



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, June 23, 2015 at 7:25 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding*

*Mayor Hoye's daughters led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

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

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

**Hearing:** On the petition submitted by the City of Taunton, Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak St., Taunton relative to: Proposed Changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance Floodplains and Administrative Changes dated March 10, 2015. **Motion was made to open the hearing and invite the City Planner, Kevin Scanlon and the City Engineer, Mark Slusarz into the enclosure. So Voted.** Proposed Zoning Changes to the City of Taunton Zoning Ordinance Dated March 10, 2015. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board submitting a positive recommendation and departmental comments. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Councilor Carr asked Mr. Scanlon if this is something that the Federal Government is requiring the City to do. He stated that it is. She asked if the Council has the option to vote no. He stated that if the Council does not adopt it then the City will be suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program and anyone who has bought insurance, which is required throughout the City, would have their policy suspended. She asked if the flood plain will be drawn by the core of engineers. He confirmed. Councilor Quinn asked if the flood plain districts described are the same as they are in the existing except for elevation. The City Engineer stated that yes, for the most part, the elevation changes require a more accurate mapping by the new studies. He stated that the flood plain districts themselves have not changed at all. Councilor McCaul asked how often the flood plains get updated. The City Engineer stated that they get updated when there is a need for it. Councilor McCaul asked when the last time the flood plain did get updated. The City Engineer stated that he believes it was last done in 2007. Councilor Pottier asked if FEMA is the agency that this falls under. The City Planner confirmed. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that we all know that the flood plain has been moving and most of the elevations are including more area. The flood plain is increasing in the City based on the surveys. The City Engineer stated that in some areas the elevation went down. He discussed how prior to this there was inaccurate mapping. She stated that the real implication for property owners in the flood plain is the FEMA insurance requirement. She stated that there is a right to appeal for homeowners and she thinks that the City should have some kind of information on the website to let people

know. She asked Kevin Scanlon to put something on his site that links to the appeal process or whatever homeowners can do for their private information. She asked, based on these changes, if there is a list of any City owned properties affected that the Council should be aware of for insurance. The City Engineer stated that there are a number of properties that are in the flood zone but they always were, they have not changed. **Motion was made to make the certified letter sent to the Mayor from FEMA dated June 1, 2015 that the City Planner handed out as part of the record. So Voted.** Council President Borges wanted to let people know that their insurance companies will also let you know about the appeal process. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she is talking about when you are a homeowner and you think that you are not in a flood plain and the insurance company is saying that you are. She discussed how once this is approved there is only a certain window of time. Mayor Hoyer stated that he believes that you are only required to have flood insurance if you have a mortgage and are located in a flood plain. Councilor Marshall stated that if you are in a flood plain you need flood insurance. He asked if the homeowners or the parcel owners that will now be in the new flood plain have received notice of that. The City Engineer stated that they haven't and doesn't think that they will until it is approved. Councilor Marshall asked if FEMA has supplied him with any numbers of new parcels that will now be considered part of the flood plain. He stated that he may have a list and if not, he could get one. Councilor Marshall stated that the list should be published so that the owners of the new parcels can be notified. He asked the City Planner what the administrative changes are. He stated that the first page and the first three lines of the second page are the administrative changes. He discussed the regulations for mobile homes and unregistered cars. He stated that all of the changes were dictated by FEMA. Councilor Croteau stated that the Council is approving only what the Federal Government requires and that they could make the regulations even stronger as he understands it. He stated that he had a question that Councilor Marshall addressed to some extent about what the ultimate impact would be. He doesn't believe that there will be a major impact on the residents in the City. He asked since the elevation has changed if all of the houses that were in a flood plain are still in the flood plain. The City Engineer stated that some came in and some came out. Councilor Croteau asked who will notify the ones that are coming off of the flood plain. The City Engineer stated that it is probably even more important to notify them than the people going in. The insurance companies or banks will notify the people coming in. Councilor Croteau asked how the people will be notified. The City Engineer stated that they do not have a program for that right now. **Councilor Croteau motioned to have a list of all of the people who will no longer be in the flood plain and a list of all of the people who are now going to be in the flood plain within 30 days. So Voted.** He asked if this would be a 100 year flood plain. The City Engineer confirmed. Councilor Cleary stated that there is a problem with 13.10, 422. The 20 should be crossed off of 2014. He agreed. There was nobody present to speak in favor or opposition of the petition. **Councilor Marshall motioned that the hearing be closed, petition granted with the two lists that Councilor Croteau mentioned within 30 days be published on the website. So Voted.**

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Hoyer stated that there will be a Prayer Vigil for Peace tomorrow evening at the First Parish Church at 7pm in remembrance of the tragedy at the Emmanuel Church in Charleston and also violence across the nation. He stated that all are invited to attend and

weather permitting there will also be a candlelight procession to the Taunton Green. He thanked Marilyn Greene, DPW, Building Department and all of the City departments that assisted in the successful opening of the spray park yesterday which is a beautiful facility. He stated that this Friday, June 26, 2015 is the traditional Family 4<sup>th</sup> Night at Hopewell Park. Red Velvet Sounds and the Julie & Brownie Show will be performing. The fireworks will begin sharply at 9pm. He stated that the fireworks have been moved from Taunton State Hospital Grounds to lower Hopewell Park. A portion of the park will be barricaded so there should be no visibility issues this year. He stated that all are welcome and it has been a fantastic event over the past couple years and it will be this year. The rain date is Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Communications from City Officers:**

