

City of Taunton
Municipal Council
May 23, 2023

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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.

Members Present: Councilor Phillip Duarte, Chairman
Councilor David Pottier
Councilor John McCaul

Also present: Gill Enos, Budget Director
Patrick Dello Russo, CFO

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to invite in the interested parties. **So voted.**

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 \$1,487,948.98. **So voted.**

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$2,118,637.60. **So voted.**

2. Meet to discuss the request from the Treasurer/Collector's Office for transfers:
 - a. \$28,870.80 from the Reserve Account (01-132-5200-5784) to Printing/Mailing (01-145-5200-5343)
 - b. \$20,000.00 from the Reserve Account (01-132-5200-5784) to Professional/Technical (01-144-5200-5319)

Councilor Duarte read a letter from the Treasurer/Collector Christine Clymens explaining the transfer request.

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

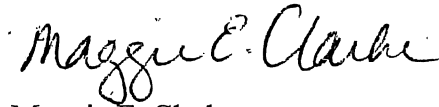
Mr. Dello Russo explained that the intent is to advertise the tailings. Councilor Pottier asked about the types of checks are included and Mr. Enos stated it is all kinds. Mr. Pottier also asked about timing and Mr. Dello Russo indicated that it takes one year from advertising.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve the request and transfer \$28,870.80 from the Reserve Account (01-132-5200-5784) to Printing/Mailing (01-145-5200-5343) and \$20,000 from the Reserve Account (01-132-5200-5784) to Professional/Technical (01-144-5200-5319). So voted.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to adjourn at 5:40 PM. So voted.

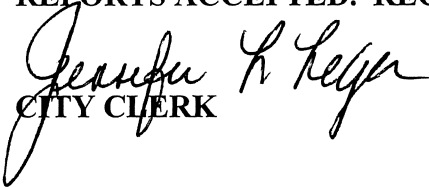
CITY OF TAUNTON
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Respectfully submitted,



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.

Members Present: Councilor Jeffrey Postell, Chairman
Councilor Barry Sanders
Councilor Estele Borges

Also present: Nicola Dobeib, A T.N.T. Auto Sales
Attorney Michael Strojny, A. T.N.T. Auto Sales
Robert Pirozzi, Building Commissioner
Kevin Scanlon, City Planner
Detective William Rutherford, Licensing Officer
Rashaud Gardner, Platinum City Gaming
Paul Corrao, City Pawn

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 PM.

MOTION by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to invite in the parties and petitioner. **So voted.**

1. Meet for an update on progress at A. T.N.T. Auto Sales at 391 Winthrop Street.

Detective Rutherford indicated that they are good to go from his perspective. Councilor Postell asked about vehicular parking and Detective Rutherford stated that the parking meets the criteria of the Planning Board. Kevin Scanlon stated that they are in the process of getting the necessary permits to install the sign and there is some landscaping to be put in. A variance has been granted and the sign should be installed next week. Mr. Pirozzi stated that he went by today and the business was within its maximum number of vehicles on site. He reiterated that there is landscaping to complete. Attorney Strojny stated that the decision needs to be recorded.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to grant the license. **So voted.**

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to excuse the parties. **So voted.**

Meet with Detective Rutherford on the following petitions:

2. New Hours of Operation License for Entertainment One Stop Shop, LLC dba Platinum City Gaming at 294 Winthrop Street to remain open until 2:00 AM Sunday – Saturday

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Ms. Borges to invite in the applicant. **So voted.**

Detective Rutherford explained that this had been before the License Commission and that they have allowed the business to be open from 1-2am with no alcohol, just entertainment if the Council sees fit. They can sell liquor until 12:30am and there is to be no alcohol beginning at 1am. If he decides to sell alcohol from 1-2am, this would require a special permit.

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Ms. Borges to approve. **So voted.**

3. New Second Hand Article License for M Bazaar at 16 Fairview Avenue

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation.

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Ms. Borges to approve. **So voted.**

4. New Pawn Broker, Old Gold, Second Hand Article, and Antique Dealer Licenses for Commercial Property Solutions, Inc. dba City Pawn at 251 Broadway

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Ms. Borges to invite in the applicant. **So voted.**

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation.

