

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Brockton High School George Romm Little Theatre, 470 Forest Ave., Brockton, with Councillor Sullivan presiding. The meeting was called to order at 8:01pm with ten members present.

In City Council, April 10, 2017

Councillor Cruise acknowledges Mark Gildea, who has been appointed to Superior Court Judge.

Councillor Sullivan wished Mark Gildea good luck in his new position.

146 Acceptance of the minutes of the March 27, 2017 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file

HEARINGS

Petition of Malique Phanore Rene for a license to Solicit and Canvass on behalf of IGS Energy, supplier of energy for National Grid.

Malique Rene appeared in favor. Councillor Barnes questioned the petitioner if there were specific guidelines as far as hours, etc. Malique stated that the hours will be 12pm to 8pm. He stated that the business is out of Waltham, but his mother lived in Brockton.

Hearing held.

Granted by a hand vote.

Petition of Mass Electric d/b/a National Grid and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid Joint Petition for Distribution Line Franchise Rights for permission to increase the number of lines and cables over East St. The installation of the new fiber optic cable is part of the refurbishment of an existing transmission line located next to said distribution line that involves the replacement and installation of certain equipment and facilities.

Joshua Lee Smith of National Grid appeared in favor. He stated the reason for the new line. Councillor Cruise asked if the voltage was high or low? Joshua stated that there is no voltage. It is a fiber optic wire for communication. Councillor Barnes asked how many lines will be added? Joshua stated that currently it is one line. Councillor Farwell asked what the maximum number of lines would be? Joshua stated potentially up to 40 lines. No more. Hearing held. Granted by a hand vote.

REPORTS

147 Of the Public Safety Committee for its meeting of April 3, 2017

Accepted and placed on file

148 Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of April 3, 2017

Accepted and placed on file

COMMUNICATIONS

149 From the Council President appointments to the Brockton Women's Commission

1. Cassandra M. Montanez, Brockton
2. Kimberley Zouzoua, Brockton
3. Lizzetta Johnson, Brockton

COMMUNICATIONS (cont'd)

Accepted and placed on file

Councillor Sullivan stated that the previous three women were just appointed by him.

Councillor Cruise stepped down.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 487** An Ordinance Amending Article II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton Article II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton is hereby amended by inserting the following new section: Section 2-382 Minimum Qualifications for Director of Personnel. (FAVORABLE)(FINAL READING)

Ordained by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present an all voting in the affirmative. Councillors Cruise and Rodrigues absent.

Councillor Cruise motioned to take the following five petitions collectively and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Petition of Jean Francois Bernadeau DBa Bernadeau Auto Repair for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 74 B Plain St., Brockton, MA. (FAVORABLE as stipulated, Building Dept provide Council with approval as to zoning)

Councillor Cruise withdrew motion to take collectively, as the first petition had different stipulations than the others and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Councillor Monahan motioned to refer to Public Safety, due to the fact that no letter was received from Building Dept. and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Councillor Studenski motioned to take the following four petitions collectively and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Petition of Yeuheni Mychko DBA Solid Auto Care Corp. for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 967 Montello St., Unit A-B, Brockton, MA. (FAVORABLE Conditional upon submittal of a plan compliant with Ordinance and acceptance to Building Inspector and Fire Prevention.)

Petition of Bernard Joseph DBA J & B Auto Repair & Frame Works for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 967 Montello St., Unit C & D, Brockton, MA. (FAVORABLE Conditional upon submittal of a plan compliant with Ordinance and acceptance to Building Inspector and Fire Prevention.)

Petition of Ronald Homere DBA Bernado and Ron Auto Repair for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 967 Montello St., Unit E, Brockton, MA. (FAVORABLE Conditional upon submittal of a plan compliant with Ordinance and acceptance to Building Inspector and Fire Prevention.)

Petition of Rowland Okafor DBA Rowland Automotive for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License located at 967 Montello St., Unit F, Brockton, MA. (FAVORABLE Conditional upon submittal of a plan compliant with Ordinance and acceptance to Building Inspector and Fire Prevention.)

Legal Counsel Mark Gildea stated that the map received for 967 Montello St. is not complete and has not been approved by the Building Inspector and Fire Prevention.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

Cruise motioned to refer the 4 above petitions to Public Safety and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Councillor Lally motioned to take items **616-620** collectively and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

- 616** Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Bernard Road from Rodney Street easterly and northerly, a distance of about 1,566 feet, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way. (FAVORABLE)
- 617** Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Bernard Circle from Bernard Road northerly and easterly to Bernard Road, a distance of about 605 feet, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way. (FAVORABLE)
- 618** Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Bourne Street from Winter Street northerly, a distance of about 1,737 feet, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way. (FAVORABLE)
- 619** Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Talbot Street from Partridge Drive, southerly, a distance of about 502 feet, to the southerly lines of lots 172 and 183 on the following described plan, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way. (FAVORABLE)
- 620** Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Partridge Drive from (Old) Ash Street, westerly to Emory Street, a distance of 733.61 feet, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way. (FAVORABLE)

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

Councillor Eaniri motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail on items **616-620** and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

- 142** Appropriation of the total grant in the amount of \$70,000
From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Grant
To: City of Brockton mayor’s Office-Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

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

- 120** Resolve: to invite Senator Michael Brady, to respond to city council enquiries as to the status of the Ganley Building. (FAVORABLE)

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

Councillor Asack stated that she would like a letter to be sent to the Governor on behalf of the City Council and Mayor and School Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)

- 123** Resolve: The City Solicitor or his designee and the Collector-Treasurer appear before a committee of the City Council to discuss the policies, procedures, and Financial data relating to taking possession of properties. And be it further Resolved: that data relating to properties taken by tax title during the Fiscal Year 2016 and in Fiscal Year 2017 through the date of this Resolve, including address, assessed property value prior to tax title proceedings, amount of proceeds from sale of individual properties, name of person or entity to whom property was sold and transferred, and expenses relating to taking possession of the properties be made available to the City Council five (5) days prior to any public discussion to allow for proper review. (FAVORABLE)

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

ORDERS

- 150** Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Chapter II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: Chapter 20. Streets and sidewalks, and the “Complete streets Ordinance” as ordained by vote of the City Council on October 11, 2016, is hereby amended.

Referred to Ordinance

- 151** Ordered: That the City Council accepts the Grant of Easement from the City of Brockton to Massachusetts Electric Company to construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain, operate and patrol, for the transmission of high and low voltage electric current and for transmission of intelligence and telephone use one (1) anchor and guy, and all necessary equipment and appurtenances over, across, under and upon the area of the hereinafter described property owned by the City of Brockton. Southerly side of Centre Street to originate from existing Pole #21 upon a certain portion of parcels of the land described in a deed dated December 18, 1998.

- 152** Resolved: that representatives of the Brockton Court Service Center at the George N. Covett Courthouse be invited to appear before a Committee of the City Council to inform and educate elected leaders and the Brockton Community about the support and resources available at the Brockton Court Service Center.

Referred to Finance

Granting: Petition having been filed and meeting held as provided by law, it is hereby ordered that MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY d/b/a NATIONAL GRID, their respective successors and assigns, be and are hereby granted locations for, and permission and consent to construct, maintain, repair, operate and use existing lines for the transmission and distribution of high and low electric current, data and other intelligence, upon, along, through, over and across a certain public way in the City of Brockton, as requested in its Petition dated April 4, 2017, by adding an additional wire or wires to be strung across and along said public way between structures on private property.

Granted by a hand vote.

Council President Sullivan thanked Councillor Eaniri for stepping in for him at the Finance Committee meeting.

He also stated that the next Finance Committee and City Council meetings in April will be at the George Romm Little Theatre, 470 Forest Ave., Brockton High School, Brockton, MA.

Councillor Farwell takes a moment of personal privilege to remind everyone that on Thursday from 6:30pm -8pm will be the quarterly meeting of the Councillors-At-Large at North Jr. High School. It will be a Q and A meeting for residents. He also requested that an Executive Session be called before Mark Gildea leaves for his new position.

Councillor Lally takes a moment of personal privilege to state that on April 27, 2017 at 7pm, there will be a meeting at the Brookfield Elementary School and encourages everyone to attend. The guest will be Vernon Penner, the former Ambassador to Cape Verde. He invites students to attend.

Councillor Cruise takes a moment of personal privilege to state that there will be an Ordinance Meeting coming up, as there are items that are time sensitive. The meeting is tentatively set for April 25, 2017. He will check on that date and the location is to be determined.

Councillor Asack takes a moment of personal privilege to remind everyone that Keep Brockton Beautiful Day will be on April 22, 2017 at 8am. You can register at Heights Crossing. Any questions, call Pat Sullivan at (508)580-7827.

Councillor Asack takes a moment of personal privilege to state that the last meeting of the Board of Health was cancelled, due to no quorum. If anyone is interested in being on any board or commission, they can contact the Mayor or a City Councillor. She also stated that at the meeting of the Water Commission, they announced that there will be a Public Rate Hearing on April 9, 2017 at a location to be determined.

Councillor Sullivan takes a moment of personal privilege to acknowledge the Brockton Garden Club and Craft Show and that it was a success.

A moment of silence was called for John Corcoran, who passed away.

Adjourned 8:34pm