

City of Taunton
Municipal Council
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TAUNTON, MA

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

Also Present: Patrick Dello Russo, CFO
Gill Enos, Budget Director
Tom Bernier, Golf Commission
Judy Chambers, Golf Commission

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

1. Approval of minutes from September 26, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve. **So voted.**

2. 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 \$4,305,278.59. **So voted.**

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve the accounts payable warrant in the amount of \$16,793,763.76. **So voted.**

3. Meet to discuss the request to accept a donation to the Taunton Public Library.

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

Mr. Duarte read the letter from Linda Coelho requesting the acceptance of this gift.

Mr. Dello Russo stated that a gift account should be established.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to establish a gift account for the Library. **So voted.**

Ms. Borges suggested that the Council send a letter of thanks.

So voted.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to accept the gift to be deposited into this gift account and send a letter of thanks. **So voted.**

4. Meet for the continued discussion on the request of the Golf Commission to pay a prior year invoice.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to invite the Golf Commissioners in. **So voted.**

Mr. Duarte recapped the discussion from the prior meeting on September 5 when the discussion was continued. He read the letter from Attorney Gay that was made part of the record at that time.

Mr. Duarte read the letter from Paul Champagne dated 9/16/23.

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

Mr. Pottier asked if the events as summarized in Mr. Champagne's letter sounded reasonable to the Golf Commission. Both Mr. Bernier and Ms. Chambers concurred.

Mr. Coute, the Council liaison to the Golf Commission, stated that this conflicts with what he was told by the previous operator and that the system should have been there. However, he supports moving forward.

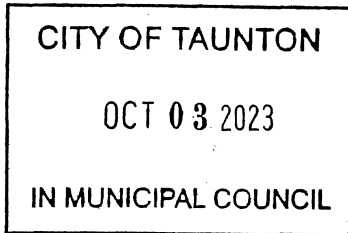
Ms. Borges expressed her support for the payment of the invoice.

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to approve payment of the prior year invoice and transfer \$7060.32 from 61-640-5200-5599 (Golf Misc. Expense) to 61-640-5520-5599 (Prior Year). **So voted.**

Motion by Mr. Pottier and seconded by Mr. McCaul to adjourn with the Committee's thanks at 5:46 P.M. **So voted.**

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

- The Committee on Finance and Salaries Meeting Minutes from 9/26/23
- Payroll Warrant #53
- Bill Invoice Warrant #52
- List of items over \$100,000
- Letter from Linda Coelho dated 9/15/23
- Letter from Gill Enos dated 8/9/23
- Letter from Thomas Gay dated 8/8/23
- Letter from Paul Champagne dated 9/6/23



Respectfully submitted,

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

Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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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 Phillip Duarte
Councilor Christopher Coute
Councilor Jeffrey Postell

Members Absent: Councilor Lawrence Quintal

Also Present: Evan Watson, W. Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 PM.

1. Approve minutes from September 12, 2023.

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

2. Sewer Extension – 112 Shores Street

In accordance with Chapter 375-1 of the City of Taunton Ordinance and on the petition of .W. Engineering, LLC, 27 Jefferson Street, Taunton, MA, on behalf of the owner of property at 112 Shores Street, Assessors Map 64 Lot 335, Taunton, MA, 02780, a hearing will be held before the Taunton Municipal Council Committee on the Department of Public Works in the Municipal Council Chambers, City Hall, 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780 on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. for a proposed sewer extension on Shores Street.

The proposed 8” sewer line would start at the existing manhole at the intersection of Anawan and Shores Streets. The new sewer line would be installed westerly within Shores Street about 65’ to a new manhole. The work will meet all the standards of the City DPW and the Sewer Department.

There will be no betterment assessments since no City funding is involved.

Plans and specifications for the project can be viewed in the Office of the Department of Public Works, 90 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA.

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

The Clerk of Committees read a letter from the DPW Commissioner approving the project.

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

Mr. Watson explained that the project is for the construction of a new 2 family home. They will be adding a new manhole. Mr. Watson showed the plan of work to the Committee.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Postell to open public input. **So voted.**
Motion by Mr. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Postell to close public input. **So voted.**

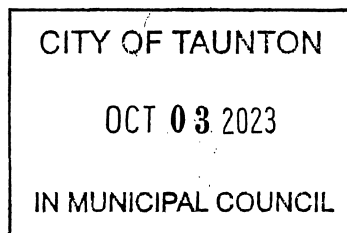
Motion by Mr. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Postell to approve as presented with the conditions stipulated by the DPW. **So voted.**

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

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Postell to adjourn at 5:53 PM. **So voted.**

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used:

The Committee on the Department of Public Works Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2023
 Letter from Evan K. Watson, .W. Engineering, dated 7/31/23
 Letter from Fred Cornaglia dated 9/29/23



Respectfully submitted,

Maggie E. Clarke

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 Clerk of Council Committees

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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. CITY CLERK

Councilors Present: Council President Kelly Dooner
Councilor Phillip Duarte
Councilor Estele Borges
Councilor John McCaul
Councilor David Pottier
Councilor Christopher Coute
Councilor Barry Sanders
Councilor Jeffrey Postell

Councilors Absent: Councilor Lawrence Quintal

Also Present: Ian Fortes, City Auditor
Christine Clymens, Treasurer/Collector
Jennifer Alvarado, Human Services Assistant Director
Charlene Bonenfant, Human Services Director
Patrick Dello Russo, CFO
Attorney Mackenzie Long, Bando Alternative Group
Stephen Barboza, Bando Alternative Group
Attorney Jeremy Hersh, Bando Alternative Group
Jason Roomes, 246 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 PM.

1. Approve minutes from September 26, 2023.

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

2. Meet to discuss the Helping Hand Program and vote on the program model.

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

Mr. Dello Russo explained that since this is such a new program they looked to ensure that this meets a public purpose and referred to the letter from the Law Department. One key driving factor of the Helping Hand Program is to help people with City taxes and City utilities. When there is a qualifying situation, this will go through the same current procedures of the Human Services Department. The program also includes support to defray the cost of the home wellness program.

Ms. Bonenfant discussed the in home visit program where people are visited by a paramedic. Nearly 1000 total visits have been completed since the program's inception in 2022. This is mostly at risk home bound elderly.

Mr. Fortes explained that 25% of tax lien redeemed revenue will go into this fund and annually will require a 2/3 vote of the Council.

Ms. Clymens stated that checks will be made payable either to the City of Taunton or to the person being helped. This will be applied to either their tax bills or water and sewer bill.

Ms. Dooner asked if people could donate to an individual. Mr. Dello Russo stated that these would go to the previously established donation accounts.

Mr. Duarte questioned the awarding of the fund and who makes that decision. Mr. Dello Russo stated that it will be a collaborative effort between the Human Services department and the Mayor's Office. The maximum allowable amount will be \$300 annually. Ms. Bonenfant stated that they are currently working to establish their internal SOPs.

Motion by Mr. Duarte and seconded by Mr. Postell to approve the order as presented. **So voted.**

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

3. Meet to discuss the application for a new Host Community Agreement for Bando Alternative Group Delivery, LLC, a marijuana delivery operator and transporter, to be located at 30 Sherwood Drive.

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

Councilor Duarte recused himself from the discussion.

Attorney Long gave a presentation with some background on Bando Alternative Group. He touched on the business, its founders, their planned business operations, timeline, information on the site at 30 Sherwood Drive, security, community impacts and provided other information. Bando will have a Delivery Operator License and a 3rd Party Transporter License. The Deliver Operator allows wholesale purchase and home delivery. The 3rd Party License will allow for B to B transactions.

Mr. Sanders asked if the vehicles will be registered in Taunton and Mr. Long confirmed. He asked about the limits on the amounts of product that can be stored and Mr. Long stated that \$10,000 in a vehicle at a time is the limit. Mr. Sanders asked about the CCCs revised guidance and Mr. Long stated that there may be a change whereby only one driver would be required per vehicle.

Mr. Pottier asked if they will be working with companies other than Tower Three and Mr. Long stated that they will primarily work with Tower Three but intend to also work with others. Mr. Pottier asked for some security information and Mr. Long explained that they are looking to be a discreet company. Mr. Pottier asked for the anticipated hours of operation and Mr. Long indicated that they are currently thinking it will be 8am – 9pm Sunday-Wednesday with extended hours Thursday-Saturday of 7am – 10pm. B to B drivers could potentially leave earlier.

Ms. Borges asked about the community outreach meeting which they confirmed had been completed.

Mr. Postell talked about the location and the residents in the area. He touched on odor mitigation and stated that this is a primary concern for the Council. Mr. Long indicated that their impact will be limited as compared to other stores since they handle primarily finished marijuana products. They expect to lean on Tower Three who have had success with odor mitigation. Mr. Postell asked about building upgrades and Mr. Long explained that there will be parking lot changes and lighting upgrades. Mr. Postell asked how the vehicles will be secured and Mr. Long stated that overnight they will be parked with cameras and lighting. No cannabis will be stored in vehicles overnight.

Mr. Coute asked about their need for capital and Mr. Long explained that the capital is needed primarily for the buildout. Mr. Coute touched on odor control and indicated that when they come back for their license the Council will be looking for additional details on their odor control plan.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Ms. Borges to open public input. **So voted.**

Jason Roomes, 246 High Street, indicated that there have been no issues around that neighborhood and that they want to keep it that way. He hopes that if there are issues, they will be addressed. He noted that the other companies at this location have been great and have held neighborhood cleanups and get togethers.

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Ms. Borges to close public input. **So voted.**

Motion by Mr. Coute and seconded by Mr. Postell to authorize the Law Department to enter into negotiations with Bando Alternative Group for a Host Community Agreement.

Mr. McCaul asked about community involvement and Mr. Long stated that they intend participate in Tower Three's events. Mr. McCaul asked why they had decided to settle in

Taunton and Mr. Long explained that they had tried in Fall River and Westport but those did not work out. When the space in Taunton was realized they were excited to move here.

Mr. Sanders noted that previously Tower Three had taken responsibility as the landlord and point of contact.

So voted.

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

Motion by Mr. Postell and seconded Mr. to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. *So voted.*

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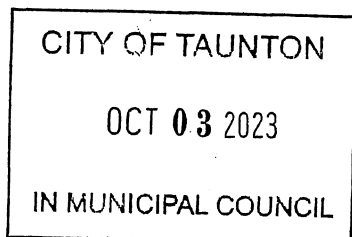
Meeting Minutes from the Committee of the Council as a Whole 9/26/23

Letter from Patrick Dello Russo dated 9/14/23

Letter from Attorney Costa dated 9/29/23

Application for Marijuana Establishment Host Community Agreement for Bando Alternative Group Delivery, LLC

Bando Alternative Group Delivery Presentation



Respectfully submitted,

Maggie E. Clarke
Clerk of Council Committees

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