



City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

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Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, October 7, 2014 at 8:10 O'clock P.M.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

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.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye made a presentation of a Proclamation for Breast Cancer. The Mayor read the Proclamation which proclaimed October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Taunton. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.** The CABbies have scheduled their Annual Fall fundraiser called the Night of Hope and Celebration, formally called Paint the Night PINK, on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Hong Kong City. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 at the following locations, Robins Flower Shop, Morton Federal Credit Union, Taunton Federal Credit Union, Coletti's Market and Home Plate. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 508-828-0405.

Mayor Hoye discussed the large fundraiser that is taking place at the Jockey Club this Sunday starting at 1pm for Firefighter Chad Larivee. The tickets can be purchased for \$25 each. There is information on the Chad Larivee website. Councilor Pottier stated that wristbands/tickets can be purchased at the Central Fire Station.

Mayor Hoye stated that due to the good work of the DPW, Law Department, and Council President Marshall, a binder coat will be partially applied Downtown by the end of the season, hopefully by the time of the parade next week. A lot of work still remains to be completed by the gas company which is being negotiated so the entirety of the Downtown will be paved by next spring. In the meantime, it is good news that part of it will be paved or at least have the binder coat on it to get rid of the ruts and repair the trenches. Mayor Hoye wanted to thank Tony Abreau and everyone else involved for their efforts with this ongoing problem of trying to get the contractors and utilities to get the work done in the Downtown area. Mayor Hoye stated that we will be informed when the gas company completes their work, but it will be years before the gas mains will be replaced in the City.

Council President Marshall motioned to revert from the regular order of business and go to unfinished business continued from September 16th to go into Executive Session to meet with the Law Department to discuss personnel requests from COTMA. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Cleary motioned to include the request from the City Solicitor to meet in Executive Session and address both topics. Council President Marshall said

that it must be stated what the purpose of the second Executive Session is. Mayor Hoye requested that the communication from the City Solicitor be read. The letter requested to meet with Mayor Hoye and the Municipal Council in Executive Session at tonight's meeting. The purpose of this session is to meet to discuss strategy with respect to litigation undertaken or to be undertaken. It is the opinion of the City Solicitor's Office that an open meeting on this topic may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City. **Motion was made to go into Executive Session for the discussion of potential litigation as described in the City Solicitor's letter and that we will reconvene in Open Session after both Executive Sessions. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.**

Motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 9:15pm. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor.

Motion was made to continue communications from City Officers. So Voted.

Communications:

Com. from Treasurer/Collector requesting to transfer funds. The FY2015 budget submitted for department 145 – Treasurer Collector included an appropriation for \$5,000.00 for capital equipment to purchase the Inserter/Folder from the State Bid List. The price is listed at \$5,655.00 which is slightly higher than the budget. Gill Enos, Budget Director, recommended that a request be submitted to transfer \$655.00 from the Data Processing Services account to the Equipment Capital Outlay account. Councilor Carr stated that Barbara Auger came and spoke to her, Councilor Pottier and Councilor Croteau, the Chair of the Committee on Finance and Salaries, requesting that it be approved tonight. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor submitting a letter regarding receivership of 60 Staples Street, East Taunton, MA. The Attorney General's Office commenced receivership proceedings with respect to the abandoned house. Pro-Home, Inc. of Taunton will serve as the receiver. The court order which was approved on September 30, 2014 was attached. The City Solicitor stated that his hope and expectation is that these receivership proceedings will result in rehabilitating this blighted property, as has been the case in other receivership proceedings. He also thanked the Attorney General and her staff for always being willing to assist the City of Taunton through the AG's Abandoned Housing Initiative. If any councilors or members of the public are aware of other properties that may be blighted and in need of receivership, please pass along the property address to the City Solicitor's Office. Not all properties will be suitable for the receivership process, but the office will be happy to assess each property so referred in consultation with the Attorney General's Office. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from the City Solicitor, submitting a letter regarding the lawsuit that former Police Chief Raymond Oberg filed against the City, members of the City Council, former police officer Joshua Acerra and others in 2012. The lawsuit, which sought significant monetary damages, contained numerous counts in the complaint, including alleged civil rights violations, civil conspiracy, breach of contract, infliction of emotional distress, intentional interference with contractual relations, defamation, and other claims. By Order of the Court dated September 25, 2013, Judge Tauro dismissed a large number of those claims over the Plaintiff's objection. The surviving counts of the complaint then went forward toward the discovery process. All remaining counts of the complaint have now been dismissed with prejudice, and without any right of appeal. This means that the

case is now over and the Plaintiff will take nothing. Councilor Cleary wanted to thank the City Solicitor's Office for another job well done. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Eric and Linda Andrade, 565 North Street, Somerset, MA requesting to install a sewer extension for the properties located at 115 Summer Street and 113 Summer Street, Taunton, MA. The property at 115 Summer Street has a septic that failed. Due to the poor soil conditions as tested by an engineer with a percolation test, to construct a new septic system for said property would likely result in failing within a few years of construction. The property at 113 Summer Street has a septic that is on the verge of failing or has already failed as similar issues have occurred at said property and the soil is not conducive for septic construction either. The sewer extension has been designed by Pro-Line engineering and submitted to DPW on this date. It should be noted that the plans were reviewed on a preliminary basis by Aniceto Teves. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So Voted.**

