



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Elizabeth Pole School – Library
215 Harris Street, Taunton, MA 02780
Minutes, August 19, 2014 at 7:45 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Mayor Hoye welcomed Cameron, Christopher and Daniel who will lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

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

Councilor Marshall, Carr and Borges are absent.

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

On the petition submitted by Joan Kilroy, 1 Seaver Street, East Taunton to allow a Grade I (4-6 dogs) kennel license for personal use/dogs, not business use, at 1 Seaver Street, East Taunton which is located in a Rural Residential District. **Motion was made to open the hearing. So Voted.** Joan Kilroy from 1 Seaver Street East Taunton, MA was present to speak. Com. from Animal Control Officer stating that the accommodations are adequate to all of the reasons for a Class I and the dogs are to be kept in the home and not outdoors. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from 14 Residents of Viking St. and Seaver St. neighborhood requesting a denial of the application for a kennel permit for the owner of 1 Seaver Street and submitted their reasons and a petition. **Motion was made to make the letter and signatures part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Jennifer Shepardson of 2 Seaver Street writing in support of the kennel on 1 Seaver Street. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from Karen and Michael Howard of 55 Viking Street writing in support of the kennel on 1 Seaver Street. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Com. from The Animal House, Dr. Michael A. Lappin, 21 Redbrook Rd. Buzzards Bay, MA. He wrote a letter of recommendation for Joan Kilroy to operate her kennel. **Motion was made to make part of the record. So Voted.** Ms. Kilroy spoke and stated that regarding the fence, it is a metal with horse electric fence and yellow, plastic applicators. She explained how the fence works, and why it was installed. She discussed the training and the therapy that her dogs are involved in. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked how many dogs she expects to have. Ms. Kilroy stated that she said that she expects to have up to four dogs. Councilor Costa-Hanlon questioned the barking. Ms. Kilroy stated that the only time they bark is when someone walks by the house. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked if a dog has gotten out after the electric fence has been installed. Ms. Kilroy stated that the first weekend that they had gotten one of the dogs, it

jumped the fence a couple of times and that is why the electric fence was installed and it has not happened since then. She explained that it is a five (5) foot, sturdy, stainless steel fence. There is a 12' gate that is held by a chain and a bungee cord but has the electric fencing going straight across it. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked how close the gate is to the sidewalk or where people would be walking. Ms. Kilroy stated that it is about four (4) feet away from the street and there are no sidewalks. Ms. Kilroy stated that she does not leave her dogs unattended and always walks them on a leash. Councilor Costa-Hanlon asked Ms. Kilroy if she would be opposed to the Council limiting her to four (4) dogs only. She stated that she has no objections. Councilor Pottier wanted to confirm that the dogs are not out after dark for an extended period of time. Ms. Kilroy confirmed. Councilor Cleary asked her how long she has lived there and she stated that she has been there fourteen (14) years and has had two (2)- three (3) dogs the whole time she's lived there. Councilor Cleary asked what a veterinarian technician is. Ms. Kilroy stated that she is like a human nurse, which she has done for 25 years. She stated that when she is not home, each dog is kept in their own crate in the kitchen. Councilor Cleary asked if the Animal Control Officer or the Police have ever been called out to her house. She stated that they have not. Councilor Cleary stated that he went by the house and the fence looked to be in rough shape. She discussed the German Shepard's temperament and his training. Councilor Quinn asked how long she has had the newest dog. Ms. Kilroy stated that she has had it for about two (2) months. Councilor Quinn also asked if she had ever had a complaint from a neighbor up until this point. Ms. Kilroy stated that she has not. Councilor McCaul stated that he went by the house and did not hear any barking or howling and wanted to ask her if she plans to have a rooming house/daycare for the dogs. She stated that she is not. Councilor Cleary asked if Mr. Massa visited the inside of the house. She stated that he did. Karen Howard of 55 Viking Street to speak in favor of Ms. Kilroy. She stated that there is barking on occasion and there are some kids in the neighborhood that antagonize the dogs while Ms. Kilroy is out with them. She stated that Ms. Kilroy takes unbelievable care of her pets and loves animals. She thinks that the petitioners did not realize the reason that she applied for the license. Linda Marques of 75 Viking Street spoke in opposition of the kennel license. She stated that there is excessive dog barking anytime they go outside. They can't leave their windows open because the barking bothers them, it is a nuisance. She stated that she lived there 38 years and understands that dogs have to bark, but she doesn't believe that they should bark as much as they do and when that happens, Ms. Kilroy should do something about it so it does not annoy the neighbors. Kathleen Paiva of 85 Viking Street spoke in opposition. She agreed with Ms. Marques about the excessive barking although it has gotten better in the past couple of weeks. She stated that on August 7, 2014 at 10:20PM she was reading in her room. It barked constantly until 11:05PM. The next morning, it barked from 6:30AM until 6:45AM. The day after that, she heard howling at 7:30AM. In the past the dogs have barked a lot and she stated that she should have notified the dog officer. She asked the Council to consider not granting the license. She has lived at her house for forty three (43) years and would like some peace and quiet. Councilor Pottier stated that prior to making the motion; he would like to ask the City Clerk how long the license will be granted for. She stated that she does not have to reapply; she just needs to renew it annually. Kathleen Paiva asked if there is consideration of the petition of the neighbors. Councilor Pottier stated that it was certainly considered and there was at least two letters from abutters as well. He stated that if they have any issues they can call the Animal Control Officer or the Police. He stated that it will come before the Council in April and