Com. from City Solicitor regarding dangerous and blighted structures at 52 Washington St. He is requesting that the Municipal Council immediately approve the transfer of \$54,170.41 from the Reserve Account to the Law Department-Professional and Technical Account so as to enable the Building Commissioner to expeditiously proceed with removing the dangerous and blighted structures. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health requesting the re-approval of the existing asbestos revolving account for the Board of Health for FY16. The expected spending is not to exceed the amount of \$10,000.00. **Motion was made to approve and receive a report on the current balance. 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 FY16. The expected spending is not to exceed the amount of \$70,000.00. **Motion was made to approve and receive a report on the current balance. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director, Board of Health requesting the re-approval of the existing flu clinic/nursing revolving account for the Board of Health for FY16. The expected spending is not to exceed the amount of \$30,000.00. **Motion was made to approve and receive a report on the current balance. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they have received a Modification of a Site Plan Review for property at 255 Cape Highway. The modification is the addition of a private upstairs office (365 sq.ft) 2<sup>nd</sup> floor storage area (3,450 sq. ft.) and additional cooler space (totaling 1,690 sq.ft.) submitted by Marmar Real Estate Group LLC. The DIRB will meet on this on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer Street, Annex Bldg., and then the Planning Board will meet on this proposal on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM at Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they received a Form J – Waiver of Frontage – for the re-configuration of 7 lots into 6 lots – for property on Pinehurst Street known on Assessor’s Reference 91-285, 91-288, 91-289 and 91-290. This property received ZBA approval Case#3256, submitted by Paul Cruise, Executor of

the Estate of Francisco DaCruz, 384 Smith Neck Rd., So. Dartmouth, Ma. A Roadway Improvement Plan was also received for the above mention parcels. The proposal is to improve 451 feet of roadway with recycled asphalt 20 feet in width for 6 residential lots. The Planning Board will review both of these proposals on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at 5:30pm in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers, Maxham School, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

**Communications from Citizens:**

Com. from Colleen Simmons, Director, Downtown Taunton Foundation, 8 Trescott St. Suite 1, Taunton requesting use of the portable stage and a waiver of the fee. The two summer concerts will be held on July 10, 2015 and August 14, 2015. **Motion was made to approve, waive the fee and notify the DPW. So Voted.**

Com. from Donna Maher, Chief Operating Officer, Morton Hospital, 88 Washington St., Taunton requesting consideration for two alternate street parking options. The first option is to extend the no street parking restrictions to include the area opposite the new entrance from North Pleasant Street. The second option is to consider restricting parking opposite their future entrance while restoring street parking opposite their current (soon to be relocated) entrance in an effort to offset the loss of parking associated with these new restrictions. **Councilor Marshall motioned to refer to the Committee on Police and License, Police Chief and the Safety Officer for their recommendation and invite Morton Hospital Executives to a Council meeting to discuss this. So Voted.**

**Petitions:**

Claim submitted by Max Chronister, 10 Kilton St., Taunton requesting reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole in the road on Court Street in front of the Boys and Girls Club. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Brooke Richards, 75 Linden St., Taunton requesting reimbursement for damages to her automobile from work being performed on Linden Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department 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:**

Councilor McCaul stated that back on September 13, 2013 there was a discussion about double poles in our City. He stated that there are over 100 double poles out there and they should have been fined daily if they weren't removed. Councilor Cleary stated that it was a motion made by Councilor Marshall that did not pass. **Councilor McCaul motioned to have Verizon & TMLP come in front of the Council to see what the delay is and why they are not removing double poles as requested by the Council. Councilor Croteau motioned to get the information from the TMLP first. Councilor Marshall motioned to invite the Assistant City Solicitor to the meeting. So Voted.** Councilor Croteau stated that the Council had a session a few years ago with Verizon and

the Verizon Corporate Officer said that there were 6 situations, subsequent to that, TMLP did a survey and the number came back at 60, not 6. He thinks that the Council should ask TMLP and then ask Verizon Corporate to come in again. Mayor Hoye asked if there is a list of poles. Councilor McCaul stated that it was brought to his attention that there are over 100 poles in the City. Councilor Cleary stated that he had a conversation with Craig Foley from TMLP and he said he would be more than willing to work on a time frame. Councilor Marshall discussed the number of poles and how the majority of them are Verizon's and not TMLP's. He stated that he attempted to see if the City could fine them and believes that it was referred to the Law Office and the Assistant City Solicitor looked into it extensively with the Assessor's Office. It is his understanding that the Assistant City Solicitor was trying to work cooperatively with Verizon. Councilor Croteau asked if Verizon needs a license, permit or approval to be able to operate in the City. Mayor Hoye stated that he believes the FCC regulates this. The City Solicitor stated that in the research that the Law Department has done on this matter, there is not going to be a situation where there will be fines issued. He did say that there is a statute that says it is the Municipal Council that states where in public ways the poles shall be located. It gives the authority to the Council to hold a hearing in order for poles to be removed. He suggested the starting point should be to comprehensively come up with the specific poles that should be addressed so they could help with that. Councilor Croteau stated that he thinks that it is an excellent idea. He asked if there is a contract between Verizon and the City to operate. Mayor Hoye stated that there is. Councilor Croteau stated that there may be some language in that contract where they have to do certain things. He also suggested that Verizon be turned into the ADA and the local newspaper writes an article about what kind of people Verizon are. He asked the City Solicitor if doing that would cause a problem if they just stuck to the facts. The City Solicitor stated that the best way to handle it would be to identify the problem that they would like addressed and the Law Department could help the Council go through the process of holding the public hearings and instruct them to move the poles. He stated that he needs the actual locations of the poles. Councilor Croteau stated that the Council, as Councilor Cleary suggested, go to the TMLP and get the information, have public hearings and then if they are still not cooperative have articles in the newspaper.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that next week will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the budget. She stated that she has some questions that she emailed to the Budget Director a while back before the hearing had started. **Motion was made for the Budget Director to present the information that she requested before Friday, June 26, 2015. So Voted.**

#### **Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions**

Resolution submitted by Bristol County Savings Bank, 35 Broadway, P.O. Box 4002, Taunton, designating public depository and authorizing withdrawal of Municipal Public Moneys for the City of Taunton Signatures of Stephanie Hoye, Principal and Isabelle DeBarros, Assistant Principal, East Taunton Elementary School, 58R Stevens St., East Taunton. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

#### **New Business:**

Councilor Pottier stated that he spoke to a resident who was present at the Mass DOT meeting regarding Hart's Four Corners. Mayor Hoye stated that there was a preliminary meeting about 4-6 weeks ago. Councilor Pottier stated that he was told by the resident

that while it is a largely a state funded project, the City is going to contribute something towards that. **Motion was made to refer to the Mayor's Office to provide the Council with the particulars on what the cost to the City will be. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that he will get the information from the DPW.