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Ms. Borges to approve. **So voted.**

5. Renewal of an Antique Dealer License for Estate Marketplace at 318 Bay Street

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve. **So voted.**

6. Renewal of Billiard Table Licenses for:

- a. Barbeque Integrated, Inc. dba Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill #7592 at 1023 County Street (2 tables)
- b. Italian Social Club of Taunton, Inc. at 2 Columbus Boulevard (1 table)
- c. Pioneer Flying Club, Inc. at 330 Whittenton Street (1 table)
- d. Taunton Sports Club, Inc. at 33 Baker Road (1 table)

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the list as read. **So voted.**

7. Renewal of Junk Collector Licenses for:
- a. Automotive Recovery Services, Inc. dba Insurance Auto Auctions at 580 Myricks Street
 - b. Ducharme Trucking, Inc. dba Liberty Scraps & Recycling, 720 West Water Street
 - c. One Way Recycling at 22 Fifth Street, Rear

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation.

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Ms. Borges to approve. **So voted.**

8. Renewal of Junk Dealer Licenses for:
- a. One Way Recycling at 22 Fifth Street, Rear
 - b. Ducharme Trucking, Inc. dba Liberty Scraps & Recycling, 720 West Water Street

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation on both.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve both. **So voted.**

9. Renewal of Livery Licenses for:
- a. D and P Community Transportation, Inc. at 333 County Street and 64 Weir Street
 - b. Luxor Limo and Transportation Company dba Luxor Limo and Transportation at 23 Trescott Street
 - c. Pegasus Airport Service, Inc. at 48 Worcester Street

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation on all three

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve. **So voted.**

10. Renewal of Old Gold Licenses for:
- a. Pacheco's Gold & Gems, Inc. dba Pacheco's Jewelry at 20 Taunton Green
 - b. Perry Jewelers, Inc. at 400 Broadway

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation on both.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve. **So voted.**

11. Renewal of Second Hand Article Licenses for:
- a. Chalice Thrift Store at 76 Church Green
Requesting a waiver of the fee as they are a nonprofit

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve and waive the fee as they are a non-profit. **So voted.**

- b. Copia Scientific, LLC (formerly Biodirect, Inc.) at 245 Constitution Drive for 2022 and 2023
- c. Estate Marketplace at 318 Bay Street
- d. The King's Court at 386-388 Bay Street
- e. The Salvation Army at 636 County Street

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation on all four.

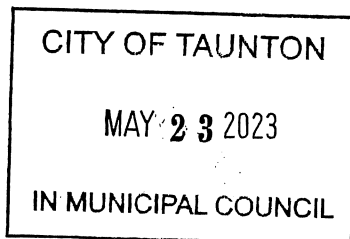
Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the list as read. **So voted.**

12. Renewal of Temporary Fixed Vendor License for:
- a. Hometown's Tacos Locos at 264 Broadway
 - b. Mity Pups dba Dandi-Lyons at 648 County Street
 - c. Streamliner at 447 Broadway
 - d. The Poutine Peddlers, LLC at 239 Broadway

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation for all four.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to approve the list as read. **So voted.**

MOTION by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders to excuse Detective Rutherford with thanks and adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM. **So voted.**



Respectfully submitted,

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TAUNTON, MA

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.

Members Present: Councilor John McCaul, Chairman
Councilor Lawrence Quintal
Councilor Phillip Duarte
Councilor Christopher Coute
Councilor Jeffrey Postell

Also present: Tony Abreau, Assistant DPW Commissioner
Fred Cornaglia, DPW Commissioner
Mike Patenaude, City Engineer
Agata Matel, 89 Baker Road

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

1. Meet to discuss the request to open the road at 89 Baker Road which is under a moratorium.

Motion by Mr. Quintal and seconded by Mr. Postell to invite in the interested parties. **So voted.**

Tony Abreau stated that when attempting to put in sewer, it was realized that the pipe wasn't exactly where the plan showed and the stub wasn't put completely to the property line. However, doing research, they realized that Baker Road abuts Silversmith Way and the City has an easement there. They could tap in through Silversmith Way.