the abutters will have a chance to attend, also any complaints that have come before the Animal Control Officer or the Police will be logged and taken into consideration when granting the extension. Councilor Croteau stated that they have a letter of recommendation from the Animal Control Officer and a history of fourteen (14) years of no complaints about her dogs. Councilor Quinn stated that nobody wants to be in a neighborhood with dogs excessively barking but one thing that she would suggest, as she is only going from three (3) dogs to four (4) dogs, that the neighbors feel free to call Ms. Kilroy if there is an issue. Even if they deny the petition, she is still allowed to have three (3) dogs. Councilor Cleary stated that fourteen (14) years incident free is a good track record. He thinks that is difficult to deny a petition considering that two of the dogs are therapy dogs and one dog is an old dog with limited mobility. Those three (3) are fairly well controlled dogs. He doesn't think there are grounds for denying the license. Councilor Costa-Hanlon wanted to let the petitioners know that their voices were heard and that is why the limit is being set and is being asked to renew every year. **Councilor Pottier motioned to follow the recommendation of the Animal Control Officer to grant the license with the stipulation that it comes up before the Council next April, and annually thereafter. Also, to add the restriction not to exceed four (4) dogs. So Voted. Motion was made to excuse the party and close the hearing. So Voted.**

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that school is starting next week and it is time to move the Council meetings back to Oak Street starting next week. Councilor Croteau stated that he spent about a half hour on the phone today with various people at City Hall trying to get in touch with Mr. Pestana. He would like to know when the microphones that the Council voted on several months ago will be replaced. Mayor Hoye requested that the City Clerk send him, Mr. Walkden and Mr. Pestana a communication tomorrow morning so it can get done.

Communications:

Com. from Budget Director requesting \$36,433.14 from the Reserve Account to the Mayor's Office Professional Services, Prior Year Account in order to process payment on the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative Invoice. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.**

Com. from Fire Chief requesting that Brianna Rooney be posthumously appointed to the ranks of the Taunton Fire Department and that the Rooney Family be invited to witness the occasion. **Motion was made to approve and send an invitation to the Rooney's in two weeks and also include in the invitation members of the Fire Department and Pride. So Voted.**

Com. from Police Chief requesting to deposit donations to support their National Night Out event. He requested that they be deposited in the police department's National Night Out Gift Account. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Com. from Cathal O'Brien stating that the Mass DEP is issuing a Mandatory Water Use Restriction regarding water usage between 9AM and 5PM daily. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that it has nothing to do with

the Taunton DPW; it has to do with the Taunton River Basin. When it drops below a certain number, they ask for that restriction. It has nothing to do with Taunton's water supply.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she has a notice of the polling locations for the primary from the City Clerk. It will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 7AM-8PM.

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Mark Gabelhart, Route 14 Motor LLC –DBA- Route 138 Motor Car Company located at 420 Broadway, Taunton requesting to transfer his Class II License to Michael C. Dovner, Premier Motor, Inc. at the same location. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Jeffrey Sanders, Esquire, Percy Law Group, P.C. on behalf of his client Taunton Mills, LLC, 1 River Road, Carlisle, MA and others requesting to discontinue Brook Street Extension in the City of Taunton. (Public Hearing Required) **Motion was made to refer to the City Clerk to schedule a hearing. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Anne Ouellette, 310 Tremont St., Rehoboth seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole at the intersection of Harvey Street and Route 140. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Maria Raposa, 191 Dighton Ave., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole on Winthrop St. in front of Papa Gino's. **Motion was made to refer to the DOT. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Rosemary Lewis, 7 Woods Edge Road, Lakeville seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a manhole cover on Middleboro Ave. at the corner of North and South Precinct Streets. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department. 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 Pottier asked if the meeting on the day of the primary on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 was moved to Monday, September 8, 2014. The City Clerk confirmed that it will be held on that Monday at 7:30AM.

Councilor Pottier stated that handicap signs should be put up on Middleboro Avenue near the curve by the pond. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul thanked the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds Department for cleaning up the property on 40 Pratt Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department what can be done with that land. So Voted.**

Motion was made to move the Executive Session that is scheduled to the end of the meeting. So Voted.

New Business:

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motion to refer to the DPW and the Safety Officer the issue that was discussed regarding the parking area by Hopewell Park that has made it difficult for families to cross Hopewell Street where it turns into Hamilton Street. She suggested mirrors being put up so people can see cars coming. So Voted.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that people can vote at City Hall for the Primary Election. The polling location is open as long as the City Clerk's Office is open until Monday, September 8th at noon.

Councilor Cleary mentioned Dick Lewis who was the initiator of the Christmas Parade and helped solidify Taunton's reputation for being the Christmas City. He stated that Mr. Lewis passed away last week and it is a loss for the City. He was a Tauntonian who left his mark on the City.

Councilor McCaul motioned to refer to the Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds department that on 113 North Walker Street, there are two trees that need to be removed. So Voted.

Motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss with the City Solicitor the legal updates on the Star Theater. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) councilors voting in favor. Mayor Hoye stated that the meeting will not be coming back into open session after the Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON
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THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

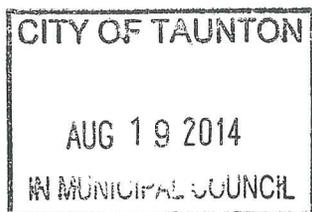
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR POTTIER.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:02 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 6:03 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH AND SAFETY OFFICER CHRIS WILLIAMS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04 P.M.

- 1. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC CONCERNS RELATED TO THE MERGER OF COYLE CASSIDY HIGH SCHOOL AND TAUNTON CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL**
 THE SAFETY OFFICER REPORTED THAT HE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM COYLE CASSIDY WHO ARE HERE TONIGHT. THEY HAVE ADDRESSED MOST OF THE CONCERNS THEMSELVES. THEY PROVIDED TO THE SAFETY OFFICER SIGNAGE THAT THEY WILL NEED AND HE IN TURN WILL PROVIDE IT TO THE COMMITTEE BY E-MAIL THIS WEEK. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO HAVE 2 CROSSING GUARDS THERE TO ASSIST WITH THE PRE-HIGH SCHOOL CHILDREN, WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO GO, HOW THEY WILL GET IN, ETC. THEY HAVE MADE THERE OWN PROGRAM WHERE STUDENTS WILL COME IN AND OUT VIA A STUDENT/PARENT PICK UP. AGAIN, THEY HAVE DONE A LOT ON THEIR OWN, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIST THEM WITH THE SIGNAGE.

