



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, December 16, 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: Councilors Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanson, Croteau,
Pottier, McCaul, Quinn, Carr, and ~~Borges~~*

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

Continued Hearing:

On the petition submitted by Jeffrey P. Sanders, Percy Law Group, 4 Court St., Taunton on behalf of his client, Taunton Mills, LLC, 1 River Rd., Carlisle, MA 01741 and others for the discontinuance of Brook Street Extension as a public way in the City of Taunton **Motion was made to continue for three (3) weeks and have the City Clerk notify the petitioner, the DPW Commissioner and the people who were present in the audience for the hearing that it will be heard in three weeks on January 7, 2015. So Voted.**

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye stated that members of the Retirement Board are present and he has a citation for Richard Avila, the longest serving member in the history of the Retirement Board, who is retiring. He invited Mr. Avila in along with members of the Board. Mayor Hoye read the citation recognizing the 28 years that Mr. Avila served from 1986-2014. Paul Slivinski spoke on behalf of the Retirement Board. He stated that it has been a pleasure working with him. Mr. Avila is a lifelong resident of Taunton, married to his wife Janice and has one daughter named Susan. He was an active firefighter from 1971 until his retirement in May of 2000. He was first elected to the Board on June 4, 1986; he replaced outgoing elected member and TMLP retiree John McGovern. He discussed the transformations that have been made on the board during his term and how he has always kept the interests of the retirees in mind. He then thanked and congratulated Mr. Avila. The Chairperson, Emily Hebert, then presented him with his plaque. Mr. Avila thanked Paul and the office staff, Kathy and Karen, for all of their help over the years. He stated that the main purpose was doing the best they could for the City. He would like to thank the Mayor and the City Council for their cooperation and has really appreciated it over the years.

Mayor Hoye wanted to thank everyone, including TCAM and Bob Jacobs for the wonderful dedication of the new studio to Charlie Crowley last night. It was a well done event and for anyone that would like to watch it, TCAM will be showing it on their website.

Appointments:

Council President Marshall motioned to appoint Dr. Thaddeus Figlock to the Board of Health. So Moved.

Communications:

Com. from City Clerk stating that Civil Service is requesting two (2) Permanent Full Time Police Sergeants. **Motion was made to appoint Joseph Marques. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. Motion was made to appoint William R. Henault. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors present, nine (9) Councilors voting in favor. Motion was made to invite Joseph Marques, William Henault and their families in. So Voted. Both men were sworn in by the City Clerk.**

Com. from Taunton Board of Health submitting the semi-annual monitoring report for the Taunton Sanitary Landfill. The report summarizes groundwater monitoring that was conducted at the landfill during October 2014. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director of Retirement notifying of a meeting that will be held at 8:30AM on January 28, 2015 for the purpose of reviewing a cost-of-living adjustment for retirees and survivors of the system. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Executive Director of Retirement stating that Taunton Police Officer Dennis Smith was elected to the board for a term of December 1, 2014 to November 30, 2017. At a meeting of the retirement board on November 26, 2014, the board voted to certify Mr. Smith's election. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Com. from Dorothy S. Peirce, 155 Cotley St., East Taunton submitting an amendment to Conservation Restriction. It is a restatement of the Conservation Restriction of property on Cotley Street in Taunton. Council President Marshall questioned if her attorney has been in contact with the City's attorney. The City Solicitor stated that last Thursday or Friday, Mrs. Pierce spoke with Attorney DeAbreu and then the Law Department received a lengthy document. He stated that it will be reviewed and they will then provide guidance to the Council as soon as possible. Mrs. Pierce discussed the amendment and how 284 acres of land will be protected, 128 acres in Taunton and 156 acres in Berkley. Councilor Quinn stated that she compared the older versions of this that were on file at the Register of Deeds and she stated that from what she can see there has been no changes. **Motion was made for the City Solicitor to review and report back to the Council in a week. So Voted.**

Communications in the hands of Councilors:

Council President Marshall stated that he received a communication from Verizon requesting permission to extend their construction season beyond December 12, 2014 within the limits of MDOT project 605344 "Washington St. over Mill River". **Motion was made to approve under the supervision of the DPW. So Voted.**

