

City of Taunton  
Municipal Council  
January 31, 2023

**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. CFO Patrick Dello Russo and Budget Director Gill Enos were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM.

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

*MOTION: Approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$1,355,431.23. So voted.*

*MOTION: Approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$1,145,902.65. So voted.*

**2. Meet with the CFO and Budget Director for the Q2 quarterly financial update.**

Mr. Dello Russo and Mr. Enos gave a presentation which provided a financial update as of the end of quarter two. The presentation included a progress report on the Capital Improvement Plan, as well as an update on ARPA funds expended and encumbered. It was reported that revenues for quarter two are normal. Mr. Dello Russo informed the Council of the new Finance Department internship program. When looking at government wide expenses, Mr. Dello Russo indicated that spending generally slows down in Q3 and Q4. Police and Fire are currently at 4% under budget. On the Public Works expense update, it was noted that numbers are running 2% under budget but snow and ice are still a factor to be considered. Health and Human Services expect to see a slight turn-back. Fixed costs are running at about 5% under budget as of 12/31. Generally, Mr. Dello Russo reported that the City is on pace to meet budgetary goals. As of 12/31/22, 49% of the overall budget has been expended which is typical.

Councilor Pottier questioned Mr. Dello Russo on the deadline for expending ARPA funds and it was noted that the intention is to have it all earmarked and encumbered by 12/31/24. Details on the ARPA submittal process were reviewed. Mr. Pottier asked when debt service is paid and Mr. Dello Russo answered that debt service is paid four times a year. Mr. Pottier questioned why the insurance line is not closer to 50% and Mr. Dello Russo indicated that he is expecting a turn back in that area.

Mr. McCaul commented on the DPW related improvements.

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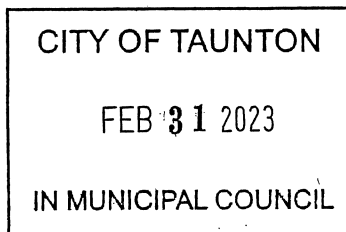
Councilor Sanders inquired as to the private entities that were the recipients of ARPA funds and Mr. Dello Russo explained these are non-profits who had applied for the monies and met certain criteria. These go through the ARPA coordinator and the ARPA coordinator and Mr. Dello Russo ensure that they are following the final rule to the letter.

Councilor McCaul questioned the sign and façade program and Mr. Dello Russo gave some details.

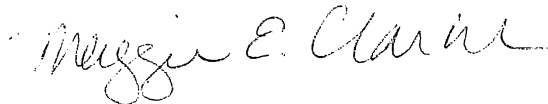
Councilor Borges asked if the \$1,000,000 was just part of the Community Center expense and Mr. Dello Russo was not certain of the total cost. Ms. Borges suggested a future presentation on the Community Center.

**MOTION:** *Make the report part of the record and place it on the website. So voted.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.



Respectfully submitted,



Maggie E. Clarke  
Clerk of Council Committees

**REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.**



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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. Detective William Rutherford, Tim Keough of Bask, Inc., and Angela Barros of Mirror, Mirror were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:54 PM.

#### **1. Meet with Detective Rutherford to discuss the request from Bask for hours of operation.**

Mr. Tim Keough of Bask indicated their desire to be open 9am – 10pm. The 10pm closing time is in line with the operation across the street and liquor stores in the area.

Councilor Sanders asked if this would be 7 days a week and Mr. Keough stated that it would be.

Councilor Postell suggested that the Council consider establishing a consistent standard across the board moving forward.

**MOTION:** *Approve the hours of operation for Bask as 9am – 10pm, 7 days a week. So voted.*

#### **2. Meet with Detective Rutherford on the following petitions for renewal of Hours of Operation Licenses:**

- a. **Cumberland Farms, Inc. dba Cumberland Farms #6766 located at 660 County Street**
- b. **DDO New England, LLC dba Taco Bell Store #40880 located at 700 County Street**

Detective Rutherford gave positive recommendations for both operations. He noted that Cumberland Farms is a 24 hour operation and Taco Bell is open until 2am Sunday – Thursday and 3am on Friday and Saturday.

**MOTION:** *Approve both requests as stated. So voted.*

#### **3. Meet with Detective Rutherford on the following applications for renewal of Class III Used Car Dealer Licenses**

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- a. **Automotive Recovery Services, Inc. dba Insurance Auto Auctions at 580 Myricks Street, East Taunton**
- b. **Tony's Auto Wrecking at 303 Broadway**

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation for both.

**MOTION:** *Approve both. So voted.*

**4. Meet with Detective Rutherford on a Petition for a new Second Hand Article License for Mirror Mirror a Unique Boutique to be located at 322 Bay Street.**

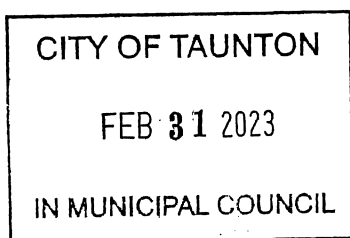
Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation and reported that he had received several communications which were positive recommendations. This license would be adding a Second Hand Article License to an existing business in order to sell used clothing.

Angela Barros explained her business and noted that she is looking to add women's consignment clothing to her business plan.

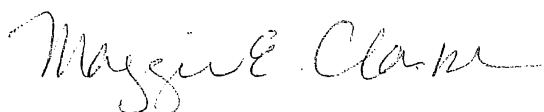
Councilor Borges asked for more details on the business and Ms. Barros indicated that she currently has a gift shop/boutique that sells new gifts but she wants to begin offering consignment women's clothing. She expressed her desire to start the Dress for Success program. Ms. Barros stated that she currently has 42 vendors.

**MOTION:** *Approve and make the letters part of the record. So voted.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

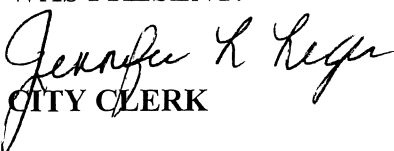


Respectfully submitted,



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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 Council President Kelly Dooner and Councilors Duarte, Borges, McCaul, Pottier, Coute, Sanders, Quintal, and Postell. Attorney William Rounds and Flavia Hungaro of LMCC, LLC were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 PM.

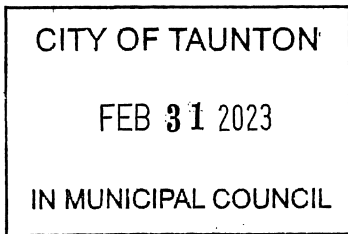
- 1. Meet to discuss the request for renewal of a Host Community Agreement for LMCC, LLC located at 83 County Street.**

Councilor Dooner read a letter from Attorney Rounds requesting the extension.

Attorney Rounds indicated that they hoped to extend the HCA to line up with the license which expires on July 12. They anticipate being open by late spring.

**MOTION:** *Approve the HCA extension until July 12. So voted.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

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