MOTION: FOR PUBLIC INPUT.

MS. MARIA ANGELEY, THE VICE PRINCIPAL OF STUDENT AFFAIRS ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. SHE STATED THAT THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO DRIVE WILL ENTER BY CRONIN'S THEN PARK. THEY WILL EXIT BY CRONIN'S AS WELL. THE SIGNAGE REQUESTED ON ADAMS STREET (SAME SIDE AS CRONIN'S) WOULD BEGIN AT THE CROSSWALK AND EXTEND UP TO CRONIN'S. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR TWO WAY TRAFFIC. WHEN PARENTS PARK IN THAT AREA, CARS APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION TRY TO BYPASS THEM, BLOCKING ANY TRAFFIC IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND CAUSING A TRAFFIC JAM. THIS MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE CROSSING GUARD.

PARENTS WHO ARE DROPPING OFF A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SHOULD ARRIVE BY ADAMS STREET (FROM BROADWAY OR MORTON HOSPITAL DIRECTION) OR CHURCH STREET. PARENTS MAY DROP OFF THEIR STUDENT AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND EXIT BY CHURCH STREET. THERE WILL BE A CROSSING GUARD IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. PARENTS WHO WISH TO DROP OFF THEIR CHILD IN THE LOT SHOULD ENTER THE LOT ON ADAMS STREET, OPPOSITE CRONIN'S, AND CONTINUE TO THE ATHLETIC DOORS FOR DROP OFF. PARENTS SHOULD THEN PROCEED DOWN THE AISLE CLOSEST TO THE BUILDING AND JOIN INTO THE MIDDLE DIVISION CAR LINE FOR EXIT FROM THE LOT. IF A PARENT IS BRINGING A HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT TO SCHOOL, THEY WOULD LIKE THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DROPPED OFF FIRST AND THEN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT AS THE PARENT EXITS THE LOT.

CAR PICK UP OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY BE FROM THE FRONT OR THE BACK OF THE BUILDING. PARENTS WHO ARRIVE PRIOR TO DISMISSAL SHOULD PARK DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING OR IN THE BACK LOT. PARENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PICK-UP WHO ARRIVE ONCE DISMISSAL HAS BEGUN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER THE LOT UNTIL 2:15 P.M. TRAFFIC FLOW IS ONE WAY DURING THAT TIME. CARS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PICK UP SHOULD NOT ENTER VIA THE MIDDLE DIVISION ENTRANCE AND SHOULD NOT PARK IN SPACES BEFORE OR AFTER THE MIDDLE DIVISION ENTRANCE. PARKED CARS WOULD BE

DISRUPTIVE TO AN ORDERLY DISMISSAL.
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW TO THE SCHOOL AND PROVIDE FOR AN ORDERLY DROP OFF, FAMILIES SHOULD TRAVEL TO THE SCHOOL VIA HOPEWELL, CORAM, DARTMOUTH OR EXETER STREETS. THE CAR LINE WILL FORM ON HAMILTON STREET ALONG THE SIDE OF HOPEWELL PARK. CARS WILL THEN ENTER THE MIDDLE DIVISION LOT ENTRANCE AND PROCEED STRAIGHT PAST THE ENTRANCE. THERE WILL BE A TURNAROUND DESIGNATED AT THE LAST ISLAND. CARS WILL THEN

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PROCEED BACK TO THE MIDDLE DIVISION ENTRANCE AND DROP-OFF THE STUDENT IN FRONT OF THE DOOR. AS CARS EXIT THE PARKING LOT, CARS SHOULD PROCEED UP BRADFORD STREET. CAR PICK-UP FROM THE MIDDLE DIVISION SHOULD FOLLOW THE SAME TRAVEL ROUTES AS ABOVE. PARENTS MAY NOT PARK IN SPACES IN THE LOT WHEN THEY ARRIVE TO PICK UP THEIR CHILD. PARENTS SHOULD POSITION THEIR CARS IN THE PICK-UP LINE. IF CARS ARE PARKED, THE LINE WILL NOT BE DISTURBED FOR CARS ENTERING FROM PARKED SPOTS WHICH WILL DISRUPT THE FLOW. THE SIGNAGE REQUESTED ON HAMILTON STREET IS FOR TWO AREAS. FIRST IN FRONT OF HOPEWELL PARK FOR THE CAR LINE. THE SECOND FROM THE END OF THEIR DRIVEWAY ON HAMILTON STREET TO THE AREA ACROSS FROM BRADFORD STREET. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR THE PARENTS EXITING THE LOT TO HEAD FOR BRADFORD STREET TO HAVE A CLEAR VIEW, NOT HAVE CARS ENTERING FROM PARKED SPOTS DISRUPTING THE LINE, AND PROVIDE FOR A PLACE FOR THE BUS DROPPING OFF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARK.

THE SAFETY OFFICE MAY WANT TO REVISIT THIS IN A FEW WEEKS. TO SEE HOW THIS IS WORKING. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON WANTS A SCHEMATIC OR DRAWING

MOTION: BASED ON THE SAFETY OFFICER'S AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SCHOOLS INFORMATION, THIS ITEM IS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM THE FILE. IF AN ORDINANCE IS REQUIRED LATER IT WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE COUNCIL.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED.

