



City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

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Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, October 20, 2015 at 7:05 O'clock P.M.

Regular Meeting

Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

Present at roll call were: Councilors Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanson, Croteau, Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr, and Borges

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that he is starting the meeting off with a citation. **Motion was made to invite Eric Corey into the enclosure. So Voted. Motion was made to invite Mr. Corey's mother Pat, daughter Sarah, Rep. Shaunna O'Connell, Det. Smith, Marilyn Greene and Park & Rec Commissioner Jay Moran into the enclosure. So Voted.** Mayor Hoye stated that we are here to honor Eric Corey for his heroism on Tuesday, September 29th. Mr. Corey has been an employee of the City of Taunton for 34 years, working for the DPW and now at the Park & Rec Department. Mayor Hoye received a call that there was a shooting that day at Hopewell Park and arrived 10 to 15 minutes after it happened. He stated that when he arrived on the scene, he was amazed at the heroism that Mr. Corey displayed. A young man was shot and Eric put his own safety at risk, administering first aid immediately to the victim. He was also able to give the Police some useful information and took charge of the situation until EMS arrived. Mayor Hoye could not say enough about how proud he is of Mr. Corey's actions and how the Council shares his endorsement here this evening. Mayor Hoye then read the citation. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.** Shaunna O'Connell thanked the Mayor and the Council members for allowing her to be present tonight to recognize a hometown hero. She stated that she was thrilled and very proud when Eric asked her to join as well. She also thanked Det. Smith for recognizing Eric and for taking the time and extra effort to do so. She stated that people all over the community appreciate what he has done as well. She spoke about Eric's bravery in the situation and thanked him for being a role model. Shaunna O'Connell then read a citation from the House of Representatives. Eric Corey stated that the reason he reacted the way he did was because when he was young and someone was sick or needed help, his mother was always the first one out there to help. He spoke about how he remembered a day when a little boy was sick at church and his mother went up there to help him. He stated that when he saw the boy get shot and fall to the ground he thought of his own son and every other child in this community. He said to himself that he had to help him. Mayor Hoye reminded everyone that this Sunday, October 25th will be the Dermody 3 Mile Walk for Literacy. It will take place at the Alexio Tiger Stadium. Registration will be held at 9:30am with step off at 10am. It

will be held rain or shine and t-shirts will be provided for all participants. If it is raining, it will be moved inside to the field house. He stated that it is a great event and money is raised to assist adults who need literacy education. Mayor Hoye announced that on Saturday, November 7th, from 8am-12pm Medical Hazardous Waste Day will be held in the Board of Health parking lot. He stated that needles and syringes can be turned in at that time. It will be posted on the City's website. Mayor Hoye stated that the Baker/Polito administration announced today that nine projects targeting water pollution, storm water run-off and erosion have been recommended for more than \$1.2M in grants utilizing funds from the EPA. Three of the projects are in this region and one of them is located in Taunton. He stated that it is called Protecting Healthy and Resilient Taunton Water Shed and we were awarded \$107,000. He stated that it is good news and discussed how the City will do its part to make sure the water shed is clean for many generations to come. Mayor Hoye thanked all that participated in Liberty & Union Weekend last weekend. He stated that it was a fitting tribute honoring our City's history as we do every year. It was the first year that it was done without our friend, former City Councilor and Mayor Charlie Crowley who loved that weekend more than anyone else. He spoke about how it was always great to see him participate in Liberty & Union weekend. He thanked Colleen Simmons, the BID district, Rev. Christana from the First Parish Church, Katie McDonald and the new Old Colony Museum. He stated that it was a great weekend with a great turnout. He spoke about how that event will continue to grow. There are also great things going on at the museum such as many hands on presentations and many more improvements will be made in the near future. He stated that Dr. Hanna along with Katie and the Board of Directors have done a wonderful job of revamping the museum. He stated that it was a great event and he is always looking for ideas on how to better plan and present it in the future. He asked if anyone has any ideas, to please let them know. Mayor Hoye stated that there has been a lot of discussion on Project First Light. He stated that with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe having their land at the Liberty & Union Industrial Park placed in trust, the purchase and sale should be forthcoming on those lots in the near future. He stated that traffic improvements need to be talked about because it was promised that there would be community meetings about it. He stated that the City Solicitor has been intermittently involved with some of the meetings that have been had with our own engineers, engineers employed by the tribe and some of the other City and State officials that have been involved in the discussions. Mayor Hoye then read a notice from the City Solicitor that said a public forum will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Joseph Martin Middle School. At this forum, members of the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on many roadway and traffic improvements that are currently being planned as a result of Project First Light moving forward. An Open House will be held from 6:30pm-7:00pm in the gymnasium. A station will be set up concerning each of the individual projects so the public will have a chance to review the proposed plans. At 7pm, a public presentation will be given in the auditorium at which an overview of all the infrastructure projects will be made. Following this approximately 30 minute presentation, the Open House will resume until 8:30pm. Residents will have the opportunity to submit comments on each of the proposed roadway improvements. It is currently anticipated that another forum will be held in December. He stated that there will be many letters going out to residents in and around each intersection. He stated that it will be posted so that the public is notified.