Com. from City Clerk requesting an additional \$2,500.00 to be placed in the Overtime Account. The funds were requested to ensure that the City Clerk's office is able to effectively complete all preparations, election-day requirements, and post-election day requirements necessary to run the State Election on November 4, 2014. The overtime monies used to pay the clerical staff are paid out of the City Clerk budget, not the Registrar of Voters budget. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Dave Littlefield, 192 Erin Rd., East Taunton extending an invitation to the Municipal Council to attend a public meeting at the Holy Rosary Family Parish Center, Middleboro Avenue, East Taunton, on October 9th at 7pm. This will be a brief, one hour informational meeting which will include a review of the tribe's Land in Trust application for the proposed casino site in East Taunton. As there will be no deliberation by anyone attending the meeting, City Councilor's attendance should be within the confines of the law. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor submitting a letter regarding the necessity of an Ordinance to Effectuate Prior Budgetary Decision of Municipal Council. As part of Fiscal Year 2015 municipal budget process, the Municipal Council debated and approved an adjustment to the base salary for the position of Mayor to take effect on January 1, 2015. Research indicates that the last ordinance adjusting the base salary was passed on February 22, 2005. In order to legally implement the decision that the Council has already made during the budget process, it is necessary to adopt an ordinance. The City Solicitor enclosed the ordinance, which is in proper form for a first reading. Councilor Pottier stated at the time that this was originally presented in the budget by the City Solicitor, he also presented some additional information. **Motion was made to receive a copy of the comparison data. So Voted.**

AN ORDINANCE

Chapter 2 – Administration

Article IV – Personnel

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Article IV of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting after Section 2.-180.1 the following section:--

Section 2-180.2. Salary of Mayor.

The base salary for the Mayor of the City of Taunton shall be \$110,000.00 per year.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

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

Com. from Superintendent of Buildings submitting a timeline as to when the microphone system in the Council Chambers will be completed. Tom Pestana informed him that the remaining microphones set for replacement have been ordered and are expected to arrive in one to two weeks. As soon as the equipment is received, the work will be scheduled. The project is anticipated to take approximately one week as all of the microphones must be wired back to the control room. The devices cannot be attached to the existing wiring. The scheduled annual testing of the fire alarm systems for two remaining public buildings must be concluded prior to the microphone installation work. The microphones are expected to be installed well before Thanksgiving. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Mayor Hoye requesting road closures for the 375th Anniversary Parade and Liberty and Union Festival. The City will be celebrating its 375th Anniversary with a parade on Saturday, October 18 at 11AM. The parade route will begin at Hopewell Park and travel down Bradford Street, South onto Route 138 Broadway until approaching the Green where it will turn right onto 140 toward Court Street, continue on 140 past Post Office Square, bears left on 140 past El Mariachi, and then continues straight on Main Street until its conclusion at the Summer/Spring Street junction. Mayor Hoye requested that the streets in the parade route be blocked off during the parade. The parade will end around noon, at which time a small procession will be lead from First Parish Church to the Old Colony Historical Society for the annual Taunton tradition of the historic flag raising. Immediately following is a Liberty and Union Arts and History festival that will take place from 12pm-4pm. The festival will include live entertainment, a petting zoo, crafts, face painting, pumpkin decorating, and more spread throughout the Old Colony Historical Society and First Parish Church Grounds. The Mayor also requested that Church Green be shut down during the hours of 12pm-4pm to allow pedestrians to comfortably enjoy the festival. **Motion was made to approve and refer to the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Com. from tenants of Taunton Woods submitting a letter recognizing Councilor John McCaul for his immediate response to their calls. He has worked with the tenants in Building A for many hours to ensure that their building problems are being addressed to Peabody Properties. The tenants wanted to express their appreciation to Councilor McCaul for taking the time out of his busy schedule to help them. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Council President Marshall submitted a letter that he received from the Law Department regarding a proposed Release of Drainage Easement at 56 Field Street. The Drainage Easement was submitted to the Department of Public Works and the Law Department was copied on the communication. The easement in question is held by the City of Taunton. The Assistant City Solicitor requested that this be referred to the Committee on Public Property for its deliberation and recommendation to the Municipal Council. Council President Marshall also submitted a letter from the Water Division Supervisor stating that the Taunton DPW Street and Drain Division has field checked the area in question and there is not a city drain in the vicinity of 56 Field Street. There are also no plans to install one in the future. The easement referenced above would not be able to be accessed to the rear of the lot and therefore is not needed. A copy of the actual Release of Drainage Easement was also submitted. **Motion was made to approve and refer to the Committee on Public Property. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Petition submitted by Copal Awad, Taunton Service Center, Inc. –dba- Taunton Service Center Auto Sales located at 48 Broadway requesting to change his Class II License from Wholesale only to a regular Class II License. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Virginia McCrohan, Premium Motor Sales, Inc. 340 Winthrop Street requesting to transfer her Class II License to Leonard Shani, Leo's Auto Sales and Services located at 350 ½R Winthrop Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Coldys & Kelleher P.C. on behalf of Robert Asack, property owner at 60-62 Weir Street, Taunton claiming that property suffered structural damage to the foundation and substantial water damage from flooding in the basement at the same time that SB General Contracting, Inc. performed work in said area. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW Contractor. 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 Croteau discussed the problem on 398 Somerset Avenue and whether it should be discussed in Executive Session. **Motion was made to request a status report from the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Councilor Quinn discussed an ongoing matter at 13 and 19 Monica Street. She had received another call from a neighbor regarding the overgrown trees over the sidewalk. Councilor Quinn drove by there and both properties are in deplorable condition. **Motion was made to receive a report back from the Safety Officer and refer to the Committee on Public Property to take a look at it to see if it is a blighted property under the definition of the ordinance. So Voted.**

Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE MODERNIZING THE TAUNTON PARKING COMMISSION

**Chapter 2 – Administration
Article XVIII – Parking Commission**

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Article XVIII of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out Section 2-364 and replacing it with the following:--

Section 2- 364. Establishment. Membership.