MS. ANGELEY ASKED IF THE CROSSWALK LINES COULD BE PAINTED, AND COYLE CASSIDY HAS PURCHASED THE HOLY ROSARY PROPERTY AND THE BUSHES AND SHRUBS NEAR HOLY ROSARY AND ALL DOWN HOPEWELL STREET ARE OVERGROWN, SO SHE ASKED IF THIS AREA COULD BE CLEARED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT SHE REFERRED THIS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THAT LITTLE PARKING AREA WHERE FAMILIES OFTEN PARK TO USE HOPEWELL PARK. IT IS RIGHT ON THE CURVE AND SHE STATED THAT PERHAPS A MIRROR IS NEEDED THERE SO CARS CAN SEE WHAT IS COMING, ESPECIALLY IF TRAFFIC IS GOING TO INCREASE AROUND HOLY ROSARY.

THE CHIEF ALSO STATED THAT THE FLASHING LIGHTS NEAR THE OLD TAUNTON CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL NEED TO BE SHUT OFF.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT A MOTION SHOULD BE MADE TO TABLE THIS HOWEVER, SHE THINKS THEY SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD BE BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SAFETY OFFICER, ON THE SIGNAGE AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, THAT WE DO RECEIVE THAT PLAN, THE FLOW PLAN, THAT IT WOULD BE A MATTER TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE SAFETY OFFICER IF NEED BE.

THERE WAS A MOTION ALREADY ON THE FLOOR AND IT WAS SECONDED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED THAT THE MOTION BE AMENDED TO REFLECT HER COMMENTS. MR. CLEARY SAID IT WAS THE INTENT OF THE MOTION.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU CLARIFIED BY SAYING THAT THE COMMITTEE IS DISCHARGING THE ISSUE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MOTION TO DISCHARGE WILL INCLUDE ALL OF THE THINGS COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON JUST SPECIFIED.

THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: TO REFER THE CROSSING LIGHTS AT THE OLD TAUNTON CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL TO THE TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT TO AT LEAST SHUT THEM OFF AT THIS TIME, NOT NECESSARILY MOVE THEM, BUT AT LEAST SHUT THEM OFF. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF A MOTION COULD BE MADE THAT THE SAFETY OFFICER LOOK AT

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THE CORNER ACROSS FROM THE HOPEWELL PLAYGROUND RELATIVE TO VISIBILITY, WHAT CAN BE DONE TO INCREASE THE VISIBILITY. IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS WAS PART OF THE ABOVE MOTION, SO IT WAS NOT SECONDED.

2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING ON FAYETTE PLACE.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT THEY HAVE LOOKED AT THIS ISSUE MANY TIMES IN THE PAST, AND HE DOES NOT THINK THE CITY IS READY FOR RESIDENT PARKING YET. THERE REALLY IS NOTHING IN PLACE, THERE IS NOT AMPLE PARKING STOCK ON THE STREETS TO RESERVE SPOTS, SO PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY HE IS AGAINST IT AT THIS POINT.

THE SAFETY OFFICER AGREED. HE FEELS IT WILL CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. HE UNDERSTANDS THE REASON FOR THE REQUEST, BUT IT WILL CAUSE MORE PROBLEMS THEN IT WILL SOLVE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY FEELS THERE IS A NEED FOR RESIDENT PARKING STICKERS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY. HE NOTED THAT ON FAYETTE PLACE SEVERAL SPACES WERE TAKEN AWAY SO THAT EMERGENCY VEHICLES COULD GET DOWN THE STREET. SEVERAL OF THE HOUSES ARE APARTMENT HOUSES SO THERE IS LIMITED PARKING THERE NOW, SO TO LET OTHER PEOPLE JUST GRAB THOSE SPACES IS NOT RIGHT. HE WOULD PREFER TO SEE RESIDENT PARKING SPACES THERE. HE FEELS THERE IS A NEED FOR LIMITED RESIDENT PARKING IN THE CITY. HE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS.

THE CHIEF COUNTERED THIS BY SAYING IF YOU HAVE 20 SPACES AND 60 RESIDENTS HOW DO YOU DETERMINE WHICH RESIDENT GETS A PARKING SPACE. YOUR SUPPLY IS A LOT SMALLER THAN YOUR DEMAND IN MOST OF THE PLACES IN THE COMMUNITY.

COUNCILOR CLERY SAID IF YOU AT LEAST RESERVE THEM FOR RESIDENTS, AT LEAST RESIDENTS WOULD BE THERE INSTEAD OF NONE RESIDENTS. HE IS NOT GUARANTEEING THE RESIDENTS A PARKING PLACE, HE IS GUARANTEEING THAT THE PEOPLE USING THOSE SPACES ARE RESIDENTS. THE COURT PERSONNEL AND ATTORNEYS SHOULD NOT BE PARKING THERE. HE BELIEVES THIS ISSUE NEEDS TO STAY IN THE POLICE AND LICENSE FOLDER SO THAT WHEN THE PARKING COMMISSION IS RE-ORGANIZED IT IS REVISITED. HE DOES NOT WANT THIS DISCHARGED.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL STATED THAT HE SUPPORTS WHAT COUNCILOR CLEARY HAS SAID. HE TOO HAS SPOKEN TO RESIDENTS IN THIS AREA.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT PARKING IS GOING TO GET WORSE. NOW THE TRECOTT STREET LOT IS FREE. WHEN IT BECOMES A PAY LOT, IT STARTS MOVING PEOPLE OUTWARD LOOKING FOR FREE PARKING. HE IS NOT SAYING RESIDENT PARKING WILL NEVER WORK IN TAUNTON, BUT RIGHT NOW IS NOT THE TIME. WHEN THE TRECOTT STREET LOT BECOMES A PAY LOT, YOU WILL SEE THOSE PEOPLE PARKING ON FAYETTE PLACE AND OTHER PLACES. IT WILL NOT JUST BE THE COURT HOUSE PEOPLE IT WILL BE OTHER PEOPLE USING THE DOWNTOWN.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED WHY NOT START TRAINING THESE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS RESIDENT PARKING ONLY. PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE A STICKER FOR THEIR VEHICLES.

