



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Elizabeth Pole School Library
215 Harris Street, Taunton, MA 02780
Minutes, August 12, 2013 at 7:45o'clock A.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

Present at roll call were:

*Councilor's Barbour, Carr, McCaul, Pottier, Costa-Hanlon,
Colton, Marshall.*

Councilor Medeiros and Cleary was absent

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

Hearing:

Came up by assignment to consider, in accordance with M.G.L. c 184 §32, Chester and Dorothy Peirce's request to amend a Conservation Restriction recorded at the Northern Bristol County Registry of Deeds at Book 4611, Page 262. The proposed amendment extinguishes a portion of the area subject to the Conservation Restriction and adds two parcels located along Cotley Street, one located in the City of Taunton and the other in the Town of Berkley submitted by Attorney Ray Lyons, 206 Ayer Road, Suite 4, Harvard, MA 01451

Motion was made to open the Hearing. So Voted. Communication received a map showing locations: **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.**

Motion was made to change the wording on the Conservation Restriction from Plymouth County Registry of Deeds to Northern Bristol County Registry of Deeds. So Voted. No one speaking in favor or in opposition. So Voted. Motion was made to grant the Conservation Restriction and close Hearing. So Voted.

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Frank Campbell, IWT - responding to a communication. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Solid Waste for next week and to make note that a portion of the meeting could possibly go into Executive Session. 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.

Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions:

Order for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

Order that, \$800,000 is appropriated in addition to the \$6,000,000 previously appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, replacement, repair and rehabilitation of sewers and storm water conveyance facilities, including without limitation sewer infiltration and inflow abatement improvements and pumping station upgrades, including the Phase 8 SSES, for the purposes of eliminating unauthorized sewer connections to the City's drainage system, to eliminate combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, to reduce infiltration and inflow within the City's sewer system and to mitigate flooding and surface water contamination; that included are all costs without limitation as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow \$6,800,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project of for the financing thereof; and that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project. **Motion was made to pass to a Second Reading. So Voted.**

Order for a first reading to be passed to a second reading

Order that, \$6,000,000 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction, reconstruction, replacement, repair and rehabilitation of sewers and storm water conveyance facilities, including without limitation sewer infiltration and inflow abatement improvements and pumping station upgrades, including the Phase 10 SSES, for the purposes of eliminating unauthorized sewer connections to the City's drainage system, to eliminate combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows, to reduce infiltration and inflow within the City's sewer system and to mitigate flooding and surface water contamination; that included are all costs without limitation as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow \$6,000,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general

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Ordered that, \$600,000 be appropriated for the cost of engineering services for the plans and specifications for improvements to the City's wastewater system, consisting of the Phase 10 SSES; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$600,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project. **Motion was made to pass to a Second Reading. So Voted.**

New Business

Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked for a Citation to be given to Jose Torres at next week's Council Meeting recognizing him for 35 years of service to St. Mary's Church. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner for an update on the construction being done on Weir Street, including length of time and notification to be forwarded to business owners. So Voted. The Mayor stated that the MOCD Commissioner is out there taking care of business owners. Councilor Marshall stated that he will take care of notifying the businesses as he will discuss this issue with the DPW Commissioner.

Councilor Barbour motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner to have the street sweeper clean Liberty Street and to refer to the Safety Officer for the radar trailer and radar. So Voted

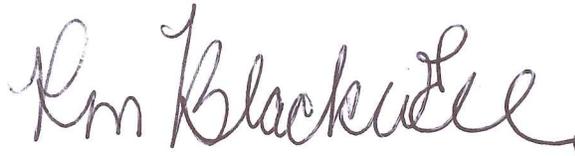
Councilor Barbour asked for a copy of the Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting between Bristol-Plymouth School Committee Members and the Municipal Council Members. Councilor McCaul stated that there was no meeting because no Councilor's wanted to attend. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that only three (3) Councilors stated that they would go to the meeting; no Municipal Council Members went to meeting, therefore, there were no minutes.

Councilor Barbour stated he owned the property at 478 County Street and no longer owns that property. But at the time of the transfer of the sale, all taxes and municipal obligations were current and paid. On the tax rolls, it still shows him owning the property and owing tax monies. **Therefore, Councilor Barbour motioned to ask the City Treasurer to report back for next week's Council agenda and explain what State Law this falls under and what measures as a City can we adopt or make for other residents with a similar situation. So Voted.**

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:00a.m. So Voted.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

RMB/dmc

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
AUGUST 12, 2013

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR COLTON

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:35 A.M.

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

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,041,566.72. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN ABSENTIA. SO VOTED.

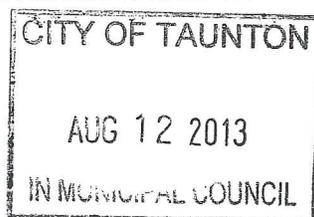
2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR HAD SUBMITTED A LETTER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PAY A PRIOR YEAR BILL AND AN APPROPRIATION OF \$27,137.30 TO PAY A VENDOR – LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE – FOR MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES. THE BUDGET DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE CONTRACT WAS ENTERED INTO BY THE TAUNTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AND WAS UNAWARE OF THIS CONTRACT THAT THEY SIGNED ON 10/12/2012 UNTIL 4/26/2013. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS TASK.

THE BUDGET DIRECTOR STATED THAT HE DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE CITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS – THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.

MOTION: REFER TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES FOR NEXT WEEK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 A.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK