



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, November 4, 2013 at 7:35 o'clock A.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

*Present at roll call were:*

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

*Medeiros, Cleary and Marshal*

*Councilor Colton was absent*

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

**Communications from City Officers:**

Com. from Captain Robert Bastis, Jr., Fire Inspector – Temporary City Hall ongoing life-safety concerns regarding the installation of basic smoke detectors. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property for three weeks to meet with the Mayor.** So Voted.

**Hours of Operation License (Black Friday)**

1. Bath and Body Works located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
2. J.C. Penney located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
3. Hennes & Mauritz, Inc. dba H&M located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
4. Macy's located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
5. Magnifique Parfumes & Cosmetics, Inc. dba Perfumania located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
6. New York & Co. located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
7. Spencer Gifts located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
8. Things Remembered located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
9. Torrid located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
10. Toys R Us Express located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
11. Wet Seal, Inc. located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton

**Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

**Hours of Operation License**

1. Bobby's Place, Inc. located at 60 Weir Street, Taunton
2. Joe's Diner located at 51 Broadway, Taunton

**Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

**Hackney Carriage License**

Petition submitted by Daniel DeVito, 69 Arlington St., Taunton requesting a NEW Hackney Carriage License –DBA- Danny’s Taxi Service located at 69 Arlington Street, Taunton. (1 Taxi). **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Aubrey Gratton, 133 Willow St. #1, Quincy seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from driving over a hose across the driveway of 418 Cohannet Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by William Garcia, 40 Grove St., Taunton for injuries he sustained when he tripped on the sidewalk and fell at the intersection of Washington Street and Court Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor and DPW Commission for sidewalk repair. So Voted.**

**Councilor Barbour motioned to move approval on hours of operations from 1am-4am for Tex Barry’s on Main Street. So Voted**

**Committee Reports:**

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by Title and Approved. So Voted. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in Committee Reports. So Voted.

**Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions****Ordinance for a second reading to be passed to a third reading**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SENIOR HARDSHIP DEFERRALS OF  
SEWER BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS**

**Chapter 19**

**SEWERS AND DRAINS**

**Section 19-11.1: Procedure for Senior Hardship Deferrals of Sewer Betterment Assessments**

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 19 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended by creating Section 19-11.1 as follows:

**Sec. 19-11.1 Senior Hardship Deferrals of Sewer Betterment Assessments**

Chapter 80 section 13B of the General Laws is accepted by the City of Taunton. Any person seeking a deferral thereunder must obtain an application from the Clerk of Committees. The application shall consist of an application form and a

Betterment Assessment Deferral and Recovery Agreement, and may include additional information and instructions. The agreement shall contain the provisions set forth in section 13B. The completed application must be filed with the Clerk of Committees within six months after notice of such assessment has been sent out by the collector. The applicant must fully and accurately complete the application, to include obtaining the written approval of any mortgagee or other person with an interest in the property as provided by the statute. For each timely filed application, the Committee on the Department of Public Works will determine whether or not an applicant qualifies for deferral. The Committee may call upon the Assessors to assist it in making the determination, and the Assessors shall provide such assistance when called upon to do so. If the applicant qualifies, then the deferral shall be granted by the Committee and the members voting in favor thereof shall sign the agreement. The applicant shall be notified of the Committee's decision whether or not the deferral is granted. The Committee shall provide notice of any deferral granted hereunder to the Treasurer/Collector. The Committee shall cause the agreement to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds, with the recording fee being added to the amount owed by the applicant. The agreement shall constitute a statement of the action of the Committee for the purposes of section 13B. The interest rate shall be, pursuant to the provisions of sections 13B(1) and 13 of chapter 80 of the general laws, the rate applicable to apportioned assessments. Payment shall become due as provided for by section 13B. The applicant shall cause the Collector to be notified upon the occurrence of an event that results in the payment becoming due. Once the debt is paid, the Collector shall cause to be recorded a renunciation or appropriate release with the Registry of Deeds. This Ordinance is intended to be in accordance with G.L. c. 80 section 13B and its provisions should be interpreted as such.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to move from a second reading to a third reading. So Voted.**

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

**ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING**

**Sec 13-82. Prohibited parking places.**

*Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:*

That Section 13-82 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

**Columbus Avenue, both sides, from the intersection of Columbia Avenue with Tremont Street for a distance of 40 feet.**

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to**

move approval on a roll call vote, Eight (8) Councilors present, Eight (8) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Colton was absent

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

AN ORDINANCE  
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*Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:*

That Section 13-82 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

**John Street, both sides, for the entire length of the roadway.**

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to move approval on a roll call vote, Eight (8) Councilors present, Eight (8) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Colton was absent.**

New Business

**Councilor Pottier motioned to have signs made up for Holy Rosary and Oak Street to direct voters to their correct voting location. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that all candidates should abide by the 150 Rule for election day.

**Councilor Barbour motioned to refer to the Committee to the Council as a Whole to discuss the medical marijuana facilities in our community in 2 to 3 weeks. Councilor Marshall stated that Council should wait for their applications to come in before discussing. Councilor Cleary agrees with Councilor Marshall that Council should not get into open discussions. Motion passed, 5-3. Voting in favor was Councilor Barbour, Carr, McCaul, Costa-Hanlon and Pottier. Voting in opposition was Councilor Cleary, Medeiros and Marshall. Councilor Colton was absent.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the DPW Commissioner the issue of an uneven sidewalk at Washington Street in front of Mill Pond Apartments, that the DPW Commissioner report to Ms. Ellis regarding the work DPW has done at this address and also update Ms. Ellis on the current status of any potential upgrades to the sidewalk. So Voted.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to the City Engineer and SRPEDD to contact Ms. Ellis and provide her with information regarding the work their office has done to address the issue of traffic problems and traffic flow at the entrance and exit from Mill Pond Apartments on 30 Washington Street for vehicles and pedestrians. Additionally, that a meeting be scheduled through Ms. Ellis to discuss this matter. So Voted.**

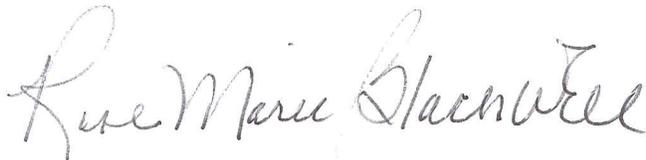
**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that the DPW Commissioner and the Parking Commission contact Ms. Ellis and provide her with information regarding their plans for the removal of snow from the crosswalk to the parking garage at the School Street Apartments. So Voted.**

**Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned to refer to Craig Foley, TMLP the issue of the timing of the pedestrian crossing light at Washington Street and Tremont Street, that Mr. Foley contact Ms. Ellis regarding the work TMLP has done to address this issue and schedule a meeting with the residents of Mill Pond Apartments and our City Councilors. So Voted.**

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:10a.m. So Voted.

A true copy:

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rose Marie Blachut".

City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 4, 2013

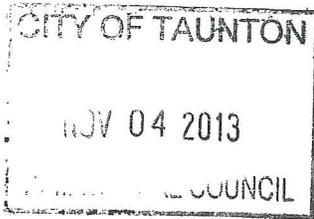
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR DEBORAH CARR, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR CLEARY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:48 A.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS  
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN ABSENTIA. SO VOTED.  
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,720,174.40. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:49 A.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Colleen Ellis*

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

*Rm Blackwell*

CITY CLERK