There is hereby established a parking commission, known as the Taunton Parking Commission (hereinafter the “Commission”), which shall be composed of five members. Three members, all of whom shall be persons residing or owning a business within the limits of the City of Taunton, shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years. There shall be two ex-officio members, one of whom shall be the Chief of Police or his designee, and one of whom shall be the President of the Municipal Council or such other member of the Municipal Council as may be designated from time to time by the President thereof. Members of the Commission shall not receive any compensation for services rendered to the Commission, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties.

SECTION 2. Said Article XVIII of said Chapter 2, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out Section 2-366 and replacing it with the following:--

Section 2-366. Meetings.

The Commission shall carry out the functions and duties prescribed for it in Section 2-367. The Commission shall hold regular meetings not less than once per month at a fixed time and place determined by the Commission. Meetings of the Commission shall also be held at such times as may be voted by the Commission, or as may be called by the Mayor or the Chairman of the Commission. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of at least three members shall be required to pass any motion or measure. Notices of meetings shall in all cases be made in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts. Notices of meetings shall also be issued to the Mayor, Commission members, members of the Municipal Council, the chief of the fire department, and the commissioner of public works, but the failure to provide

such notices, or any errors contained therein, shall not serve to prohibit or prevent the Commission from meeting or transacting business, so long as the notice of the meeting and the posting of such notice otherwise complies with the General Laws of Massachusetts. Any elected official or department head of the city may attend Commission meetings and present their views, and the Commission shall entertain such other public input as it deems appropriate, but only members of the Commission shall be entitled to vote.

SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of this ordinance, the initial three members of the Taunton Parking Commission to be appointed by the Mayor under Section 2-364 shall be appointed as follows: one member for a term of one year, one member for a term of two years, and one member for a term of three years. Thereafter, all further appointments shall be for a term of three years.

SECTION 4. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, eight (8) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Costa-Hanlon voting in opposition.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier requested information on the road repairs that were done on Route 79 and questioned if it was a city or a state job. Mayor Hoye confirmed that it is being done by the City. Councilor Pottier questioned if there was going to be any lining done anytime soon as he had received some complaints. Mayor Hoye stated that the binder coat is down and the lining will be done soon. Council President Marshall confirmed that the project of repaving Route 79 from the Mass Highway section of 140 to the Lakeville line is a city project which will take two seasons to complete. During the current season, the total reconstruction and temporary lines will be put down. During the next construction season, a top finishing coat of asphalt will be put down and the road will be permanently striped.

Councilor Pottier questioned when the City Council meeting will be held due to Veteran's Day falling on a Tuesday. Council President Marshall stated that he will poll the Council and a decision will be made next week.

Councilor Pottier requested that any future letters praising a Councilor be left on their desks instead of being included in the packet. He strongly recommended that it be done because the temptation will be great for people to send things to be read particularly during the political season.

Councilor Carr discussed the brush around Leonard School and how it is growing on and around the building. She stated that it is not only an eyesore for the neighborhood, but it is a fire hazard. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW or Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds to have it cut down. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon has a matter that needs to be referred to the Committee of Police and License from Detective Dennis Smith. It is an investigation on a Class II License

holder. Motion was made to put on the Police and License Agenda in two weeks.
So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest: 
City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:49 P.M.

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

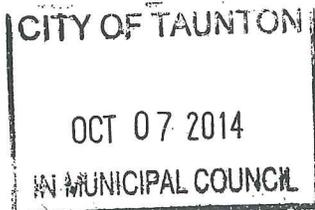
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO
VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

RESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CLEARY AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, DETECTIVE LIEUTENANT DANIEL MCCABE AND SAFETY OFFICER CHRIS WILLIAMS, DPW COMMISSIONER FRED CORNAGLIA, WATER DIVISION SUPERVISOR CATHAL O'BRIEN AND NICOLE IANNUZZI OF BETA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS FINAL CONCEPT PLAN FOR LEDDY SCHOOL

NICOLE IANNUZZI OF BETA PROVIDED A PLAN AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL FOR LEDDY SCHOOL.

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

MS. IANNUZZI NOTED THAT PROBLEMS OCCUR DURING PICK UP AND DROP OFF. WHAT HAPPENS AT THAT TIME IS THAT THE BUSES PULL UP ALONG SECOND STREET TOWARDS CHARLES STREET, STOP IN THE ROAD, TURN ON THEIR FLASHING LIGHTS, THE STOP SIGN GOES OUT AND THE TRAFFIC ON SECOND STREET NEEDS TO STOP UNTIL ALL THE CHILDREN ARE LOADED OR UNLOADED. THE CONCEPT PLAN IS TO TRY TO GET THE BUSES OFF OF SECOND STREET TO ALLOW THE TRAFFIC TO KEEP MOVING WHILE THEY ARE LOADING AND UNLOADING THE CHILDREN. THE PLAN IS TO TAKE THE SIDEWALK AND THE CURB LINE AND MOVE IT CLOSER TO THE SCHOOL WHICH WILL ALLOW THE BUSES TO GO INTO A DROP OFF AREA. THERE ARE 11 BUSES ALL TOGETHER SO THEY FIT THE 11 BUSES IN THERE.

THE OTHER CONCERN WAS THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN, AND IF THEY EVER RAN IN BETWEEN THE BUSES TO GET OUT ONTO SECOND STREET WHILE THE TRAFFIC WAS STILL MOVING. THEY HAVE PROPOSED AN ISLAND, SOME TYPE OF OBSTACLE, AND ON THAT THEY WOULD HAVE SOME TYPE OF BARRIER, A FENCE OR GUARDRAIL – THEY WOULD HAVE TO SPEAK WITH THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHAT THEY WOULD WANT – SO THAT IF THE CHILDREN DID GET PAST THE BUSES THEY STILL WOULD NOT END UP BEING IN THE TRAFFIC.

THE BUSES WOULD PULL THROUGH AND THEN PROCEED OUT BY CHARLES STREET WHICH IS A ONE WAY. COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT THIS LOOKS LIKE A VERY GOOD PLAN.

THE SAFETY OFFICER SAID THAT CHARLES STREET WILL REMAIN AS IT IS.

THERE IS NO ESTIMATE OF THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS YET. THE DPW COMMISSIONER SAID THAT THEY CAN GET AN ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE, AND THAT THEY HAVE TO DO THE SIDEWALKS, AND THEY ARE DOING THE SIDEWALKS DUE TO ADA, BUT THIS PIECE WILL BE LEFT OUT AND WILL BE DONE ONCE THIS IS DONE. THE DPW COMMISSIONER STATED THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO FUND THIS BECAUSE HE DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT. HE COULD HAVE THE COST ESTIMATE IN A WEEK OR SO, BUT THE WORK WILL NOT BE DONE OR STARTED UNTIL THE SPRING.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT AND AWAIT THE TIME LINE AND PROJECT ESTIMATE.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND ON DISCUSSION, COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF ANYTHING CAN BE DONE FOR THIS YEAR. MS. IANNUZZI SAID NOT REALLY. PEOPLE SHOULD AVOID THE AREA UNLESS THEY HAVE A CHILD AT THE SCHOOL.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF THE ELECTRONIC SIGN SAYING TO AVOID THIS AREA DURING THE PEAK HOURS COULD BE PLACED THERE.

COUNCILOR CARR SUGGESTED SENDING A MEMO HOME WITH THE STUDENTS, THAT IF YOU ARE DRIVING A CHILD TO SCHOOL TO COME IN BY WEST WATER STREET AND TURN ONTO CHARLES STREET TO DROP OFF THE STUDENTS.

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THE MOTION WAS VOTED ON AND CARRIED.

MOTION: ASK TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL COUNCIL TO ENGAGE NICOLE IANNUZZI OF BETA TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION AT GALLIGAN SCHOOL ALSO. SO VOTED.

- 2. MEET WITH THE SAFETY OFFICER TO DISCUSS CROSSWALKS AND INTERSECTIONS AT MIDDLEBORO AVENUE AND HOME PLATE AND LIBERTY STREET AND MIDDLEBORO AVENUE**
THE SAFETY OFFICER STATED THAT HE JUST GOT THIS REFERRAL YESTERDAY AND WILL LOOK AT THESE INTERSECTIONS WITH THE DPW AND CITY ENGINEER.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THAT THERE WAS A STUDY DONE DUE TO THE CASINO COMING IN. IT WOULD BE COMPLETED IF THE CASINO DOES COME IN SO THIS AREA HAS BEEN STUDIED AND WILL BE UPGRADED. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT CASWELL STREET, PINEHILL STREET AND MIDDLEBORO AVENUE INTERSECTION IS ALSO ON THE DOT LIST.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT THERE IS STATE MONEY THERE, BUT NOBODY WANTS TO USE IT BECAUSE THE CASINO IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS. HE STATED THAT SRPEDD CONTROLS THE MONEY. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE STATUS OF THE PLANS ARE ON THESE 2 INTERSECTIONS.

THE DPW COMMISSIONER STATED THAT THE HART STREET INTERSECTION PLAN IS 75% COMPLETED WITH MASS HIGHWAY REVIEWING IT. THERE ARE NO PLANS ON THESE OTHER TWO INTERSECTIONS.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT THE COMMITTEE NEEDS A REPORT BACK ON THESE INTERSECTIONS. SHE ALSO WANTED TO ASK SRPEDD IF THESE INTERSECTIONS COULD BE MOVED FORWARD AND IF THE TRIBE COULD REIMBURSE THIS COST IF THE CASINO COMES. SHE WOULD RATHER DO THIS THEN KEEP THESE TWO INTERSECTIONS IN A HOLDING PATTERN.

THE DPW COMMISSIONER STATED THAT THEY HAVE THE CRASH DATA AND ARE DOING A ROAD SAFETY AUDIT. THIS MUST BE DONE BEFORE ANY LIGHTS COULD EVEN BE INSTALLED.

IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE DPW COMMISSIONER ASK DOT TO PUT MIDDLEBORO AVENUE AND LIBERTY STREET AND MIDDLEBORO AVENUE AND CASWELL AND PINE HILL STREETS ON THEIR RADAR.

MOTION: TO HAVE MASS. DOT HERE IN 4 WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE INTERSECTION OF MIDDLEBORO AVENUE, CASWELL STREET AND PINEHILL STREET AND MIDDLEBORO AVENUE, LIBERTY STREET AND OLD COLONY AVENUE. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE SPOKE TO THE RESIDENT AND SHE IS CONCERNED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF CROSSWALKS. SHE WOULD LIKE A 4 WAY STOP AT MIDDLEBORO AVENUE, PINE HILL STREET AND CASWELL STREET. SHE ASKED THAT ANYTHING WE CAN GET DONE ON OUR OWN WOULD BE GOOD.

