

City of Taunton
Municipal Council
October 25, 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 Councilor McCaul. Councilor Pottier was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 PM.

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

MOTION: Approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$1,411,938.19. **So voted.**

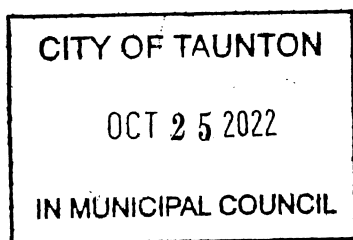
MOTION: Approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$2,119,078.36. **So voted.**

2. Meet to review requests for funding/transfers.

a. Request from Assessors' Office to pay prior year invoices from Stericycle in the amounts of \$73.68, \$73.36, \$78.71, and \$87.60.

MOTION: Approve the request and transfer \$73.68, \$73.36, \$78.71, and \$87.60 from account 01-141-5200-5420 (Office Supplies) to account 01-141-5520-5999 (Prior Year) to pay prior year bills. **So voted.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

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Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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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, and Postell. Also present were Brian Giacobbi, Steve Brabant, and Attorney Adam Braillard of Lunar Xtracts, LLC, Patrick Dello Russo, CFO, Robert Todisco of P3, Dan Pallotta of P3, Richard Calderon, Chief Procurement Officer, Curtis Edgin of Caolo and Bienick, Jim Hanifan of Caolo and Bienick, Edward Walsh, Chief of Police, and Timothy Bradshaw, Fire Chief. Councilor Quintal was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 PM.

1. Meet to discuss the proposed Host Community Agreement with Lunar Xtracts, LLC for a marijuana product manufacturer establishment at 144 West Britannia St.

Councilor Duarte explained that the Law Department had provided the Council with a letter indicating that they are bringing the HCA to compliance with the new changes to the law. Attorney Braillard explained that they had worked with the City Solicitor’s Office to make sure that the HCA agrees with the recent laws.

Councilor Coute questioned if the new laws allow for some discretion relative to the fee and Attorney Braillard explained that prior to these changes, communities could require up to 3% of gross sales as an impact fee. Now, communities need to show the impact fee and facilities will pay that up to 3%.

MOTION: Approve the HCA and refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole for a future discussion with the Law Department on the changes to the law. **So voted.**

2. Meet with the Chief Financial Officer, Owner’s Project Manager, and Architect for a presentation on the Public Safety Facility project

Patrick Dello Russo introduced the project team including the OPM firm, P3, and the selected architect, Caolo and Bienick. He indicated that the selection process was fair and in line with all Massachusetts laws. He stressed that the Central Fire Station is one of the oldest stations in the country and the Police have been in a temporary location for 45 years.

Dan Pallotta of P3 gave a presentation which provided some background on the project team as well as details on the timeline for the project. Currently, he indicated, the project is in phase 2 (programming) and the next phase will be schematic design. The site for the new

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facility is 90 County Street. Mr. Pallotta explained that they have conducted a fire run study to determine if moving the fire station would be detrimental to response times for any areas of the city and have determined that moving central fire to this location would be within NFPA standards. He expects programming to be completed next week and will be moving forward to schematic design with an estimated completion the week of December 5. January should see a report on size and estimated cost of the building. During the process there will be newsletters, a website, public information sessions, and other community engagement.

Councilor Borges indicated that she was happy to hear about the expectation of openness and transparency. She questioned if there will be fire trucks at the new facility and Mr. Pallotta indicated that there are many factors that will go into this decision but they are proceeding as if the fire station will be there. Ms. Borges questioned if they are looking to shut down the School Street or Weir Street stations and Mr. Pallotta indicated that they are looking at moving Central Fire.

Mr. Dello Russo and Mr. Pallotta indicated that it is important to move quickly due to escalating project costs as well as rising debt issuance costs.

Councilor Pottier questioned exactly what the building was being designed to hold and Mr. Pallotta indicated that they are designing the building to hold fire apparatus, fire headquarters, and police headquarters. Mr. Pottier asked how the project would be funded and Mr. Dello Russo indicated that would be looked at in December and January. Councilor Pottier asked Mr. Calderon if, for the procurement of the OPM, consideration was given to those with experience in the City and, if not, why not. Mr. Calderon indicated that preference was not given to those with Taunton experience and Mr. Dello Russo suggested that this made it a more competitive process.

Councilor McCaul stressed the importance of an open line of communication during this process.

Councilor Sanders questioned how the decisions about what will be housed in the new facility would be made and Mr. Pallotta indicated that those decisions would be made by the administration based on many factors. Mr. Sanders questioned if there would be an opportunity at the site to go out the back way on to Gordon Owen Riverway and Mr. Pallotta indicated that they are analyzing this but that two accesses to the site will be necessary. Councilor Sanders stressed the importance of response times. He asked if there will be an advisory building committee and who would sit on that committee. Mr. Dello Russo indicated that there would be a committee appointed by the Mayor and two Councilors would be appointed: Councilors Dooner and Postell.

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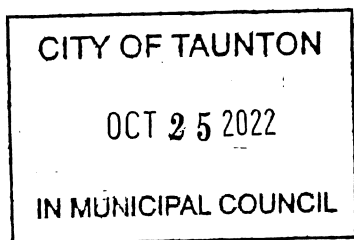
Councilor Postell indicated that he was not involved with the selection of the OPM but was involved with the selection of the architect. He felt the process was very fair and open and that a very talented firm was chosen. Overall, his understanding is that Central Fire will be part of this project.