Councilor Quintal asked about the mix-up on the plans and Mr. Abreau indicated that the mistake was made back in the 90s when it was accepted. Mr. Abreau recommended adding sewer through the easement.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Quintal to recommend that the DPW grant the easement to run the sewer through the easement on Silversmith Way.

Agata Matel asked if this proposal would cost more and Mr. Abreau indicated that it would likely cost less since she would not be opening Baker Road. Permit fees would be the same.

So voted.

2. Meet to discuss the request to install sidewalks on Burt Street.

The Clerk of Committees read a letter from Sarah Viveiros regarding a request for sidewalks on Burt Street as well as a letter from Officer Chaves relaying safety information on Burt Street.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Postell to receive and place on file and send a copy to Ms. Vivieros. **So voted.**

Commissioner Cornaglia stated that the rough estimate to install sidewalks would be \$2,143,995. He said that since this is a variable width street, this would require a survey. Mr. Abreau indicated that there would be necessary land takings which would also increase the cost. Mr. Pateneault also suggested drainage would be needed which would also be an additional expense. Mr. Abreau stated that sidewalks would need to be ADA compliant. Councilor Coute guessed that the total cost of a project like this would be around \$5 Million and wished that there were resources.

Motion by Councilor Coute and seconded by Mr. Quintal that the Clerk of Committees send a copy of Officer Chaves' letter as well as a letter recapping the meeting to Ms. Viveiros. **So voted.**

Motion by Councilor Coute and seconded by Councilor Postell to put the matter on file. **So voted.**

3. Meet to discuss the proposed name change for a portion of Johnson's Court.

Mr. Pateneau stated that he was asked to look into changing the name of Johnson's Court to Bobby's Way and did some research on the original naming of Johnson's Court. While it is difficult to determine the history of the name on that street, this request is to change just one section of the road to "Bobby's Way".

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Quintal to approve the name change. **So voted.**

4. Meet to discuss proposed street acceptances of Steve Drive, Ashleigh Terrace, Bryan Drive, and Manken Road.

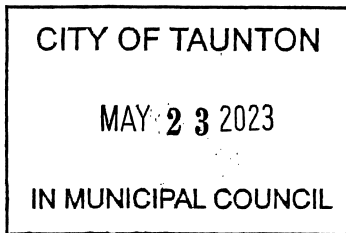
Mr. Abreau indicated that there is no objection to accepting these streets. Councilor Coute asked if there are as-builts for these roads and Mr. Patenaude indicated that there are not. There was discussion on the value to having as-builts and the possibility of budgeting to complete them. Mr. Cornaglia stated that it would be good for water and sewer but would be costly.

Motion by Mr. Quintal and seconded by Mr. Postell to refer to the City Clerk to schedule a hearing.

Mr. Pottier expressed his frustration with prior administrations that let things slip with contractors in the past and now corrections are being made.

So voted.

MOTION by Mr. Couste and seconded Mr. Quintal to dismiss the parties and adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM. **So voted.**



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Clerk of Council Committees

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The Committee on Public Property

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

Members Present: Councilor Christopher Coute, Chairman
Councilor John McCaul
Councilor Kelly Dooner
Councilor Lawrence Quintal
Councilor Estele Borges

Also present: Matthew Costa, City Solicitor
Mike Patenaude, City Engineer
Fred Cornaglia, DPW Commissioner
Tony Abreau, Assistant DPW Commissioner
Ben Levesque, Tighe and Bond
Patrick Dello Russo, CFO

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 PM.

1. Meet to discuss the potential acquisition of an easement at 616 Seekell Street.

Attorney Costa explained that the City has an interest in acquiring an easement to address the storm water run-off issue at 616 Seekell Street where storm water flows down toward the front of the house. This easement would allow for work to be done to manage the storm water to address the issue.

Councilor Coute asked if there would be a cost for the easement and Attorney Costa indicated the easement would be granted for no consideration.

Councilor Coute summarized the issue indicating that the drainage on the street is not adequate.

