



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA
Minutes, March 29, 2022 at 7:56 O'clock P.M.*

Regular Meeting

Mayor Shaunna L. O'Connell presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

A moment of silence was led by Mayor O'Connell for the passing of William (Bill) Silva who was laid to rest last Wednesday. Mr. Silva and his family have served the people of Taunton in their greatest time of need since 1934, as funeral directors at the Silva Funeral Home. Mr. Silva not only dedicated himself as a funeral director but served as a member of many organizations helping the people of Taunton. They wished his family their condolences at this difficult time.

*Present at roll call were: Councilors Postell, Quintal, Sanders, Coute,
Pottier, McCaul, Borges, Duarte and Dooner*

Record of preceding meeting was read by title and approved. So voted.

Opportunity for input by the general public.

Craig Silvia, discussed that when he crosses the street on a crosswalk, he feels people don't slow down. He hopes that they do something about this.

Charles Wright, 20 Chestnut Street, he has tried to get on the agenda for the Airport Commission since November. He seen there was an Airport Commission meeting in January. He discussed his frustrations with the Airport Commission members. His explanation continued.

Bill McCaffrey, 692 Caswell Street, shared his story of a visit he took to Caribou, Maine. He spoke about a new Elementary School they just built up there. They took woodchips to heat the whole school. His said there is a Greenhouse in Sutton, Mass. that takes a chipping fee for stumps. They grind up stumps and take the woodchips to heat their greenhouse. He spoke about the possibility of Bristol Plymouth High School getting a woodchip facility to get more funds towards the new school.

Janet Cook, 22 Crane Avenue North, spoke about how we need to slow people down all over the city and the possibility of installing speed plates.

Hearings:

NONE

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor O'Connell stated we currently have thirteen (13) active reported Covid cases in Taunton. The Regional Clinic at Northwood's is open until the end of April. It is open on Tuesdays from 10a.m. to 5:45p.m. Walk-ins are accepted. They have all vaccines and boosters available. You can also make an appointment. All the information is on the City of Taunton's website and the Facebook page. This weekend they have a pancake breakfast with the Easter Bunny. This is put-on by the Parks & Rec. Department. This will be Saturday, April 9th from 9-11a.m., located at the Taunton High School Cafeteria. The public is invited. It is \$7.00 per person and kid's 1-year and under are free. Tickets are available at the Parks and Rec. Department. You can call #508-821-1415 for more info. This event is also on the City of Taunton's website.

Appointments:

Appointment of Steve Turner, 160 Seekell St., East Taunton to the License Commission to fill the unexpired term of Bruce Thomas which expires in June 2024. **Motion was made to approve and prepare the appreciate scroll to Mr. Thomas. So voted.**

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from Police Chief requesting certification from the Human Resources Division of the Commonwealth for promotional appointments for two (2) fulltime permanent lieutenants and six (6) fulltime permanent sergeants. **Motion was made to move approval. So voted.**

Com. from City Solicitor requesting an Executive Session meeting with the Council as a Whole to discuss negotiations with a non-union employee. **Motion was made to refer to the Council President for scheduling. So voted.**

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Blake M. Mensing, The Mensing Group LLC, on behalf of his client Blazin' D's Delivery LLC, regarding an amendment to their Host Community Agreement. His client is now seeking to additionally pursue a Courier license. By adding in the term "Delivery Only Marijuana Establishment", this proposed revision avoids the need to revise any other portion of the Host Community Agreement. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole and the Law Department. So voted.**

Petitions:

Claims

Claim submitted by Jeaneth McCarthy, 56 West Weir St., Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole near 56 West West Weir Street, Taunton. *(Already referred to the Law Department and DPW)*

Claim submitted by Susan Blackmon, 70 Clear Pond Rd., Lakeville seeking reimbursement for damages to her automobile from hitting a pothole near 149 Precinct St., Taunton. *(Already referred to the Law Department and DPW)*

Claim submitted by Mark Hackett, 31 Tania Dr., East Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole near 79 Middleboro Ave., Taunton. *(Already referred to the Law Department and DPW)*

Claim submitted by Alex Hebert, 67 Crane Ave. South, Taunton seeking reimbursement for damages to his automobile from hitting a pothole near 255 West Britannia St., Taunton. *(Already referred to the Law Department and DPW)*

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:

NONE

Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance for a third reading to be ordained on a roll call vote

AN ORDINANCE

ARTICLE III. STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING

Sec 405-53. Prohibited parking places.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton as follows:

That Section 405-53 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton, as amended, be and hereby are further amended by adding thereto the following:

Shores Avenue, the entire length on both the North and South side.