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Paul S. Boudreau, Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, 111 High Street, PO Box 149, Taunton requesting to host a "Historical Hayride" in the downtown area of Taunton as part of their annual Church fair. The 30ft trailer with hay bales will be towed by a seven passenger van. The tour will be guided by Dr. William Hanna from the Old Colony Historical Society. They are proposing doing three, 35-45 minute tours (10:00am, 12:00pm & 2:00pm) which will follow the route attached to the letter. **Councilor Marshall motioned to move approval and notify the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Ambulance Service. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Councilor Costa-Hanlon submitted a communication from Heather Gallant, Board of Health which was addressed to her as the chair of the Committee on Police and License. It stated that they were in receipt of a communication from the City Clerk's Office regarding rose bud glasses being sold in some of the City's convenience stores. She has reached out to Chief Walsh as well as the Regional Health Director of Melrose, Reading and Wakefield at the time that the Board of Health regulation was instituted in those communities. She is continuing to do research on the subject and will bring the communication up to her board at the next regular meeting. She will make Councilor Costa-Hanlon aware of any further updates. **Motion was made for the City Clerk to send a letter to the Taunton resident who brought this up to the Council. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Claim submitted by Noelle Meeke, 3 Ploughed Neck Road Extension, East Sandwich, MA seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting raised manhole covers and potholes on Middleboro Avenue. **Councilor Marshall made to motion to refer to the City Solicitor's Office. 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 Marshall made a motion to refer Macomber Street to the DPW to have the brush cut back and for it to be striped. So Voted.

Councilor Pottier made a motion to refer a communication from Kevin M. Duquette, Environmental Compliance Officer to next week's agenda. So Voted. The communication explains how certain air quality tests are not required at the landfill by the MassDEP.

New Business:

Councilor McCaul stated that there was recently a fire on School Street. He stated that the Matthew 25:40 Mission along with the Taunton Safety Coalition and the Red Cross have been collecting products to help out the fire victims such as personal hygiene items, children's clothing, pet food and furniture. If anyone would like to donate, they can bring

the items to USA Storage located on County Street between the hours of 5pm-7:30pm. The email address to contact the Taunton Safety Coalition is Tauntoncsc@gmail.com.

Councilor Pottier stated that he spoke to the City Clerk regarding the election and she mentioned how we can always use additional poll workers and closers. Anyone who is interested can contact the City Clerk's Office to be trained or to get on the list of poll workers for the elections in the City. Councilor Pottier asked that it be put on the City's website.

Councilor Pottier stated that there has been some talk about ADA issues with cars parking on sidewalks especially overnight. **Motion was made to refer to the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that there is a big trench on Arlington Street by the PACC which has been there for a while. He stated that it can be seen during the day but at night it is difficult to see and may cause a hazardous situation. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW to report back to the Council by next week on the progress of getting that taken care of. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that neighbors in the Stevens Street area brought up the heavy truck traffic in that area. They are asking that some truck routes from the Industrial Park do not rely so heavily on Stevens Street. He stated that the City Engineer said at the time it couldn't be done because of the complexity of the Industrial Park being right there. He stated that part of the conditions of Project First Light is that they will try not to use Stevens Street. They would like to ask Jordan's Furniture to be better neighbors and ask that their trucks try to use some other routes. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the Traffic Safety Board. So Voted.** Councilor Marshall stated that when this was originally in front of the Committee on the DPW to try to make that a truck exclusion zone, they were told that it doesn't meet the requirements of the State Law. He stated that the Committee asked Mr. Scanlon to look up all of the decisions of both sides of the Liberty & Union Park to see if there was anything. He stated that there were no special permits or any of the granting that said that there was a truck exclusion zone.

Mayor Hoyer asked that the Council get a list of completed road paving projects for the rest of the season. He stated that there are a few that are winding down. Councilor Marshall stated that he spoke to the Assistant DPW Commissioner regarding that and there is another month left to go. He stated that they are trying to pave as many streets as possible before the winter season shut down. He stated that some plans changed when they hit all of the concrete on Middleboro Avenue. He discussed how commuter stops have been put up which allows them to tap into another funding source for not only ADA Compliance but also for repaving. He stated that he will work on getting a listing for next week. Mayor Hoyer stated that we should have a better idea in the spring of what sidewalks will be paved. At that point, the contracts will be completed and we will go within a half mile of each commuter shelter. Councilor Pottier commented on the great job that was done by the DPW on Linden Street. Mayor Hoyer stated that a tremendous amount of work has been done there is a lot more to go. He stated that there also has been a lot of crack sealing done this year which can extend the life of the roads by two to four years which is well worth the investment.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon wanted to remind everyone that they had scheduled interviews for two police officers that are going to be hired. She stated that unfortunately there was a conflict with the Council Chambers so those interviews have been continued to Monday, October 26th from 5pm-7pm in the Council Chambers. She stated that Chief Walsh will not be available so Captain Reardon will attend. It will be televised. Mayor Hoye asked what the date is that they need to be done by. She stated that the offers need to be made by next Tuesday to preserve this list.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rm Blackwell".

City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR CLEARY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:36 P.M.

1. MEET TO INTERVIEW POLICE CANDIDATES

MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS MEETING TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.
SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:37 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 20, 2015

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WAS BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:27 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.

2. MEET TO REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF ANIMAL CONTROL FOR \$6,045.00 TO PURCHASE A NEW WASHER AND DRYER FOR THE SHELTER. FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT NO. 01-132-5200-5784 TO ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT NO. 01-292-5200-5790. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

CITY OF TAUNTON
OCT 20 2015
IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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