT CONSIDER RENOVATING THE VISITORS SIDE. HE SAID THAT MOST HAD A DISAGREEMENT WITH THE IDEA OF HAVING THE PRESS BOX ANYWHERE OTHER THAN THE TOP OF THE STANDS. HE RECALLS THAT THE ARCHITECTS WERE NOT VERY FAVORABLE TOWARD ANY IDEA TOWARD RAMPING WITH THE PRESS BOX NO MATTER WHAT LEVEL IT WAS LOCATED AT. THEY DID NOT FEEL THAT A RAMP WAS A PROPER AND SAFE ACCESS TO THE PRESS BOX. THE ELEVATOR MAY BE EXPENSIVE BUT IT IS ALSO ONE THAT IS RECOMMENDED, AND IF DONE PROPERLY MAY BE THE MOST COST EFFICIENT AND SAFEST.

DR. HACKETT STATED THAT THE QUESTION IS HOW MUCH IS IT GOING TO BE TO DO THIS RIGHT. WE MAY HAVE TO SPEND MORE TO DO IT RIGHT. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE STADIUM, IT IS \$2.5 MILLION VS. \$3 MILLION. THEY ASKED FOR DIFFERENT OPTIONS AND GOT THE NUMBERS. RENOVATING THE BLEACHERS IS NOT GOING TO SAVE A LOT OF MONEY. THE LULA VS. ELEVATOR IS A \$50,000 DIFFERENCE. SHE FEELS THAT OPTION 1A IS THE BEST OPTION.

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MOTION: THAT THE COST MATRIX PROVIDED BY MR. WALKDEN BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT SHE IS NOT LOOKING TO RENOVATE AS YOU RUN INTO ISSUES. SHE STATED THAT SHE DOES NOT THINK THE COST OF THE STEEL VS. ALUMINUM BARES ITSELF OUT. SHE IS LOOKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF OPTION 1.B. THIS IS STILL \$2.8 MILLION, WHICH SHE STILL FEELS IS REALLY HIGH. SHE WOULD EVEN BE WILLING TO LOOK AT 1.D WHICH IS THE LULA INSTEAD OF THE ELEVATOR. IF THE PRESS BOX HAS TO BE IN THE AIR THOSE ARE THE 2 SHE WOULD GO WITH, OTHERWISE, SHE WOULD HAVE TO DEFER TO MR. WALKDEN. SHE IS NOT COMFORTABLE HAVING THE PRESS BOX GROUND LEVEL, BUT NOW SHE IS HEARING THAT IT WILL BE 7.5 FEET IN THE AIR. MR. WALKDEN SAID IT MAKES SENSE TO ELEVATE THE PRESS BOX.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON NOTED THAT COYLE CASSIDY USES THE FIELD AT HOPEWELL. THERE IS NO PRESS BOX THERE AND IT MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE AND ADA ACCESSIBLE. SHE ASKED WHAT THE CAPACITY IS THERE.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT HE IS LEANING TO OPTION 1.B. HE DID QUESTION HOW THEY CAME UP WITH THE NUMBER OF SEATS.

MR. WALKDEN SAID IT WAS DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID HE THINKS 600 SEATS FOR THE VISITORS IS EXTENSIVE. IT SEEMS THEY MAY BE USED ONCE A YEAR. COUNCILOR MARSHALL ALSO NOTED THAT HE WAS AT A PARK WHERE THEY HAD HYDROLIC BLEACHERS THAT ARE PORTABLE. THEY ARE ON WHEELS, THEY ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE AND COULD PROBABLY SEAT 250 PEOPLE. ALL THEY DID WAS PUT DOWN A CRUSHED GRAVEL PAD. OUR BLEACHERS ARE OPEN UNDERNEATH, THESE ARE COMPLETELY COVERED. HE ASKED IF THIS CAN BE DONE FOR THE VISITORS SIDE. HE ALSO ASKED IF THEY COULD BE MOVED SO THEY WOULD BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BATHROOM DISTANCE SO AS NOT TO USE POLE SCHOOL.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT COMMITTED \$500,000 FOR OPTION 1A ONLY. THEY WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD TO PROVIDE THIS FOR ANY OTHER OPTION.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL NOTED THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1A AND 1B IS STEEL VS. ALUMINUM. THAT IS THE ONLY DIFFERENCE. THIS IS ONLY THE SUB-STRUCTURE BECAUSE EVEN THE STEEL BLEACHERS HAVE ALUMINUM BENCHES.