- 3. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW LICENSE FOR SOUTHERN REDIMIX ON BERKLEY STREET**

IT WAS NOTED THAT COUNCILORS HAD RECEIVED CALLS REGARDING THE NOISE AND OPERATING HOURS OF THIS COMPANY.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE THINKS THIS MAY BE A PLANNING OR ZONING ISSUE. IT CAME TO HIS ATTENTION BECAUSE THEY WERE OPERATING ON SUNDAY AND THE LAW IS THAT THEY CANNOT OPERATE ON SUNDAY UNLESS THEY HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THEY HAVE NOT GRANTED THEM A PERMIT. THEY DID GO UP THERE ON A SUNDAY. THE COMPANY IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE GRANDFATHERED TO WORK 24/7 AND HE IS NOT SURE THAT IS THE CASE. THIS MAY BE MORE OF A STATE ISSUE WITH THE BLUE LAWS, BUT ALSO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AS TO WHETHER THEY CAN BE OPEN 24/7. THE CHIEF DOES KNOW THAT UNDER THE EXISTING BLUE LAWS,

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THEY ARE NOT EXEMPT, SO THE ONLY WAY THEY CAN BE OPEN ON SUNDAY TO DO WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS THROUGH A PERMIT BY THE POLICE CHIEF. HE HAS NOT ISSUED THEM A PERMIT. COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE WENT TO A MEETING AND THE SUNDAY ISSUE NEVER CAME UP, WHAT CAME UP WAS OPERATING AFTER HOURS. THE ISSUE IS WHEN THEY CAN OPERATE. THEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT OPERATE OUTSIDE OF BUSINESS HOURS.

TO THE CHIEF'S KNOWLEDGE NOTHING PROHIBITS THEM OPERATING 24 HOURS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK OTHER THEN THEY GET COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE NOISE. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE ARE HOUSES THERE NOW, AND WHEN THEY WERE OPERATING 24 HOURS BEFORE, THERE WERE NO HOUSES.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SUGGESTS THAT THIS MATTER BE KEPT ON FILE WITH THIS COMMITTEE. ALSO, RIGHT NOW, THE WORD THAT THEY WERE GIVEN AT THE MEETING IS BEING ADHERED TO.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED TO TAKE THE PETITION AND REFER IT TO THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AND IN CASE THEY SHOULD COME IN FOR ANOTHER PERMIT REGARDING AN OPERATING HOURS CHANGE, THEN THE CITY CLERK WOULD KNOW THAT THIS WAS IN THE FILE WITH COMPLAINTS.

MOTION: TO PLACE THIS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE TO KEEP IT READILY ACCESSIBLE IN CASE THEY COME IN FOR A PERMIT AND TRY TO CIRCUMVENT THE OPERATING HOURS. SO VOTED.

4. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. COUNCILOR BORGES RECEIVED AN E-MAIL COMPLAINT FROM A RESIDENT OF CHURCH STREET ASKING THAT THE NO PARKING ON THE STREET BE RE-EVALUATED.

MOTION: E-MAIL TO BE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

THE SAFETY OFFICER NOTED THAT THERE IS PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET, BUT HE WILL REVIEW IT AGAIN. COUNCILOR QUINN SAID THAT SHE DROVE DOWN THE STREET AND THERE ARE NO PARKING SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET. REQUEST WAS ALSO MADE TO LOOK AT PLACING STOP SIGNS AT ADAMS STREET.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT PERHAPS PART OF THE STREET SHOULD BE HANDEICAPPED PARKING.

MOTION: TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF HANDICAPPED PARKING.

MOTION WAS NOT SECONDED.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT BEFORE MAKING A DECISION THE COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE A REPORT FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HE NEEDS TO LOOK AT HOW MANY APARTMENTS AND HOW MANY VEHICLES ARE ON THAT STREET.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT MAYBE WE NEED TO MOVE ON RESIDENT PARKING.

COUNCILOR BORGES NOTED THAT THE PERSON SENDING THE E-MAIL IS LOOKING TO HAVE 1 SIDE OF THE STREET WITH PARKING.

B. A LETTER WAS RECEIVED REGARDING A BLIND TURN AT SCADDINGS STREET AND FIELD STREET.

MOTION: THE LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2014 BE REFERRED TO THE SAFETY OFFICER. SO VOTED.

5. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS FORMALIZING THE PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF TOWING VENDORS FOR THE CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

MOTION: THAT THE PACKET PROVIDED BY THE POLICE CHIEF DATED FEBRUARY 4, 2014 BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

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THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THERE ARE NO ORDINANCES ON THE BOOKS RELATIVE TO A TOWING CONTRACT, BUT WE CERTAINLY HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TOWING FOR THE CITY FOR MANY YEARS. THERE IS NOTHING IN WRITING AND NOTHING FORMALIZED REGARDING TOWING.

THE CHIEF CAME UP WITH THE PACKET OF INFORMATION MENTIONED ABOVE.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW WE GOT WHERE WE ARE WITH TOWING. NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW. THE PROCESS IN PLACE TODAY HAS BEEN IN PLACE SINCE HE CAME ON THE DEPARTMENT 25 YEARS AGO. HE IS NOT SURE WHOSE DECISION IT IS AS TO WHO TOWS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHETHER IT IS THE COUNCILS DECISION OR THE POLICE CHIEF'S. NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW.