Councilor Coute emphasized how necessary this project is.

Councilor Borges suggested that a community member should be part of the advisory committee. She asked the chiefs for their perspectives. Chief Bradshaw discussed the run study and indicated that this is workable with some redistricting. He emphasized the importance of a training facility and his belief that this is the most important part of this project. Chief Walsh stressed that this is a fast moving process.

Councilor Duarte expressed his appreciation for the rigorous timeframe in light of inflationary and other concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

Maggie E. Clarke

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Clerk of Council Committees

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Jessica R. Regan
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The Committee on The Department of Public Works

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 John McCaul, Chairman and Councilors Coute, Postell, and Duarte. Also present were Tony Abreu, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, Brad Fitzgerald of SFG Associates, Attorney Brianna Correira, Jeff Tallman of Northeast Engineers and Consultants, and John Garanito of Hawthorne Development. Councilor Quintal was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM.

1. Sewer Extension

In accordance with Chapter 375-1 of the City of Taunton Ordinance and on the petition of Senna Fitzgerald Gilbert Associates, 28 Main Street, Lakeville, MA on behalf of Zac Cabral, owner of property at 115B Summer Street, Taunton, MA, 02780, a hearing will be held before the Taunton Municipal Council Committee on the Department of Public Works in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. for a proposed sewer extension on Summer Street.

The sewer extension on Summer Street will include a sewer manhole to be installed in Summer Street opposite the southerly property corner of #115B Summer Street. A 2" diameter force main will then be installed in Summer Street to run northerly for approximately 65' to an existing sewer manhole in front of the northerly lot corner of house #115A. The main is designed to allow other houses to tie into it, with Sewer Department approval.

There will be no betterment assessments since no City funding is involved.

Plans and specifications for the project can be viewed in the Office of the Department of Public works, 90 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA.

Tony Abreau and Brad Fitzgerald gave some background on this request and indicated that it is in response to a failed septic system.

MOTION: Open public input. **So voted.**

Karen Fontana of 122 Summer Street asked if she would be eligible to tie in and Mr. Abreau indicated that the 2" force main provides plenty of capacity for her to tie in. He further explained that everyone on that line has a pump. She asked how much it would cost and Mr.

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Abreau indicated that he could not give an estimate but suggested she speak to the contractor for the other homeowner.

MOTION: Close public input and approve the project as prescribed. **So voted.**

2. Sewer Extension

In accordance with Chapter 375-1 of the City of Taunton Ordinance and on the petition of Correira Law Office, PLLC, 123 Broadway, Taunton, MA on behalf of Dora Estates, LLC, owner of property on Woodbine Street known as Assessors Map 64 Lot 153, Taunton, MA, 02780, a hearing will be held before the Taunton Municipal Council Committee on the Department of Public Works in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for a proposed sewer extension on Woodbine Street.

Sewer extension for Vinson St. consists of a new sewer manhole at the intersection of Belvoir Ave. and Vinson St. A 6” diameter sewer line will run southerly for 10 linear feet before transitioning to a 2” diameter force main that will be installed in Vinson St. and continue to run 180 feet to a proposed flushing manhole opposite lots 330 & 332 Vinson St. Forcemain stubs for abutting lots 156, 330 & 331 Vinson St. to be installed.

There will be no betterment assessments since no City funding is involved.

Plans and specifications for the project can be viewed in the Office of the Department of Public works, 90 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA.

Councilor Coute recused himself from this matter.

Mr. Abreau explained that this project is to extend sewer to a proposed new home off Vinson Street leaving stubs for homes as they pass by. Councilor McCaul inquired as to the number of stubs and Mr. Abreau said that the plan shows 3 and that it is a 2” force main with grinder pumps.

MOTION: Open public input. **So voted.**

MOTION: Close public input and grant the extension. **So voted.**

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3. Sewer Extension

In accordance with Chapter 375-1 of the City of Taunton Ordinance and on the petition of Hawthorne Development, Inc., Taunton, MA owner of property on Greystone Street known as Assessors Map 105 Lot 113, Taunton, MA, 02780, a hearing will be held before the Taunton Municipal Council Committee on the Department of Public Works in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. for a proposed sewer extension on Greystone Street.

Sewer extension will extend an existing 8” sewer main at the intersection of Cornell Avenue and Greystone Street approximately 100’ west on Greystone Street in order to service a new construction duplex to be located at 4 Greystone Street.

There will be no betterment assessments since no City funding is involved.

Plans and specifications for the project can be viewed in the Office of the Department of Public works, 90 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA.

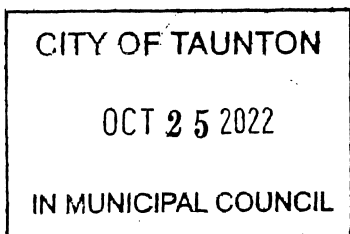
Councilor Coute rejoined the meeting.

Jeff Tallman and John Garanito indicated that this was for an extension of an 8” gravity line 95’ to the west to provide sewer to a proposed new duplex.

MOTION: Open public input. **So voted.**

MOTION: Close public input and grant the petition as presented. **So voted.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

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Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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