

City of Taunton
Municipal Council
November 1, 2022

The Committee on Finance and Salaries

The meeting was held at Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were Councilor Phillip Duarte, Chairman and Councilors Pottier and McCaul. Also present was CFO Patrick Dello Russo.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

1. Meet to review the weekly vouchers and payrolls for City departments.

MOTION: Approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$4,279,982.70. **So voted.**

MOTION: Approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$6,544,875.28. **So voted.**

2. Meet to review requests for funding/transfers.

a. Request from the Superintendent of Buildings to pay a prior year reimbursement in the amount of \$129.00 to James Kennedy for professional development.

MOTION: Approve the request and transfer \$129.00 from Department of Public Buildings (Miscellaneous) account number 01-493-5200-5599 to account number 01-493-5520-5599 (Prior Year Bill). **So voted.**

b. Request from the Director of Human Resources to pay prior year bills in the amount of \$406.94 to Stericycle (Shred-It).

MOTION: Approve the request and transfer \$406.94 from Human Resources (Office Supplies) account number 01-549-5200-5420 to account number 01-549-5520-5599 (Prior Year Bill). **So voted.**

c. Request from the Chief Financial Officer for a transfer of \$282,000 from bond premiums received to a road and sidewalk repair and replacement capital account.

Mr. Dello Russo indicated this would be put back into streets and sidewalks.

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The Committee on Police and License

The meeting was held at Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were Councilor Jeffrey Postell, Chairman, and Councilors Sanders and Borges. Also present was Detective William Rutherford.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:44 P.M.

1. Meet with Detective Rutherford on a petition for renewal of a Billiard Table License for Taunton Sports Club, Inc. at 33 Baker Road.

Detective Rutherford indicated that the applicant meets the criteria and their incorporation is up to date.

MOTION: Approve. **So Voted.**

2. Meet with Detective Rutherford on a petition for renewal of a Billiard Table License for Taunton Eagles Soccer Club, Inc. at 29 Oak Street.

Detective Rutherford indicated that the applicant meets the criteria and their incorporation is up to date.

MOTION: Approve. **So Voted.**

Councilor Postell recalled that some time ago there had been discussions about not requiring Billiard License renewals to come before the committee. Detective Rutherford indicated he had spoken to the Chief and they would like these not to come before the Council.

MOTION: Refer this to the Law Department for their input and review. **So Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 P.M.

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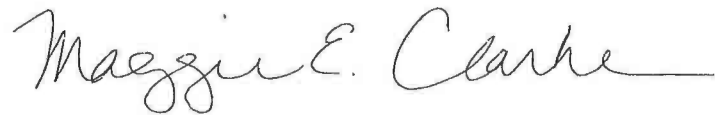
Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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Please note:

The recommendations of the November 1, 2022 meeting of the Committee of the Council as a Whole were not adopted by the full Municipal Council that evening. The Committee had recessed and then reconvened after the adjournment of meeting of the full Municipal Council.

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Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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The Committee of the Council as a Whole

The meeting was held at Taunton City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 in the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were Councilor Phillip Duarte, Chairman and Councilors Dooner, Borges, McCaul, Pottier, Coute, Sanders, Quintal, and Postell. Also present was Patrick Dello Russo, CEO, energy consultant Matthew Parent, Attorney Thomas Gay, and Human Resources Director Amy Kazlauskas.

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM.

1. Meet for a presentation on a proposed solar array to be located at the former landfill.

Mr. Dello Russo and solar consultant Matthew Parent gave a presentation which outlined potential solar opportunities within the City, particularly the location of the former landfill, 330 East Britannia Street. Mr. Parent explained that the landfill is seen as the best opportunity to generate revenue while also becoming more green. Mr. Parent suggested the best option is a PPA lease where a solar developer builds the site, maintains the site for 20-25 years, and generates revenue for the City. The proposal would see 5 megawatts (approximately 10,000 panels) on the south side of the landfill. They are currently developing an RFP that will be reviewed by TMLP and go out to solar developers. He explained how the developer would sell energy back to Taunton at a reduced rate, there would be lease payments for 20-25 years in addition to renewable energy certificates which could be sold as well. Potential revenue is estimated at \$300,000 - \$600,000 per year.

The presentation also identified other locations that might be looked at in the future: Scadding Street, Winthrop Street, and Tremont Street.

Councilor Pottier asked about the air rights over the dump and Mr. Dello Russo indicated that they are confident. Mr. Pottier further questioned if this is a 25 year deal and that a 3% increase is assumed and Mr. Parent indicated that they left this open in the RFP. Councilor Pottier indicated it would be helpful to know how much electricity would be generated in terms of number of households. He asked about the electricity that would be sold back to the City and Mr. Parent indicated that the energy produced will stay in Taunton.

Councilor Borges asked how involved TMLP was and Mr. Dello Russo indicated that no vote of the TMLP commissioners would be required as this is a land lease deal but he emphasized that TMLP has been great a great partner. Councilor Borges questioned if this would in any way impact the proposed gasification for the site and Mr. Dello Russo indicated that these are two separate projects and has no impact.

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The Committee of the Council as a Whole – Continued

on Fraga Farm in attempts to preserve it and that they are trying to develop a mixed use proposal for that property.

Councilor Borges indicated that she would like to see this brought before the TMLP Commission since they are an elected board and come back with a letter of support from them.

Councilor Duarte pointed out that with new legislation, TMLP will need to be net zero by 2050. He also suggested that schools, municipal buildings, roofs, and parking lots be considered for the future.

2. Meet to discuss the standard operating procedure for Municipal Council professional appointments.

Councilor Duarte explained that the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that was used for the hiring of the Clerk of Committees and the City Clerk saw some issues so he is proposing some changes to be discussed this evening. Mr. Duarte then read the draft policy into the record.

MOTION: Make this draft policy part of the record. **So voted.**

Councilor Pottier suggested that the biggest change to the policy would be to the makeup of the screening committee. He indicated his belief that for Council appointments, the Council should actually make the appointments with the administration serving in an advisory role. This change helps to take politics out of the process by making the screening committee members the first three committee members.

Councilor Borges stressed the importance that the Council take control of their appointments. She believes the procedure to be well written and agrees that it helps to take politics out of the process. She stressed her belief that the interviews should be held in public.

Councilor Sanders stated that he believes this corrects some of the problems they experienced with the hiring of the City Clerk. This puts the responsibility in the hands of the Council and fixes some of the problems.

Councilor McCaul suggested that the HR Director and the City Solicitor should review the draft procedure and made the following motion:

MOTION: Human Resources Director and City Solicitor to review the proposed Standard Operating Procedure and report any changes and how they feel about the draft.

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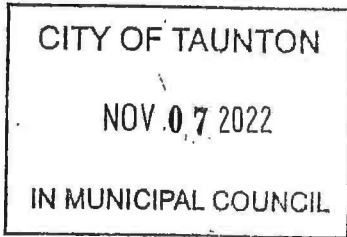
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The Committee of the Council as a Whole – Continued

AMENDED MOTION: Refer to the draft policy to the City Solicitor and Human Resources Director to review and bring it back for discussion on Monday, November 7. **So Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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