THE CHIEF FURTHER NOTED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN PLACE THAT DEFINES RESPONSIBILITIES AND ROLES. BASICALLY, THE PACKET HE PROVIDED SHOWED WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES DO. HE USED THREE MODELS. SOME SUB CONTRACT TO A VENDOR TO DO THE TOWING, OTHERS DO IT WHERE THE MUNICIPALITY DOES THE STORAGE. WE ARE A UNIQUE COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE ONE OF THE FEW COMMUNITIES THAT DOES IT THIS WAY. AS THE COUNCIL IS AWARE, HE STATED, TOWING IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE COLLECTIVE BIDDING LAWS UNDER 30B SO THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE A CONTRACT WITH ANY OF OUR CURRENT TOWING PEOPLE. IN THEORY THEIR

SERVICES COULD BE CEASED AND THEY WOULD HAVE NO LEGAL RECOURSE. RIGHT NOW, THESE COMPANIES TOWING FOR THE CITY ARE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS OR SUB CONTRACTORS, SO THE DEPARTMENT IS LIABLE FOR THEM. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO SAY ON WHAT THEIR PERFORMANCE STANDARDS ARE, WHAT THEY DO OR HOW THEY DO STUFF FOR THE CITY. THE CHIEF AGAIN NOTED THAT THE CITY IS LIABLE FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING A SERVICE FOR THE CITY. THE CHIEF ALSO NOTED THAT ANOTHER ISSUE IS A FINANCIAL ISSUE AS THE CITY DOES NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR ANY OF THE SERVICES.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED THE CHIEF FOR AN OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO WITH TOWING IN THE CITY RIGHT NOW.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT RIGHT NOW THERE IS A TOWING ROTATION. EACH OF THE 6 TOWING COMPANIES GET 2 WEEKS ON A ROTATING BASIS. EVERY 14 DAYS IT IS SWITCHED TO THE NEXT PERSON. BASICALLY, THE DEPARTMENT CALLS THEM AND TELLS THEM THERE IS AN ACCIDENT OR WHATEVER AT A CERTAIN LOCATION, AND THE COMPANY TOWS IT TO ITS STORAGE YARD. THEY SECURE IT. IF THE PERSON WANTS TO TAKE THE CAR FROM THERE THEY MUST GET A TOW RELEASE FROM THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT WHICH COSTS \$20.00. THEY THEN GO TO THE TOW COMPANY, PAY FOR THE TOW AND THE STORAGE FEES, THEN THEY CAN TAKE THE VEHICLE. THE TOW RELEASE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS PER ORDINANCE.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE IS LOOKING FOR A CONTRACT THAT OUTLINES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY TO THE TOWING COMPANY AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWING COMPANY TO THE CITY. ALSO THE COMPANIES NEED TO IDENTIFY WHAT THEY ARE PROVIDING FOR SERVICE. DO THEY HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE, ETC. THE THIRD ISSUE IS FINANCIAL AS ALL OF THESE 6 COMPANIES ARE MAKING MONEY OFF OF THIS SERVICE. THE CHIEF NOTED THAT THERE ARE A FEW OTHER COMPANIES LOOKING TO TOW FOR THE CITY.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED, OF THE 6 COMPANIES, DO THEY ALL LIVE IN TAUNTON? THE CHIEF SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF THEY LIVED IN TAUNTON BUT THEY ARE BASED IN TAUNTON.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HE WANTS THIS INFORMATION. ARE THEY ALL TAX PAYING ENTITIES?

THE CHIEF SAID THEY ALL HAVE FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF TAUNTON.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL PROVIDED THE ADDRESSES FOR THE RECORD AT THE REQUEST OF COUNCILOR CROTEAU. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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**MOTION: TO HAVE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE SIX COMPANIES AS PART OF THE RECORD. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 ARMANDS TOWING, 17 ARTHUR STREET
 HARRY'S TOWING, WHITSBORO STREET
 R & F TOWING, 35 DANA STREET
 PERRY TOWING, 143 BROADWAY
 MAC TOWING, 261 LONGMEADOW ROAD
 TONY'S TOWING, 303 BRODWAY. SO VOTED.**

LIEUTENANT MCCABE STATED THAT HE FOUND 3 MODELS THROUGH OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS USING CITIES AND TOWNS THAT ARE COMPARABLE. HE STATED THAT ATTLEBORO LAST YEAR WENT OUT FOR A BID FOR TOWING. THEY ASKED FOR A MINIMUM BID OF \$30,000.00 AND THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO AN EXCLUSIVE TOWING COMPANY. THE WINNING BID WAS \$100,000.00 FOR THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO, PER YEAR.

LT. MCCABE DID NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION BUT THE CITY OF CHELMSFORD HAD A VERY SIMILAR OCCURANCE 4 YEARS AGO.

THE CITY OF LOWELL DID A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, IT WAS NOT A 30B BID. THEY WOUND UP AWARDDING TO 4 COMPANIES AT 4 EXCLUSIVE ZONES. DEPENDING ON THE ZONE, THE NUMBER OF TOWS THEY GAVE A SET FLAT FEE FOR EACH TOW THAT THEY DID RANGING FROM A LOW OF \$51.87 PER TOW TO \$57.13 PER TOW. THIS NETTED FOR THE CITY OF LOWELL IN 2013 \$205,779.20.

FITCHBURG ORIGINALLY STARTED OUT WITH 1 TOW COMPANY AND THEN THEY SPLIT IT AFTER THE FIRST YEAR TO 2 TOW COMPANIES. THEY GET EXCLUSIVE AREAS OF THE CITY. THE TOW COMPANIES GIVE THEIR MAXIMUM FEE, WHICH HE BELIEVES IS \$95.00, TO THE CITY AND THEY GET THE STORAGE FEES. APPARENTLY THE REGULATIONS ONLY APPLY TO PASSENGER VEHICLES, SO FITCHBURG CREATED AN ORDINANCE THAT SAYS IF IT IS A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OVER 12,000 POUNDS THE STORAGE IS \$100 PER DAY.

LT. MCCABE SAID THAT HE ASSUMES THEY MUST HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES THAT ARE TOWED.