**Councilor Quinn motioned to refer to the DPW to take a look at and see if there is anything that can be done with a section of Bassett Street that is washing away at the bend near the old entrance to the Dever School. So Voted.**

Councilor Marshall stated that a couple of months ago when the Council had a presentation about Hart's Four Corners, Mr. Ho from BETA and the City Engineer were going to initiate some temporary traffic signal improvements until the intersection is rebuilt. They had some recommendations that all of the Councilors received in a report. **Motion was made to have a status update in two weeks from Mr. Slusarz and Mr. Ho as to where they are in the application process. So Voted.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the TMLP to look at the signalization on Broadway and Washington Street. So Voted.** She stated that the Washington Street signal is slow and there has been huge back up especially between 5pm and 6:30pm. She stated that people are not able to get out of West Britannia Street and the lights are just not synchronizing. Councilor Pottier stated that it is totally messed up and you are stuck all the way back to the Red Rooster.

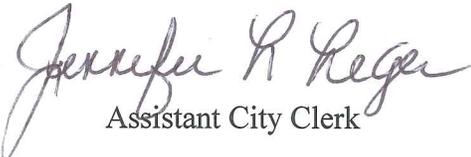
Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she has received some complaints from people coming out of Galligan Court going on to Weir Street and there are visibility issues to the left which she thinks is related to moving some parking. **Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer that to the Safety Officer to look at and report back to the Committee on Police and License or email her. So Voted.**

Council President Borges wanted to let people know about the event going on at the Trescott Street Gallery on Saturday from 5pm-8pm which is open to the public. A world record is going to be attempted to be broken for the number of faces carved into peach pits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

  
Assistant City Clerk

JLL/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JUNE 22, 2015

**THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL, CROTEAU, COSTA-HANLON AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCILORS QUINN, CLEARY, CARR, AND MARSHALL. CITY PLANNER KEVIN SCANLON, EILEEN FELDMAN AND WILLA CROLIUS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN AND DONNA DICORPO, NANCILEE LEMAIRE, ROBERT FOLCIK, CATHAL O'BRIEN AND MARIA SANTARPIA OF THE TAUNTON COMMISSION ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (T.C.I.D.).

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:21 P.M.**

**1. MEET TO REVIEW ADA TRANSITION REPORT**

**MOTION: TO OPEN THE HEARING. SO VOTED.**

**MOTION: TO INVITE THE T.C.I.D. MEMBERS INTO THE ENCLOSURE. SO VOTED.**

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE REPORT AND TO TRY TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO ADDRESS THE ITEMS IN THE REPORT.

MR. SCANLON NOTED THAT THERE IS A NEED TO IDENTIFY THE PRIORITIES AND THE PRESENTATION TONIGHT WOULD PROVIDE A SENSE AS TO WHY THEY WERE CATEGORIZED AS THEY WERE. PRIORITY ONE IS PROGRAM ACCESS, TWO IS SAFETY, THREE IS APPROACH AND ENTRANCE, FOUR IS ACCESS TO GOODS AND SERVICES, FIVE IS TOILET OR BATHING ROOMS AND SIX IS ADDITIONAL ACCESS.

EILEEN FELDMAN OF THE INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN STATED THAT AN INTEGRATED SETTING IS THE HEART OF THE ADA PLAN. TAUNTON IS A TITLE II ENTITY WHICH MEANS THAT IT IS A STATE OR MUNICIPALITY. SHE STATED THAT THE CITY MUST TAKE STEPS TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW. NOT EVERY FACILITY BUILT BEFORE 1960 MUST BE BROUGHT UP TO COMPLIANCE, BUT PROGRAMS OFFERED MUST BE ACCESSIBLE. SOME PROCEDURES AND POLICIES MUST BE MODIFIED TO COMPLY WITH THE ADA LAWS. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ADA TRANSITION PLAN ONCE ACCEPTED MUST BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR INSPECTION FOR 3 YEARS.

SHE CITED A COUPLE OF CITY BUILDINGS IN HER PRESENTATION. SHE SAID THAT TEMPORARY CITY HALL AS MANY ACCESS FEATURES, BUT THERE ARE NO SIGNS AND SOME RAMPS NEED WORK, AND THERE IS NO CLEARLY DEFINED EMERGENCY EGRESS. THE LIBRARY HAS AN ACCESS ENTRANCE, BUT IT IS IN THE BACK AND IS ROUGH AND NOT EASILY SEEN. THERE ARE ISSUES WITH THE BATHROOMS AND SIGNAGE. THEY ALSO HAVE TO HAVE AN ACCESS ROUTE, WHICH SHE NOTED, EVERY FACILITY HAS ISSUES WITH. A PRIORITY ONE ISSUE IS THE PARK AND RECREATION BUILDING. THERE IS NO ACCESSIBLE PARKING, AND INSIDE THE BUILDING THERE IS NO ROOM FOR TURNING. THE FIRST PRIORITY IS TO MAKE ALL PROGRAMS ACCESSIBLE.

MR. SCANLON NOTED THAT THEY WOULD BE DOING PRIORITY ONE ITEMS FIRST, BUT HE DOES NOT WANT TO MAKE SIGNAGE A PRIORITY ONE.

MS. FELDMAN ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOLF COURSE IS A RECREATIONAL FACILITY THAT IS COMPLETELY INACCESSIBLE. SHE ALSO SAID THAT HOPEWELL PARK HAS MANY ACCESS FEATURES BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE AN ACCESS ROUTE FROM THE ACCESS GATES. MR. SCANLON DID STATE THAT THERE WAS AN ACCESS PATHWAY AT HOPEWELL, BUT DUE TO LACK OF MAINTENANCE IT IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. HE SAID THAT MAINTENANCE IS AN ISSUE ALSO.

ANOTHER PRIORITY ONE IS THE HOPEWELL PLAYGROUND. THIS PLAYGROUND IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. IN THE REPORT PROVIDED BY MS. FELDMAN, SHE INCLUDED SOME COSTS BUT INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT DESIGN AND LABOR ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST ESTIMATES.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) - CONTINUED**

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT PRIORITY ONE AND TWO. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER WE HAVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE BUT ARE NOT SAFE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT ALL PROGRAMS THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE MANY NOT BE SAFE.