THE CHIEF SAID IF WE DO STICKERS, YOU WILL NEED A CRITERIA – HOW WILL YOU DETERMINE WHO GETS THE PARKING STICKERS.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL SAID IF YOU HAVE A STICKER YOU CAN PARK THERE IF THERE IS A SPOT AVAILABLE, SIMPLE AS THAT.

THE CHIEF NOTED THAT THE PERSON COUNCILOR MCCAUL SPOKE WITH, SINCE SHE HAS SOME HEALTH ISSUES SHOULD PROBABLY GET A HANDICAPPED PARKING STICKER.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID IF WE ARE GOING TO ASSIGN STICKERS, THEN WE DO NEED SOME CRITERIA. SOME OF THESE SPACES WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE HANDICAPPED SPOTS. BEFORE ISSUEING STICKERS, THERE NEEDS TO BE A DISCUSSION AS TO WHO GETS THE SPACES.

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COUNCILOR POTTIER STATED THAT WE DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE RESIDENTIAL PARKING IN THE CITY. PART OF THE PROBLEM NOW IS THAT THE PARKING DECK IS CLOSED, SO WE DO NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MEET THE NEED IN THIS AREA. WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THIS ISSUE CAREFULLY AND GET THE PARKING COMMISSION INVOLVED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT MANY COMMUNITIES DO THIS AND IT CAN BE WORKED OUT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT IT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED, BUT WHEN THE PARKING DECK IS FIXED AND OPENED, PEOPLE WILL BE PARKING THERE.

COUNCILOR QUINN SAID SHE AGREES, THAT THERE IS A NEED TO ADDRESS RESIDENTIAL PARKING BUT NOT AT THIS TIME. THERE WOULD NEED TO BE A SOLID PLAN, AND YOU WOULD NEED TO DETERMINE WHO THE RESIDENTS ARE AND USE MORE THAN JUST A LICENSE TO DETERMINE THIS. THE PARKING ENVIRONMENT WILL CHANGE WHEN THE DECK AND THE LOTS ARE DONE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH THE PARKING COMMISSION AND PROBABLY M.O.C.D.

COUNCILOR CLEARY MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

MOTION: THAT THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES DRAFT A LETTER CONTAINING A LOT OF THE DISCUSSION THAT WAS HAD AND ADDRESS THE LETTER TO THE PARKING COMMISSION AND SEE IF THEY CAN'T GET BACK TO THE COMMITTEE WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT RESIDENT PARKING. RESPONSE DUE IN ONE MONTH.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SECONDED THE MOTION AND ASKED THE MAKER OF THE MOTION TO INCLUDE SOME DISCUSSION WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS TO WHAT THEY THINK, THEY MAY HAVE PLANS THAT ARE ALSO GOING TO IMPACT PARKING, SUCH AS DEVELOPMENT OF SOME LARGER RESIDENTIAL AREAS OR A LARGER EMPLOYER THEY ANTICIPATE COMING IN.

THE MAKER OF THE MOTION DID NOT WISH TO ADD THIS TO HIS MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL MADE A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, WE ARE ONLY TALKING ABOUT FAYETTE PLACE FOR RESIDENT PARKING, NOT THE CONCEPT OF RESIDENT PARKING THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THIS DISCUSSION IS ON FAYETTE PLACE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THE MOTION WAS JUST FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING – THE CONCEPT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

MOTION: TO OBTAIN A STATUS REPORT CONSTRUCTION TIME TABLE, WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT ON THE PARKING GARAGE AND THAT THE MEMORANDUM OR NOTICE BE SENT TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE, THE PARKING COMMISSION, THE DPW AND ANYONE ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE STATUS OF THE PARKING GARAGE. WHEN IT WILL GO OUT TO BID, WHEN THE BID WILL BE AWARDED AND WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLETED. THEN WE CAN BEGIN TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSIONS ON A RESIDENTIAL PARKING POLICY WITH ALL OF ITS RAMIFICATIONS.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED.

THE CHIEF SAID THEY RECEIVED 90% PLANS THIS WEEK. THEY ARE REVIEWING THOSE AND AFTER THAT THEY WILL BE GOING OUT TO BID. HE WILL PROVIDE THE REST OF THE INFORMATION AS WELL.

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COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DATE CERTAIN THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A STATUS REPORT FROM THE CHIEF, IN WRITING, THE DPW, THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT, THE PARKING COMMISSION AND THAT FAYETTE PLACE BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING IN THE CITY.
THE MOTION WAS AGAIN SECONDED. ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR.

3. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS SPEED LIMIT RE-EVALUATION ON NORTH WALKER STREET

THE SAFETY OFFICER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE HAS SPOKEN TO SOME OF THE RESIDENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE HERE TONIGHT. IT IS A LONG DRAWN OUT PROCESS THAT HE WILL BEGIN. FIRST, HE WILL CALL ANOTHER MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC BOARD TO GET THIS GOING, WHICH IS WITH THE DPW TEAM, CITY ENGINEER, TMLP, PROBABLY BETA GROUP, AND IN THE END THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH MASS. DOT TO GET THIS DONE. THE ENGINEERING STUDIES NEED TO BE STARTED, SO HE WILL NEED APPROVAL FOR THAT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION:

MOTION: TO BEGIN THE ENGINEERING STUDY AND TO INCLUDE ANYTHING ELSE THAT THE SAFETY OFFICER MAY NEED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

THE SAFETY OFFICER DID INFORM THE COMMITTEE THAT THE END OF NORTH WALKER STREET AT ROUTE 44 HAS BEEN STUDIED AND GETTING LIGHTS THERE IS IN THE WORKS.

