



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, November 25, 2014 at 7:45 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Thomas C. Hoye, Jr. presiding*

*Mayor Hoye introduced the Cub Scouts Pack 28, which meets at the St. Mary's School, to lead the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*A moment of silence was observed in memory of Charles Crowley who passed away this week. Mayor Hoye stated that the City of Taunton lost a very special person who was a friend and mentor to many, a former Mayor and City Councilor.*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

Mayor Hoye stated that he had a Bobcat award for Peyton Colonna. He then presented the Bobcat badge to him. Mayor Hoye then thanked all of the scouts for coming to the meeting and being very patient. He told the scouts that they could introduce themselves to all of the Councilors as they are leaving.

Mayor Hoye stated that Mayor Crowley's loss was a shock to everyone. He stated that he meant a lot to many in many different ways, not only as a Mayor and a Councilor, but as a person with his true love for this City and the many organizations that he was still involved in. His funeral will be held Saturday at 11am at St. Anne's Church in Raynham, MA, members of the public are welcome. Mayor Hoye stated that there will be an honor guard beginning at 10:30am at the church. His wake will be held at the Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home on Friday from 2PM to 8PM. He stated that this is not an easy loss for the City of Taunton; it is one that will be felt for a long time. He stated that Charlie Crowley was a wonderful person who cared deeply for the City and cannot be replaced. He sent his condolences to his wife Mary Jo, her son Joseph Spencer and his family members including his twin sister Charlene and brothers Norman and Jimmy.

*Motion was made to recess. So Voted.*

Meeting was called back to order at 9:35pm.

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

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

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor Hoye stated that on Saturday, December 6, 2014 the City will be celebrating Lights On from 4PM-8PM. The lights will go on around 5PM and the ceremony will start at 4:30PM. The parade will be held at 12PM on Sunday, December 7, 2014 and will start right around East Britannia Street. The admission buttons for the event will be \$5 for the adults and children under 12 are free. Councilor Borges mentioned the road race that will take place on Sunday, December 7, 2014. The race starts at 10AM and registrations will be held at Coyle at 8AM. It is a one mile run from Adams Street around the Green and back. Mike O'Connell from Sparks Bikes in East Taunton is sponsoring this race.

**Appointments:**

**CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 10, 2014:**

Reappointment of Wayne Walkden, Superintendent of Public Buildings for a term of three (3) years. (Council Appointment) Council President Marshall motioned that Mr. Walkden be reappointed. He stated that he spoke to the City Solicitor and the Human Resource Director and they decided that the City Solicitor's Office will work to develop a professional management plan for Mr. Walkden. If any Councilors have concerns, they are to address those concerns to Ms. Gomes and Mr. Buffington. They will draft a professional management plan around some expectations and try to address some of the concerns that the Councilors have raised to Council President Marshall. Councilor Carr questioned whose decision it was to proceed this way. Mayor Hoye stated that the Council needs to be very careful talking in open session about any job performance issues. Councilor Carr stated that she thinks that it is a great idea but it should be for every department head, not just one. Council President Marshall stated that he thinks that in the new contract there is an evaluation process. He stated that not everyone gets put on a professional management plan. It is a tool to try to help people meet the standards that people are looking for in the job performance. Councilor Croteau stated that the Charter delegates the responsibility of appointment, reappointment and evaluations of department heads. He stated that he will not vote to delegate his responsibility to someone else. **Council President Marshall motioned that Mr. Walkden be reappointed. So Voted. Councilors Costa-Hanlon and Croteau voting in opposition.** Councilor Croteau requested that the City Solicitor give a legal opinion, if he chooses to go with an outside opinion he can, on the tendency of the Council to delegate its responsibility to others without a charter change. He stated that the charter relative to department heads needs to change.

Reappointment of Mark Slusarz, City Engineer for a term of three (3) years. (Council Appointment) **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

**Communications:**

Com. from Superintendent of Buildings regarding the Taunton High School Stadium Renovation project completion date. He stated that the anticipated date of completion is August, 2015. Councilor Pottier inquired about whether there is a status report as far as them coming in on budget. He stated that he believed the budget was \$2.1M with a \$500,000.00 match. He stated that the Council was clear that anything over \$2.1M was

going to have to come before the Council and if it is over that amount, he would hope that someone would come before the Council to explain why. Councilor Carr stated that as the Chair of the Committee on Public Property, she is joined by Councilor Borges, Mr. Walkden, Superintendent Hackett, and School Committee members Joe Martin and Mrs. Fagan. She said that the Committee cannot say if it is within the budget because it has not gone out to bid yet. They have had two meetings and will have the third one in a couple of weeks and are now at the point of finalizing the bid documents. They had to gather a lot of information from different departments as to which avenue to take for different things. It has been made clear that a lot of work has gone into this project and it is expected to be completed on time and on budget. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Conservation Agent regarding Shores Street, Parcel 64-302. She stated that the Taunton Conservation Commission was offered the parcel of land by Rui Dutra to be put aside as protected, open space conservation land with the Conservation Commission as Overseer. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Public Property to meet before the next Conservation Committee meeting on December 12, 2014.**