COUNCILOR POTTIER SAID THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE PICTURE.

MS. DICORPO ALSO SAID THAT IN TERMS OF PRIORITIES, THE PRIORITIES ON THE REPORT MAY NOT BE THE ONES THAT THE T.C.I.D. WOULD PRIORITIZE. SHE QUESTIONED WHO IS HELPING TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE PRIORITIES.

SEVERAL COUNCILORS STATED THAT THERE MUST BE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MR. SCANLON WHO IS THE CITY'S ADA COORDINATOR AND THE T.C.I.D. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THE T.C.I.D. SHOULD REVIEW THE LIST PROVIDED AND COME BACK WITH THEIR COMMENTS.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HAS TO ACCEPT THIS PLAN. HE ALSO SAID THAT SOME MONEY WAS PUT INTO THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S BUDGET TO ADDRESS SOME ISSUES. HE ALSO STATED THAT THERE WILL BE NEW THINGS THAT COME UP, SO THIS PLAN WILL AND IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN ONGOING PLAN.

COUNCILOR BORGES ASKED IF, ONCE THIS REPORT IS ACCEPTED, WILL THE ADA COMMITTEE AND THE T.C.I.D. BE INVOLVED.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT THEY WILL BE AS INVOLVED AS MUCH AS THEY WANT TO BE. THERE ARE MANY WAYS THAT THEY CAN COMMUNICATION, E-MAILS, FACE TO FACE MEETINGS AND THROUGH THE COUNCIL ADA COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR QUINN SAID THAT THERE MUST BE SOMETHING SET UP SO THAT THERE IS SOME WAY AND A SPECIFIC PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. LOGISTICALLY HOW IS THIS GOING TO WORK. IT WAS STATED THAT THE REPORT WILL BE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

**MOTION:        THAT EVERY THREE MONTHS AN UPDATE IS TO BE PROVIDED FROM THE T.C.I.D. TO THE ADA COMMITTEE AS TO WHAT IS GOING ON.**

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT THERE SHOULD BE MONTHLY UPDATES AND THAT THE WEBSITE IS CRITICAL.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID SHE IS NOT AGAINST THE MOTION, BUT WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO BE INFORMED ON A REGULAR BASIS AS TO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, THAT THE COMMITTEE HAVE ACCESS TO A LIVING DOCUMENT SO THAT THEY CAN SEE WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER, AND PERHAPS SOMETHING COULD BE PUT INTO THE TMLP BILLS TO LET PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THIS REPORT AND WHERE AND WHOM TO CONTACT IF THEY HAVE SOME ISSUES.

**THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON WITH COUNCILORS COSTA-HANLON, MCCAUL AND POTTIER VOTING IN FAVOR AND COUNCILORS BORGES AND CROTEAU VOTING IN OPPOSITION.**

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT THE T.C.I.D. AND THE COUNCIL ADA COMMITTEE WILL BE MONITORING. COPIES OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS SO THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF WHAT THEY CAN DO. THERE IS A MECHANISM TO ADDRESS THE ADA ISSUES NOW, SO HE DOES NOT SEE THE NEED FOR A REPORT EVERY 3 MONTHS.

NANCILEE LEMAIRE STATED THAT ELDERS DO NOT USE COMPUTERS AND THE BEST PLACE TO GET THE WORD OUT TO THEM IS IN THE NEWSLETTER.

COUNCILOR POTTIER STATED THAT WE HAVE AN ACTIVE COMMITTEE, THE T.C.I.D., THAT WILL KEEP THE COUNCIL ADVISED REGARDING WHAT IS BEING DONE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CITY HAS NEVER HAD A LIST LIKE THIS, AND HE WILL COMMIT THAT THERE WILL BE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT HIS CONCERN IS WHAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE LOOKING FOR IN THE QUARTERLY REPORTS.

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THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) - CONTINUED

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW THINGS ARE GOING.  
THE FOLLOWING MOTION WAS MADE:

**MOTION: THAT THE CITY PLANNER UPDATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) AS HE GETS INFORMATION. HE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT DEPARTMENT HEADS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE REPORT AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY RECEIVED IT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA).**

ON DISCUSSION, COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT NO PRINCIPAL OR DEPARTMENT HEAD IS RESPONSIBLE TO FIX ADA ISSUES. SHE SAID THAT IT IS THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS ADA ISSUES.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY TRUE, FOR INSTANCE IN THE CASE OF AN ISSUE WITH A CARPET IN A SCHOOL, THE PRINCIPAL COULD MAKE SURE IT IS TAKEN CARE OF.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS. IT IS THE PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE ADMINISTRATION.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT HE WANTS AN ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) NO LATER THEN THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER. HE FURTHER SAID THE ACTION PLAN WILL SEND THIS DOCUMENT TO ALL, AND THEY ARE TO RESPOND TO MR. SCANLON WITHIN 30 DAYS. THIS MEANS THAT THEY HAVE A PLAN TO MODIFY AND FOLLOW.

**ADDED TO THE ABOVE MOTION WAS "AN ACTION PLAN IS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) NO LATER THEN THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER.**

**ALL FOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. SO VOTED.**

COUNCILOR CARR NOTED THAT THE T.C.I.D. IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE TO MR. SCANLON AND THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE. THEY NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN EVERY MEETING AND ASPECT OF THIS REPORT. COUNCILOR CROTEAU MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

**MOTION: THAT THE T.C.I.D. BE INVOLVED IN ALL MEETINGS REGARDING THIS ADA REPORT, THEY ARE TO BE A MEMBER OF WHATEVER COMMITTEE MEETS ON THIS REPORT.**