THE CHIEF ALSO CAUTIONED, THAT YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, BECAUSE THEY DID A SPEED STUDY ON WARNER BOULEVARD BECAUSE RESIDENTS WANTED THE SPEED LIMIT LOWERED, BUT AFTER THE STUDIES, IT ACTUALLY ENDED UP INCREASING. THIS CAN HAPPEN SOMETIMES.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED TO HAVE **THE MOTION AMENDED TO ASK THE SAFETY OFFICER TO LET THE RESIDENTS KNOW WHEN THE TRAFFIC BOARD MEETS.**

COUNCILOR MCCAUL STATED THAT HE HAS SPOKEN WITH RESIDENTS IN THAT AREA AND THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH THE SPEEDING ON THAT STREET. HE ASKED IF SLOW CHILDREN SIGNS CAN BE PUT UP.

THE SAFETY OFFICER SAID HE WILL LOOK AT THE WHOLE STREET, GET ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND ADDRESS THE WHOLE STREET.

MS. CAMPANERIO OF NORTH WALKER STREET ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. SHE ASKED THAT THE SAFETY OFFICER SPEAK WITH LOPES CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE THEIR TRUCKS ARE SPEEDING ON THAT STREET. THERE ARE MANY MORE CHILDREN IN THE AREA NOW, AND THE TRUCKS ARE GOING 60-65 MILES PER HOUR. HER STONE WALL HAS BEEN HIT THREE TIMES. SHE ALSO QUESTIONED THAT AT ONE END OF THE STREET THE SPEED LIMIT IS 25 MPH AND AT THE OTHER END IT IS 45 MPH.

THE SAFETY OFFICER ALSO SAID THAT THE CHIEF HAS INCREASED THE TRAFFIC DIVISION AND CITATIONS ARE BEING WRITTEN IN THAT AREA.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADDED TO THE MOTION:

TO HAVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAILER SIGN ON THAT STREET. SO VOTED.

4. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS SPEEDING IN VICINITY OF 31 FREMONT STREET AND TREMONT STREET

THE SAFETY OFFICER INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT ALL OF THE COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE TRAFFIC DIVISION AND THEY HAVE BEEN DOING ENFORCEMENT. THE ENFORCEMENT WILL CONTINUE.

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MOTION: REFER TO THE SAFETY OFFICER AND TRAFFIC DIVISION. SO VOTED.

5. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR SLOW CHILDREN SIGN ON MIDDLEBORO AVENUE

THE SAFETY OFFICER STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A LOCATION REGARDING THIS. HE WAS TOLD TO LOOK AT THE BEND NEAR RICHMONDS POND AND ALSO TO LOOK AT THE AREA BY HOME PLATE.

6. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR A BLIND DRIVEWAY SIGN AT CORNER OF FIFTH STREET AND SOMERSET AVENUE

THE SAFETY OFFICER STATED THAT THIS DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS SIGNAGE.

MOTION: TO DISCHARGE THE MATTER. SO VOTED.

7. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE TWO BRISTOL PLYMOUTH ENTRANCES

THE SAFETY OFFICER STATED THAT REGARDING THE HART STREET ENTRANCE, THE ONE ON COUNTY STREET IS PART OF THE IGA AND THERE WILL BE A FULL SET OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS THERE, BUT, HE PROVIDED A CONCEPT PLAN REGARDING THE ENTRANCE AT POOLE AND HART STREET. THE STREET AND THE ENTRANCE WOULD NEED TO BE LIGNED UP. HE IS NOT SURE BUT POSSIBLY THE CASINO AGREEMENT WILL ALSO BE DEALING WITH THIS. IF THE ENTRANCE AND POOLE STREET ARE LIGNED UP YOU WILL HAVE A PROPER INTERSECTION, THE PLAN CALLS FOR THEM TO RECTIFY THAT ON BP PROPERTY, THEN YOU COULD INSTALL A BEACON, WITH A YELLOW FLASHING LIGHT ON HART STREET AND A RED FLASHING LIGHT ON POOLE STREET

MOTION: THAT THE DRAWING BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ASKED WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS FINANCIALLY. THE SAFETY OFFICER AGAIN NOTED THAT HE THINKS THIS IS PART OF THE IGA. COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT NOTHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN UNTIL THERE IS MONEY AVAILABLE. THE SAFETY OFFICER SAID THAT WAS CORRECT. COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THERE IS MONEY AVAILABLE OTHER THAN THE IGA. THERE IS MONEY AVAILABLE, IT IS STATE MONEY. THIS WHOLE THING IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE CASINO. THERE IS STATE MONEY AVAILABLE AND SRPEDD HAS CONTROL OF IT. THE DISBURSEMENT OF THIS MONEY IS MADE BY A COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY SRPEDD. THE COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL OF THE MEMBER COMMUNITIES. THE MEMBER COMMUNITIES DO NOT WISH TO SPEND THE MONEY BECAUSE OF THE CASINO, BECAUSE IF THE CASINO COMES TO TAUNTON, SOME OF THE PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES ARE GOING TO GET THE MONEY. THERE IS A PLAN TO DO SOMETHING WITH HARTS 4 CORNERS, BUT THAT PLAN IS HELD HOSTAGE. THE COUNCIL IS GOING TO BE DISCUSSING THE PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY MOZZONE WHICH IS GOING TO MAKE THAT INTERSECTION WORSE THAN WHAT IT IS NOW. HE HAS SPOKEN TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THE TMLP, THE LAW DEPARTMENT, A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THE WHOLE THING IS AT A STANDSTILL.