Petitions:**The following is a renewal for a Class II License:**

1. Top Quality Auto Sales, Inc. located at 397 Winthrop St., Taunton

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

Petition to increase the flammable storage at 200 John Hancock Road, Taunton with positive recommendation from Captain Bastis, Taunton Fire Department. (Public Hearing Required) **Motion was made to move to a Public Hearing at the City Clerk's discretion. So Voted.**

Claim submitted by Eric Kenney, 5 Lori Lane, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole in front of 83 Linden Street, Taunton. **Motion was made to refer to the DPW and the City Solicitor. 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 Pottier stated that he would like to give a status to the Star Theater. He said that it was nice to see that traffic in both directions was not being diverted. Mayor Hoyer stated that according to the Building Superintendent, everything is on schedule and traffic will remain open.

New Business:

Councilor Croteau stated that he has a document regarding the condos located on 76 Field Street. There is a question of ownership on Condo #8. He is questioning if the City owns it. **Motion was made to refer to the City Solicitor for final determination as to whom the owner is and if it is the City, hopefully it will be sold in the next few months. So Voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


City Clerk

RMB/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR CARR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04 P.M.

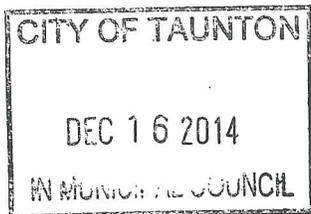
- 1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE VOUCHERS & PAYROLLS FOR THE WEEK. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

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

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

1. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS II LICENSES:

- A. ADVANTAGE AUTOMOTIVE, 600 WINTHROP STREET
- B. BRISTOL MOTORS, 147 FREMONT STREET
- C. CAMBRA AUTO SALES, 117 SUMMER STREET
- D. COSTA'S SERVICE CENTER, 28 LEONARD STREET
- E. COUNTY STREET MOTORS, 603 COUNTY STREET
- F. CRUISIN CLASSICS, 632 WINTHROP STREET
- G. DE-ANTH MOTORS, 115 BROADWAY
- H. G. LOPES CONSTRUCTION INC. D/B/A LOPES USED TRUCK & EQUIPMENT SALES, 490 WINTHROP STREET
- I. MANN CLAN, INC. D/B/A AUTO GALLERY, 283 BROADWAY
- J. MELLO'S AUTO REPAIR & SALES, 45 SOUTH STREET
- K. NEW ENGLAND AUTO, 157 WEST WATER STREET
- L. PROFESSIONAL CAR ZONE, LLC, 381 WEIR STREET
- M. SCOTT'S SERVICE CENTER, INC., 129-131 INGELL STREET
- N. RICHARD COSTA D/B/A TAUNTON AUTO & TRUCK SALES, 603 WINTHROP STREET
- O. THE NATION AUTO SALES, 13 CAPE ROAD
- P. THOMAS AUTO SALES, 445 WINTHROP STREET
- Q. TUCAN AUTO SALES, CORP., 295 BROADWAY
- R. WALT'S AUTO SPECIALITY, INC., 289 BROADWAY

LETTER DATED 12/16/2014 FROM POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH WAS PROVIDED WHICH STATED THAT THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE DIVISION FINDS NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT THE APPROVAL OF THE LIST OF PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS II AUTO LICENSES WITH THE NOTED RESTRICTIONS.

MOTION: LETTER TO BE MADE PART OF THE RECORD. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE LIST AS PRESENTED AND TO PLACE ON LICENSE THAT THE VEHICLE LIMIT SHALL MEAN THE TOTAL DISPLAYED AND STORED VEHICLES. SO VOTED.

2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION OF STEPHEN ROWAN, 24 BEACON STREET FOR A NEW LIVERY LICENSE D/B/A STELLA'S LIVERY SERVICE, OPERATING OUT OF 24 BEACON STREET.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL. SO VOTED.

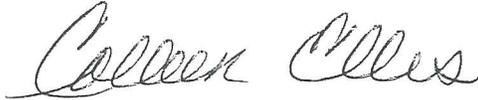
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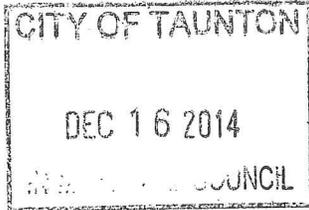
THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES



REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.



CITY CLERK