



*City of Taunton
Municipal Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA
In the Chester R. Martin Municipal Council Chambers*

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Minutes, May 30, 2023 at 7:05 O'clock P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Meeting

Mayor Shaunna L. O'Connell presiding

Prayer was offered by the Mayor

*Present at roll call were: Councilors Postell, Sanders, Coute,
Pottier, McCaul, Borges and Duarte
Councilors Quintal and Dooner were absent.*

Record of preceding meeting was read by title and approved. So voted.

Opportunity for input by the general public. No one spoke during public input.

Hearing:

NONE.

Communications from the Mayor:

Mayor O'Connell thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Day parade this past weekend. Mayor O'Connell also thanked the Parade Committee for organizing this event.

Mayor O'Connell stated that there will be a Taunton Diversity Network Cultural Fair on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at Memorial Park.

Mayor O'Connell stated that June is Portuguese Heritage Month and there will be many events happening throughout the month. These events include the Taste of Portugal on Friday, June 9, 2023 located at the New Ward Five as well as the Day of Portugal Flag Raising Ceremony on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 12:00pm, followed by refreshments served inside City Hall.

Appointments:

Mayor O'Connell appointed Steven Turner to serve as an Airport Commissioner for the Taunton Municipal Airport to fill the unexpired term of Robert Adams which will expire June 2024. **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Communications from City Officers:

Com. from the Chief Financial Officer requesting that the Finance Department meet with the Finance and Salaries Committee to establish a gift account for the public safety

complex. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Finance and Salaries. So Voted.**

Communications from Citizens:

Com. from Anthony Kinahan, CFO/Co-Founder, Tower Three, LLC, 30 Sherwood Dr., Taunton requesting a renewal of their Host Community Agreement. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee of the Council as a Whole. So Voted.**

Com. from the Greater Taunton Area Day of Portugal Committee, Inc., 63 Winthrop St., Taunton extending an invitation to the upcoming events to celebrate the Day of Portugal during the month of June. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.** On discussion, Councilor Borges stated that the event at the State House is outstanding. Councilor Pottier inquired as to what time the event at the State House will be taking place. Councilor Borges confirmed the event is at 10:00am.

Com. from the Greater Taunton Area Day of Portugal Committee, Inc., 63 Winthrop St., Taunton requesting support and participation for the upcoming events to celebrate the Day of Portugal during the month of June. **Motion was made to receive and place on file. So Voted.**

Petitions:

Temporary Fixed Vendor License – RENEWAL

1. RJ Trees located at 404 Winthrop Street, Taunton selling Christmas trees, wreaths and baskets. **Motion was made to refer to the Committee on Police and License and the Police Chief. So Voted.**

Flammable Storage License Transfer of Ownership

Petition submitted by Romeo Fakhry, A-Plus Gas LLC, 12 Pine St., Attleboro, MA 02703 requesting approval of a change of ownership for a Flammable Storage License located at 315 Broadway, Taunton. (Deed on file). **Motion was made to approve. So Voted.**

Committee Reports:

Motion was made for Committee reports to be read by title and approved. So Voted. Recommendations adopted to reflect the votes as recorded in committee reports. So Voted.

Unfinished Business:

NONE.

Orders, Ordinances and Resolutions:

Order to be accepted on a roll call vote

Ordered That,

The City of Taunton shall establish a gift account in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §53A which shall be a separate interest-bearing account established by the Treasurer.

The Director of Veteran Services is hereby authorized to accept monetary donations for veterans' services which shall be deposited into said account. The account will be assigned its own general ledger number from the City Auditor. Said funds will not be general fund receipts and the specific use of said funds will be as followed:

- Transportation costs
- Utility arrearages
- Non-covered medical expenses
- Veteran-specific enrichment programs
- Small housing repair/upkeep
- Small vehicle repair
- Burials/Cemetery
- Mobile phone arrearages
- Housekeeping

On a roll call vote, seven (7) Councilors were present, seven (7) Councilors voted in favor. Councilors Dooner and Quintal were absent. So Voted.

Order to be accepted on a roll call vote

Ordered That,

The City of Taunton shall establish a Purple Heart gift account in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44 §53A which shall be a separate interest-bearing account established by the Treasurer. The Director of Veteran Services is hereby authorized to accept monetary donations for purposes of the account and such donations shall be deposited into said account. The account will be assigned its own general ledger number from the City Auditor. These funds will not be general fund receipts and the specific use of said funds will be as followed:

- Signage for events
- Relatable materials
- Celebratory event related costs

On a roll call vote, seven (7) Councilors were present, seven (7) Councilors voted in favor. Councilors Dooner and Quintal were absent. So Voted.

Ordinance for a second reading to be passed to a third reading

**AN ORDINANCE
Chapter 105 - Personnel**

Be it ordained by the Municipal Council of the City of Taunton and by authority of the same as follows:

Chapter 105 of the revised Ordinances of the City of Taunton shall be amended to include a new Section as follows:

Compensation of Elected and Appointed Board, Committee and Commission Members

The Municipal Council shall establish the financial compensation, if any, of all elected and appointed members of committees, boards and commissions. This ordinance shall not apply to salaried or hourly employees of the City. No compensation in addition to the compensation set forth herein shall be paid for serving in those positions subject to this ordinance by the City of Taunton. Any vote to increase the stipend of any committee, board or commission shall become effective on the first day of the calendar year beginning next after the following municipal election. The Municipal Council shall review the compensation of all committees, boards and commissions periodically, at least once every five years following enactment of this Ordinance.

Position	Annual Stipend	Effective Date
Board of Health Member	\$5,000.00	7/1/2023
Board of Health Chair	\$5,500.00	7/1/2023
School Physician	\$7,000.00	7/1/2023
Cable Commission Member	\$1,500.00	7/1/2023
Cable Commission Chair	\$1,800.00	7/1/2023
City Council Member	\$10,000.00	7/1/23-12/31/23
	\$16,631.08	1/1/2024
City Council Chair	\$10,000.00	7/1/23-12/31/23
	\$16,631.08	1/1/2024
Conservation Commission Member	\$2,000.00	7/1/2023
Conservation Commission Chair	\$2,500.00	7/1/2023
Election Commission Member	\$700.00	7/1/2023
Election Commission Secretary	\$750.00	7/1/2023
Election Commission Chair	\$850.00	7/1/2023
License Commission	\$2,250.00	7/1/2023
License Commission Chair	\$3,500.00	7/1/2023
Planning Board	\$3,000.00	7/1/2023
Planning Board Clerk	\$3,200.00	7/1/2023
Planning Board Chair	\$3,500.00	7/1/2023
Retirement Board	\$4,500.00	7/1/2023
Retirement Board Chair	\$4,500.00	7/1/2023
School Committee	\$12,000.00	7/1/2023
School Committee Chair	\$12,000.00	7/1/2023
Zoning Board	\$2,000.00	7/1/2023-12/31/23
	\$2,500.00	1/1/24
Zoning Board Clerk	\$2,200.00	7/1/2023-12/31/23
	\$2,700.00	1/1/24
Zoning Board Chair	\$2,500.00	7/1/2023-12/31/23
	\$3,000.00	1/1/24

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective July 1, 2023.

Motion was made to pass to a third reading. So Voted. On discussion, the City Clerk stated that she wanted to bring to their attention that the correct version of the ordinance includes the two T.M.L.P. Commission stipends, which is not in shown in the version in the agenda, however, it was advertised correctly.

New Business:

Councilor Pottier motioned that Chief Bradshaw asked to call for a civil service list for three (3) firefighters. So Voted.

Councilor Borges stated that a resident brought to her attention that the crosswalks are not painted on Ingell Street and High Street. Councilor Borges stated that the Department of Public Works is working on this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

A true copy:

Attest:


City Clerk

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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.

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

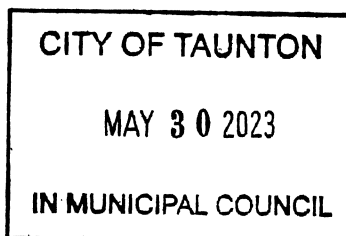
The meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM.

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 \$5,583,817.14. **So voted.**

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$3,278,576.97. **So voted.**

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



Respectfully submitted,

Maggie E. Clarke

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Clerk of Council Committees

REPORTS ACCEPTED. RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

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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.

Councilors Present: Councilor David Pottier, Acting Chairman
Councilor Phillip Duarte
Councilor Estele Borges
Councilor John McCaul
Councilor Christopher Coute
Councilor Barry Sanders
Councilor Jeffrey Postell

Councilors Absent: Council President Kelly Dooner
Councilor Lawrence Quintal

Also Present: Bob Pirozzi, Building Commissioner
Patrick Dello Russo, CFO
Matthew Costa, City Solicitor

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 PM.

1. Meet to discuss the appointment of David Ingargiola as Electrical Inspector.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Ms. Borges to invite in the Building Commissioner.
So voted.

Councilor Borges explained that this had been brought to the attention of the Council as the electrical inspector had not been appointed for a three year term. She indicated that she has no issues with this appointment. She spoke with the gentleman and met with the Building Inspector.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Coute to move the appointment forward this evening.

Mr. Pirozzi indicated that the Law Department reviewed the Ordinance and determined that he needs to be appointed. He has been in the position for eight years but was not officially appointed.

Mr. Sanders asked if this should be back-dated.

Ms. Borges added to her motion that the effective date be as of the date of appointment. So voted.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Sanders by to excuse Mr. Pirozzi. So voted.

Motion by Ms. Borges and seconded by Mr. Coute to recess for 10 minutes. So voted.

2. Meet in executive session for an update on the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Motion by Mr. Postell and seconded by Mr. Sanders to invite in Mr. Dello Russo and Attorney Costa. So voted.

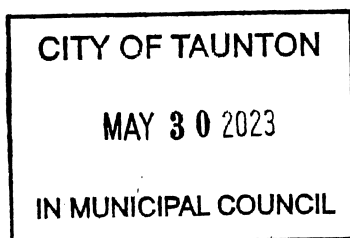
Attorney Costa explained that per Mass General Laws, the Committee would be entering into executive session to discuss contract negotiations with an entity with the City.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Postell to enter into executive session. So voted on a roll call.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Postell to return from executive session. So voted on a roll call.

Councilor Pottier reported that two votes were taken in executive session, including one to come out of executive session.

MOTION by Mr. Coute and seconded Mr. Postell to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. So voted.



Respectfully submitted,



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