

City of Taunton
Municipal Council
June 6, 2023

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 John McCaul

Members Absent: Councilor David Pottier

Also Present: Patrick Dello Russo, CFO

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

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

Motion by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Duarte to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$1,614,861.28. **So voted.**

Motion by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Duarte to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$819,267.68. **So voted.**

2. Meet to discuss the request to establish a gift account for the public safety complex.

Motion by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Duarte to invite in the CFO. **So voted.**

Mr. Dello Russo explained that the purpose of this requested gift account would be for the specific use of supporting the public safety building that is being constructed. There is a donation being sent over from the ballot question committee.

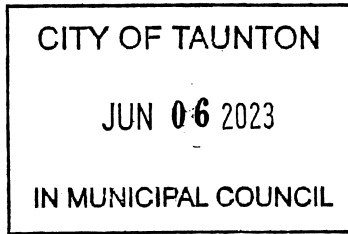
Motion by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Duarte to approve the request and refer to the full council to be approved as an order. **So voted.**

3. Meet with the Human Resources Director to discuss the proposal that the Clerk of Committees become a certified parliamentarian.

Motion by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Duarte to table this matter. **So voted.**

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Motion by Mr. McCaul and seconded by Mr. Duarte to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 PM. So voted.



Respectfully submitted,

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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

Members Absent: Councilor Estele Borges

Also present: Detective William Rutherford, Licensing Officer
Jordan Shaw, Greater Goods, LLC
Andy Amaro, Amaro's Family Auto Sales
John DeSousa, Northcounty Group
Robert Pirozzi, Building Commissioner
Kevin Scanlon, City Planner

The meeting was called to order at 5:56 PM.

1. Meet with Detective Rutherford on the petition for the renewal of a Billiard Table License for Portuguese-American Civic Club (P.A.C.C.) at 175 School Street.

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation.

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

2. Meet with Detective Rutherford on the petition for the renewal of a Junk Collector's License for Debrum Salvage at 57 Stevens Street, East Taunton.

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation.

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

3. Meet with Detective Rutherford on the petition for the renewal of a Temporary Fixed Vendor License for RJ Trees located at 404 Winthrop Street.

Detective Rutherford gave a positive recommendation.

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

4. Meet with Detective Rutherford and the City Clerk on license renewals.

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Postell to table. **So voted.**

5. Meet to discuss the application for a new Marijuana Cultivation and Products Manufacturer License for Greater Goods, LLC to be located at 445 Myles Standish Boulevard.

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

Detective Rutherford indicated that he has no issues with Greater Goods, LLC, pending the approval of the HCA during the Council as a Whole.

Mr. Sanders asked if there is anything new to report from the state and Mr. Shaw indicated that they are waiting for the building permit and then will submit architectural plans including permits to the state. Mr. Sanders asked when they expect to be up and running and Mr. Shaw stated that he hopes it will be 8-12 months.

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Postell to approve contingent upon the approval of the HCA this evening. **So voted.**

6. Meet for an update on progress at Amaro's Family Auto Sales at 503 Middleboro Ave.

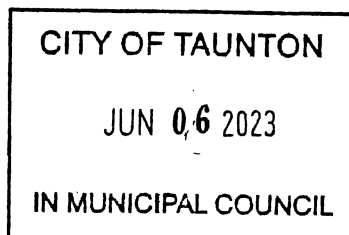
Motion by Mr. Sanders to invite in the parties was seconded by Mr. Postell. **So voted.**

Detective Rutherford stated that outside operations have ceased and that they have met the criteria of the Police Department. Mr. Scanlon that the plan was to go to the Planning Board and they filed on February 7. However, after starting to review, it was realized that more information was needed. This was continued to March and then to April and then to May and most recently to the August Planning Board meeting. The plan was filed today and that will need to be recirculated for review with the departments and then with the Planning Board. This is scheduled for the August 3 meeting. Mr. Pirozzi reported that no building permits have been pulled to date but permits will be needed.