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage. **Motion was made to be ordained on a roll call vote. So voted. On a roll call vote, nine (9) councilors were present, nine (9) councilors voted in favor. So voted.**

Order for first reading to be passed to a second reading

Ordered That,

The City of Taunton appropriates the sum of **Thirteen Million Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine Dollars (\$13,748,839)** for the purpose of funding the following projects for the City of Taunton's Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget, and all costs incidental and related to such projects; and to meet this appropriation, (1) \$4,985,000 shall be transferred from Free Cash to fund the following projects: Roads and Side Walk Reconstruction: \$4,000,000, Replacement of Fire Alarm system: \$280,000, Taunton Fire Station Window Repair: \$250,000, Leddy School – Roof Repair: \$45,000, East Taunton Elementary Roof Replacement: \$200,000, 1 Ton Dump Truck with plow and sander: \$85,000, ¾ Ton Dump Pickup Truck: \$65,000, Two Ventrac SSV Side Walk Snow Plows: \$60,000 (\$30,000 each), (2) \$3,313,839 shall be transferred from Water Retained Earnings to fund the following projects: Two replacement Ford F250 Trucks: \$90,000 (\$45,000 each), One replacement Ford Explorer

for the Chief Operator of the Water Enterprise: \$38,000, Mini Vactor/truck body with equipment: \$160,839, Glebe St. Tank Removal: \$275,000, Meter assessment, upgrade and fixed network installation: \$2,500,000, SCADA System Upgrade: \$250,000, (3) \$3,000,000 shall be transferred from Sewer Retained Earnings to fund the following project: Sewer Main Repair and Replacement: \$3,000,000, and (4) The Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$2,450,000 for the following projects: Roads and Side Walk Reconstruction: \$2,000,000
Vactor Truck for street service \$450,000.

Further, that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project. **Motion was made to be passed to a second reading. So voted.**

New Business:

Councilor Postell motioned to have referred to DPW a review of the condition of roadway surface on Longwood Avenue due to sewer extension hook-up. **Motion was made to move approval. So voted.**

Councilor Postell motioned to have referred to Parks & Rec, and Tree Warden for an inspection of tree conditions on Longwood Avenue as it relates to overall safety. **Motion was made to move approval. So voted.**

Councilor Postell motioned to refer the issue of speeding on Kilton Street to the Police Department for enforcement. **Motion was made to move approval. So voted.**

Councilor Postell motioned to refer the issue of vehicles parking too close to the intersection of Kilton Street and Oak Street to the Safety Office and the Police Department. **Motion was made to move approval. So voted.**

Councilor Postell motioned to refer to the safety officer a review of the needs for speed limit signs on Kilton Street and Shores Street. **Motion was made to move approval. So voted.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:



City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MARCH 29, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND SALARIES

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR PHILLIP DUARTE, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS POTIER AND MCCAUL. ALSO PRESENT WERE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PATRICK DELLO RUSSO, BUDGET DIRECTOR GILL ENOS AND CITY AUDITOR IAN FORTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

1. MEET TO REVIEW THE WEEKLY VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,222,765.38. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE INVOICE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,306,360.00. SO VOTED.

2. MEET WITH THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR A PRESENTATION ON THE CAPITAL BUDGET AND FUNDING REQUEST

The Chairman said that they last had the CFO in to discuss the quarterly financial update. At that time there was some discussion about the capital budget and how they were going to be separating that out from the operating budget, and doing that in a different manner moving forward to put the City in a better financial position. Since then the CFO has been working with the Mayor's office, City Departments and this Committee to put together this presentation to put forward the first capital budget requests which will be approved in this time frame. Then they will move toward doing an actual 5 year capital improvement plan shortly after.

Mr. Dello Russo provided a handout with the actual budget presentation, the actual CIP with requests, sources and uses of funds as well as written narratives of the items and projects being requested with detailed information from the Departments. Mr. Dello Russo said the DOR/DLS report from 2013 asked the City to create, establish and maintain a CIP. At the request of the Mayor they took the directive to task. Having a CIP is the preferred method of tracking capital projects which are described as any item over \$25,000 and a useful life of 3 or more years. Each project or purchase is assigned its own project account separate from the operating budget. This helps track progress more easily, creates the opportunity for metric driven analysis of our capital spending, This is also known as project accounting. The benefits of project accounting allows for efficiencies such as the elimination of year end carry overs and purchase orders as the project or purchases have their own set of accounts and do not require end of year encumbrances. This creates time savings for each department making the request as well as the Auditor's office and Budget Director who have to approve those encumbrances. By having a CIP they can predict what they need and when.

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The total capital budget request for appropriation is \$13,748,839 with \$4,985,000 transferred from Free Cash, \$3,313,839 transferred from retained earnings water, \$3,000,000 transferred from retained earnings sewer and a bond authorization of \$2,450,000. During the CIP process departments had the opportunity to submit, discuss and present their needs for consideration and this is the first time departments were asked to prioritize what they need to do their jobs. Their needs were identified in an Excel format (Exhibit A) and a detailed back-up of each request was also submitted (Exhibit B). Mr. Dello Russo identified which sources and uses of funds were best options and collaborated with Department Managers and identified priorities and is presenting them to the Council tonight. They have a plan, they have a framework and now they have a CIP program.

Capital spending is driven by one time funds to drive one time purchases or improvements. These are primarily generated with free cash, retained earnings, bond premiums and the borrowing threshold established each year. Based upon where the City currently stands in historical trends, they can anticipate this type of spending level on a reoccurring annual basis.

If there is an economic downturn, they have a 5 year CIP which prepares for economic downturns by repositioning resources in later years. It is advantageous to plan for our needs and identify funding today for purchases and projects tomorrow. They can reasonably expect annual borrowing not to exceed \$3 Million as it is in line with the amount of debt service they have falling off a/k/a the borrowing threshold. Of course if interest rates rise, they will adjust accordingly. As of today they have a 10% reserve to budget ratio in the stabilization account. The current balance of the stabilization account is approximately \$19 Million, and at a later meeting they will ask the Council to approve a \$10 Million transfer to the fund from free cash. This means that they can now start allocating free cash and retained earnings which are certified directly into capital or specific stabilization funds for future projects.

Parks, Cemeteries and Public Grounds is requesting approval of \$210,000 which is for 2 sidewalk snowplows at \$30,000 each, a replacement of a 2006 dump truck with plow and sander at \$85,000 and a replacement of a ¾ ton pickup for \$65,000. Two of the replacement vehicles are over 15 years old. The other items are equipment to serve the community by keeping our sidewalks, parking lots and cemetery grounds accessible and safe during the winter months as well as replace old equipment.

With the Department of Public Works the Mayor has committed a total of \$7.6 Million to the City's roads and sidewalks. The road and sidewalk allocation of the \$7.6 Million will be funded by \$4,000,000 direct funding from free cash transfer which allows the funds to be available for the Spring season and beyond should there be a successful Council vote. One of the biggest points of frustration that the team has identified with

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meeting with the departments is that they miss the 90 days of having to wait until July to get the road repairs done. This process eliminates that. The Mayor asked if there was a way to get funds to repair our streets and sidewalks more efficiently, and they have done that. There will be a \$2,000,000 bond. The bond if approved will not be drawn down until the \$4 Million is expended. The bond for \$3 Million will be issued in Fiscal Year 2023 sometime in August as part of their plan to move their debt service schedule to a more predictable timetable. Should the vote go well, they will receive a bond premium of approximately \$200,000. This is a new concept. These are the funds received from the sale of the bond itself, and on average they can expect to receive 10% of the total note which can be expended on a like project under the section of the law. This, of course, will need Council approval at a later date. Then they will have the Chapter 90 money from the State which is approximately \$1.4 Million, however the State is going through their budget process currently so the final number is yet to be determined officially, but they know it is going to be at least \$1.4 Million based upon history.

Some additional DPW Capital requests were a Vactor truck for street service calls at \$450,000. Currently they outsource all of the drain work in the City which costs tens of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. The purchase of the large Vactor truck will allow the DPW to remove several clogged drains that cause roadway and safety issues. This item will be bonded because it has the same useful life as they are allowed to bond for roads and in the capital plan that is what you typically try to do, you typically try to get projects that have the same useful life. It is easier to plan your debt service schedule. They also requested 2 replacement F250's at \$45,000 each. Those trucks are both over 10 years old and are in need of being replaced. The funding will come from retained earnings water. Subsequently to that a \$38,000 replacement of another 10 year old vehicle with funding to come from retained earnings water as well. A mini Vactor truck with body and equipment was requested for a total of \$160,839. The mini Vactor truck equipment will be used for clearing the water lines when they are installing them. This funding is to come from retained earnings. There is going to be the removal and decommission of a water tank at a cost of \$275,000 and according to the DPW this is long overdue and the funds will come from retained earnings. Also \$2.5 Million in water meters to replace old meters and install new ones that are more accurate. This will reduce our water loss ratio and improve the standing of the water retained earnings fund itself. Also a WTP Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition. This allows users, meaning the municipal employees, to control multiple processes across the City in multiple locations with a few clicks of a button. This is a much needed upgrade according to the DPW and will improve our water plants infrastructure and will be funded by retained earnings. The last on the list is the sewer main reconstruction which

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is part of the Federal order. This is part of the sewer plant upgrade and this is the best source and use of retained earnings this year. They are moving away from borrowing every time they have a sewer cost as it is stacking up a considerable amount of debt in outlying years. In this instance retained earnings is the most appropriate use of funds. The total investment breakout for DPW is \$12,763,839 and again, \$4 Million from free cash, \$2.45 from bond issuance, \$3,313,839 from water retained earnings and \$3 Million from sewer retained earnings.

Next was funding for public buildings. They did tour these buildings and the needs to be addressed include the replacement of the fire alarm system at the Friedman and Chamberlain schools for \$280,000, Taunton Fire Station window repairs at \$250,000, Leddy School rubber roof membrane repair at \$45,000 and East Taunton Elementary School roof repair at \$200,000.

The capital budget is for fiscal year 2022 and 2023 because free cash and retained earnings are available immediately after appropriation whereas bonds and meter revenues are not (they are available after July 1st because this plan will tie into their 5 year strategic capital plan). Stabilization will not have to be used to balance the budget. This helps establish a true baseline budget by changing their processes. They will be asking at a later meeting for a \$10 Million dollar transfer to stabilization this year from free cash. They are borrowing funds because it is good to be a frequent guest in the Municipal Bond marketplace. Most importantly they are trying to get away from using free cash to fund recurring cost.

The Mayor is focusing on infrastructure improvements with road and sidewalk reconstruction, public building repairs and parks and recreation support on non-recurring capital items. Free cash will not fund any item that is a recurring expense and will not fund any salaries in FY 2023. This process allow them to think before they spend and plan for what is needed. The City has a capital budget plan for a strategic capital outlay moving forward and Mr. Dello Russo said he is proud to present their first capital budget to the City Council and ask for the Council's approval for the capital funding this evening.

Councilor Pottier clarified that the free cash numbers that they have in the handout do not include the intended draws, so they are going to be pulling out of a \$16 Million balance in free cash, almost \$5 Million off of that, to which it was answered that was correct. Similarly from the \$6.5 in water they are looking to pull about 50%, about \$3.3 Million and on the sewer they are looking to pull \$3 Million out of the \$13 Million. Mr. Dello Russo said their stabilization right now is at \$19 Million and as everybody knows last year they drew a little over \$8 Million so the \$10 Million will offset or put back what they took plus give them a cushion. Also, the good news is that the reserve to budget ratio is at 10% now. The stabilization will be at \$29 Million and as he said in

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the presentation. that allows them a lot of flexibility to really start planning the capital projects. They will start looking at things 5 years out, 7 years out and not touching the stabilization balance as much doing it this way. He further said what is being expressed from the DOR is that they do not like to see you go over 10% of your reserve to budget ratio because then you are not investing enough back in, so they have hit their number and can now start planning for Taunton's future.

Councilor Pottier said previously the Council had a rule or ordinance or practice that they were going to devote 3% to capital so it is great that they are looking at this as a year to year thing and also great that this is a 5 year thing, and asked if they were locked in as a Council. Mr. Enos said that ordinance was abolished a few years back.

Councilor Pottier said the Administration is not locking themselves into any commitment, it is a commitment but if things completely turn around like they did 15 years ago they can still make payroll and keep the lights on and just defer this.

Mr. Dello Russo said the 10% is exactly why they intended to not go below that unless it is absolutely necessary. That would bring their fund balance on that stabilization account, specifically, to \$29 Million should the Council vote to approve the transfer.

Councilor Borges asked why they would bond roads.

Mr. Dello Russo said it is good to be in the Municipal bond marketplace. Road repair bonds have a useful life of 15 years. Based upon all the information and the sources and uses of funds, the \$2.45 Million being requested to be bonded is directly in line with the amount of debt service they have coming off. The team feels that they have a very good opportunity given the amount of changes they have made in a short amount of time to go to S & P with sort of a new financial structure, with a capital improvement plan, and with a clear path forward, and you want to do some type of borrowing every year.

What you don't want to have happen is your fixed costs translate into operational expenses. The general fund debt service is at 2% of the operating budget so it is going to be very difficult to justify in future years should the City need to borrow internally. They would have to cut services and spending and this is a perfectly legitimate use of bond funds and bond proceeds and Mr. Dello Russo believes that it is the best source and use of funds.

Councilor Postell said there is no allocation in this for a public safety building and it was noted that they have a little over \$1 Million for a feasibility study for a public safety building.

Councilor Pottier asked that a spread sheet be provided to the Council multiyear, which lists debt service payments, both principal and interest, what is coming off the roles, which he feels would be very helpful to the Council.

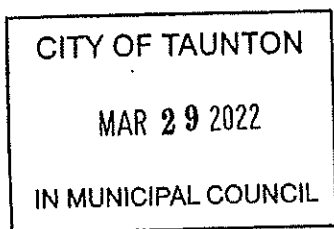
MOTION: TO PUT THE PRESENTATION ON THE WEBSITE. SO VOTED.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:24 P.M.



Respectfully submitted, :

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen M. Ellis".

Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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MARCH 29, 2022

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THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR BARRY SANDERS, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS DOONER AND MCCAUL. ALSO PRESENT WAS CITY SOLICITOR MATTHEW COSTA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:27 P.M.

1. MEET WITH THE CITY SOLICITOR TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CIVILIAN TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICER ORDINANCE

This was put off from last week because several Councilors had requested to double check some of the information and to do a little bit of their own work on the matter. The City Solicitor said at the last meeting there was a question on whether the Police Unions had a position on this or had any concerns or anything of that nature. Attorney Costa said that they have reviewed this with the Unions and they have expressed that they do not have any concerns. They slightly modified the language and highlighted on the draft provided which clarifies that the Civilian Traffic Control Officer assignments shall be made in accordance with the City of Taunton Police Department's detail hiring procedures as approved by the Chief of Police and those are a subject of negotiation between the Unions and management so he feels that speaks to that issue.

Councilor Sanders said that while it won't be specifically spelled out in the ordinance around that level system of when the Civilian Traffic Control Officers will be activated, that is something that will be put together by the Chief with input from the Union, and everybody is going to be happy with it.

Attorney Costa said the main point on that is that this is the last resort. He explained last time that there is a hierarchy to fill details and it starts first with our regular Police Officers, then it goes next to retired Taunton Police Officers, then to outside agencies and local police departments and he believes they also make calls to the Sheriff's Department, then once all of those law enforcement personnel are exhausted and they are at the point where right now there would be no one to fill the detail, so this would hopefully fill that void by the hiring of Civilian Traffic Control Officers. There will be an internal policy around the qualifications needed for the position and there is also under Mass. General Laws regulations, where they refer to them as flaggers, but there are requirements for training and uniforms and that type of thing.

Councilor McCaul made the following motion:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dooner.

Joe Ryan, the Taunton Police Patrolmen's Association President spoke to the Committee and said that they have had lengthy discussions on this with City Officials, Attorney Costa, the Chief and the Association members and basically as it is written right now they support it, and that it is something that is going to be utilized as a last resort. He

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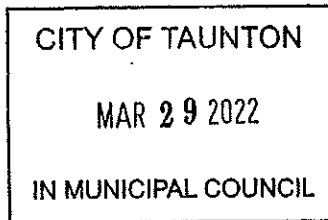
also said there is a proposal being worked on that will spell everything out, how it works with the tier system. If everything goes the way it is supposed to go, they support it.

The Chief said he feels this is the best solution.

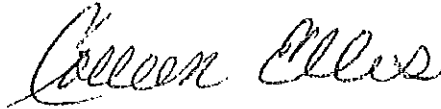
The motion was clarified to be:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN AND REFER IT TO A FIRST READING. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 P.M.




Respectfully submitted,



Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


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THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCIL PRESIDENT PHILLIP DUARTE AND COUNCILORS DOONER, BORGES, MCCAUL, POTTIER, COUTE, SANDERS, QUINTAL AND POSTELL. ALSO PRESENT WERE ATTORNEY JAMES VALERIANI OF THE MENSING GROUP AND JORDON SHAW OF GREATER GOODS, LLC

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:36 P.M.

1. **MEET FOR A PRE-REVIEW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL PERMIT ON THE PETITION OF JAMES VALERIANI, THE MENSING GROUP, LLC ON BEHALF OF GREATER GOODS, LLC FOR A 11,498 SQUARE FOOT MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND MANUFACTURING FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT 445 MYLES STANDISH BOULEVARD LOCATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT**

Councilor Duarte said for the record he will be recusing himself due to perspective employment with another marijuana micro business so Councilor Pottier will be chairing this portion of the meeting as the most senior member.

Mr. Valeriani said that Jordon Shaw is a Civil Engineer and is quite knowledgeable of the cannabis industry and has worked closely with the architect to design the project that they are seeking to undertake. Greater Goods has a provisional license from the CCC for a micro business that allows up to a 5,000 square foot cultivation operation and product manufacturing under a single license. They have a Host Community Agreement signed with the City dating back to August of 2021. Once they get their local approvals and submit for a building permit and final architectural review by the CCC they can start construction which will not take a significant amount of time as they are only retrofitting the interior of the building. The building at 445 Myles Standish Boulevard was the former operations center for the National Weather Service dating back to the early 1990's. It has been vacant for the past 3 years. Greater Goods is going to be the tenant. One of their affiliates is under a Purchase and Sale with the property owner currently. The building is a perfect size, in a perfect location and is allowed by Special Permit. There are no issues with that use in the Myles Standish Industrial Park. The building is approximately 11,500 square feet. Parking requirements are 15 for this location for the square footage involved and they have over 45, almost 50 parking spaces and ingress and egress from both Robert Treat Paine Boulevard and Myles Standish. The building meets all the setbacks, they do not require Site Plan Review as they are not changing anything to the exterior of the building, the parking, the infrastructure, no new water and sewer, no new electrical. They may bring fiber into the site if it is not already existing, but he would imagine that it is given the weather center was there. There are very large operating abutters and there are only 6 abutters in the radius map including Verizon, Amazon and another warehouse on the other side and there is vacant land to

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the south side. With the exception of some minor cosmetic work it is a concrete building with a flat roof, there is a generator there that the weather service used which they need to have back up power for their security system. The generator is probably larger than they need, and they have had it checked out and it works fine. A Special Permit is required. They have no impacts as far as they know, no traffic, hours of operation are going to be probably 8-6 but they are seeking 5 a.m. – 9 p.m. in the event the business gets busy. They will have some light vans that are parked there to move product in and out and will register them here in the City. They have submitted a security plan to the Police Department and are waiting for Lieutenant Eric Nichols to look at it but they anticipate no issues.

