



City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes

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Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, December 2, 2014 at 7:02 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*
Councilor Cleary was absent.

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye thanked everyone who came out for Charlie Crowley's funeral. He stated that Lights On will be held this Saturday from 4PM to 8PM on the Taunton Green. The ceremony will start at 4:30PM. The lights will be on at 5PM, rain or shine. Buttons are \$5 for adults and free to children 10 and under. There will be fireworks as well. On Sunday, the Miracle Mile road race will start at 10AM and registration is at 8AM at Coyle Cassidy. Any money that is raised will be donated to various charities. Councilor Carr stated that the parade will be held on Sunday at noon. Mayor Hoye stated that it will be a great weekend for the City of Taunton.

Communications:

Com. from Risk Manager requesting to pay prior year invoices totaling \$738.04 to HUB International. The charges were a result of additional property coverages for tax title parcels which were decreed to the City during the policy term. A letter from HUB International dated November 21, 2014 fully describing the charges and the delay in receiving the invoices is attached. **Motion was made to approve the expenditure. So Voted.**

Com. from Chairman, Taunton Planning Board stating that they have received a Site Plan Review for property located at 31 Winthrop Street for the modification of the existing gas station with auto repair to gas station with convenience store and new canopy, submitted by Sehi, LLC. The DIRB will meet on this on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 9:30AM the Taunton Planning Board Office, 15 Summer Street, Annex Bldg., and then the Planning Board will meet on this proposal on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 5:30 PM at Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Police Chief requesting to call for the Civil Service list for the rank of Police Sergeant in anticipation of a retirement at the end of the calendar year. **Motion was made to approve and send to the City Clerk. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Council President Marshall read a communication from TCAM stating that they have finished construction of a community hall sound stage at 120 Ingell Street. They are planning to honor Charlie Crowley by dedicating the hall in his name. The dedication will be broadcasted “live” on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00PM. The event is by invitation only, and is being done with the approval and participation of the Crowley family. **Motion was made to make part of the record and send to all of the Councilors. So Voted.**

Mayor Hoyer read a letter from the Board of Health announcing a medical hazardous waste day to collect needles and syringes only. It will be held this Saturday at the Taunton Board of Health on School Street from 8AM to noon. For information please call, 508-821-1400.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon read a communication from Carmen Maldonado stating that there is a 2014 Toy Drive being held throughout the Taunton Public Schools. If you would like to sponsor a child from the Taunton Public School System, please call her at 508-738-0289 or email her. You can also bring new, unwrapped toys to her office at Parker Middle School on or before December 16, 2014 during school hours. She stated that she will make sure the City Clerk gets this and that it is posted on the City’s website.

Petitions:

The following are renewals for Class II Licenses:

1. Acme Fabrication & Equipment Leasing Co., LLC, 91 Arlington St., Taunton
2. After Hours Auto Body, Inc. –dba- After Hours Auto Sales, 20 North Ave., Taunton
3. Breno’s Collision & Sales, Inc., 408 Winthrop St., Taunton
4. County Street Motors, 603 County St., Taunton
5. De-Anth Motors, 115 Broadway, Taunton
6. Frank’s Auto Body, Inc., 265 Broadway, Taunton
7. G. Lopes Construction, Inc. –dba- Lopes Used Truck & Equipment Sales, 490 Winthrop St., Taunton
8. New England Auto, 157 W. Water St., Taunton
9. Northeast Auto Exchange, Inc., 406 Tremont St., Taunton
10. Oakland Auto Sales, 214 Tremont St., Taunton
11. Premier Motors, Inc. 420 Broadway, Taunton
12. Richard P. Costa –dba- Taunton Auto & Truck Sales, 603 Winthrop St., Taunton
13. Taunton Service Center, Inc., 48 Broadway, Taunton
14. Thomas Auto Sales, 445 Winthrop St., Taunton
15. Winthrop Street Motors, Inc., 347 Winthrop St., Taunton