Com. from Director, Department of Human Services requesting to apply for a grant in the amount of \$8,630.00 through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs/Service Incentive Grant Program. The proposal for the FY 15 Service Incentive Grant will include funding to employ a part-time Elder Community Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator to assist our office and the community with elder mental health crisis and to provide elder mental health education opportunities. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they received a Definitive Subdivision entitled "Myles Standish Industrial Park – Phase V – Dever Drive, beginning near the terminus of Charles F. Colton Road and continuing east a distance of approximately 2,150 feet until it intersects Bay Street – to create seven industrial lots, submitted by TDMCD, 33 Answers Park, Danver, Ma. The Planning Board will meet on this proposal on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 5:30PM at Chester R Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak St., Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Commissioner, Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds requesting street closures for the Annual Christmas Parade which will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 beginning at 12:00 Noon from the Liberty and Union Plaza, Rte. 138 and will end at City Hall. They requested that the following streets be closed and "No Parking Signs" be posted as follows; 1. James, Oxford, Avon & Whittenton Streets (No Parking Signs posted on both sides of streets 8AM-1:30PM), 2. East Britannia Street from Mayflower Hill Cemetery to St. Joseph's Cemetery (No Parking Signs posted on both sides of streets-9AM-3:30PM), 3. Washington Street to Thrasher Street (Street closed at 10:30AM), 4. East Britannia Street & Thrasher Street (Street closed at 10:30AM), 5. Broadway – Mayflower Cemetery to Liberty Union Plaza (Street closed at 10:30AM). **Motion was made to approve and notify Police, Fire and Ambulance. So Voted.**

Com. from Anna Hawes, Clerk, West Congregational Church, 415 Winthrop St., Taunton requesting a waiver of fees for the fire inspection done at West Congregational Church on

Monday, November 10, 2014. The basis for their request is that they are a non-profit organization and have a small congregation. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she believes that there was a draft of a new ordinance for these inspections and she thinks that non-profits were exempt. Motion was made to refer to Councilor Cleary on the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills to review and revisit this in two weeks if it is not taken care of under the new Fire Code Fee Ordinances. Councilor Quinn stated that it was looked at by the Committee on Ordinance and Enrolled Bills and is now at the City Solicitors Office. The intention is to waive the fees of non-profits but it has not been finalized. **Motion was made to move approval of waiver of fees. So Voted.**

**Petitions:**

**Hours of Operation**

1. Hometown Collectibles, Inc. located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton
2. Dairy Queen located at 2 Galleria Mall Drive, Taunton

**Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Petition submitted by Stephen Rowan, 24 Beacon St., Taunton requesting a new Livery License -dba- Stella's Livery Service located at 24 Beacon Street, Taunton. (1 Vehicle)

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

**Class II Licenses**

1. Advantage Automotive, 600 Winthrop St., Taunton
2. Amorim Auto Sales, Inc., 265 Longmeadow Rd., Taunton
3. B&J Auto Sales, 14 Whittenton St., Taunton
4. Bristol Motors, 147 Fremont St., Taunton
5. Cambra Auto Sales, 117 Summer St., Taunton
6. Costa's Service Center, 28 Leonard St., Taunton
7. Cruisin Classics, 632 Winthrop St., Taunton
8. Dipson Convenience & Repair, Inc. -dba- Dipson & Sons Auto Sales, 146 Tremont St., Taunton
9. Fogg Auto Sales, Inc., 346 Winthrop St., Taunton
10. Hill Top Motors, 1 Lawton Ave., Taunton
11. Jaime's Auto Body, Inc., 111 Arlington St., Taunton
12. Loftus Auto City, Inc., 450 Winthrop St., Taunton
13. Marli Motors, 17 Tremont St., Taunton
14. The Nation Auto Sales, 13 Cape Rd., Taunton
15. Mello's Auto Repair & Sales, 45 South St., Taunton
16. Perry's Towing & Services, Inc., 143 Broadway, Taunton
17. Planet Auto Sales, 78-80 Cohannet St., Taunton
18. Prestige Auto Mart, Inc. -dba- Prestige 3, 288 Broadway, Taunton
19. R&F Motors, Inc., 35 Dana St., Taunton
20. Rte. 44 Tire Shack, LLP -dba- Rte. 44 Tire Shack located at 585 Richmond St.