COUNCILOR BORGES STATED THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THE NEED, SHE CANNOT JUSTIFY \$3.2 MILLION WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER NEEDS WITHIN THE CITY, AND ONE THING SHE WAS NOT AWARE OF WAS THAT THE \$500,00 WAS NOT COMMITTED FOR ANY OTHER OPTIONS. SHE THOUGHT THAT 1B WAS PROBABLY THE BETTER OPTION.

COUNCILOR QUINN STATED THAT SHE IS STRUGGLING WITH THE OVERALL PRICE. TO SPEND \$3.2 OR \$2.8 MILLION WHEN WE CANNOT EVEN MEET 100% NET SCHOOL SPENDING AND THE COUNCIL SPENT THE LAST WEEK HEARING THAT EVERY DEPARTMENT HAS SIGNIFICANT NEEDS. HER THOUGHT WOULD BE TO ELIMINATE THE BLEACHERS FOR THE VISITORS, SHE IS CONCERNED WITH THE MAINTENANCE COSTS AND THE COST OF HAVING A PERSON AT POLE SCHOOL TO BE OPEN FOR THE BATHROOM USE, AND SHE IS ALSO CONCERNED WITH VANDALISM AT THE SCHOOL WITH PEOPLE GOING IN AND OUT OF THERE. SHE WOULD LOOK TO OPTION 1B ASSUMING THAT THEY COULD STILL USE THE \$500,000 FROM THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. SHE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF 1A.

COUNCILOR POTTIER ASKED THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PRESS BOX AND WHAT IS IN THE BOX. HE ALSO QUESTIONED HOW MANY TIMES PER YEAR IT IS USED, AND THAT IT COMES DOWN TO PRIORITIES.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU WANTED TO REVIEW THE NUMBERS. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT \$3.2 MILLION WHICH WAS A \$2.5 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH \$700,000 SOFT COST.

DR. HACKETT SAID YES.

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COUNCILOR CROTEAU THEN ASKED, WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT \$2.8 MILLION, THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SOFT COSTS, IS THAT CORRECT.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID WITH THE 1B PROPOSAL, HE BELIEVES THAT THE \$2.8 MILLION INCLUDED THE CONTINGENCY AND THE SOFT COSTS.

HE STATED THAT THE PREFERRED PROJECT IS \$3.2 MILLION.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE AGREES WITH THE CONCEPT, THAT HE IS LEARY ABOUT A LULA. HE ASKED HOW MANY BATHROOMS WERE GOING TO BE BELOW THE BLEACHERS.

MR. WALKDEN DID NOT RECALL. HE HAS THE NUMBER IS IN HIS OFFICE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED IF THE BATHROOMS WERE NOT BELOW THE BLEACHERS WOULD IT REDUCE THE COST OF THE BLEACHERS.

MR. WALKDEN SAID YES.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE OBJECTS TO THE \$700,000 IN SOFT COSTS.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON NOTED THAT IT IS HER UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY PERMIT IF THE STADIUM ISSUE IS NOT ADDRESSED.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE HAS SOME OF THE SAME CONCERNS AS OTHER COUNCILORS. SHE ASKED MR. WALKDEN, REGARDING OPTION 2.E. WHERE IT SAYS BLEACHERS AT HOME AND VISITORS. ARE THE BLEACHERS ON EACH SIDE OR ARE THEY BOTH ON ONE SIDE.

SHE ASKED IF THERE WAS AN OPTION ON THE SHEET THAT HAS EVERYTHING NEW BUT ALL ON ONE SIDE, EXCEPT FOR THE PRESS BOX BEING ON THE VISITORS SIDE, WHAT IS NOW THE VISITORS SIDE.

MR. WALKDEN SAID 1B YOU WOULD HAVE THE PRESS BOX ON THE HOME SIDE, VISITORS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE AND THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE THE POLE SCHOOL BUILDING.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THAT SHE DID NOT WANT THAT. SHE WANTS ALL THE SEATING ON 1 SIDE, THE BATHROOMS ON 1 SIDE, ALL OF IT NEW, AND SHE WANTS THE PRESS BOX ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT IF THE PRESS BOX IS ON THE VISITORS SIDE YOU WOULD STILL NEED TO USE THE POLE SCHOOL BATHROOMS. ALSO YOU WOULD NEED TO TEAR DOWN THE VISITORS BLEACHERS.

AS FAR AS MAINTANCE, COUNCILOR CARR HAS NO COMFORT LEVEL AS THE CITY HAS SCHOOLS WITH LEAKING ROOFS, FIRE STATIONS IN DISREPAIR, AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE MAYOR SAY WHERE THE MONEY IS COMING FROM TO BOND THIS.