MOTION: REFER THIS MATTER TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY NEED TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AS TO HOW THE CITY CAN GET THIS MONEY.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED, AND ON DISCUSSION, COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT SRPEDD IS NOT A MAJOR FUNDING AGENCY, THEY ARE SORT OF A PASS THROUGH. THE TAUNTON DPW WORKS WITH SRPEDD AND WORKS WITH THE STATE AND THEY ARE WORKING ON HARTS 4 CORNERS. IT HAS BEEN SLOWED DOWN BUT IF THE CASINO COMES THROUGH, THERE IS A SOLUTION DRAFTED OR BEING DRAFTED, AND IT MAY HAVE TO COME FROM THAT GROUP.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT AS LONG AS THE CASINO DECISION IS NOT MADE, WE HAVE A LOG

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JAM HERE, SO SOMETHING HAS TO HAPPEN.

COUNCILOR CLEARY NOTED THAT WE ARE NOT DISCUSSING HARTS 4 CORNERS, WE ARE DISCUSSING POOLE STREET AND HART STREET AND THE ONLY DRAFT OF ANY POSSIBLE SOLUTION FOR THAT IS FROM THE CASINO. THERE IS NO STATE PLAN TO ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM. HARTS 4 CORNERS IS A MAJOR ISSUE, BUT THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS, AND THERE IS NO MONEY AT SRPEDD FOR THIS PLAN. COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT POOLE STREET IS PART OF THE STATE PLAN. COUNCILOR CLEARY MADE THE FOLLOWING MOTION.

MOTION: THAT A COPY OF THE STATE'S PLAN FOR POOLE STREET BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE

THE CLERK REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE WAS ALREADY A MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT REGARDLESS WHAT WHERE AND HOW, WE DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO DO THAT LIGHT AT POOLE STREET. IT WILL COST ABOUT \$250,000. SO IF YOU WANT TO MOVE ON LETS JUST MAKE A MOTION TO NOT DO POOLE STREET.

THE MOTION WAS CLARIFIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

MOTION: TO REFER TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO RESEARCH AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET THE MONEY FROM THE STATE.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED THAT THE **MOTION INCLUDE THAT THE COUNCIL, THE LAW DEPARTMENT AND THE SAFETY OFFICER BE GIVEN ANY DOT AND OR STATE PLANS FOR THIS INTERSECTION. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IN 1 MONTH.**

THE MOTION AND THE AMENDMENT WERE VOTED ON AND PASSED.

MOTION: TO REFER TO THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO RESEARCH AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET THE MONEY FROM THE STATE FOR THE BRISTOL PLYMOUTH ENTRANCE ON COUNTY STREET AND THAT THE COUNCIL, LAW DEPARTMENT AND SAFETY OFFICER BE GIVEN ANY DOT AND OR STATE PLANS FOR THIS INTERSECTION. INFORMATION IS TO BE PROVIDED IN 1 MONTH. SO VOTED.

8. MEET TO DISCUSS REQUEST FOR A BUS STOP ON WASHINGTON STREET

THE SAFETY OFFICER STATED THAT ONE PROBLEM WAS THE CROSS WALK AT GRANT STREET, AND THIS IS TO BE RESTRIPEDED. THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THIS IS TO MOVE THE BUS STOP 250 FEET FROM GRANT STREET.

MOTION: SO MOVED.

MOTION: REPORT TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR MCCAUL ASKED IF THERE COULD BE SOME SLOW CHILDREN SIGNS PLACED THERE. THE SAFETY OFFICER SAID YES.

9. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

THE SAFETY OFFICER PROVIDED A REPORT REGARDING A REQUEST FOR SIGNAGE AT 433 RICHMOND STREET BECAUSE EXITING THE DRIVEWAY CAN BE DANGEROUS DUE TO LINE OF SIGHT.

A SURVEY OF THE AREA SHOWS APPROACHING THIS DRIVEWAY DOWNHILL HEADING NORTH BOUND THERE EXISTS TWO SIGNS, ONE SLOW CHILDREN SIGN APPROXIMATELY 250 FEET BEFORE THE DRIVEWAY AND ANOTHER CURVE AHEAD WARNING SIGN BEING YELLOW AND BLACK WITH A CURVING ARROW

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DEPICTED APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET BEFORE THE DRIVEWAY. APPROACHING THE DRIVEWAY HEADING SOUTH BOUND AND UPHILL THERE EXISTS A SLOW CHILDREN SIGN APPROXIMATELY 75 FEET BEFORE THE DRIVEWAY.

BECAUSE OF THE GEOMETRY OF THIS AREA OF RICHMOND STREET, THE SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDS ADDING A BLIND DRIVEWAY SIGN TO BE LOCATED AT THE BOUNDARIES OF 448 AND 454 RICHMOND STREET FACING SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

MOTION: APPROVE THE BLIND DRIVEWAY SIGN. SO VOTED.

MOTION: REPORT TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE SPOKE WITH THE CITY CLERK TODAY RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST FOR PROMOTIONAL EXAMS. SHE IS LOOKING FOR CLARIFICATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR AND THE FORMAT. LAST TIME WE DID THE ASSESSMENT CENTER AS PART OF THE PROMOTIONAL EXAMS, AND THIS IS UNCLEAR FROM THE MONDAY MEETING WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT UP.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID HER RECOLLECTION WAS THAT COUNCILOR CLEARY CALLED FOR THE EXAM AND THE ASSESSMENT.

MOTION: TO CALL FOR THE PROMOTIONAL EXAM FOR LIEUTENANT, CAPTAIN AND SERGEANT WITH THE ASSESSMENT CENTER. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ASKED FOR THE HELP OF THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING A GUARDRAIL AT 576 MIDDLEBORO AVENUE. HE HAS REFERRED THIS TO THE DPW BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN AT LEAST 3 SERIOUS ACCIDENTS WHERE VEHICLES HAVE HIT THE GUARDRAIL. IT IS IN PIECES AND IN SERIOUS DISREPAIR. THE DPW INFORMED HIM THAT THEY WOULD NEED THE INSURANCE INFORMATION REGARDING THE VEHICLES THAT WERE INVOLVED IN HITTING THE GUARDRAIL. THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION HE CAN GET REGARDING THE ACCIDENTS AT 576 MIDDLEBORO AVENUE TO TRY TO GET THIS GUARDRAIL REPAIRED.