COUNCILOR CARR CONTINUED BY STATING THAT SHE WENT TO THE OPENING OF THE SPLASH PAD TODAY AND THAT NOW THERE ARE ISSUES WITH THE PAD. MR. SCANLON SAID THAT HE NOTIFIED THEM OF THE PROBLEM. COUNCILOR CARR ALSO STATED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS AND MR. SCANLON SHOULD SEE ALL PLANS AND PICK OUT ISSUES THAT THEY SEE. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOTED THAT SOMETIMES PLANS DO NOT SHOW EVERYTHING EITHER. IT WAS STATED ALSO THAT THE ARCHITECT SHOULD KNOW AND PUT IN ALL ADA REQUIREMENTS.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID THAT THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND THE ADA COORDINATOR SHOULD REVIEW ALL PLANS. MR. SCANLON SAID THAT HIS ROLE IS TO ADVISE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ALL THE MOTIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE TONIGHT ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO DO WHAT HE NEEDS TO DO.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID THAT THE T.C.I.D. CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT, THE COUNCIL CANNOT MAKE MOTIONS TELLING THEM TO ATTEND MEETINGS. THE COUNCIL CAN TELL MR. SCANLON TO ATTEND THE T.C.I.D. MEETINGS. IT WAS FURTHER STATED THAT THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES INVITES THE T.C.I.D. TO THEIR MEETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, HOWEVER THE COUNCIL CANNOT TELL THE T.C.I.D. WHAT TO DO. THEY HAVE A CERTAIN MAKEUP, CERTAIN LAWS WHICH THEY MUST ABIDE BY.

MS. DICORPO STATED THAT THERE ARE ISSUES THAT ARISE AND THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY COMMUNICATION. THEY NOW ASK FOR PLANS SO THAT THEY CAN REVIEW THEM. WHEN EVERYONE IS

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**THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) - CONTINUED**

WORKING SEPARATELY, THAT IS WHEN YOU RUN INTO PROBLEMS. SHE DID NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP AND TAKEN CARE OF A LOT OF ISSUES.

COUNCILOR CARR SAID SHE FEELS THERE NEEDS TO BE A MEETING EVERY MONTH OF THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT THE T.C.I.D. CAN TAKE THE REPORT PROVIDED AND COME BACK WITH THEIR SET OF PRIORITIES. HE WILL ALSO GET PRIORITIES FROM OTHERS AND WILL MESH THEM TOGETHER. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WILL MEET WITH MS. DICORPO WHENEVER SHE WANTS TO MEET, HOWEVER SHE WILL HAVE TO INITIATE THE MEETING.

**THE ABOVE MOTION WAS CLARIFIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**MOTION: THAT THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA) INVITE THE T.C.I.D. TO EVERY MEETING THAT DEALS WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REPORT.**

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT MR. SCANLON IS NOT AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, HE ADVISES. WITHOUT AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER HE HAS NO AUTHORITY. SHE ASKED IF THE CITY WAS WILLING TO FUND AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

COUNCILOR QUINN STATED THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATION, BUT THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOBS. SHE SAID IF MR. SCANLON IS HAVING A MEETING, HE COULD E-MAIL MS. DICORPO. SHE DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD IMPOSE ON MR. SCANLON TO SCHEDULE A BIG MEETING ON EVERY ISSUE. THE COUNCIL WILL SEE THE UPDATES PERIODICALLY. IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ADA COMMITTEE CAN BE NOTIFIED.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT THE COUNCIL IS THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.

ATTORNEY JOSEPH DEMELLO ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT ONE GENERAL THING HE WANTS THE PUBLIC TO THINK ABOUT IS THIS IS A MATTER OF CIVIL RIGHTS. THE T.C.I.D. AND MR. SCANLON HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE. HE WANTS THE CITY TO LOOK AT HOW TO DO THIS, HOW FAST CAN THEY DO IT AND TO FIND THE MONEY. HE SAID THE ATTITUDE THE GOVERNMENT HAS IS THAT THEY HAVE TO SPEND MONEY AGAIN. THIS INVOLVES A COMMITMENT, IT HAS GOT TO BE DONE, NOW THE CITY HAS TO DETERMINE HOW TO DO IT.

**THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR.**

COUNCILOR MCCAUL QUESTION WHO WOULD BE OVERSEEING THIS. IT WAS STATED THAT MR. SCANLON WILL COMPILE ALL PRIORITIES ETC. AND WHEN THAT IS DONE HE WILL WORK WITH THE COMMISSION TO SET PRIORITIES.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL ADA COMMITTEE, THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MR. SCANLON, MS. DICORPO AND THE ADA COMMISSION MAKE AN ACTION PLAN WITH TIMELINES. HE WOULD LIKE THIS DONE BY THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER

IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT THE MAYOR, BUT IF IT IS NOT FUNDED IT WILL GO NOWHERE.

MS. DICORPO ASKED WHO WILL DO THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE, AND WILL ANYTHING BE ADDRESSED BETWEEN JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND THE FIRST PART OF SEPTEMBER WHEN THE ACTION PLAN IS TO BE PROVIDED.

COUNCILOR POTTIER SAID THAT SOMEONE HAS TO SET THE PRIORITIES ON WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO. MS. DICORPO SAID THAT SOME OF THE ITEMS ARE EASY FIXES AND DO NOT NEED 3 MONTHS TO GET DONE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT THE DOCUMENTS ARE GOING TO THE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT HEADS NEXT WEEK. THEY WILL HAVE 30 DAYS TO REVIEW THEM, BUT THINGS CAN BE DONE WITHIN THAT 30 DAY PERIOD.

IT WAS NOTED THAT IT NEEDS TO BE STATED WHO IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT HE WOULD ADVISE MR. WALKDEN TO DO THE WORK. HE DOES IT AND THEN

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CAN REPORT BACK TO MR. SCANLON. THIS IS ONE WAY IT CAN BE SET UP.

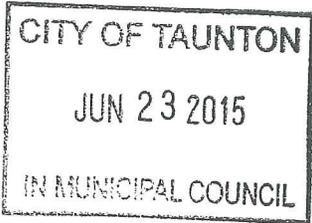
MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE HEARING. SO VOTED.

MEETING SUSPENDED AT 8:42 P.M.

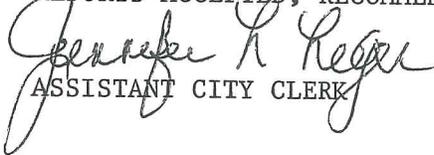
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JUNE 23, 2015

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:05 P.M.

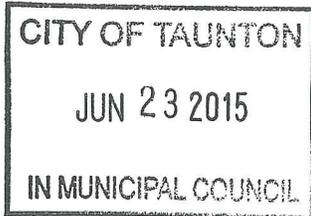
1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS  
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:06 P.M.

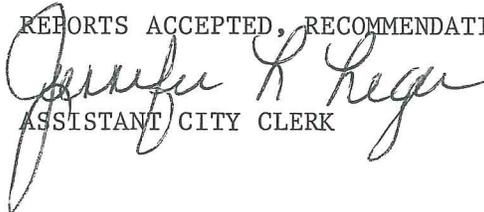
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COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JUNE 23, 2015

**THE COMMITTEE ON DISABILITIES (ADA)**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DAVID POTTIER, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS MCCAUL, CROTEAU, COSTA-HANLON AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE KEVIN SCANLON, ADA COORDINATOR AND TAUNTON COMMISSION ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES MEMBERS DONNA DICORPO, NANCILEE LEMAIRE AND BOB FOLCIK

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:10 P.M.**

**1. MEET FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF ADA TRANSITION REPORT.**

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE DID HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ALONG WITH THE COMMISSION AND THE CONSULTANTS FOR THE CITY TO REVIEW THE TRANSITION DOCUMENT. IT IS POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL BE MAKING SOME ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS IT ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE. HE CONTINUED SAYING THAT THE TRANSITION DOCUMENT LAYS OUT BASED ON THE CONSULTANT'S WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH PEOPLE ON THE CITY SIDE OF GOVERNMENT, A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE DEALT WITH FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PRIORITIES. THE PRIORITIES THAT WERE SET BY THE CONSULTANT ARE TO ASSURE PROGRAM ACCESS, SAFETY, APPROACH AND ENTRANCE, ACCESS TO GOODS AND SERVICES, TOILET OR BATHING ROOMS AND ADDITIONAL ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL CHALLENGES.

THE COMMITTEE ALONG WITH THE COMMISSION AND MINIMAL PUBLIC INPUT, HAVE A COMFORT LEVEL WITH THE REPORT INsofar AS THE INFORMATION THAT WAS CONVEYED.

THIS HAS NOT GONE THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL OR ANY SCRUBBING FROM THE COMMISSION'S STANDPOINT AS FAR AS RANKING THESE ITEMS. THE COUNCIL ALSO HAS HAD LIMITED ACCESS TO GO OVER IT AND SET INDIVIDUAL PRIORITIES TO THOSE ITEMS.

ONE MOTION THAT DID COME OUT OF THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE VALIDATED BY THE REST OF THE COUNCIL THIS EVENING, WAS TO COME UP WITH AN ACTION PLAN BY SEPTEMBER 1, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSION, MR. SCANLON, THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND THE COUNCIL TO COME UP WITH A SET PROCESS TO START GOING AFTER THESE ITEMS AND HOPEFULLY SOME FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO DO SO AS WELL. OTHER THINGS THAT CAME OUT OF THE HEARING WERE CONCERNS MENTIONED BY COUNCILORS INsofar AS AGAIN PRIORITIES, SAFETY VS. ACCESS VS. WHAT HAVE YOU. ALSO TO AT LEAST TO GO AFTER SOME "LOW HANGING FRUIT" TYPE OF ITEMS.

HE ALSO STATED THAT MANY OF THE SAFETY ITEMS ON A GRAND VIEW SEEM TO BE CARPET TRIP AND FALL, CARPETING THAT WAS NOT PROPERLY AFFIXED. THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF ALL AT THE SAME TIME. ALSO, SOME OF THE ACCESS ISSUES WERE SIMPLY SIGNAGE, THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF SIGNS THAT ARE NEEDED.

ALSO A MOTION WAS MADE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS, ESPECIALLY ON THE SCHOOL SIDE, THE POLICE AND FIRE CHIEFS, KNOW WHAT IS LACKING IN THEIR FACILITIES. ALSO TO INCLUDE MR. WALKDEN SO HE KNOWS WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ADDRESSED.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BORGES NOTED THAT A MOTION WAS ALSO MADE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE T.C.I.D. IS INVITED TO ALL MEETINGS DURING THIS PROCESS AND ALSO A MOTION FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE TO BE PROVIDED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT THIS IS A SELF EVALUATION REPORT AND IS A FLUID DOCUMENT. SHE SAID THAT DISCUSSED WAS REACHING OUT TO THE PUBLIC BY THE SENIOR NEWSLETTER OR AN INSERT WITH THE T.M.L.P. BILL. SHE ALSO STATED THAT WHEN THIS IS DISTRIBUTED TO DEPARTMENT HEADS, DIRECTIONS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THEM.

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COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT HE WOULD ADD THAT IT WAS STATED THAT WHEN THIS DOCUMENT IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO SUBMIT INPUT INTO THE ACTION PLAN – WHAT THEY CAN DO, WHAT THE CUSTODIANS CAN DO – AND THAT SHOULD GO INTO THE ACTION PLAN. THAT DIRECTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEM.

COUNCILOR QUINN BROUGHT UP THAT WHERE THIS DOCUMENT WAS GOING TO BE POSTED, TO COME UP WITH A COLOR CODING SYSTEM SO THAT JOBS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE CAN BE HIGHLIGHTED. SHE SUGGESTED PERHAPS REFERRING THIS TO THE I.T. DEPARTMENT.

