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Municipal Council
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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.

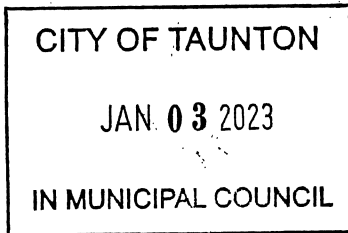
The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

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

MOTION: *Approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$1,494,715.78. So voted.*

MOTION: *Approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$2,215,853.74. So voted.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie E. Clarke".

Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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The Committee on Police and License

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 Jeffrey Postell, Chairman and Councilors Sanders and Borges. Also present were Detective William Rutherford and Attorney Nick Adamopoulos.

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 PM.

1. Meet with Detective Rutherford to discuss the application for the renewal of a marijuana retailer license for Tree Market Taunton, LLC at 9 Cape Road.

Detective Rutherford explained that Tree Market's license had expired in June and, at that time, the Council had given a 6 month extension. He reported that construction was almost complete and that they are in the final stages of receiving all of the necessary licensure from the state.

Attorney Adamopoulos gave an update on the facility and reported that construction was complete. They had received a temporary certificate of occupancy at the end of November with just the handicapped ramp incline to be fixed. They also secured a bond to cover required landscaping items that will be completed in the spring. He provided photos of the facility and is looking for an extension to June.

MOTION: *Make the photos part of the record. So voted.*

Councilor Postell asked about work to the rear of the site and Attorney Adamopoulos indicated that the rear landscaping and berm were the reasons for the bond and that it would be completed prior to June 1. Mr. Postell asked about the branding change on the building and Mr. Adamopoulos explained that they had received a dba to be in line with their other facilities. Councilor Postell further asked about security and Detective Rutherford indicated that the state would be doing the final inspection during their walk through. He informed the Council that a manager would be named and approved prior to opening.

Councilor Borges praised the company for the progress that has been made and expressed her interest in a site tour.

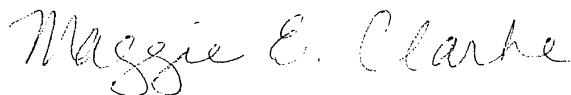
Councilor Sanders expressed his thought that extending to June makes sense.

MOTION: *Approve the renewal until June 30, 2023. So voted.*

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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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 Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers.

Present were Councilor Phillip Duarte, Chairman, and Councilors Dooner, Borges, McCaul, Pottier, Coute, Sanders, Quintal, and Postell. Also present were Attorney William Rounds and Kyra Fernandez of HTC Trinity.

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 PM.

1. Meet to discuss the request for renewal of a Host Community Agreement for HTC Trinity, LLC at 354 Winthrop Street, a marijuana retailer establishment.

Councilor Duarte read a letter from Attorney Rounds requesting the extension on behalf of HTC Trinity and explained that there was originally consideration given to renegotiating at this time in light of new laws.

Councilor Coute asked for an update on construction and Ms. Fernandez reported that the building is now weather tight so they will be working on the interior through the winter. Windows that were ordered last March should be delivered next week. Mr. Coute asked when construction should be completed and Ms. Fernandez expressed her hope that they will finish in the spring as they are working as diligently as possible and making progress. Councilor Coute expressed his support for granting a 6 month extension.

Councilor Pottier expressed his support for an extension and asked Ms. Fernandez if she has supplies locked in. She indicated that she has been networking with different people and will have product.

Councilor Borges asked Ms. Fernandez for her feelings on a 6 month extension and Ms. Fernandez indicated that it makes sense to tie the date to the license expiration which is June.

MOTION: *Extend the HCA until June based on the date on the license. So voted.*

The Councilors gave their thanks to outgoing President Phillip Duarte.

Councilor Duarte recused himself from the meeting.

2. Meet in executive session to discuss the pending litigation of Greater Goods, LLC vs. City of Taunton Municipal Council.

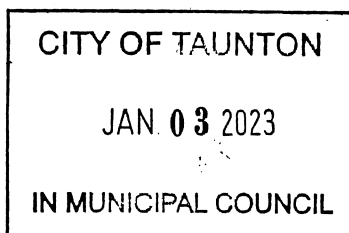
With Councilor Duarte recused, Councilor Pottier became the acting chairman.

MOTION: *Enter into executive session. On a roll call, the Council voted 8-0 to enter into executive session. So voted.*


MOTION: *Come out of executive session. On a roll call, the Council voted 8-0 to come out of executive session. So voted.*

Councilor Pottier reported that two votes were taken in executive session as well as a vote to come out of executive session

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

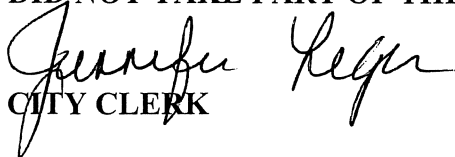


Respectfully submitted,



Maggie E. Clarke
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REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED. COUNCILOR DUARTE DID NOT TAKE PART OF THE DISCUSSION.



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