

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the basement of the City Hall, 45 School St., due to the elevator being broken. Councilor Sullivan presiding. The meeting was called to order at 8: 01 pm with 11 members present.

In City Council, December 26, 2017

The Council President asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Walter Starsky this week. He was a Teacher in the Brockton High School for 35 years and will be truly missed. He also reminded everyone for the next 6-8 months the council meetings will be held at the George Romm Little Theatre at the Brockton High School due to the Elevators being out of order at the City Hall. He acknowledged the new Councilor elects of Ward 4 Susan Nicastro and Councilor at large Jean Derenoncourt who were present at the meeting

The Inauguration will be held at the War Memorial Building on West Elm St., Brockton, on January 1, 2018 at 10:00am.

Councilor Asack asked for a moment of personal privilege to present a citation to State Representative from the Eleventh Plymouth District Claire Cronin for being named the first woman to serve as house chair of the judiciary Committee in Massachusetts in 2017 and states as a woman and a Brocktonian it makes her very proud and she couldn't let this event go unrecognized, especially it being the last meeting of the year. Her colleagues appreciate all the work Claire does for them and are very proud of her.

State Representative Claire Cronin thanked them all saying it was much appreciated.

The Council President states it's a bittersweet night due to it being the end of the festive holiday season and the last legislative session of the year. He thanks all the Councilors from the presidency for being dedicated to the citizens of Brockton and doing their best in their positions. He mentions that his colleagues Councilor Barnes and Councilor Studenski decided not seek re election this year and they are two fine public servants in their own right.

He spoke regarding Councilor Barnes and her experience of four years in Council. He mentioned how her experience working with Congressman Lynch helped the City Council and also that you can't forget her fashionable style. He stated she will be missed. He presented Councilor Barnes with a Citation signed by the Clerk and all Councilors for serving the City of Brockton. Councilor Barnes took a moment to thank all the Councilor and said she is grateful for the colleagues and friends she has made and the experience she has had during her time running. She is thankful for the opportunity and encouraged others as citizens of Brockton that want to make a difference or help out the community to run for positions that will allow them to do so even if they don't think they have a chance. You just never know until you put yourself out there.

The Council President acknowledges Judy Sullivan who is part of School Committee Ward 4 and Former Councilman Dennis DeNapoli and wife being in attendance at the meeting.

The Council President next takes a moment to speak regarding Councilor Studenski's experience of twelve years in Council and how much of a great friend, colleague and how much of a great guy he is. He stated if you know him it's a privilege. His law enforcement background helped them to have that law enforcement insight and will be missed greatly. He gave councilor Studenski an opportunity to say a few words.

Councilor Studenski thanked all his colleagues, friends and family.

**493** Acceptance of the minutes of the December 11, 2017 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file.

### APPOINTMENTS

Councillor Cruise motions to take numbers **494** and **495** collectively and was properly seconded. Motion was carried by a hand vote.

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**APPOINTMENTS (cont'd)**

- 494** Appointment of Firefighter Eric A. Maguire to the rank of Fire Lieutenant in the Brockton Fire Department.
- 495** Appointment of Lieutenant Roger J. Dwyer to the rank of Fire Captain in the Brockton Fire Department.

A two min recess was called.

Back in session.

Councillor Cruise motioned to move under suspension of rules and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; 11 members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 496** Appointment of Officer Andrew Kalp to the rank of Sergeant in the Brockton Police Department effective December 5, 2017.

Councillor Barnes motioned to move under suspension of rules and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; 11 members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 497** Appointment of Stephen Hooke to the Traffic Commission for a three year term.

Referred to Finance

**REPORTS**

- 498** Of the Ordinance Committee for its meeting of December 7, 2017.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 499** Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of December 18, 2017.

Accepted and placed on file

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councillor Sullivan stepped down and Councillor Eaniri stepped in as President Pro tempore.

- 139** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 27, Zoning. of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton by adding ARTICLE XVIII. - THATCHER STREET SMART GROWTH OVERLAY DISTRICT (TSSGOD). ( UNFAVORABLE in Planning, FAVORABLE in Ordinance)

Ordained by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present with eight voting in the affirmative. Councillors Barnes and Beauregard voting in the negative. Councillor Sullivan absent. Councillor Cruise motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

- 390** Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Chapter II of the Revised Ordinances Chapter II Section 11 of the Revised Ordinances is hereby amended by amending the following subsection: Sec. 11-214.-Same-Transferability. (FAVORABLE, AS AMENDED)

The question is on the amendment. The amendment carried by a hand vote. Passed to a third reading, as amended, by a hand vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont)**

- 426** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17, Article IV, Division 2, Historical District Commission and Division 3, Certificates of Appropriateness, Non applicability, or Hardship. (FAVORABLE)

Passed to a third reading by a hand vote.

- 491** Ordered: In reference to Article III Section 2-110, City of Brockton Ordinance Waiver of Residency extension. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eleven members present with ten voting in the affirmative. Councillor Farwell voting in the negative. Councillor Sullivan states that the waiver is for six months with no extensions.

- 492** Resolve: That the Mayor, City Solicitor, and the City Planner appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the Plymouth County-owned building (the former Brockton District Court building) and associated land located on/at 155 West Elm Street that is currently being offered for sale by the County. (FAVORABLE)

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

- 472** Appointment of Philip M. Decas of 172 Augusta Ave., Brockton as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of (3) years. (FAVORABLE)

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

**ORDERS**

- 500** Order: That the DPW is authorized to issue a residential single family sewer connection to Eagle Diversified, LLC, Richard Costa, Manager, for the property located at 27 Mulberry Street.

Councillor Lally motioned to move under the suspension of the rules and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councillor Lally motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

Election of Council President for the year 2018

Presentation of Citations

Council President Sullivan stated that was an honor to serve as Council President. He thanked The City Auditor and the secretary for accommodating him.

Councillor Cruise takes a moment of personal privilege to thank Councillor Sullivan for doing a wonderful job.

Councillor Cruise thanked Councillor Studenski for all of his behind the scenes work and stated that it has been 65 years with a Studenski in office; Paul V. Studenski, Sr., and Paul F. Studenski, Jr.

Councillor Beauregard takes a moment of personal privilege to recognize the Brockton School system and teachers and all of their talent.

Councillor Asack takes a moment of personal privilege regarding the contract with the trash and recycling and DPW and the Mayor’s Office are working on figuring it out.

Councillor Lally takes a moment of personal privilege to state that there will be a meeting on January 30, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Ashfield of the Old Colony Planning Council regarding the intersection of Chestnut St. in Abington, building of a mini rotary and they need public input.

Councillor Farwell takes a moment of personal privilege to thank Councillor Studenski and remembers when he first stepped in the Police Department 42 years ago. Councillor Studenski did so much for the city as Police Chief and Councillor Farwell owes him a tremendous debt of gratitude and friendship.

Councillor Eaniri takes a moment of personal privilege to thank the Council President for his job this year. It takes a lot of work, time and commitment. He also thanked Councillor Barnes for all of her efforts working for the people and wished her the best of luck. Councillor Eaniri thanked Councillor Studenski for his work and stated that they go far back together and he has enjoyed working with him.

Councillor Monahan thanked Councillor Sullivan for his work this year and thanked Councillor Barnes and Councillor Studenski for all their work in the City Council.

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All items on agenda are available in their entirety for review in the City Clerk's Office for all interested parties.

Adjourned 8:39