



*City of Taunton  
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes  
City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA  
Minutes, September 6, 2022 at 7:03 O'clock P.M.*

*Regular Meeting*

*Mayor Shaunna L. O'Connell presiding*

*Prayer was offered by the Mayor*

*A moment of silence was offered by Councilor Quintal on behalf of Mary-Lou Arruda who was born on this day in 1963. She would have been 59-years old today. Of course everyone remembers Mary- Lou Arruda. They pray for her and her family and hope that she has a very happy birth today in heaven with her dad.*

*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.**

**Motion was made to go out of the regular order of business to Appointments. So voted.**

**Appointments:**

The appointment and swearing in of one (1) permanent full-time Police Officer.

- John T. Joyce

**Motion was made to approve the appointment on a roll call vote. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors were present, nine (9) Councilors voted in favor. So voted.** The City Clerk then swore John T. Joyce in as a permanent full time Police Officer for the city of Taunton.

Appointment of Andrew Dawley, 10 Craven Court, Taunton to the Board of Directors for the Department of Human Services fulfilling the unexpired term of Edward O'Brien expiring in August 2023. **Motion was made to approve. So voted.**

**Motion was made to revert back to the regular order of business. So voted.**

Opportunity for input by the general public. There was nobody present to speak at public input.

**Hearings:**

NONE

**Communications from the Mayor:**

Mayor O'Connell said there are twenty-four (24) active reported Covid cases here in the City of Taunton. They wanted to thank everyone who participated in the International Overdose Awareness Day last week. It was a very successful event. Well attended. Many service providers were there. Many thanks to the Taunton Opioid Task Force. Mary Beth Forshaw, the entire Committee, our community partners and service providers who joined them to make it such a meaningful and a good event. In memory of this day, City Hall will have purple lights on for the month. Their 9/11 Tribute is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park. This will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. They suggest you arrive a little bit early. They will have special guest, Sgt. Daniel Clark, who is also known as the singing State Trooper. It's really a wonderful ceremony if you can join them. There are a few public meeting coming up. The EPA is holding a meeting to give the community information about etO (Ethaline Oxide) which will be September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link is available on the City of Taunton website. There is also a couple of public forums on the Leonard School property. Next Tuesday at the Council's Committee Meetings there will be a public meeting with a presentation. Those meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. There is a community meeting at Christ Community Church, North Campus, located on West Britannia Street on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Communications from City Officers:**

Com. from the Chief Financial Officer requesting to transfer funds from the Public Safety Facility Stabilization account to a Capital Project account. Attached was a letter from the Chief Procurement Officer outlining in detail the steps they took to hire the selected firm. They are now preparing to issue a RFQ for an Architect for the design and construction BID documents required to build a Public Safety Building. **Motion was made to refer pages 1-3 to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and invite the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Procurement Officer for this discussion. So voted.**

Com. from the Chief Procurement Officer regarding the solicitation for the OPM Services for Public Safety Building. During the RFQ process, thirty-seven (37) prospective firms pulled the RFQ and eight (8) firms submitted a proposal. The Evaluation Committee selected three (3) firms for a 2-hour interview. After conducting the interviews and reviewing the information provided by the three firms, they selected Project Planning Professionals as the OPM for the Public Safety Building. The proposed summary was listed. **Motion was made to refer pages 1-3 to the Committee on Finance and Salaries and invite the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Procurement Officer for this discussion. So voted.**

Com. from the Chief Financial Officer in regards to the MGL Chapter 41 Section 108P to include Assistant Collector/Treasurer. This section allows a Municipality to compensate the Collector Treasurer up to \$1,000.00 in additional compensation for achievement of certification with the Massachusetts Collector Treasurer's Association (MCTA). Julie Venerus has attended the MCTA's annual school every year since 2006 and is certified in both Collector and Treasurer. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole. So voted.**

Com. from the DPW Commissioner requesting to meet with DPW Sub-Committee on September 13, 2022 to discuss proposed water and sewer rates for calendar year 2023 and beyond. Presentations will be made in conjunction with Patrick Dello Russo, the City's

Chief Financial Officer. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works. So voted.**

Com. from the Assistant City Solicitor in regards to the Town of Berkley Water Line. Attached was a proposed agreement for the further extension of the City of Taunton water line into the Town of Berkley pursuant to a previously approved IMA agreement between the City of Taunton and Berkley. The City was able to help three home owners in Berkley that had poisoned wells. Also, attached was an addendum to the previously approved IMA with respect to the sharing of costs pertaining to this project. He requested that this matter be referred to the DPW Committee for a presentation. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to be put on the agenda for September 20, 2022. So voted.** On discussion, Mayor O'Connell said that they are looking to get this done by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilor McCaul said this will be on the next agenda.