HE IS NOT SUGGESTING THE CITY OF TAUNTON GO THAT ROUTE, BUT THERE HAS TO BE A HAPPY MEDIUM BETWEEN ZERO AND \$200,000.00.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE A PREFERENCE ON HOW TO GO, BUT THEY NEED TO CHANGE HOW THINGS ARE DONE. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ONE TOW COMPANY CHANGED OWNERSHIP AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT EVEN TOLD, AND THEY WERE TOWING FOR THE CITY. THE DEPARTMENT HAD NO SAY AND HAS NO CONTROL OVER THIS.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED HOW MUCH THE CITY CURRENTLY RECEIVES.

LT. MCCABE SAID \$20.00 PER TOW SO THE CITY GETS ABOUT \$30,000.00 A YEAR.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ASKED ABOUT HOW MANY TOWS ARE DONE PER YEAR.

LT. MCCABE SAID ABOUT 1300.

THE TOW COMPANY CHARGES EACH OF THESE TOWS \$95.00 PLUS \$35.00/DAY FOR STORAGE FOR EVERY 24 HOUR PERIOD.

THE CHIEF NOTED THAT SOME COMPANIES IN THE CITY CHARGE MORE THAN THE \$35/DAY FOR OTHER SERVICES THEY SAY THEY PROVIDE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT IT IS HARD TO PICTURE A SITUATION WHERE YOU HAVE A COMPANY OPERATING WITHOUT A CONTRACT. THERE IS NO STANDARDS TO HOLD THEM TO. NOT HAVING A FORMAL CONTRACT IS A MISTAKE. WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE A FORMAL CONTRACT.

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COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT SHE SEES THREE ISSUES. THERE IS CONCERN THAT THERE IS NO CONTRACT, AND THERE SHOULD BE AN APPLICATION PROCESS. THIS CAN BE DISCUSSED AS SHE DOES NOT THINK THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH THAT. THE SECOND ISSUE IS WHAT WILL BE PART OF THE CONTRACT AND SHE THINKS THAT ATTLEBORO IS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR JUST THE CONTRACT AND THE ORDINANCES AND THINGS LIKE THAT. THE SECOND PART OF THAT IS WHO ARE WE GOING TO OPEN IT TO. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE 6 SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE.

COUNCILOR CLEARY STATED THAT HE THINKS THE CONCEPT OF 2 VENDORS IS GOOD. THE RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY LISTED. THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR REVENUE FOR THE CITY. HE FEELS THAT BIDS SHOULD BE DRAFTED AND WE SHOULD LOOK FOR 2 VENDORS TO SHARE THE RESPON RESPONSIBILITIES.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT THE 6 PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY DO THE TOWING LIVE IN THE CITY, WORK IN THE CITY, SO IF WE HAVE 2 VENDORS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OTHER 4.

COUNCILOR CLEARY SAID THEY WILL STILL HAVE THEIR BUSINESS, AND THEY ONLY TOW 2 WEEKS AT A TIME.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE 6 NOT JUST 2.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED WITH THE WAY THAT WE WANT TO MOVE

FORWARD WITH THIS. HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONCERNS AND THINKS IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO DEVELOP SOME MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND ENTER INTO THIS WITH THE CURRENT 6 VENDORS. HE AGREES THAT THERE SHOULD BE CONTRACTS. HE IS CONCERNED WITH PUTTING THIS OUT TO BID BECAUSE HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT YOU COULD RESTRICT IT TO TAUNTON RESIDENTS. THESE 6 VENDORS OWN AND OPERATE A BUSINESS IN TAUNTON. THEY ALL DO OWN AND OPERATE FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF TAUNTON WITH AN ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE AMONGST THE 6 OF \$1.5 MILLION. THIS IS JUST REAL ESTATE ASSESSED VALUES. THEY ALL PAY THE COMMERCIAL TAX RATE. FOUR OUT OF THE 6 ARE COMPLETE COMMERCIAL, 2 ARE MIXED USE, WHICH IS ARMANDS ON ARTHUR STREET, WHICH IS A MIXED RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL AND TONY'S ON BROADWAY IS A MIXED. ARMANDS ON ARTHUR STREET PAYS ROUGHLY \$5,200.00 A YEAR IN TAXES, HARRY'S PAYS ABOUT \$9,500.00 IN REAL ESTATE TAXES, R & F IS APPROXIMATELY \$10,000.00 A YEAR IN REAL ESTATE TAXES. PERRY'S IS \$7,600.00 IN REAL ESTATE TAXES, AND MAC'S TOWING IS ABOUT \$7,600.00 ANNUALLY AND TONY'S IS APPROXIMATELY \$7,700.00 FOR A TOTAL OF ROUGHLY \$47,600.00 ANNUALLY IN REAL ESTATE TAXES TO THE CITY. WITH THAT, THEY ALSO PAY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES TO THE CITY AND ALL OF THEIR VEHICLES ARE REGISTERED IN THE CITY, SO THEY PAY EXCISE TAX TO THE CITY.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT YOU COULD LIMIT THE PROPOSAL SO THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE A FACILITY IN THE CITY OF TAUNTON.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT IN SPEAKING WITH THE CURRENT VENDORS, HE WAS TOLD THAT THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 17 EMPLOYEES. FIVE OUT OF THE 6 HAVE 2 OR 1 EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY SO THEY ARE ALL MOM AND POP TYPE OPERATIONS. ONE VENDOR HAS APPROXIMATELY 10 EMPLOYEES. WHEN HE SPOKE TO THE 6 VENDORS HE WAS TOLD THAT 5 OUT OF THE 6 SAID THAT IF THEY WERE TO LOSE THE CITY'S TOWING CONTRACT THEY WOULD GO OUT OF BUSINESS.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT THE TOW FEES ARE REGULATED BY THE STATE AND STORAGE PER DAY IS REGULATED BY THE STATE, BUT IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT IN ATTLEBORO THE VENDOR CHARGES DIFFERENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES TO THE CUSTOMER, THERE IS AN OFFICE FEE, THERE MAY BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE THAT IS NOT REGULATED, HE DOES NOT THINK, BY DPU. DPU REGULATES THE TOW AND THE RATE PER DAY FOR STORAGE, BUT THEY DO NOT REGULATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OR THE OFFICE FEE, ETC. THAT IS HOW SOME OF THE OTHER VENDORS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES DO MAKE UP THEIR MONEY, BY CHARGING THESE FEES.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL STATED THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, THERE NEEDS TO

