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Municipal Council
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The Committee on Finance and Salaries

TAUNTON, MA

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

Present were Councilor Phillip Duarte, Chairman and Councilors Pottier and McCaul. Also present were CFO Patrick Dello Russo and Budget Director Gill Enos.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

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

MOTION: Approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$4,199,298.94. **So voted.**

MOTION: Approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$5,539,142.53. **So voted.**

2. Meet to review requests for funding/transfers.

- a. Request from the Superintendent of Buildings to fund \$25,000 to account 01-493-5100-5109.

MOTION: Approve the request and transfer \$25,000 from the reserve account (01-132-5200-5784) to Public Buildings (01-493-5100-5109). **So voted.**

3. Meet with the CFO and Human Resources Director to discuss executive office salaries.

This item was held until next week.

4. Meet with the CFO and Budget Director for quarterly, capital, and ARPA update.

Patrick Dello Russo and Gill Enos gave a presentation to the Committee. This included an update on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) where it was reported that \$8 Million in roads were completed in the last two years, vehicles were replaced, and the water meter and sewer main projects are under contract. Councilor Pottier asked if this was over and above Chapter 90 monies and Mr. Dello Russo confirmed it was.

The update on ARPA funds showed that there are improvements being made every day across all allowable expenditures. Councilor Pottier asked if these monies must be spent this fiscal year or if they can be carried over and Mr. Enos indicated that they can be carried forward.

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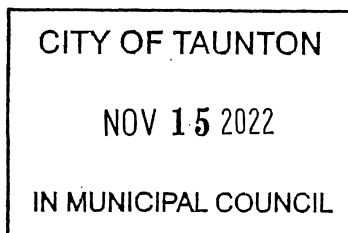
Mr. Dello Russo and Mr. Enos gave an update on revenues and showed that investment earnings are doing well. They have begun a program where banks compete for the City's funds.

They also reviewed expenses and conveyed that General Government has spent or encumbered 35%. Councilor Pottier asked if there were inflationary concerns particularly around utility costs and Mr. Enos indicated that those concerns had been addressed in the supplemental budget. Public Safety expenses were falling in line with expectations with spending at about 24%. Public Works and Buildings expenses were at about 45% with approximately \$3 Million tied up in purchase orders to contractors. Health and Human Services / Culture and Recreation saw expenses in line with goals at about 29%.

Fixed costs are approximately 21% spent as of 9/30/22.

Mr. Dello Russo happily reported the City's achievement of a AA+ bond rating and relayed that Taunton is the first City in the Southeast region to do so. Councilor Pottier requested that S and P's analysis be shared with the Council. He indicated that this is a great accomplishment that will decrease debt service down the road. Councilors McCaul and Duarte also shared their praise of the achievement of the AA+ bond rating.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

Maggie E. Clarke

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The Committee of the Council as a Whole

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

Present were Councilor Phillip Duarte, Chairman and Councilors Dooner, McCaul, Pottier,
Quintal, and Postell. Councilors Borges, Coute, and Sanders were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

- 1. **Meet to discuss the proposed Host Community Agreement for Medicine Man Solutions, LLC for a marijuana retail establishment at 597 Winthrop Street.**

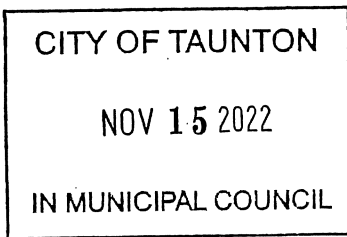
Councilor Duarte read a communication from Haskell Kennedy requesting that the meeting be postponed until November 22.

MOTION: Postpone until November 22. **So voted.**

- 2. **Meet to discuss public input.**

This item was held until next week due to the absence of three Councilors.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

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Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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