Motion was made that prior to them coming to the Committee on Police and License, a copy of their business certificates and information from the DIRB be submitted by the applicants. 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 stated that the Council had received a timeline relative to the improvements on the microphone sound system and it ended as of last Thursday. Mayor Hoye stated that Mr. Glynn informed him that new cameras were purchased and will be in shortly, which will be another addition to the broadcast. **Motion was made to receive a new timeline. So Voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Pottier stated that he handed out to all the Councilors three pieces of information relative to updating the Solid Waste Regulations in the City. The last time they were updated by the Council was in 1998. The DPW is applying for grants and they are asking for the most recent and revised copy of the Solid Waste and Composting Regulations for the City. The three pieces of information were comprised of a letter from Dan de Abreu, a summary page of changes from 1998 through today and the draft copy of the regulations. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Solid Waste in order to make any changes that the Council would like to see and adopt them no later than next week so they can be in the applications for the grants. He would also like the information put into the packets so the public can look at it. So Voted.** Councilor Costa-Hanlon would like a copy of what is being changed. Councilor Pottier stated that he will have the current regulations and the suggested revisions e-mailed to all of the Councilors.

Councilor Pottier referred to the Council President the opening on the Board of Health which is a Council appointment. Councilor Costa-Hanlon requested a list of minimum requirements for someone to be appointed. Mayor Hoye stated that the only requirement is that they have to be an M.D. He stated that it is something that should be looked at in the future. Councilor Costa-Hanlon requested that the Council President touch base with the Law Department so the Council knows what the requirements are.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that as part of the supplemental budget, the City committed to hire four new police officers. She stated that the Committee on Police and License approved one and she asked that another is also approved. She spoke to the Police Chief and the City Clerk who is the Civil Service liaison and in the past there has been an issue getting them into the academy. **Motion was made to hire two police officers from the list and then move forward with the other list. So Voted.**

Councilor Costa-Hanlon motioned that Kevin Scanlon provide all the Councilors with an update within a month on the monies that have been brought into the City since Home Depot came in for mitigation for the area along the strip from the Route 24 Exit up to Hart's Four Corners. Also, a general breakdown of what came in, what the entity was, copies of Zoning or any ordinance that required mitigation, what was spent and if there is any remaining balance in any accounts. Also, that it

be referred to the Committee on the Department of Public Works or the Committee of the Council as a Whole. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest: 
City Clerk

RMB/SJS

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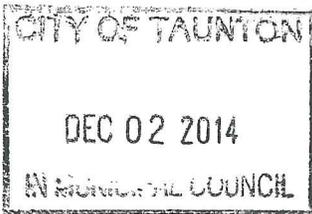
THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:50 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 5:51 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR SHERRY COSTA-HANLON, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR CROTEAU.
ALSO PRESENT WERE POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, LIEUTENANT DANIEL
MCCABE AND DETECTIVE DENNIS SMITH

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:15 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH TO DISCUSS A CLASS II LICENSE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING BORGES AUTO SALES, 157 DEAN STREET

DETECTIVE SMITH INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT ON WEDNESDAY HE ATTEMPTED TO NOTIFY THE BUSINESS. HE WENT TO 157 DEAN STREET, AND IT IS AN EMPTY BUILDING AND THERE ARE NO CARS DISPLAYED FOR SALE. HE HAD NO CONTACT NUMBERS FOR EITHER MR. GRASSO OR MR. HENNINGER, SO HE SENT CERTIFIED LETTERS TO THE BUSINESS, HE OVERNIGHTED LETTERS INFORMING THEM OF THIS HEARING THAT WERE DELIVERED ON FRIDAY. HE DID HEAR FROM MR. GRASSO, WHO LEFT A MESSAGE FOR DETECTIVE SMITH, STATING THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH NOTIFICATION AND HE WOULD LIKE ANOTHER WEEK. HE RECEIVED NOTHING FROM MR. HENNINGER. THERE IS NO ONE PRESENT TONIGHT. HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH A WEEK OR TWO CONTINUANCE. HE WILL AGAIN NOTIFY THEM FIRST THING IN THE MORNING VIA CERTIFIED MAIL OF THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION AND THE DATE FOR HEARING, IF THE COMMITTEE SO WISHES.

IT WAS NOTED THAT RIGHT NOW THERE IS A PENDING ACTION AGAINST THIS ENTITY. DETECTIVE SMITH HAS FILED AN ACTION AGAINST THE BUSINESS OWNERS RELATIVE TO ALLEGATIONS AS STATED IN A LETTER PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE BY HIM.