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

Claim submitted by Madeline Levesque, 40 Bryan Dr., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a large cutout in the roadway.

**Motion was made 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 the Committee on Finance and Salaries, the Committee on the Needs of the Airport and the motion to go into Executive Session in the Committee on Fires and Wires. So Voted. Councilor Croteau stated that the Council should check with the City Solicitor, but he believes that the Council should approve the decision that was made by the Committee on Fires and Wires. Councilor Pottier stated that the City Solicitor was clear that the Council does not have the authority to approve or not to approve the decision that was made. The City Solicitor stated that the meeting held tonight was with the Committee on Fires and Wires and Mrs. Gomes as the designee of the Mayor. The meeting was not technically a meeting of a sub-committee of the Council; it was a meeting of a Board created by the Collective Bargaining Agreement as Step two in the grievance process. Councilor Croteau wanted to confirm with the City Solicitor that his interpretation of the Fire contract is that it is at a point where that level has been complied with and the union is in a position of making a decision to proceed with the next step. The City Solicitor stated that if the union is not satisfied with the decision that is made by the four member committee at the Step Two level, the union is now in a position to move to Step Three. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that if this committee was meeting in anything other than the Committee on Fires and Wires, under the rules and regulations, there was input and a lot of things that happened which was not consistent with a four member Committee. She has concerns about the advertising, procedural issues and statements made on the record from people who were outside of that Committee. That meeting was run as if it was a regular Committee on Fires and Wires meeting. She does not see what the downside would be in this Council concerning everything that happened with the Committee on Fires and Wires and there may have a procedural issue going forward. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in the Committee on Fires and Wires. So Voted. Councilor Costa-Hanlon voting in opposition.

**Orders, Ordinances, and Resolutions**

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

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Chapter 8**

**Garbage, Trash, and Refuse**

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

**SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Section 8-28 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:**

1. In paragraph (d), delete the words "Litter shall be defined for the purposes of section (a)" and replace with " 'Litter' shall be defined for the purposes of this section";
2. In paragraph (e)(2) after the word "property" insert "within 100 feet of a residence";
3. In paragraph (f) delete the word "sections" and replace with "paragraphs";
4. In paragraph (f) add "trash enforcement officer, " after the word "The" and before "Building Commissioner";
5. In paragraph (f) delete the word "shall" after "Police Chief" and replace with "may";
6. In paragraph (g)(1) delete the words "section (f) the city" and replace with "paragraph (f) any of the officials listed in paragraph (f), along with other persons as may reasonably be required to provide sufficient aid, and after obtaining lawful authorization,";
7. In paragraph (g)(2) add ",with or without the declaration of nuisance and notice provisions in paragraph (f)," after the word "enforced" and before the word "by";
8. In paragraph (h), under the definition of *Nuisance*, delete the word "section" and replace with "paragraph";
9. In paragraph (h), under the definition of *Owner*, add "or its agents" after the word "mortgagee";
10. In paragraph (h), under the definition of *Property*, delete the word "of" and replace with "or";
11. Insert "i)" before "Severability" in order to delineate a new paragraph.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**On a roll call vote, eight (8) Councilors present, eight (8) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Cleary was absent.**

**New Business:**

Councilor Pottier stated that there are no Speed limit signs on Hamilton and Hopewell Streets. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier discussed trucks speeding on Stevens Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer. So Voted.**

Councilor Pottier stated that there is no stop sign on the corner of Round Street and Tremont Street. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Safety Officer. So Voted.**

**Councilor Pottier motioned that the Council to go on record wishing former Mayor Robert Nunes success in his new employment in Middleboro. So Voted.**

Councilor Carr stated that the potholes that were filled on Cherry Street and Goff Street are like speed bumps. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW to have the potholes stamped down. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that Chris Williams is no longer the Safety Officer. She is not sure if it is temporary or not. Eric Moura is now going to be doing the job. She wanted to thank Mr. Williams for his service and looks forward to working with Mr. Moura. One of the concerns that they will be working on is the continuing concerns of the Mill Pond residents and getting in and out of that area. She stated that it will be a little bit of time until Mr. Moura is brought up to speed to what he will be doing.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she had an opportunity to meet with people who wanted to do volunteer work. She discussed having a central register for the City's non-profits and also volunteer opportunities. **Motion was made to refer to the Office on Community Development and the Mayor's Office to look at this office of volunteerism and follow up in a couple of months once the Mayor has an intern on board and maybe when the Council has one on board. So Voted.**

