



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes*

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*Temporary City Hall, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, December 23, 2014 at 7:37 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 Cleary, Marshall, Costa-Hanlon, Croteau,
Pottier, McCaul, Quinn and Borges
Councilor Carr is absent.*

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

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor Hoye wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He is hoping that everyone has a great holiday season. He congratulated Councilor Carr on becoming a first-time grandmother to Titan Chris Carr. Mayor Hoye gave an update on the Star Theater. He stated that the building is down and the evacuation order has been lifted from the New York Lace Building except for the portion along the wall that adjoined Star Theater. New York Lace and Studio C are being allowed to reopen. He thanked everyone for their patience and discussed the expenses of the project.

Appointments:

Com. from City Clerk for one Permanent Full Time Police Lieutenant. **Motion was made to approve on a roll call vote. On a roll call vote, eight (8) Councilors present, eight (8) Councilors voting in favor. Councilor Carr is absent. Motion was made to invite Lieutenant Grundy and his family into the enclosure so he may be sworn in. So Voted.** Mr. Grundy was sworn in by the Assistant City Clerk.

Communications:

Com. from Treasurer Collector regarding the acceptance of MGL Chapter 200A §9A. The City has followed the guidelines under Chapter 200A of the abandoned property by sending written notice to all beneficiaries of checks that remained outstanding for more than three years. The law was amended on July 27, 2010 to allow the City to decrease the time required to deem checks abandoned from three (3) years to one (1) year after date of issue. She stated that she has worked with the software company to modify the checks to add a statement "Void if not cashed within one year from date of issue" on the face of the check. The only remaining item is acceptance by vote of the legislative body subject to the charter. **Motion was made to move approval. So Voted.**

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Frank E. Biedak, P.C., 57 Main Street, Taunton, MA concerning an application to transfer the Class II License of R&C Auto LLC –dba- Borges Auto Center located at 157 Dean Street, Taunton to CAC (Consumer Auto Club) Dennis Borges,

which was previously revoked. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Law Department. So Voted.**

Petitions:

The following are renewals for Class II Licenses

1. A&M Auto Exchange, 424 Winthrop St., Taunton
2. MH Hamie & Son, Inc. –dba- Mike's Auto Sales, 594 Winthrop St., Taunton

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

Claim submitted by Colin MacKinlay, 74 School St. Unit 33, Waltham, MA seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a raised manhole cover near the intersection of Honorable Gordon M. Owen Riverway. **Motion was made to refer to the Law Department and the DPW. So Voted. (The Assistant City Clerk called this into the DPW on December 24, 2014.)**

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.

New Business:

Councilor Cleary motioned to hold an executive session after the first of the year with the full Council and the Police Chief to discuss issues within the Police Department related to the reputation and character of an individual and to discuss possible disciplinary action. So Voted.

Council President Marshall motioned that next Tuesday night's scheduled Council meeting be held Monday morning at 7:30AM. So Voted. Councilor Cleary voting in opposition. Mayor Hoye stated that the meeting will not be televised. Councilor Cleary stated that the Council should avoid scheduling Monday morning meetings as much as possible.

Councilor Costa-Hanlon stated that last week the Council forgot to wish all of our Jewish citizens a Happy Hanukkah which started last Tuesday.

Councilor Croteau wanted to wish Mr. Tom Pestana a Happy Holiday and thank him for meeting the timeline for installing all of the audio equipment in the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


Assistant City Clerk

JLL/SJS

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DECEMBER 23, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

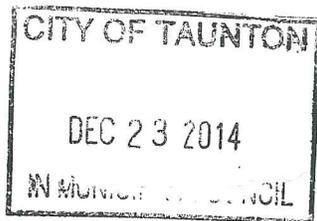
PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR GERALD CROTEAU, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILOR POTTIER

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:56 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.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:57 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DECEMBER 23, 2014

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 6:24 P.M.

A LETTER DATED 12/23/2014 OF POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH WAS PROVIDED THAT STATED THAT THE TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT LICENSE DIVISION FINDS NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT THE APPROVAL OF THE PETITIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS II AUTO LICENSES WITH THE NOTED RESTRICTIONS