THERE IS AN APPLICATION BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE REGARDING A TRANSFER BUT THIS ISSUE NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED FIRST.

MOTION: TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER FOR ONE WEEK. SO VOTED.

DETECTIVE SMITH WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE TO THE COMMITTEE COPIES OF ALL LETTERS HE HAS SENT OUT AND IS GOING TO SEND OUT TO THESE PEOPLE.

2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF TO DISCUSS PROPOSED TOWING CONTRACTS

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THE FRUSTRATION CONCERNING THE REQUEST OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THE TOWING COMPANIES PROVIDE THEIR DPU FILINGS. THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION AND NOT ONE OF THEM HAS PROVIDED IT.

LIEUTENANT MCCABE STATED THAT THE DPU FORM IS A FINANCIAL STATEMENT THAT REFLECTS THEIR NET PROFITS FOR THE YEAR PRIOR FOR EVERY TOWING OPERATION. WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT IS WHAT THEIR NET PROFITS ARE. IF THIS IS GOING TO BE REGULATED, THIS INFORMATION WILL PROBABLY BE NEEDED AND LIEUTENANT MCCABE FURTHER STATED THAT HE COULD NOT EVEN TELL YOU WHAT THE LEGAL NAMES ARE OF SOME OF THE OPERATIONS.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS IS A FORM THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED BY THE STATE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THAT PERHAPS WE SHOULD SEND THEM A LETTER NOTING THEIR LACK OF A RESPONSE AS A LACK OF COOPERATION. THE COMMITTEE IS FACED WITH HAVING TO MAKE A DECISION, SO HE FEELS THAT A LETTER SHOULD BE SENT STATING THAT IF THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT SEE COOPERATION AND DOES NOT RECEIVE THE DOCUMENTS THEY ARE LOOKING FOR, THEY WILL THEN MAKE THEIR DECISION WITH OR WITHOUT THEIR INVOLVEMENT.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE IS NOT GETTING THE DOCUMENTS, BUT THESE TOWING COMPANIES ARE STILL OPERATING. SHE ASKED IF THE COMMITTEE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO SAY THAT IF THE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT PRODUCED, THEIR RIGHT TO TOW WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

THE CHIEF NOTED THAT THEY CAN BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME BECAUSE THERE IS NO CONTRACT. THEY HAVE NO STANDING BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO CONTRACT.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU AGAIN NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE CAN MAKE CHANGES OR KEEP IT AS IT IS, WITH OR WITHOUT THE TOWING COMPANIES INPUT.

MOTION: THAT COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON DRAFT A LETTER TO BE SENT TO ALL OF THE TOW COMPANIES. SO VOTED.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE HAS A PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF A CONTRACT AND WILL PROVIDE IT TO THE COUNCIL MEET WEEK.

THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN 2 WEEKS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CONTRACT.

COUNCILOR QUINN NOTED THAT ALL AGREE THAT A CONTRACT IS NEEDED, SO CAN THE COMMITTEE PUT IN THE CONTRACT THAT THE DPU REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL ANNUALLY. THEY DO NOT HAVE TO SUPPLY IT NOW BECAUSE THERE IS NO CONTRACT.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT THEY WERE REQUESTED A WHILE AGO AND THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FINANCIAL ISSUES FROM THIS FORM ALSO BECAUSE IT WAS STATED THAT IF THE CITY INCREASES THE NUMBER FROM THE 6 COMPANIES, THEY WILL NOT MAKE MONEY. THE COMMITTEE ASKED FOR THIS DOCUMENT, IT IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE.

COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID LETS GET THE INFORMATION AND SEE WHERE THE COMMITTEE GOES WITH IT.

COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID WE ALREADY KNOW THE NUMBER OF TOWS BECAUSE A FEE OF \$20 IS CHARGED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE IS CONCERNED WHETHER IT MAKE SENSE TO DETERMINE HOW WE WANT TO GO BEFORE THE CHIEF DOES A CONTRACT.

THE CHIEF STATED THAT HE HAS USED ATTLEBORO AS AN EXAMPLE, BUT THAT THEY USE ONLY 1 VENDOR. THE COMMITTEE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF 1 VENDOR, SO THE CHIEF IS USING THIS TO LOOK AT THE BOILER PLATE LANGUAGE ONLY.