MR. SCANLON SAID THAT THE PROCESS THAT HE SEES HAPPENING AS PART OF THE ACTION PLAN IS THAT AS THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES, ONCE IDENTIFIED, COMPLETE THE WORK THEY WILL REPORT BACK TO HIM. HE WILL REQUIRE A DIGITAL PHOTO SO THAT HE CAN HAVE IT IN THE FILE. HE WILL BE THE ONE UPDATING THE DOCUMENT AND WILL COLOR CODE IT AS SUGGESTED.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE TRANSITION DOCUMENT. SO VOTED.**

**2. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE.**

A. THE FIRST ITEM THAT WAS BROUGHT UP WAS THE ORDINANCE FOR THE HANDICAPPED FINES. THE CHAIRMAN BELIEVES THAT IT IS SITTING IN ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. MS. DICORPO STATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE THE DRAFT TO BE REFLECTIVE OF THE STATE ORDINANCE. WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS THAT IT HAS GONE IN WITH SOME SPECIFICS AS TO WHAT THE MONEY SHOULD BE USED FOR. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT MS. DICORPO PROVIDE THE STATE LANGUAGE TO MR. CLEARY. MS. DICORPO ALSO SAID THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THE MONEY TO INCREASE THE ACCESSIBILITY TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT WHEN THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE THAT THE T.C.I.D. BE HERE ALSO.

B. MS. DICORPO ALSO STATED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS ASKED MANY TIMES TO BE PROVIDED WITH A MONTHLY BALANCE REPORT ON THE HANDICAPPED FINES COLLECTED. SHE HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY.

**MOTION: THAT THE CITY AUDITOR SUPPLY THE MONTHLY BALANCE TO THE COUNCIL ADA COMMITTEE AND TO THE TAUNTON COMMISSION ON INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. SO VOTED.**

C. REGARDING THE PARKING DECK, COUNCILOR BORGES, WHO ATTENDED THE PARKING COMMISSION MEETING, SAID THAT THIS IS STILL MOVING FORWARD AND THE COMPLETION DATE IS SET FOR AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>. EVERYTHING IS WITHIN ADA COMPLIANCE. MS. DICORPO SAID THAT THEY HAD HEARD THAT THE PARKING ON ONE LEVEL WAS GOING TO BE MONTHLY PARKING AND ON ANOTHER LEVEL WOULD BE DAY PARKING. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WHEN YOU SPLIT IT LIKE THAT YOU CANNOT HAVE THAT, IT HAS TO BE THE SAME ON EACH LEVEL. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT WHEN THE PARKING COMMISSION CAME BEFORE THE COUNCIL A FEW WEEKS ABO, THEIR RESPONSE WAS THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW YET WHAT THE FEE SCHEDULE WAS GOING TO BE, AND MR. VALADAO DID STRESS THAT THEY WOULD GUARANTEE THAT THERE WOULD BE HANDICAPPED SPACES ON EACH LEVEL. WHATEVER THE FEE STRUCTURE IS THERE WILL BE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY ON THE FIRST FLOOR FOR THOSE SAME FEES. COUNCILOR BORGES DID INFORM THE COMMITTEE THAT THE FEES HAVE BEEN SET. SHE DID SUGGEST THAT MS. DICORPO ATTEND THE PARKING COMMISSION MEETINGS IF THERE ARE SPECIFIC CONCERNS OR SHE COULD LET COUNCILOR BORGES KNOW. IT WAS ALSO NOTED BY MR. SCANLON THAT JUST BEFORE THE WORK STARTED, HE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND HAD GIVEN HIM AN ADVANCED COPY OF THE SELF-EVALUATION REPORT.

D. THE NEXT ITEM WAS AN UPDATE ON THE DOUBLE POLE ISSUE, TO WHICH THE CHAIRMAN STATED HE DID NOT HAVE ANY UPDATE ON THIS. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT COUNCILOR MCCAUL WAS GOING TO

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BRING THIS UP IN THE GENERAL MEETING AND ASK FOR AN UPDATE.. ALSO DISCUSSED WERE THE METER POLES, AND COUNCILOR BORGES SAID THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE CAPPING THE POLES. THEY ARE NOT GOING TO REMOVE THEM BECAUSE IT WOULD BE TOO COSTLY TO PUT THEM BACK IF THEY NEEDED TO. MS. DICORPO SAID THAT THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE IS ENOUGH WIDTH ON THE SIDEWALK.

E. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS SIGNAGE CONCERNS WHEN A SIDEWALK IS CLOSED FOR AN ALTERNATE PATHWAY. MR. SCANLON SAID THAT HE HAS SOME DRAFT LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN CONTRACTS. MR. SCANLON WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE THE DRAFT LANGUAGE TO MS. DICORPO.

F. THE T.C.I.D. ALSO HAS CONCERNS WITH THE PLACEMENT OF MAILBOXES ON SIDEWALKS

**MOTION: TO REFER THIS MATTER TO POLICE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE. SO VOTED.**

G. MS. DICORPO NOTED THAT THERE IS ALSO AN ISSUE AT DEPOT DRIVE. THERE ARE THREE LANES HEADING SOUTH WITH A RIGHT TURN LANE. SHE SAID THAT NO ONE STOPS WHEN USING THE RIGHT TURN LANE AND PEOPLE JUST TURN INTO DEPOT DRIVE. IT IS A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

**MOTION: TO REFER THIS TO THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE AND MASS. D.O.T. SO VOTED.**

H. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT ON BAY STREET AT MOREY'S BRIDGE THERE IS A CRUMBLING SIDEWALK.

**MOTION: TO REFER THIS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A STATUS. SO VOTED.**

I. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON NOTED THAT THERE WAS A DISCUSSION REGARDING ANY OVERALL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY AND SHE THINKS THAT ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS TOUCHED UPON THIS. IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT THE LANGUAGE THAT MR. SCANLON IS REQUESTING BE INSERTED INTO OUR CONTRACTS IS RELATED TO SIDEWALKS. WHAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS HAVE THE COMMITTEE REFER TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT WHAT WE NEED TO DO, WHATEVER THEY SUGGEST, FROM INCLUDING IT IN OUR CONTRACTS, HAVING SOMEONE IN A MORE PERMANENT POSITION SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED AS ADA COORDINATOR, COMPLIANCE PERSON, WHATEVER YOU NEED, AND IF IT WOULD BE THAT PERSON ENFORCING IT, AND THAT PERSON SIGNING OFF ON CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS. SHE FEELS THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY IT IS GOING TO BE ADDRESSED BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SO MANY TIMES, MOTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT THE PLANS GO TO MR. SCANLON OR THE COMMISSION OR BOTH, AND IT JUST SEEMS TO SLIP THROUGH THE CRACKS. IF IT IS NOT WRITTEN SOMEWHERE AND YOU DON'T HAVE SOMEONE OUT THERE ENFORCING IT, IT DOES NOT GET DONE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON THEN MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