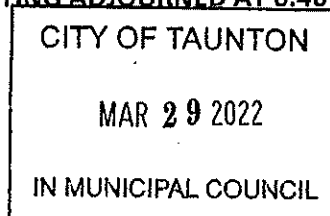
Mr. Shaw said as far as the work that they are doing on the inside, it is fairly minimal, they are not really removing any structural members. They are making separate grow rooms, they are doing the HVAC for mini splits into each of the rooms and upgrading the electrical from 800 amps to 1200 amps. They are also removing a drop ceiling and a lifted floor but otherwise it is fairly minimal work on the inside.

Councilor Borges said for the hearing she would like to know if they have met with the Police Chief or anybody in the Police Department regarding their security plan. She then asked if they were purchasing the building and it was said that an affiliate will be purchasing it and leasing it to Greater Goods.

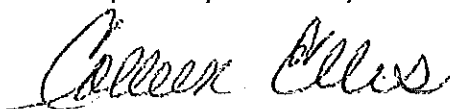
Councilor Coute requested that information be provided on financials, employees, projected revenues and things like that. One question he would like them to touch on is any concerns with the Taunton Development Corp., have they solved any concerns that the TDC has and whether it is going to be a stumbling block.

Councilor Sanders would like for the hearing to see documentation of their status with the Cannabis Control Commission, and if they have some documentation of the issue raised by Councilor Coute regarding the Taunton Development Corp. He would also like them to share the feedback of the Planning Board meeting that has occurred, and would like to hear about their prior experience running a business like this and what their social equity status might be with the CCC.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,)



Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


CITY CLERK

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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE

PRESENT WERE: COUNCILOR JEFF POSTELL, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS SANDERS AND BORGES. ALSO PRESENT WERE POLICE CHIEF EDWARD WALSH, ASSISTANT CITY SOLICITOR PETER WINTERS, ROY LAFLAMME OF BRACKS & PISTILS AND DETECTIVE WILLIAM RUTHERFORD

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:48 P.M.

MOTION: TO GO OUT OF THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS AND HAVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE END OF THE MEETING. SO VOTED.

1. MEET TO DISCUSS HOME RULE PETITION INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AGE TO BE APPOINTED A POLICE OFFICER

The Chairman said this was brought before the full Council last week. That was the first time that they had heard or saw this and there were some questions that had come up from members of this Committee so that is why it was referred to Committee.

The Chief said that the City of Boston several years ago went with a change in the Civil Service hiring age, up to 39, not quite 40 but 39 and 364 days. Looking at a lot of the candidates they see taking the test for Taunton they find a lot of candidates in that age range. For example you have someone who spent 20 years in the military and retired, they would not be eligible to be a Police Officer in Taunton. They may have a great skill set, a great education and knowledge but they can't become a Police Officer because of the way the age is set up. Taking that into consideration, they are always looking for candidates, quality candidates, and are basically hamstringing themselves by reducing the age to 32 and 36 respectively.

Councilor Borges made the following motion:

MOTION: TO ALLOW THE UNION REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK. SO VOTED.

Officer Joe Ryan, President of the Taunton Police Patrolmen's Association spoke to the Committee and said that they support this and noted that they have an extremely young department right now and increasing the age will provide for a more rounded department.

Councilor Borges made the following motion:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE HOME RULE PETITION TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM AGE TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER TO 40. SO VOTED.

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THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE AND LICENSE – CONTINUED

2. MEET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON EMBEDDED SOCIAL WORKERS FOR THE TAUNTON POLICE

The Chief said for about two years they have had an embedded social worker working part time in the department contracted through CCBC. They used Federal funds to pay for that. He met yesterday with DMH as well as meeting with CCBC and advocates. They discussed their current program and based upon those conversations they are actually going to expand it using money from the State to go to a full time embedded social worker, 5 days a week to start with. Based upon the conversations it sounds like they may be able to do more than that over time but he thinks the initial plan is for CCBC that is in the hiring process for social workers anyway, to have them hire an individual who will work for the Police Department full time, 5 days a week, 40 hours a week. They got an existing grant from DMH dealing with mental health issues and some of that money is going to be reprogrammed, with additional funds provided by the State to cover this. Depending on how that goes, they are looking possibly to expand to maybe 2 social workers. One of the issues they ran into with having an embedded social worker one day a week is the lack of consistency

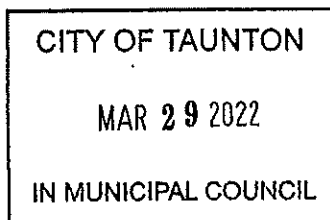
3. MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM BRACIS & PISTILS FOR A WAIVER OF CERTAIN SECURITY REGULATIONS

MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE COUNCILORS SANDERS, BORGES AND POSTELL VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO VOTED.

