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Mayor O'Connell Holds Ribbon Cutting for Taunton City Hall

Ceremony Focuses on Community

Taunton, MA . . . Today Mayor Shaunna O'Connell announced the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Taunton City Hall that was held on Saturday, October 24, 2020.

“It was an extraordinary day for our community. We are thankful to be serving the public once again from the beautiful and historic downtown Taunton” O'Connell said.

In keeping with COVID-19 guidelines, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was not open to the public, but a few special guests, integral to the building of the new City Hall, were present to witness the historic moment, including Former Mayor Tom Hoye, Project Manager Dan Tavares and his team from CGA Project Management, and Martha Werenfels and her team from DBVW Architects.

The majestic granite structure that defines the downtown area replaced the original brick building in 1896 and has been the center of Downtown Taunton for over 170 years. Mayor O'Connell emphasized the importance of honoring Taunton's rich history and City Hall's commitment to serving the public, in particular kids, families, seniors and businesses.

In keeping with this commitment, O'Connell invited local business owner Greta Ferreira, Taunton High student Brayden, and Taunton resident Jeff Babbitt to make brief comments about what Taunton means to them. Babbitt, who O'Connell refers to as Taunton's "other Mayor," assisted Mayor O'Connell in officially cutting the ribbon.

Mayor O'Connell asked city residents to remember Taunton's great supporters who are no longer with us, but remain in our thoughts and our memories: Mayor Charlie Crowley, Mayor Ted Strojny, City Solicitor Jason Buffington and City Councilor Dan Dermody.

The Taunton City Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony can be viewed on TCAM TV (Comcast channel 15 & Verizon channel 22) with airing times as follows:

Wednesday, October 28th at 3:30pm
Friday, October 30th at 8:30am
Saturday, October 31st at 12 noon & 7pm
Sunday, November 1st at 6pm
Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm
Wednesday, November 4th at 3:30pm
Friday, November 6th at 8:30am
Saturday, November 7th at 11:30am & 9pm
Sunday, November 8th at 8:30pm

In addition, photographs of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony are available on Facebook.

Also, here is the Taunton City Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony video link:

<https://vimeo.com/472718725>

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