

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers with Councillor Sullivan presiding. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm with eleven members being present.

President Sullivan asked for a moment of silence for Charlie Altieri and Councillor Asack for Ann Garland who both recently passed away.

In City Council, February 13, 2017

- 41** Acceptance of the minutes of the January 23, 2017 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

- 42** Of Kelly R. Mallory of 12 Marsha Drive, Brockton, MA to the Brockton Parking Authority for a five year term ending January 31, 2022.

Referred to Finance.

- 43** Of Conrod Boone of 60 Margery Road, Brockton, MA to the Brockton Parking Authority for a five year term ending January 31, 2022.

Referred to Finance.

- 44** Of Donald Williams of 1342 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA to the Brockton Cable Advisory Board for a three year term ending January 31, 2020.

Referred to Finance.

#### **HEARINGS**

Petition of Copeland Acquisition Corp., dba Copeland Chevrolet, Todd Copeland for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 955 Pearl St., Brockton, MA.

Todd Copeland stands in favor along with the CEO, Bob Gustafson, of Crescent Credit Union. He explained that the facility is new and state of the art with minimal noise. No one in opposition. Councillor Eaniri was in favor and appreciates their investment in the City of Brockton. Fire Department had no objections. Granted by a hand vote.

#### **REPORTS**

- 45** Of the Finance Committee meeting of February 6, 2017.

Accepted and placed on file.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- 46** From the Chief of Police requesting the expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to City of Brockton FY2017 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant Fund. These funds are being provided in the form of overtime funds for the Brockton Police to use for patrol shift replacement; detective investigations; etc. No Match is required.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 47** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44 recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant in the amount of \$100,000 from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Program to City of Brockton Police Department Massachusetts

**COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd)**

Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Fund. These funds are being provided in the form of overtime funds for the Brockton Police to use for patrol shift replacement; detective investigations; etc.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 48** From the CFO in accordance with Sec. 5, Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990 certifying the proposed grant of \$100,000 from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Program to City of Brockton Police Department Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 49** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44 recommending that the City Council adopt an order relative to Walker Playground providing for acceptance and expenditure of Grant Funds totaling \$400,000 from EEA and affirming the Mayor's authorization of the BRA's allocation of \$120,000 in CDBG funds.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 50** From the CFO in accordance with Sec. 5, Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990 relative to the proposed order concerning Walker Playground.

Accepted and placed on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 14** Appointment of Gerald Pierre-Paul as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three years. (FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 34** Appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$148,769.39  
From: Executive Office of Elder Affairs  
To: City of Brockton Council on Aging Executive Office of Elder Affairs Grant Fund  
(FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 35** Appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$225,000  
From: The FY17 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant  
To: City of Brockton Police Department FY2017 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 36** Appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$315,586  
From: the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security/State 911-FY17 Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive Grant  
To: City of Brockton Police Department FY17 Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive Grant Fund.  
(FAVORABLE)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 37** Appropriation of a grant in the amount of \$13,500  
 From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health Naloxone Grant  
 To: City of Brockton Police Department FY17 Massachusetts Department of Public Health Naloxone Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 38** Appropriation of \$86,779 from Plymouth County/US Department of Justice/FY16 Justice Assistance Grant to City of Brockton Police Department Plymouth County/US Department of Justice/FY16 Justice Assistance Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 39** Appropriation of \$174,580.75 From: The Executive office of the Public Safety and Security/State 911 Department- FY17 State 911 Training Grant and EMD/Regulatory Compliance Grant  
 To: City of Brockton Police Department FY17 State 911 Training Grant and EMD/Regulatory Compliance Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 11** Ordered: That the Mayor and/or Real Estate Custodian be authorized to accept on behalf of the City of Brockton a parcel of land consisting of 530 square feet, more or less, located at the corner of Main Street and Hayward Ave., owned by Cumberland Farms, Inc. of 1813 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301, more particularly described as shown on the Plan attached hereto. Said conveyance will correct an encroachment of the city sidewalk upon the property owned by Cumberland Farms, Inc. (FAVORABLE)

Councillor Sullivan motioned to send to Real Estate Committee and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

**ORDERS**

- 51** Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Chapter II, Article IV of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: Article IV, Section 2-249 is hereby amended by inserting section 2-249A.

Referred to Ordinance

- 52** Ordered: That the City Council hereby declares the City owned parcels at 121 Main Street, Assessors Map 091, Route 012, Plot 118 Main Street as surplus and available for disposition.

Referred to Real Estate

- 53** Ordered: That the City Council hereby declare the City owned parcel at 28 Frederick Douglass Way, formerly the site of the Hotel Grayson, Assessors Map 091, Route 013, Plot 1 Frederick Douglass Way (formerly High Street) as surplus and available for disposition.

Referred to Real Estate

- 54** Ordered: That the City Council hereby declare the two City owned parcels at 11/15 High Street, Assessors Map 091, Route 047, Plot 12-1 and Map 091, Route 048, Plot 12 High

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**ORDERS (cont'd)**

Street (currently Frederick Douglass Way) as surplus and available for disposition.

Referred to Real Estate

- 55** Ordered: That the City Council hereby declare the two City owned parcels at 47 West Elm Street, Assessors Map 091, Route 004, Plot 102 and Map 091, Route 005, Plot 103, West Elm Street as surplus and available for disposition.

Referred to Real Estate

- 56** Ordered: That the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant in the amount of \$100,000 from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Program to City of Brockton Police Department Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Fund. These funds are being provided in the form of overtime funds for the Brockton Police to use for patrol shift replacement; detective investigations; etc.

Referred to Finance

- 57** Resolved: The Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals and such other persons as he may deem appropriate, be invited to appear before a committee of the City Council to discuss the caseload of the board, the zoning ordinances, and any recommendations which will contribute to the protection of neighborhoods and business districts, as well as enhance economic development opportunities for the city.

Referred to Finance

- 58** Resolve: to invite Mr. Bill Carpenter, the Mayor of Brockton and not a designee, to the City Council to inform us as to the current status of all governing boards, commissions and committees.

Referred to Finance

- 59** Resolve: To invite executive director of the Brockton Housing Authority Thomas Thibeault to give the City Council an update on the condition of current properties in the city with particular attention to those that have multi-purpose uses, for example; resident and office space that does not include the housing authority.

Referred to Finance

- 60** The Mayor is hereby authorized to grant an easement to Manuel T. Bugginga, Jr., as owner of Plot 30, 30-1, and 31 Leach Avenue, his successors and assigns, for purposes of maintaining a watermain/water line, over land of the City known as Plot 11 Warren Ave.

Referred to Finance

- 61** Ordered: That pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. ch. 44, sec. 53A, the City Council authorizes the acceptance, appropriation, and expenditure of grant funds totaling \$400,000 from EEA for the purposes set forth herein, subject to the limitation that there will be no adult sized soccer field at Walker Playground, affirming the Mayor's authorization of the BRA's allocation of \$120,000 in CDBG funds, and authorizing the Mayor to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Councillor Asack motioned to move under suspension of the rules with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Motion did not carry by a hand vote. Councillor Rodrigues objected, because he had questions for Rob May regarding the Adult soccer field. Councillor Sullivan notes that as a point of information the order that passed did

not correctly reflect what they voted on. Legal Counsel Gildea drafted a correct order and it was approved.

Councillor Monahan asks if the item is time sensitive.

Councillor Asack notes that the City Council already voted and passed the Order. The information was corrected so she was not sure why anyone was in opposition. If rejected, or opposed, under City Ordinance it will be postponed until the next City Council Meeting.

Councillor Asack also states that it's not just for adult soccer field but to revamp and there was not a guarantee of use.

Councillor Farwell questioned if it can be referred to Finance Committee.

Council President Sullivan stated under Sec. 286 of the City Ordinances that this will have to be postponed.

Councillor Lally stated that they need to accept the money and that they have a year of Community Meeting to decide on use, but should secure the money.

Councillor Barnes agrees with Councillor Rodrigues that it should be postponed until next City Council Meeting.

Postponed until next full City Council Meeting.

Councillor Sullivan announced that he has a meeting at 8 AM Wednesday morning with Mike Gallerani and Mark Gildea and he will update the Council regarding the meeting. He has all minutes from the past year. He also thanked Larry Rowley and the DPW for their excellent work in snow conditions and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Councillor Cruise announced that Ordinance Committee Meeting will be held March 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Councillor Rodrigues announced that Real Estate Committee Meeting will be held March 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Councillor Eaniri announced Accounts Committee Meeting is next Tuesday, February 21, 2016 in the GAR Room at 6:00 PM.

Councillor Beauregard thanked the people who helped shovel out the seniors in their neighborhood and reminds everyone about the parking ban.

Adjourned at 8:31 PM.