MOTION: REFER THIS MATTER TO THE POLICE CHIEF AND RISK MANAGER. SO VOTED.

10. PUBLIC INPUT

CELINA PINDEXTER ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. SHE ASKED HOW MANY STAFF PEOPLE THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS THAT DEAL WITH CYBER CRIMES, SOCIAL MEDIA CRIMES.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE HAS A DETECTIVE DIVISION THAT IS TRAINED IN THIS, AND THERE IS A FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR WHO IS SPECIFICALLY TRAINED. ABOUT 9 OFFICERS TRAINED THAT CAN DEAL WITH IT AND 1 OFFICER SPECIFICALLY TO DEAL WITH EXPLOITATION OF THAT.

MS. PINDEXTER ASKED WHAT THE TURN AROUND IS ON THESE TYPES OF THINGS.

THE CHIEF SAID IT DEPENDS, AND IF SHE HAS SOMETHING PARTICULAR SHE WANTS TO DISCUSS HE CAN DISCUSS IT WITH HER OFF LINE. EVERYTHING CAN RANGE, IT CAN DEPEND ON WHAT THEY ARE DOING, HOW THEY ARE DOING IT, SOMETIMES IF THEY HAVE EQUIPMENT, THEY HAVE TO GO OUT AND GET WARRANTS OR SUBPOENAS TO GET RECORDS, SOMETIMES THEY HAVE TO PHYSICALLY EXAMINE STUFF, IT VARIES. THERE IS NO SET TIME ON ANYTHING.

MS. PINDEXTER SAID THAT IF A PARENT COMES TO YOU AND GIVES THE DEPARTMENT ALL THE EQUIPMENT, GIVES THE PASSWORDS AND THEY ARE TOLD THAT THE DEPARTMENT CANNOT GET TO IT, AND THIS IS REGARDING A SUICIDE ATTEMPT, TO HER THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE AND SHE IS HERE ON BEHALF OF OTHER PARENTS AND THE PARENTS SPECIFICALLY WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THIS NIGHTMARE RIGHT NOW. TO HER THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO TAKE A LOOK AT HOW

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MANY PEOPLE THEY HAVE LOOKING AT CYBER CRIMES AND SOCIAL MEDIA CRIMES BECAUSE AS PARENTS, THEY NEED TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN SAFE.

THE CHIEF ASKED MS. PINDEXTER HOW MANY POLICE OFFICERS SHE THOUGHT HE HAD WORKING THE STREETS RIGHT NOW.

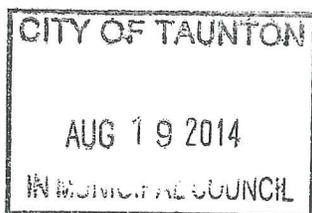
MS. PINDEXTER SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW BUT IF IT IS A STAFFING ISSUE SOMEONE NEEDS TO DO SOMETHING. SHE AS A PARENT EXPERIENCED THIS A FEW YEARS BACK AND HER CHILD'S EQUIPMENT SAT THERE FOR 4 WEEKS AND IT WASN'T UNTIL THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TOOK IT AND IT WAS A MATTER OF 1 DAY AND THEY KNEW WHO THE PERSON WAS. TO HER THAT IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE TURN AROUND TIME AND LUCKILY HERS WAS NOT A SUICIDE, IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE, BUT THESE PARENTS ARE DEALING WITH A SUICIDE ATTEMPT, AND TO HER IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

THE CHIEF SAID HE THINKS HE UNDERSTANDS THE SITUATION MS. PINDEXTER IS TALKING ABOUT, IN WHICH THE OFFICERS GOT SIDETRACKED ONTO A RAPE. IT COMES DOWN TO PRIORITIES. HE HAS LIMITED STAFF WHO HAVE LIMITED ABILITY TO DO THINGS. AS FAR AS FORENSIC EXPLOITATION, HE HAS 1 OFFICER AND HE ACTUALLY SERVES SOMEWHAT REGIONALLY AS WELL. THERE IS NOT A LOT OF EXPERTISE OUT THERE. JUST HAVING A PASSWORD IS NOT ENOUGH BECAUSE SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO FORENSICALLY EXAMINE THE PHONE BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAS BEEN DELETED, WHAT HAS NOT BEEN DELETED, THAT TAKES TIME. AS FAR AS PERSONNEL, MOST OF HIS DETECTIVE DIVISION HAS EXPERIENCE DEALING WITH CYBER CRIMES. THEY TRY TO STAY AHEAD, BUT SOCIETY IS CHANGING. HE CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH WITH THE PERSONNEL HE HAS. HE HAS JUST 6 OFFICERS ON THE ROAD RIGHT NOW, HE HAS 2 DETECTIVES WORKING THIS MONTH. HE IS 20 OFFICERS UNDERSTAFFED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO PRIORITIZE WHAT COMES IN AND SOMETIMES THINGS GET BUMPED. THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO SPEAK WITH THIS RESIDENT OFF LINE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU NOTED THAT A FEW WEEKS AGO THERE WAS AN ACTUAL SUICIDE AND HE DID MAKE A MOTION AND THE COUNCIL SUPPORTED IT, SO HE WOULD LIKE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING AND WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THE MOTION. THIS WAS 1-2 MONTHS AGO.

MS. JUANITA GALLAGHER OF WINTHROP STREET ALSO ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. SHE SAID REGARDING RESIDENT PARKING, BOSTON MUST HAVE RESIDENT PARKING BECAUSE THERE ARE NO DRIVEWAYS.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Colleen Ellis

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CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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CITY CLERK