**MOTION: TO REQUEST OF THE CITY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE SO THEY CAN COME UP WITH A SUGGESTION -OUTLINING THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING WITH CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY AND THE FACT THAT THERE ARE CHALLENGES WITH ADA COMPLIANCE - AND PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW THE CITY CAN ENFORCE THIS BETTER.**

**COUNCILORS POTTIER, MCCAUL, COSTA-HANLON AND BORGES VOTED IN FAVOR.**

**COUNCILOR CROTEAU VOTED IN OPPOSITION.**

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO THE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OR AN ADA COMPLIANCE PERSON, BUT COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT IT IS WHATEVER THE CITY SOLICITOR RECOMMENDS.

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ALSO MADE A MOTION FOR A SALARIED PERSON AS THE ADA COMPLIANCE PERSON. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT SHE SAID IT COULD BE AN EXAMPLE AND THAT IT WAS NOT A MOTION. SHE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE IS, YOU MAY

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NOT NEED THAT. YOU MAY SIMPLY NEED THE WORDING IN OUR CONTRACTS THAT WOULD START ENFORCING IT. SHE DOES NOT KNOW.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HE WILL VOTE FOR THE MOTION, BUT WITH THE CONCERN OF THE EXPENDITURE. HE DOES NOT WANT TO SPEND MONEY ON AN ADA COMPLIANCE PERSON, HE WANTS TO SPEND THE MONEY ON GETTING THINGS DONE.

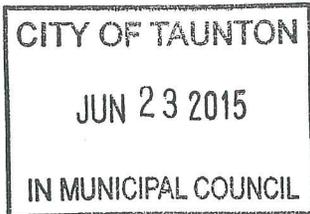
AFTER THIS DISCUSSION THE ABOVE MOTION CARRIED ON A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

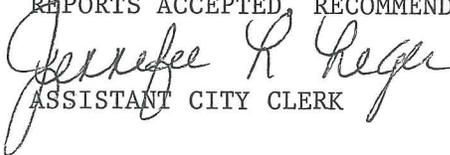
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
JUNE 23, 2015

**THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ESTELE BORGES AND COUNCILORS CLEARY, MARSHALL, COSTA-HANLON, CROTEAU, POTTIER, MCCAUL, QUINN AND CARR. ALSO PRESENT WERE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THOMAS QUINN, MR. BRANDON FERRIS AND ATTORNEY BRIAN GRIFFIN.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:45 P.M.**

**1. MEET WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY THOMAS QUINN TO DISCUSS WHAT HE IS WORKING ON IN THE GREATER TAUNTON AREA.**

DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUINN SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN IN OFFICE FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS. HE SAID THAT HE IS FOCUSING NOW ON WHAT SOME OF HIS PRIORITIES WILL BE, INCLUDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ELDER ABUSE, HE WANTS TO BE AWARE OF THE CONCERNS OF THE CITIZENS. HE DID NOTE THAT THE BUDGET WILL EFFECT WHAT HE WANTS TO DO AND CAN DO.

HE ALSO STATED THAT THE OPIATE ISSUE IS A BIG ISSUE IN MANY COMMUNITIES AND WILL WORK TO FACILITATE A DRUG COURT IN TAUNTON.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUINN WAS ASKED WHAT HIS POSITION IS ON DANGEROUSNESS HEARINGS, TO WHICH HE STATED THAT HE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH KEEPING DANGEROUS PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND IS A GOOD TOOL FOR THEM. HE WILL FIGHT TO KEEP PEOPLE IN CUSTODY WHO BELONG IN CUSTODY.

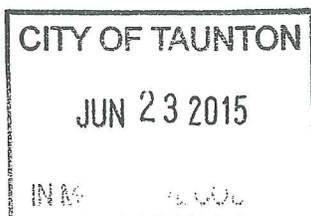
HE WAS ALSO ASKED WHAT THE CITY OF TAUNTON GETS FOR SERVICES FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. HE STATED THAT THE CITY OF TAUNTON GETS ADEQUATE PROSECUTION, AND THAT HE DOES GET INVOLVED WITH COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PROVIDES A VOICE AND EAR FOR COMMUNITY CONCERNS. HE WILL BE AT THE TAUNTON SENIOR CENTER ON AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> TO TALK ABOUT SCAMS THAT THE ELDERLY ARE SUSEPTABLE TO INCLUDING FINANCIAL SCAMS/ABUSE AND ALSO PHYSICAL ABUSE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT MANY PEOPLE BECOME ADDICTED TO DRUGS DUE TO MEDICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED. HE ASKED IF ANYONE IS HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES REGARDING THIS PROBLEM. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID THIS IS A REGULATORY ISSUE AND A DIFFICULT ISSUE

COUNCILOR CARR ASKED WHAT HIS STAND IS ON MANDATORY SENTENCING. DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUINN SAID THAT HE SUPPORTS THIS, IT PROVIDES UNIFORMITY TO THE SENTENCING. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE FEELS IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO ALLOW JUDGES TO HAVE THE DISCRETION FOR SENTENCING, IT WOULD PUT THE POWER BACK IN THE JUDGES HANDS. HE THINKS ONE HAS TO BE FAIR.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT THE CITY SPENDS A LARGE AMOUNT FOR OVER TIME FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MUCH OF IT IS FOR COURT TIME. HE ASKED THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ASSIST IN MANAGING THAT NUMBER AND REQUESTED THAT THE OFFICE LOOK AT THIS ISSUE.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.**



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Colleen Ellis*

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

*Jennifer R. Keegan*  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK



# CITY OF TAUNTON

*In Municipal Council* ..... 20.....

ORDER #24  
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*Ordered, That*      **THE SUM OF FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND FORTY ONE CENTS (\$54,170.41) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 01-132-5200-5784**

**TO:    LAW DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT NO. 01-151-5200-5304 – PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL**

..... *Clerk.*