THE MAYOR SAID THAT THE TREASURER PROVIDED A BOND SCHEDULE. HE WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO MAKE A DECISION, AND THAT WHATEVER IS DONE THAT WE DO IT RIGHT. HE NOTED THAT A DECISION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE TONIGHT BUT HE ASKED FOR A FIXED DAY IN ORDER TO MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT HER INSTINCT IS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A STADIUM THAT COMPLIES WITH THE LAW, ALLOWS US TO USE IT, ALLOWS A PERMANENT OCCUPANCY PERMIT, BUT THE ISSUES WE HAVE IN THE CITY AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IS GOING TO DEPEND ON WHICH OPTION SHE VOTES FOR. IF THERE IS A MILLION DOLLAR DIFFERENCE IN ONE OPTION OR ANOTHER, SHE DOES NOT KNOW HOW SHE COULD VOTE FOR THAT, IF YOU ARE TALKING \$10-\$20,000 THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER STORY. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE POLE SCHOOL NOT USED AT ALL DUE TO THE WEAR AND TEAR AND MAINTENANCE ON THAT FACILITY AS WELL AS OPENING IT UP TO VANDALISM.

SHE ASKED MR. WALKDEN IF WE BUILD BLEACHERS ON THE VISITORS SIDE OF THE FIELD DOWN THE ROAD, WOULD WE HAVE TO BUILD BATHROOMS ALSO. MR. WALKDEN SAID YES. THEN SHE STATED THAT WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT NOT USING THAT SIDE OF THE FIELD IF WE DO NOT HAVE TO. SHE ALSO SAID IF A PRESS BOX CAN BE BUILT WITHOUT AN ELEVATOR SHE WOULD FEEL BETTER ABOUT THAT. SHE IS INCLINED TO GO WITH ONE OF THE LESSER COST OPTIONS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER JOSEPH MARTIN STATED THAT THIS STADIUM IS NOT JUST USED FOR FOOTBALL, IT IS USED FOR SOCCER, TRACK, ETC. BUT CANNOT HOST ANYTHING NOW DUE TO ITS

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CONDITION. IT IS NOT BEING UTILIZED AS MUCH AS IT COULD BE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ONE OF THE CONCERNS IS THE BATHROOMS AT POLE SCHOOL. HE ASKED WHAT IF WE EXCLUDED THE BLEACHERS ON THE VISITORS SIDE, WOULD IT EXCLUDE THE BATHROOMS AT POLE SCHOOL. MR. WALKDEN SAID YES.

MR. MARTIN ASKED WHAT IF WE WERE TO HAVE THE PORTABLE BLEACHERS ON WHEELS, IF WE WERE TO BRING THEM IN FOR AN EVENT, AND JUST ADD PORT-A-JOHNS.

MR. WALKDEN SAID HE DOES NOT THINK THIS COULD BE APPROVED IN WRITING.

MR. MARTIN SAID WE WOULD LEAVE THE HOMESIDE NUMBER OF SEATS THE WAY IT IS.

AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT SHE WAS GOING TO MAKE A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS AS MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT HE FEELS THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE THIS BUT THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO MAKE A DECISION. HE DOES FEEL THAT WE MAY ALREADY BE IN JEOPARDY OF LOSING THE FALL SEASON.

COUNCILOR BORGES ASKED IF THE CONCERNS BETWEEN OPTIONS 1A AND 1B ARE JUST BECAUSE OF THEFT AND POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE STORAGE.

DR. HACKETT SAID THEY WERE LOOKING AT LONG TERM DURABILITY.

COUNCILOR BORGES ASKED THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND POSSIBLY LOOK AT OPTION 1B WITH STILL CONTRIBUTING THAT \$500,000.

DISCUSSED WAS THAT A COST FOR PORTABLE BLEACHERS WOULD BE NEEDED.

MR. WALKDEN ASKED TO POSSIBLY NARROW THIS DOWN, TO CONSIDER OPTION 1B ALSO TO INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF THE 600 SEAT RENOVATION OF THE VISITORS SIDE. IF WE COULD DEMOLISH THE BLEACHERS ON THE VISITORS SIDE, THERE WOULD BE A CLEAN SITE AND WOULD BE READY FOR WHATEVER YOU MAY WANT TO DO DOWN THE ROAD. YOU WOULD END UP WITH 1420 SEATS ON THE HOME SIDE. IT WOULD BE LESS MONEY.