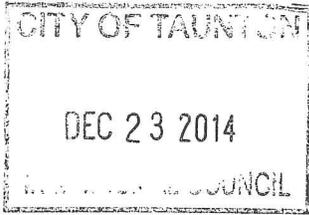
1. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS II LICENSES:**
 - A. **B & J AUTO SALES, 14 WHITTENTON STREET**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 2 VEHICLE LIMIT AND TO PLACE ON LICENSE THAT THE VEHICLE LIMIT SHALL MEAN THE TOTAL DISPLAYED AND STORED VEHICLES. SO VOTED.
 - B. **CITY OF TAUNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, 23 SUMMER STREET.**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – NO RESTRICTIONS. SO VOTED.
 - C. **MARLI MOTORS, 17 TREMONT STREET.**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 3 VEHICLE LIMIT AND TO PLACE ON LICENSE THAT THE VEHICLE LIMIT SHALL MEAN THE TOTAL DISPLAYED AND STORED VEHICLES. SO VOTED.
 - D. **OAKLAND AUTO SALES, 214 TREMONT STREET**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 74 VEHICLE LIMIT AND TO PLACE ON LICENSE THAT THE VEHICLE LIMIT SHALL MEAN THE TOTAL DISPLAYED AND STORED VEHICLES. SO VOTED.
 - E. **ROUTE 44 TIRE SHACK, 585 RICHMOND STREET**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – NO RESTRICTIONS. SO VOTED.
2. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CLASS II LICENSE OF CORRAO MOTOR CARS, INC., 251 BROADWAY AND TO CHANGE THE NAME TO CORRAO MOTORS, 251 BROADWAY**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL – 5 VEHICLE LIMIT AND TO PLACE ON LICENSE THAT THE VEHICLE LIMIT SHALL MEAN THE TOTAL DISPLAYED AND STORED VEHICLES. SO VOTED.
3. **MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND DETECTIVE SMITH ON PETITION TO RENEW CLASS II LICENSE AND TRANSFER LICENSE FROM ANTHONY SNIGER D/B/A HAPPY BEAR INC., 54 COTTAGE STREET TO DAVID SNIGIER D/B/A HAPPY BEAR INC., AT SAME LOCATION.**
MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL - NO RESTRICTIONS. SO VOTED.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE - CONTINUED

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DECEMBER 23, 2014

THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANDREW MARSHALL AND COUNCILORS BORGES, QUINN, MCCAUL, POTTIER, CROTEAU, COSTA-HANLON AND CLEARY.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:08 P.M.

1. MEET TO DISCUSS ROUTE 140/HARTS FOUR CORNERS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND CONSERVATION

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT ALL COUNCILORS RECEIVED A PACKET OF INFORMATION FROM MR. SCANLON, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND CONSERVATION IN REGARD TO A MOTION MADE ASKING FOR THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS IN A RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROUTE 140/HARTS FOUR CORNERS CORRIDOR. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN \$643,600.00 IN THE ACCOUNT WITH A BALANCE NO OF \$479,653.00. THE MONEY SPENT WAS ON DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THIS POINT.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT SHE WOULD LIKE SOME KIND OF REPORT, SHE KNOWS THAT WE ARE AT A DESIGN PHASE, BUT WHAT SHE WAS NOT CLEAR ON BASED ON WHAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL IS HOW FAR THAT DESIGN PHASE IS. WE OFTEN HEAR A LOT ABOUT RELYING ON OTHER CONTRACTORS OR OTHER POTENTIAL DEVELOPERS TO FINISH OFF THAT SIDE OF IT, SO SHE WOULD LIKE A MEETING WITH A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE D.O.T., OR AT LEAST SOME INFORMATION FROM THE D.O.T., A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SRPEDD AND SOME KIND OF OUTLINE OR TARGET DATE AND REVIEW OF THE PROCESS, OR ANTICIPATED TARGET DATES FOR SOME LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS TO THAT INTERSECTION.

COUNCILOR CLEARY ASKED HAT COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON IS ANTICIPATING THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TELL THE COUNCIL THAT IS NOT IN THE REPORT.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT WE ARE BEING TOLD AND IT IS HER UNDERSTAING THAT THE D.O.T HAS A PLACE IN FUNDING, THAT SRPEDD MAY HAVE SOME KIND OF FUNDING, THERE MAY BE SOME MONEY BEING RELIED ON FROM THE POSSIBLE CASINO DEVELOPMENT, SO SHE

THINKS THAT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR. ALSO, REGARDLESS, THERE SHOULD BE SOME TIMELINE FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD AND NO ONE HAS GIVEN THE COUNCIL THAT.

THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT HIS UNDERSTANDING AS CHAIRMAN OF D.P.W., IS THAT THE PROCESS HAD BEGUN PRIOR TO CASINO. ONCE THE CASINO CAME INTO PLAY THEY TOOK OVER THE DESIGN AND HE BELIEVES IT IS AT 75% OR POSSIBLY 100% DESIGN. PRIOR TO THAT IT WAS AT 25% DESIGN WITH MASS. D.O.T. FUNDING AND THE CITY FUNDED THAT 25% THROUGH THE MITIGATION MONEY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON IS RIGHT, THERE ARE 2 POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES - THE TRIBE AND D.O.T./SRPEDD WHICH IS THE T.I.P. (TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM). MASS D.O.T. AND SRPEDD ARE ONE AND THE SAME POOL. IT IS ON THE T.I.P. AND IT IS JUST A MATTER OF WHICHEVER ONE COMES UP FIRST - IF THE TRIBE GETS APPROVED THEY WILL PAY FOR IT, IF THE TRIBE DOES NOT GET APPROVED AND IF IT COMES UP ON THE T.I.P. LIST THE STATE WILL DO IT AND THEN THE CITY IS GOING TO LOOK TO THE TRIBE TO REINVEST THAT MONEY THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SPEND ON HARTS FOUR CORNERS.

COUNCILOR COSTA-HANLON SAID THAT WE ARE FORGETTING ONE MORE ENTITY. THE CITY OF TAUNTON HIRED ITS OWN CONTRACTOR TO REVIEW THE TRIBE'S ENGINEERING DESIGN AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THEM. SHE BELIEVES THAT WAS BETA, AND THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CALL BETA IN AND ASK THEM WHAT THEY RECEIVED FROM THE TRIBE AND MAKE SURE THAT THE CITY'S VOICE IS HEARD.

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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE - CONTINUED

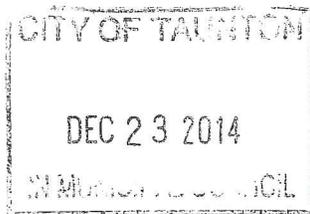
COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT HE HAS MET WITH MR. THOMAS, THE MAYOR, CITY SOLICITOR BUFFINGTON, ALL SEPARATE MEETINGS. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THERE ARE 2 75% PLANS ON THE TABLE. THAT THERE IS MONEY ON DEPOSIT WITH SRPEDD, STATE MONEY, FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT. THE EXPENDITURE AND AUTHORIZATION OF THOSE FUNDS IS BY VOTE OF THE BOARD IN THE SO CALLED AREA SERVICED BY SRPEDD. WHEN MR. SMITH, THE DIRECTOR OF SRPEED, RESPONDED TO A DISCUSSION HAD HERE SOME TIME AGO, THERE WAS WORDING IN THERE TO THE EFFECT THAT HE IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK, THEY DO NOT CONTROL THE MONEY. THE BOARD CONTROLS THE MONEY. COUNCILOR CROTEAU STATED THAT IF HE WERE SITTING THERE AND WAS FROM ANOTHER COMMUNITY, WOULD HE VOTE TO SPEND THE MONEY THINKING THAT THE CASINO IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF IT? THEREFORE, THIS COMMUNITY AND HARTS FOUR CORNERS IS BEING HELD HOSTAGE BY THE CASINO PROJECT. THE LEAST THAT COULD BE DONE IS TMLP CAN RE-PROGRAM THE LIGHTS. THERE IS DEBATE THAT THIS WILL HELP OR NOT. THIS IS THE VERY LEAST THAT COULD BE DONE AND TMLP DOES THE RE-PROGRAMMING. CAN'T WE AT LEAST DO THIS. HE ALSO WOULD LIKE A TIMELINE. COUNCILOR MARSHALL SAID HE FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO HAVE A DPW COMMITTEE MEETING WITH SRPEDD, D.O.T., BETA AND TMLP TO DISCUSS (1) THE RE-PROGRAMMING RIGHT AWAY, (2) WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IF THE CASINO DOES NOT COME AND (3) THE TIMELINE. HE WILL SET THIS UP.

2. MEET TO DISCUSS AND REVVIEW THE RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILOR MARSHALL NOTED THAT THE CLERK PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH COPIES OF APPENDIX A. THE CHAIR ASKED THAT THE CLERK PUT THIS DOCUMENT INTO A WORD DOCUMENT AND TO SEND IT TO ALL THE COUNCILORS SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE EDITS TO IT. HE ASKED THAT EVERYONE MAKE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL EDITS TO THE DOCUMENT AND THEN A TRACK CHANGE DOCUMENT WILL BE MADE TO ALLOW EVERYONE TO SEE ALL OF THE EDITS REQUESTED. HE WILL PUT THIS OFF UNTIL AT LEAST THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY FOR DISCUSSION.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE IS A NEED TO RESEARCH HOW TO CHANGE THESE RULES ALSO.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 P.M.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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COLLEEN M. ELLIS
CLERK OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

REPORTS ACCEPTED, RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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ASSISTANT CITY CLERK