**Communications from Citizens:**

NONE

**Petitions:**

NONE

**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:**

Ordered That,

At a Committee to the Council as a Whole meeting of the Municipal Council, held on August 23, 2022, the Municipal Council voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59 - Assessment of Local Taxes, Section 21A - Additional compensation of assessors for courses of study. **Motion was made to approve on a roll call vote. On a roll call vote, nine (9) Councilors were present, nine (9) Councilors voted in favor. So voted.**

**New Business:**

**Councilor Borges made a motion to invite Clean Air Taunton to the Committee on Solid Waste for a presentation. So voted.**

Councilor Borges said earlier today she made a motion to refer the discussion on the OPM for the public safety building to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. **Motion was made to add to that motion to see if the Chief Procurement Officer could provide the Council (all eight applicants and the three finalists) the criteria they used to come to that conclusion, in addition to being there. So voted.**

Councilor Pottier said the Fire Chief asked him to call for a Civil List for three hires. **Motion was made to refer the Civil Service list request to the City Clerk's Office. So voted.**


Councilor Pottier said the Fire Chief asked for a promotional list for a Deputy Chief, a Captain and a Lieutenant based upon the pending retirement in the Department. **Motion was made to refer the request for a promotional list for a Deputy Chief, a Captain and a Lieutenant to the City Clerk's Office. So voted.**

Information only, Councilor Sanders made a request through the Mayor's Office that people like to go walking at the Boyden Wildlife Refuge and with the closing of the city office, there are no bathrooms available to anyone up there anymore. He would like to know if there is something already in the works on how they might provide sanitary services to folks who want to go spend time at the Bird Sanctuary. Mayor O'Connell said it was to her understanding that they had some staff from IT over there who would let people into the restrooms during the week. She doesn't know if it's just the week and not the weekend. Councilor Sanders asked if they are there normal hours, like a 9a.m. to 5p.m. Mayor O'Connell said she would think it would be City hours. Busy times are during the lunch hour, so they try to be there around that time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:

  
City Clerk

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CITY OF TAUNTON  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 6, 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.

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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 PAYROLL WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$3,611,578.64. SO VOTED.

MOTION: MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$4,377,121.33. SO VOTED.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maggie E. Clarke*

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Clerk of Council Committees

CITY OF TAUNTON  
SEP 06 2022  
IN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

*Jennifer R. Regan*  
CITY CLERK

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**THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS**

THE MEETING WAS HELD AT TAUNTON CITY HALL, 15 SUMMER STREET, TAUNTON, MA, 02780  
IN THE CHESTER R. MARTIN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT WERE: BARRY SANDERS, CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILORS DOONER AND MCCAUL.  
ALSO PRESENT WAS ATTORNEY PETER WINTERS.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:08 P.M.**

**1. MEET TO DISCUSS A REVISION TO THE CITY’S LICENSING ORDNANCE TO ADD BODYWORK PRACTITIONERS AND BODYWORK PERMIT APPLICANTS TO THE LIST OF LICENSEES WHO MUST SUBMIT A CORI BACKGROUND CHECK IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CITY LICENSE.**

Councilor Sanders read a letter from Attorney Winters dated August 16, 2022 explaining the requested ordinance revision. The letter explained that this would allow a more thorough examination of applicants for bodywork licenses.

Attorney Winters further explained that the Board of Health and the Police Chief wanted to regulate these practices that do not fall under state regulations for licensed massage therapists for the health and safety of those who use these services and their employees. He explained that this will allow the police to process a more detailed background check. The regulations goes into effect October 11 so they would like to have this ordinance change in place.

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

Councilor Dooner indicated that if this is a measure that is supported by the police department then she also supports it.

Councilor Sanders questioned which results of the CORI background check would be problematic and how the City would use this information. Attorney Winters indicated that the Police and the Board of Health would make the decision on whether or not to grant the applicant a license. He indicated that this is one element of the application and that the primary concern they are looking for is human trafficking, prostitution, or the like.

Councilor McCaul questioned who would have access to this CORI information and Attorney Winters indicated that the police would be holding this information and that the handling of CORI records are governed by state law. Mr. Sanders emphasized that these are not licenses that the City Council approves but, rather, Board of Health licenses.

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THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES AND ENROLLED BILLS – CONTINUED

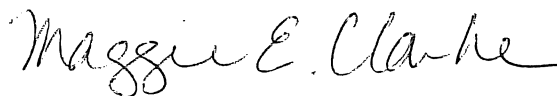
Councilor Pottier asked for clarification on which types of businesses this would apply to and how many there are currently in the City. Attorney Winters explained that this applies to massage, acupuncture, acupressure, and similar types of business but that chiropractors are licensed separately. He further indicated that there are at least 4 currently in the City.

**MOTION: MOVE APPROVE. SO VOTED.**

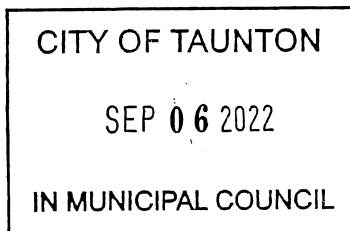
Councilor Sanders requested that this be sent to the Law Department and to the City Clerk to schedule a first reading.

**ADJOURNED AT 6:21 PM.**

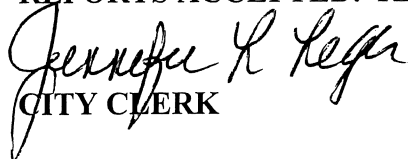
Respectfully submitted,



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Clerk of Council Committees



**REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.**



JENNIFER R. SEGAR  
CITY CLERK