Councilor McCaul stated that he has met with Mill Pond Apartment residents, the Safety Officer and the State, who has been working on the bridge and would like to point out that the issue has been resolved with the Mill Pond residents. Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that she had suggested putting the placard on and the Chief instructed them to do that.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

  
Assistant City Clerk

JLL/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 25, 2014

**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES**

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
- MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:01 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

ASST. CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 25, 2014

**THE COMMITTEE ON FIRES AND WIRES**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JOHN MCCAUL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS CARR AND CROTEAU. ALSO PRESENT WERE COUNCILORS BORGES, QUINN, POTTIER, CROTEAU, COSTA-HANLON, MARSHALL, CLEARY, FIRE CHIEF TIMOTHY BRADSHAW, CAPTAIN ROBERT BASTIS, FIREFIGHTERS JASON LAWRENCE AND ROBERT ROONEY, CITY SOLICITOR JASON BUFFINGTON AND ATTORNEY COLIN CONFOEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

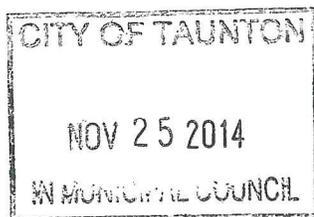
1. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS GRIEVANCE

**MOTION:** ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO VOTED.

**MOTION:** ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO VOTED.

ONE MOTION WAS MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen Ellis".

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Keger".

ASST. CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 25, 2014

**THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEEDS OF THE AIRPORT**

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR ANDREW MARSHALL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS BORGES AND POTTIER. ALSO PRESENT WERE AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS ALFRED TERRA, ROBERT ADAMS, WILLIAM MANGANIELLO, JAN BOBORUZIAN, CHARLIE MALO, JIM MADDIGAN, JIM MIKLAS OF AIRPORT SOLUTIONS GROUP AND AIRPORT MANAGER DANIEL RAPOSA

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:50 P.M.**

**1. MEET WITH THE AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS TO DISCUSS RECENT EVENTS AT THE TAUNTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

CHAIRMAN MARSHALL STATED THAT SOME COUNCILORS RECEIVED LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE AIRPORT WHICH PRECIPITATED THIS MEETING.

CHAIRMAN TERRA INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING A MASTER PLAN THAT WILL TAKE THEM 20 YEARS OUT. THIS IS DONE EVERY 10-15 YEARS AND THE 2002 MASTER PLAN PROJECTS WERE MOSTLY COMPLETED. IN ORDER TO GET FUNDING THE ITEMS MUST BE ON THE MASTER PLAN. MR. TERRA SAID THAT JIM MIKLAS IS AN ENGINEER AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING A MASTER PLAN.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL ASKED THAT IT GO ON RECORD THAT HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE TAUNTON EASTERN LITTLE LEAGUE WHICH IS AN ABUTTER TO THE AIRPORT.

MR. JIM MIKLAS OF AIRPORT SOLUTIONS GROUP IS IN THE PROCESS OF DOING A MASTER PLAN FOR THE AIRPORT. THE MOST RECENT PLAN IS MORE THAN 12 YEARS OLD. MR. MIKLAS STATED THAT MASTER PLANS INCLUDE A 20 YEAR PROJECTION THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT WHEN TRYING TO GET FUNDING FROM BOTH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE MASS DOT AERONAUTICS DIVISION. THE FAA USUALLY PROVIDES ABOUT 90% OF FUNDING. THE REST IS FROM MASS DOT AND THE AIRPORT. MR. MIKLAS SAID THAT THE MASTER PLAN TAKES INTO ACCOUNT MANY FAA REGULATIONS. HE AND THE COMMISSION HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A SOLUTION REGARDING SOME TALL TREES THAT BORDER THE AIRPORTS TWO RUNWAYS – THE LIT ASPHALT RUNWAY (12/30) AND AN UNLIT SHORTER TURF AND GRAVEL RUNWAY (4/22). THE TURF RUNWAY IS ONE OF THE OLDEST AIRPORT RUNWAYS IN THE STATE, BUT THERE ARE SOME TREES THAT ARE AT LEAST 60 FEET TALL THAT POSE A VISIBILITY ISSUE TO PILOTS LANDING ON THAT RUNWAY. MR. MIKLAS SAID THAT THIS RUNWAY, 4/22, IS CURRENTLY NONCOMPLIANT AND COULD BECOME A LIABILITY ISSUE IN THE EVENT OF A PLANE ACCIDENT.