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BEEN DOING THE WORK FOR YEARS.

JESSICA LEONARD OF LEONARDS AUTO ON BAY STREET ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. SHE NOTED THAT THERE ARE OTHER COMPANIES THAT WANT TO GET INTO THE ROTATION. THEY WOULD LIKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AS WELL.

SCOTT SOUZA OF 303 BROADWAY (TONY'S AUTO) SPOKE. HE SAID THAT THERE USED TO BE 7 COMPANIES BUT 1 LEFT. HE FEELS THAT IT SHOULD STAY AT 6 COMPANIES AS THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER, AND TO HAVE ANY OTHER COMPANY COME IN WOULD HURT THEM.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON NOTED THAT IF THE CITY WERE DIVIDED INTO ZONES, THERE WOULDN'T NECESSARILY BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MONEY.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL ASKED THAT THE CURRENT OPERATORS PROVIDE TOWING CHARGES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES THAT THEY CHARGE.

MOTION: THAT THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES SEND A LETTER TO ALL OF THE SIX TOWING COMPANIES REQUESTING THAT THEY PROVIDE IN WRITING ANY AND ALL TOWING FEES THAT THEY CHARGE AND ANY AND ALL OFFICE FEES, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, ETC. SO VOTED.

COUNCILOR CARR ASKED HOW THE ORIGINAL 6 COMPANIES WERE CHOSEN.

THE CHIEF SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW.

MR. BOUCHER SAID THAT IN THE BEGINNING THERE WERE 3 PEOPLE DOING THIS. AS TIME WENT ON, ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WERE ADDED HE BELIEVES BY THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILOR CARR ASKED IF THEY ALL MADE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AMOUNT FROM THE CITY TOWING.

MR. BOUCHER SAID IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE. IF THE CAMERA CAR IS OUT, THEY HAVE A GOOD WEEK. HE HAS GOTTEN AS LOW AS 29 CARS.

COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE IS IN FAVOR OF KEEPING TAUNTON PEOPLE AND IF WE DO NOT WANT TO GO OUT TO BID, HER CHOICE WOULD BE THAT IF A COMPANY IS INTERESTED, YOU SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO GET INTO THE ROTATION. KEEPING IT EXCLUSIVELY TO 5 OR 6 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN DOING IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR TO HER.

MR. ROCHA STATED THAT ABOUT A YEAR AGO HE TRIED GETTING ON THE STATE POLICE TOW LIST. THE OFFICER HE SPOKE TO SAID TO HIM THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO IMPACT THE 2 COMPANIES THEY HAD. THEY ARE OUTSTANDING, THEY DO GREAT WORK. ECONOMICALLY IT WOULDN'T BE WORTH IT FOR THEM TO DO THIS. IF THE CITY GOES TO 7 COMPANIES, YOU ARE TAKING AWAY WEEKS, TIME AND MONEY.

MOTION: TO REFER THE NEXT STEP TO THE POLICE CHIEF TO DRAFT A CONTRACT WHICH ENCOMPASSES THE CURRENT VENDORS, TO PUT IN WRITING WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW AND THEN ANY BENEFITS THE CITY CAN GET, SHOULD GET OR MIGHT GET ALSO.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED AND ON DISCUSSION:

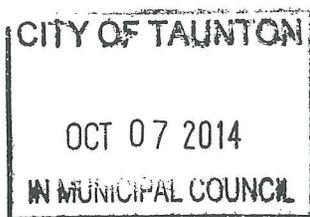
COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED THAT THE CHIEF COME UP WITH AN APPLICATION PROCESS WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS BE ADDED TO THE MOTION, AND THAT THE APPLICATION FEE BE EARMARKED FOR CRUISERS ETC. ALSO, ADD TO THE PREVIOUS MOTION THAT THE SIX COMPANIES PROVIDE THEIR DPU FILINGS FOR THE LAST 2 YEARS. SO VOTED.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DM Blachwell".
CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

ORDER #8
FY 2015
OCTOBER 7, 2014

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That **THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS AND
NO CENTS (\$655.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM TREASURER ACCOUNT
NO. 01-145-5200-5308 – DATA PROCESSING SERVICES**

TO: TREASURER ACCOUNT NO. 01-145-5300-5870 – EQUIPMENT CAPITAL OUTLAY

..... *Clerk.*



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ORDER #9
FY 2015
OCTOBER 7, 2014

In Municipal Council 20.....

Ordered, That **THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS
AND NO CENTS (\$2,500.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE
ACCOUNT NO. 01-132-5200-5784**

TO: CITY CLERK ACCOUNT NO. 01-161-5100-5130 – OVERTIME

..... *Clerk.*