



# City Council

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## MINUTES – ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

May 21, 2018

The Standing Committee on Ordinances and Rules was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Councilor Sullivan with Councilors Monahan, Cruise, Farwell, and Rodrigues present.

Meeting held at the Brockton High School, Romm Little Theatre due to broken elevator.

The Committee first considered the following:

1. An Ordinance to Increase Access To Voter Registration In The City Of Brockton

Comments by Councilor Derenoncourt

(access to voter registration, Boston just passed a similar ordinance, Brockton could be 2<sup>nd</sup> City to pass this kind of legislation, no limit/prevention to participate, comments re duty of election commissioner)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(interest re included all Brockton schools in the ordinance (Cardinal Spellman and South Eastern Regional as it has Brockton students), why not have them involved too)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(expansion of ordinance, schools receive funds from the City, concerns re enforceability of ordinance as written)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(ordinance as written has no penalty for non-compliance, doesn't want to penalize, but ordinance needs to have enforcement power, ordinance is a "shall" as written)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(concerns re section 2(b) as broad, section 2(c) concern last sentence, concern re involving South Eastern Regional as they are located outside of city limits)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(re amendments and edits to section 2, comments re "partnered with" as vague, comments "redevelop" as there was already a program developed a few years back, selective service not tied into the ordinance perhaps it should be, ordinance

is a “shall” as written, purpose is to encourage, BAT is separate, union issue, what worked for Boston doesn’t always work with the City of Brockton, City operates differently, ordinance needs some work with legislative council)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Farwell to report POSTPONED until an Ordinance Meeting in July 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee next considered the following:

2. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton, Chapter 19, Article 1 Section 19-1, to substitute section 19-1 in its Entirety.

Attorney Shannon Resnick appeared.

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(current ordinance lists 13 lieutenants, interested in 14, lack of police supervision in street, 1-2 supervisors some nights, interested in amendment to strike first sentence of last paragraph in ordinance)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(re 13<sup>th</sup> lieutenant conditioned on funding from school)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(re 13<sup>th</sup> lieutenant condition that he/she be assigned to the school)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(wants response from City Solicitor regarding 2 letters received from the Union’s attorney, one letter dated that day May 21<sup>st</sup>, wants to look at the budget first, concerns re contentions from Union)

Comments by Bryan Maker, Police Supervisors Union

(Union does not agree with the last paragraph of the ordinance, impact bargaining process, not opposed to increasing number of supervisors, funding language is not in an ordinance for the City Fire Department or in the Police’s current ordinance)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(City Council passes ordinances, not the Mayor. City Council proposes amendments, he has already expressed his interest in an amendment to the ordinance to work with the Union regarding their concerns)

Comments by Councilor Monahan

(comments re funding and budget)

Comments by Attorney Shapiro (attorney for Supervisor Union)

(ordinance would be “accepted” if last paragraph was stricken, collective bargaining issue, paragraph in contract for past practices and grievances which includes reference to ordinances, Union to maintain the same benefits)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(collective bargaining takes precedent)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(premature, let’s look at the budget, concern re number of entry level officers, radios, cruisers)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(same concerns, but serious concern for lack of police supervision in the City, \$200k-\$300k increase estimate in the budget, has tried to bring this up in the past, need more brass in the streets, administration can make the budget work)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(agrees interested in adding more supervisors, but also more street copes, need for a sensible/intelligent approach with the budget)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(supports idea of ordinance but concerned about the letter from the Union’s attorney and no response from the City Solicitor, wants legislative counsel to work with City Solicitor and Union attorney to resolve)

Comments by Councilor Monahan

(if we add 4 sergeants, do we lose 4 patrolmen?)

Comments by Chief of Police Crowley

(believes they would be replaced)

having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Farwell to report POSTPONED until an Ordinance Meeting in July 2018 with instructions for legislative counsel to work with City Solicitor and Attorney for Union, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried, with only Councilor Rodrigues in opposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.