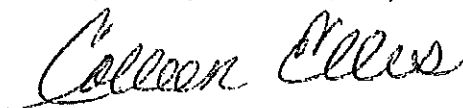
MOTION: ON A ROLL CALL VOTE COUNCILORS SANDERS, BORGES AND POSTELL VOTED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. SO VOTED.

NO MOTIONS WERE MADE OR VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.



Respectfully submitted,



Colleen M. Ellis
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.


CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

In Municipal Council ORDER #16
 FY 2022
 MARCH 29, 2022 20.....

Ordered, That THE SUM OF FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY
 FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$4,985,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS
 TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNT NO. 01-3590-3590 – UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE
 AS FOLLOWS:

\$4,000,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-421-01 – UFB – ROADS & SIDEWALKS
\$280,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-493-02 – UFB – SCHOOL FIRE ALARM REPLACE
\$250,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-493-03 – UFB – FIRE STATION WINDOW REPAIR
\$45,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-493-04 – UFB – LEDDY SCHOOL ROOF REPAIR
\$200,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-493-05 – UFB – ETES ROOF REPLACEMENT
\$85,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-630-01 – UFB – DUMP TRUCK W/PLOW & SANDER
\$65,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-630-02 – UFB – PICKUP TRUCK (3/4 TON)
\$60,000.00	TO ACCOUNT NO. 34-3590-3590-630-03 – UFB – VENTRACT SIDEWALK PLOW

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Rm Blackwell
 CITY CLERK

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MARCH 29, 2022
 ADOPTED,

..... *Clerk.*
 ROSE MARIE BLACKWELL, CITY CLERK

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR AND APPROVED,
 MAY 16, 2022

SHAUNNA L. O'CONNELL, MAYOR



CITY OF TAUNTON

In Municipal Council ORDER #17
FY 2022
MARCH 29, 2022 20.....

Ordered, That THE SUM OF THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY NINE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (3,313,839.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNT NO. 60-3590-3590 – UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AS FOLLOWS:

- \$90,000.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 33-3590-3590-01 – UFB – F250 PICKUP TRUCKS
- \$160,839.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 33-3590-3590-02 – UFB – MINI VACTOR TRUCK
- \$275,000.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 33-3590-3590-03 – UFB – GLEBE ST. TANK REMOVAL
- \$2,500,000.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 33-3590-3590-04 – UFB – WATER METER REPLACE
- \$250,000.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 33-3590-3590-05 – UFB – SCADA UPGRADE
- \$38,000.00 TO ACCOUNT NO. 33-3590-3590-06 – UFB – FORD EXPLORER

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MARCH 29, 2022
ADOPTED,

ROSE MARIE BLACKWELL, CITY CLERK

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR AND APPROVED,
MAY 16, 2022

SHAUNNA L. O'CONNELL, MAYOR

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Rm Blackwell
CITY CLERK

..... *Clerk.*



CITY OF TAUNTON

In Municipal Council ORDER #18
FY 2022
MARCH 29, 2022 20.....

Ordered, That THE SUM OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS AND NO
CENTS (\$3,000,000.00) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNT NO.
63-3590-3590 – UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

TO: ACCOUNT NO. 32-3590-3590-01 – UFB – SEWER MAIN REPAIR/REPLACE

IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MARCH 29, 2022
ADOPTED,

ROSE MARIE BLACKWELL, CITY CLERK

PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR AND APPROVED,
MAY 16, 2022

SHAUNNA L. O'CONNELL, MAYOR

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Rm Blackwell
CITY CLERK

..... *Clerk.*