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Postell to have the petitioner's current license extended until August 31 and come back then for a further update. **So voted.**

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

Motion by Mr. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Postell to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 PM. So voted.



Respectfully submitted,

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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.

Councilors Present: Council President Kelly Dooner
Councilor Phillip Duarte
Councilor John McCaul
Councilor Barry Sanders
Councilor Lawrence Quintal
Councilor Jeffrey Postell

Councilors Absent: Councilor Estele Borges
Councilor David Pottier
Councilor Christopher Coute

Also Present: Attorney James Valeriani, The Mensing Group
Jordan Shaw, Greater Goods, LLC
John DeSousa, North County Group

The meeting was called to order at 6:19 PM.

1. Meet to discuss the request for an extension to a Host Community Agreement for Greater Goods, LLC, a marijuana establishment located at 445 Myles Standish Blvd.

Councilor Duarte recused himself from the matter.

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

Council President Dooner read a letter from Attorney Valeriani requesting the extension.

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

Attorney Valeriani explained that as part of the settlement, the HCA was extended until February of 2024 and they were looking for an extension to February of 2025. The building permit application has been submitted and there have been no changes to the layout or design.

Councilor Dooner asked when they expect to be operational and Mr. Shaw expressed his hope that it would be under 12 months.

Councilor Dooner explained that the Council would like to consider extending the HCA until June 30, 2024 to coincide with the date on the license. Attorney Valeriani indicated that this would work for them.

Motion by Mr. Postell and seconded by Mr. Quintal to extend the HCA until June 30, 2024. **So voted.**

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

2. Meet for a pre-review for the issuance of a Special Permit upon the petition of Brianna Correia, Esq., Correia Law Office, PLLC., 123 Broadway, Taunton on behalf of her client Manuel Soares, Trustee of Soares Realty Trust, 49 Weir Street, Taunton to allow an 18-unit hotel in conjunction with the existing first floor commercial units with no off street parking at 49 Weir Street located in the Central Business District.

Motion by Mr. Duarte to invite in the petitioner and interested parties was seconded by Mr. Sanders. **So voted.**

Councilor Dooner read a list of questions as requested by Councilor Borges:

Who will manage the hotel?

What are rates going to be?

What is the renovation cost?

Whether or not they accepted any and all the comments made by department heads?

In the event the hotel business didn't work, do they have any intentions on having 18 one bedroom units?

Will the restaurant be supplying the services for the hotel?

Will there be a contracted outside cleaning service?

Where will people park?

How many employees?

Given there is not much traffic in that area, who do they think they will be attracted to the hotel as far as locals, tourists, etc.?

What the total square footage of building will be?

Councilor Dooner would like to know how long construction will take and when they expect to be operational.

Councilor Sanders asked about the expected obstacles and hazards in the area during construction. He is also interested in efforts to work on sustainability.

Councilor Postell confirmed that this is a hotel and asked about the check in area. Mr. DeSousa noted that this will be on the first floor.

Councilor Sanders asked about fire suppression and Mr. DeSousa noted that the building is sprinkled. Mr. Sanders also asked about off street parking and indicated that he would like to see something from the Parking Commission.

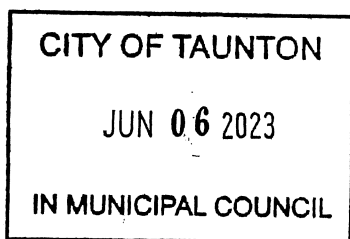
Councilor Duarte asked if there would be an elevator and Mr. De Sousa said there will not be one.

Councilor Postell confirmed that the hotel will not be ADA accessible. Mr. Postell indicated that he is interested in the additional permits and inspections required for hotels. He would also be interested in knowing more about the standard operating procedures for the hotel.

Councilor Dooner expressed interest in knowing more about any studies on demand and what the rates will be.

Motion by Mr. Duarte to excuse the party was seconded by Mr. Postell. So voted.

Motion by Mr. Postell and seconded Mr. Duarte to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. So voted.



Respectfully submitted,

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