

City of Taunton
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. Also present were CFO Patrick Dello Russo and Budget Director Gill Enos.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.

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

MOTION by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$1,363,486.15. **So voted.**

MOTION by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$2,400,277.75. **So voted.**

2. Meet with the CFO and Budget Director for the Q3 quarterly financial update.

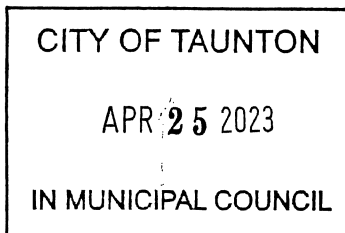
Mr. Dello Russo gave a brief presentation highlighting the City's financial position as of the completion of Q3. He noted that ARPA will be broken out into its own update going forward. He showed that for the Capital Improvement Plan, \$18.8 Million has been encumbered to date. Road work began on April 18. On revenue, he noted that real estate tax is at 75% collected which he believes to be a reflection of the strength of local real estate. General government was at 73% spent and 2% under budget. Public safety at 68% spent and encumbered equating to \$27.6 Million in outlay through Q3. Public Works is at 64% expended through Q3 and Mr. Dello Russo expects that the snow removal cost will be lower once purchase orders are liquidated. Health and Human Services and Culture and Recreation is at 67% of budget or \$4.5 Million. On fixed costs, he noted that health insurance and pensions are key drivers and that he anticipates a slight turnback. The team plans to close the books by 7/15. He further reported that a discretionary spending freeze was put in place as of 4/1/23. Overall, \$111 Million has been spent inclusive of enterprise funds.

Councilor Pottier asked if marijuana revenue is broken out separately and Mr. Enos indicated that it is included in miscellaneous revenue. Mr. Pottier asked about public safety overtime and Mr. Enos indicated that it is running in line with similar years. Mr. Pottier suggested he would like to see water and sewer broken out.

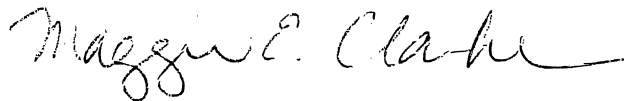
MOTION by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Pottier to make the presentation part of the record. **So voted.**

Councilor Duarte asked how much would be going into retained earnings for the water and sewer enterprise accounts. Mr. Dello Russo indicated that it is too soon to say.

MOTION by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. **So voted.**



Respectfully submitted,



Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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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 Council President Kelly Dooner, Chairman and Councilors Duarte, Borges, McCaul, Pottier, Sanders, Quintal, and Postell. Councilor Couste was absent. Also present was John DeSouza of North County Group.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

- 1. Meet for a pre-review on the issuance of a Special Permit upon the petition of Denise Asack, 96 Sachem Rock Ave., East Bridgewater, MA to allow a modification of an existing application for a Special Permit for a group home to a mixed use building consisting of 36 residential units and 1,938 sq. ft. of commercial space with a 9 unit density bonus and a waiver of parking from 42 spaces to 11 spaces at 74 Weir Street located in the Central Business District.**

Council President Dooner explained that this is just a pre-review hearing for the Council to ask questions and that the applicant would return for a further discussion. She indicated that she would be interested in learning more about the number of ADA accessible units, the cost, and who would qualify for these units.

Councilor Pottier expressed interest in parking and a schedule of construction.

Councilor Borges indicated that she will be looking for details on the funding process, timelines, total project cost, how long it will take, if there will be management on site, security, the number of units, the number of bedrooms, if there is a community space, potential tenants for the commercial spaces, and if the client is in agreement with the comments from the department heads.

Councilor Sanders stated that he would be interested in learning if there is any work being done towards sustainability or environmental work such as low flow showers, toilets, etc.

Councilor Postell would like more information on fire egress from the building since he only sees one and any information on concerns with the land.

Councilor Quintal stated that he likes what he's seen so far.

MOTION by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. Postell to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. So voted.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie E. Clarke".

Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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