Motion by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Ms. Borges to approve the City acquiring the easement at 616 Seekell Street. **So voted.**

2. Meet with members of the DPW to discuss the disposal of the water tower off Winthrop Street.

Councilor Coute stated that abutters have concerns with the potential environmental issues with the water tower and asked when it was decommissioned. Mr. Conaglia indicated that it was approximately 4 years ago. Mr. Coute stated that he believes it is time to begin planning to remove this as it is defunct and has potential environmental concerns. Ben Levesque stated that this tank is no longer used and lead paint is a concern so he recommends removal.

Councilor McCaul recalled that there had been prior suggestions that this could be removed with no cost to the City. Attorney Costa stated that he is not familiar with that.

Councilor Quintal stated that there is always a cost and that three companies gave estimates and this will not be cheap. He expressed his concerns with the lead paint which he indicated has not penetrated the ground more than 6" but that impacts to the wetlands behind the tank and Winthrop Lane neighbors are potential concerns.

Councilor Coute asked for a rough estimate and Mr. Cornaglia stated he would think it would be \$200,000 - \$250,000. Mr. Quintal indicated that he saw one quote over \$100,000 but there may be companies willing to take it down as part of the sale of the land.

Councilor Borges asked how much land there is on the parcel and Mr. Coute indicated it's about 3/10 of an acre. She would be curious if it could be sold with the stipulation that the tank comes down within a certain timeframe. She stated that it needs to come down.

Councilor Postell asked if this is the same water tower that was discussed some time ago and Mr. Cornaglia stated that it is the same property, there was an RFP put out to remove the tank, but people have backed away from it because of the lead paint on the tank.

***Motion** by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. McCaul to table this discussion and bring back to the Committee more information on prior RFPs and any information the City might have and send to the CFO to discuss funding for the removal.*

Councilor Sanders asked for the rough address and it was stated that this is located on Winthrop Street at Winthrop Lane.

So voted.

Motion to excuse the parties and invite in the CFO. So voted.

3. Meet with the CFO for an update on the new Taunton Municipal Airport terminal.

Mr. Dello Russo informed the Committee that a Certificate of Occupancy was issued and signed off on May 2. Currently, they are running through the punch list. There are 56 open items. Of these, 20 are being worked through as disputed and 16 require more information. The monetized punch list value is \$189,000. The City will be taking over the landscaping component of the project and will receive credit for this. The approximate final value is

being discussed. Some punch list items are related to tenant keys. There is also some training on the list, fencing, and asphalt on the walkways to ensure the slopes are in compliance with ADA.

Councilor Borges asked about ADA compliance. Mr. Dello Russo indicated that issues with slopes on walkways are far from the building.

Councilor McCaul asked about the parking lot and Mr. Dello Russo stated that the parking lot asphalt met contractual specs.

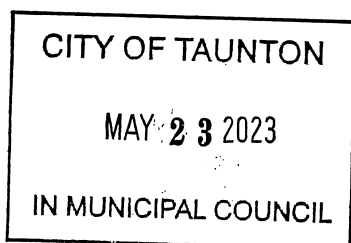
Councilor Coute asked for an update on the restaurant component and Mr. Dello Russo stated that the City issued an RFP and only received one response. The City was unable to accept that one response because it failed to meet the requirements. The Airport Commission has talked with that individual. He stated that he would recommend to the Airport Commission a transparent process so would suggest another RFP but perhaps leave it out longer the next time and advertise more heavily.

Councilor Borges suggested that having an airport manager in place may help with that process.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Ms. Dooner to refer to the Law Department to get some information on whether community events can happen at the airport. **So voted.**

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. McCaul to meet with the Law Department and the CFO in executive session to discuss contract and costs. **So voted.**

Motion by Councilor Borges and seconded by Mr. McCaul to excuse the parties, thank them, and adjourn at 6:55. So voted.



Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk of Council Committees

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CITY CLERK



CITY OF TAUNTON

In Municipal Council

ORDER #21
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Ordered, That

THE SUM OF FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$48,870.80) BE AND HEREBY IS TRANSFERRED

FROM THE RESERVE ACCOUNT NUMBER 01-132-5200-5784

\$28,870.80 TO PRINTING/MAILING ACCOUNT NUMBER 01-145-5200-5343

\$20,000.00 TO PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL ACCOUNT NUMBER 01-144-5200-5319

Clerk.