MR. MIKLAS NOTED THAT THE FAA HAS CUT FUNDING FOR MANY PROJECTS AND THAT THE TAUNTON AIRPORT, WITH ITS OLD MASTER PLAN DOES NOT RANK HIGH AS A PRIORITY FOR NOW.

REGARDING RUNWAY 4/22, THEY ARE LOOKING AT ALL OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES. IT WAS NOTED THAT IF THE TREES THAT ARE PENETRATING THE AIRSPACE FOR RUNWAY 4/22 ARE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, THEN EASEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE TO CUT THE TREES AND ALSO COMPENSATION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. IT COULD COST ANYWHERE FROM \$900,000.00 TO \$1 MILLION. THE AIRPORT WOULD HAVE TO FUND THIS.

MR. MIKLAS ALSO NOTED THAT ANY TALK REGARDING THE COMMISSION SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING CLOSING RUNWAY 4/22 IS NOT TRUE.

SOME COUNCILORS SAID THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED LETTERS AND E-MAILS FROM PILOTS STATING THAT THIS WAS THE CASE.

AIRPORT COMMISSIONER JAN BOBORUZIAN SAID THAT NO ONE WANTS TO SHUT THAT RUNWAY, BUT THAT AT SOME POINT THEY MIGHT HAVE TO.

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**THE COMMITTEE ON THE NEEDS OF THE AIRPORT – CONTINUED**

MR. MANGANIELLO STATED THAT THERE ARE WAYS TO MAKE THIS RUNWAY COMPLIANT TO CERTAIN AIRCRAFT. THE FAA WOULD HAVE TO SIGN OFF ON THIS. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE LEGITIMATE USE FOR THIS RUNWAY AND IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE FOR THESE PEOPLE. THE FAA WONT SAY TO CLOSE THE RUNWAY, BUT THE SAFETY ISSUE AS PER THE FAA MUST BE MET. FIRST AND FOREMOST THEY MUST ABIDE BY FAA REGULATIONS. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE PLANES THAT LAND ON THIS RUNWAY CAN USE THE ASPHALT RUNWAY BUT IT IS SAFER FOR THEM WITH A DIRT RUNWAY. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT RUNWAY 4/22 IS A SEASONAL RUNWAY – IT IS NOT PLOWED AND IS VERY SOGGY IN THE SPRING. DISCUSSED WAS THAT THE AIRPORT MANAGER IS THERE 7 DAYS A WEEK, BUT SOME PEOPLE FEEL THAT HE IS NOT ACCESSIBLE. THIS IS ALSO SOMETHING FOR THE COMMISSION TO ADDRESS. IT WAS STATED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS NO AUTHORITY ON THIS MATTER, IT RESTS WITH THE COMMISSIONERS. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE WEIGHING SEVERAL OPTIONS.

**MOTION: TO ALLOW PUBLIC INPUT. SO VOTED.**

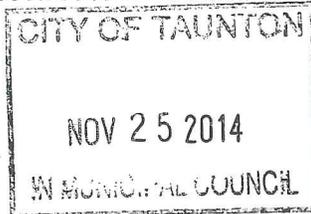
A MR. JIM MOORE ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE AND COMPLAINED ABOUT THE ROUND THE CLOCK REQUIREMENT TO USE A SECURITY SWIPE CARD TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY. HE STATED THAT IT IS NOT A PLACE TO BRING YOUR FAMILY TO HANG OUT. IT NEEDS TO CHANGE OR IT IS GOING TO DIE. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT HE FLEW TO PLYMOUTH AIRPORT THAT DAY WHERE HE SPENT \$200 FOR FUEL THAT WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN TAUNTON. HE SAID THAT HE WILL MOVE HIS PLANE TO ANOTHER SITE. PILOT TED JULA SAID THAT THERE IS AN ADVERSARIAL UNDERCURRENT THAT DISTRURBS HIM AT THE AIRPORT. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT TRANSIENT PILOTS STOPPING OFF IN TAUNTON ARE UNWELCOME, AND THAT MUCH NEEDS TO BE DONE AT THE AIRPORT.

A KEN GIBSON ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE. HE IS A PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION SCIENCE AT BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY. HE SAID HIS INTERACTION WITH THE AIRPORT COMMISSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN POSITIVE.

THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT HE WILL SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMISSION AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. AND WILL SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING IN MARCH OR APRIL FOR A FURTHER UPDATE.

IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL BE ADVISED OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION MEETINGS. MR. TERRA SAID THEY ARE THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. IT WAS ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE MASTER PLAN WHEN AVAILABLE.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:28 P.M.**



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, 1

COLLEEN M. ELLIS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

ASST. CITY CLERK