MOTION: TO APPROVE OPTION 1B FOR \$2,891,698.47 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGREES TO THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 TOWARDS THIS PROJECT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$2,391,698.47 WITH THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS COMING FROM THE CITY.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED TO ADD TO THE MOTION TO LOOK AT THE PORTABLE BLEACHERS AND COME BACK IN 2 WEEKS FOR A FINAL DECISION FROM BOTH BOARDS.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT HE WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION BECAUSE HE IS LOOKING AT OPTION 3A.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ALSO STATED THAT SHE WILL NOT VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO APPROVE \$2.8 MILLION. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS MATTER CONTINUED FOR 2 WEEKS, TO SEE 1B HOWEVER SHE WANTS TO SEE THE PRICE WITH THE 600 SEATS ON THE VISITORS SIDE REMOVED AND SHE WANTED TO ALSO NEGOTIATE ON THE SOFT COSTS. SHE DOES NOT THINK THAT WE ARE BEING FORCEFUL ENOUGH WITH THE ARCHITECT. SHE ALSO WANTS A VOTE FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT THE \$500,000 WILL BE ON THE TABLE NO MATTER WHAT OPTION IS CHOSEN. SHE WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PORTABLE BLEACHERS.

COUNCILOR BORGES WITHDREW THE ABOVE MOTION. SHE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON IS LOOKING FOR A VOTE FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRIOR TO CONTINUING THIS FOR ANOTHER 2 WEEKS. WHAT OPTION ARE WE TALKING ABOUT AS THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT OPTION TO VOTE ON. SHE DOES NOT WANT TO CONTINUE THIS AGAIN NOT KNOWING WHAT THE ANSWER IS FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL WITHDREW HIS SECOND ON THE ABOVE MOTION.

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COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED WHAT THE AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IS BECAUSE HE HAS NEVER SEEN MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE ON THE VISITOR SIDE OF THE FIELD. OTHER THAN THANKSGIVING THE BLEACHERS WERE NOT FULL. HE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INTO THE PORTABLE BLEACHERS ALSO.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING:

A 2 WEEK CONTINUANCE AND REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: (1) THE COUNCIL GET THE DEBT SCHEDULE ON EVERYWHERE FROM \$3.4 MILLION ON DOWN TO \$2 MILLION, BECAUSE HE COULD NOT VOTE TONIGHT UNLESS HE KNEW THIS. (2) OBVIOUSLY WE SHOULD LOOK INTO THE PORTABLE BLEACHERS. MR. WALKDEN IS TO LOOK INTO THIS. (3) ATTENDEE NUMBERS AT THE GAMES. (4) WHATEVER OPTION IS PUT ON THE TABLE IT IS TO BE CLEAR AS TO HOW MUCH THE OPTION IS, CONSTRUCTION, AND HOW MUCH IS SOFT, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS AROUND THIS CONTINGENCY NUMBER AND THE SOFT COSTS FROM THE ARCHITECT.

COUNCILOR QUINN STATED JUST TO BE CLEAR, THE ELIMINATION OF THE 600 SEATS.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID YES THIS IS PART OF THE INFORMATION.

COUNCILOR CARR ALSO WANTED INFORMATION REGARDING PUTTING THE BATHROOMS AS YOU WALK IN, ALMOST BEHIND THE GOAL POST AREA, OR IN THE BACK END ZONE SO THE DISTANCE COMPLIES.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL STATED THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE COUNCIL IS GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THIS WITHIN 3 WEEKS. AS 2 WEEKS WILL BE THE MONDAY MORNING SO IT WILL BE IN 3 WEEKS. ALSO HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR A COMMITMENT FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO COMMIT THE \$500,000.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID THAT HE WOULD BE LOOKING FOR A COMMITMENT FROM THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO PROVIDE THE \$500,000 REGARDLESS OF THE OPTION.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE THE ARCHITECT HERE IN 3 WEEKS ALSO.

COUNCILOR CARR MOVED THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED.

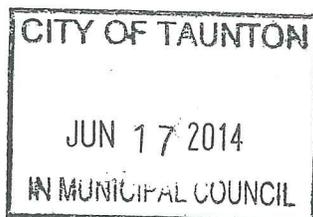
COUNCILOR BORGES ASKED TO HAVE THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED TO THE ARCHITECT PRIOR TO THE MEETING IN 3 WEEKS.

DR. HACKETT STATED THAT IT IS UNFAIR TO ASK THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO COMMIT \$500,000 TO ANY OPTION. SHE FEELS CLARIFICATION ON AN OPTION WOULD BE A MORE FAIR WAY TO APPROACH IT.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID THAT IN FAIRNESS TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT THEY GIVE 4-5 OPTIONS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT..

THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK