

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the October 23, 2017 City Council meeting.

REPORTS:

2. Of the Ordinance Committee for its meeting of October 25, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS:

3. From the Mayor requesting favorable consideration of the acceptance of two local options under MGL c. 59, Section 5 Clause 17D and Clause 41C. The first would increase the amount of the Clause 17D property tax exemption for senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors from the current \$175.00 to \$250.00, while also increasing the allowable asset limit from \$40,000 to \$48,000. The second option would increase the Clause 41C property tax exemption for senior citizens from \$500.00 to \$750.00, decrease the minimum age limit from age 70 to 65, and increase the allowable income and asset limits to qualify. These proposed options would make more of our senior citizens eligible for both tax exemptions while increasing the dollar amounts received by those who qualify. These increased tax exemptions will provide those seniors some additional property tax relief while making many more senior citizens eligible to receive these property tax credits.
4. From the Assistant Auditor certifying that the balance of the Ambulance Fees Account as of October 23, 2017 is \$879,835.97.
5. From Chief of the Fire Department requesting a transfer of \$318,500.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Account to Department Equipment (for purchase of Radio Dispatch Console, Radio Communication Equipment, Emergency Medical Equipment and Replacement and support of direct connection equipment from Fire Alarm to EMS Stations).
6. From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the total appropriation of \$318,500.00 from Fire Dept.- Ambulance Receipts to Fire Dept.-Capital-\$312,000, and from Fire Dept.- Ambulance Receipts to Fire Dept.-Ordinary Maintenance Goods- \$6,500 (in order to purchase of Radio Dispatch Console, Radio Communication Equipment, Emergency Medical Equipment and Replacement and support of direct connection equipment from Fire Alarm to EMS Stations).
7. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the total proposed appropriation of \$318,500.00 from Fire Dept.- Ambulance Receipts to Fire Dept.-Capital-\$312,000, and from Fire Dept.- Ambulance Receipts to Fire Dept.-Ordinary Maintenance Goods- \$6,500
8. From the Chief of the Police Department requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the FY2017 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance (Heroin Grant) from the US Dept. of Justice and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office in the amount of \$50,000.
9. 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 \$50,000 from FY2017 US Dept. of Justice/Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to City of Brockton Police Dept.-FY2017 US Dept. of Justice/Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Fund (to be used to hire the services of a local agency to carry out the Champion Plan services for individuals requesting Heroin and Opioid substance abuse treatment services via the Brockton Police Department).

10. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the appropriation of \$50,000 from FY2017 US Dept. of Justice/Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to City of Brockton Police Dept.- FY2017 US Dept. of Justice/Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Fund.
11. From the Emergency Management Director requesting that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of a total grant in the amount of \$22,460 from 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant to City of Brockton Emergency Management 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant Fund (to be used to purchase interoperability radio equipment for BEMA, Fire, Police and Schools). No match required.
12. 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 \$22,460 from 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant to City of Brockton Emergency Management 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant Fund (to be used to purchase interoperability radio equipment for BEMA, Fire, Police and Schools). All goods and services for the EMPG & HMEP Grants must be procured prior to June 30, 2018. No match required.
13. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the appropriation of the total grant in the amount of \$22,460 from 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant to City of Brockton Emergency Management 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant Fund

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

14. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Chapter XXVII of the Revised Ordinance of the City of Brockton. Be it ordained by the City Council of Brockton as follows: Chapter 27. Section 27-24.3 (c)(6)(d) is hereby amended by deleting the section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following: Five hundred (500) feet from any boys' and girls' club, or registered child care center defined as any facility operated on a regular basis whether known as a day nursery, nursery school, kindergarten, child play school, day care center or preschool. Child Care center shall not include programs for behavioral or mental health services. (UNFAVORABLE in Planning, FAVORABLE in Ordinance)
15. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20 Streets and Sidewalks of the Revised Ordinance of the City of Brockton: Now Therefore be it Ordained, that Chapter 20, Article IV Section V Subsection B of the Revised Ordinance of the City of Brockton be deleted in its entirety and be replaced.(FAVORABLE, as amended) (FAVORABLE in Planning)
16. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Revised Ordinances Of the City of Brockton, Chapter 11. Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: Chapter 11. Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations, is hereby amended by adding the following Article: Article IV. Special Events (FAVORABLE) (IN CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 23, 2017, PASSED TO A THIRD READING, BY A HAND VOTE).
17. 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).(FAVORABLE in Planning with conditions) (FAVORABLE in Ordinance with stipulations) ( IN CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 28, 2017, PASSED TO A THIRD READING, WITH STIPULATIONS, BY A HAND VOTE.) (IN CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 10, 2017, REFERRED TO FINANCE) (FAVORABLE in Finance) (IN CITY COUNCIL OCTOBER 23, 2017, POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING, BY A HAND VOTE).

ORDERS:

18. Ordered: That the City of Brockton accept the provision of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5 added by Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1995, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018.
19. Ordered: That the City of Brockton accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C which authorize an increase in the value of the exemption, a decrease in the age limit, an increase in the income limits and an increase in the asset (whole estate) limit and that such changes be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018.
20. Appropriation of \$318,500.00  
From: Fire Dept.-Ambulance Receipts  
To: Fire Dept. - Capital-\$312,000, and  
From: Fire Dept.-Ambulance Receipts  
To: Fire Dept. - Ordinary Maintenance Goods- \$6,500
21. Appropriation of \$50,000  
From: FY2017 US Dept. of Justice/Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant  
To: City of Brockton Police Dept.- FY2017 US Dept. of Justice/Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Fund.
22. Appropriation: of \$22,460  
From: 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant  
To: City of Brockton Emergency Management 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant Fund
23. Resolve: That Pastor Frances of Iglesia Pentecostal (199 Crescent Street – Brockton, MA) appear before the Finance Committee to discuss her mission and goal to foster youth safe-driving workshops and initiatives within the City of Brockton and the Commonwealth.