COUNCILOR CARR NOTED THAT EVEN THOUGH WE MIGHT KNOW HOW MANY TOWS ARE BEING DONE, THEY STILL WILL NOT KNOW WHAT OTHER FEES ARE BEING CHARGED.

3. MEET TO REVIEW MATTERS IN FILE

A. THE POLICE CHIEF INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE SUPERVISOR'S UNION REQUIRES HIM TO PUT A TEMPORARY LIEUTENANT IN PLACE IF SOMEONE IS OUT FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION BECAUSE HE ALSO HAS A LIEUTENANT RETIRING IN A FEW MONTHS. HE IS RECOMMENDING THAT INSTEAD OF A TEMPORARY POSITION, MAKING IT A PERMANENT POSITION PRIMARILY BECAUSE IT IMPACTS POSTING BECAUSE IF HE DOES A TEMPORARY NOW HE HAS TO FILL THE TEMPORARY POSITION THEN BACKFILL HIS POSITION WITH ANOTHER POSITION TEMPORARILY FOR JUST A FEW MONTHS PERIOD INSTEAD OF JUST DOING EVERYTHING AT ONCE. HIS RECOMMENDATION IS TO MAKE A PERMANENT LIEUTENANT RIGHT NOW ANTICIPATING THE VACANCY. HE IS COVERING THE POSITION AND WHEN THE OTHER LIEUTENANT LEAVES, HE WILL TAKE THAT POSITION OVER, THEN BACKFILLING IT WITH A SERGEANT AS WELL, AS WELL AS THE SERGEANT HE HAS ALREADY REQUESTED IN TONIGHTS PACKET. COUNCILOR CROTEAU ASKED WHAT THE ADDITIONAL COST IS.

THE CHIEF SAID THERE IS NONE BECAUSE YOU WOULD HAVE TO PROMOTE AT LEAST TEMPORARILY ANYWAY.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON ASKED IF THE UNION IS OK WITH THIS.

THE CHIEF WAS ASKED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE UNION AS TO WHAT THE CHIEF IS PROPOSING ASKING FOR COMMENTS BY A CERTAIN DATE.

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THE CHIEF SAID HIS CONCERN WITH THIS IS THAT HE HAS THE REQUEST IN TONIGHT'S COUNCIL PACKET FOR THE SERGEANT AND HE DOES NOT WANT TO DELAY THAT. THIS REQUEST IS FOR A SPECIFIC SERGEANT DUE TO SERGEANT DAROSA'S UPCOMING RETIREMENT. HE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE COMMITTEE MODIFY THE SERGEANT'S REQUEST TO INCLUDE A LIST FOR TWO PERMANENT POLICE SERGEANTS RATHER THAN ONE.

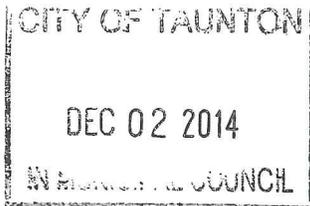
COUNCILOR CROTEAU SAID THE CHIEF COULD SEND THE LETTER TOMORROW TO THE UNION ASKING FOR COMMENTS AND THEN THE COUNCIL COULD APPROVE FILLING IT TONIGHT AND THEY WILL FILL IT WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE COMMENTS SHOULD GO TO THE CHIEF NOT THE COMMITTEE. COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON STATED THAT RIGHT NOW THE CHIEF WOULD LIKE THE COMMITTEE TO VOTE ON THE LETTER PROVIDED DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2014.

MOTION: THAT THE LETTER PROVIDED BY THE CHIEF TO THE COMMITTEE DATED NOVEMBER 29, 2014 BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

B. COUNCILOR CARR STATED THAT SHE HAD A REQUEST FROM A CITIZEN TO ASK IF THERE WAS AN UPDATE ON A STOP SIGN AT MIDDLEBORO AVENUE, CASWELL STREET AND PINEHILL STREET. THE CHIEF SAID THAT HE WILL GET BACK TO THE COMMITTEE ON THIS AND WILL TRY TO GET AN ANSWER BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

CITY CLERK