

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Eaniri presiding. All councilors were present except Councilor DeNapoli.

1. Communication: From the City Solicitor submitting copies of the following documents:  
Settlement Agreement Brockton Power LLC, et al, v. City of Brockton, et al., 12-11047-LTS 2.  
Agreement for the Sale of AWRF Effluent 3. A copy of the concessions obtained in the Matter of Brockton Power Company, LLC, Docket No. 2011-025 (settlement documentation to be submitted by counsel of record).  
A motion has been made to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL. CH. 30 A, sec 21 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to pending litigation involving the Brockton Power v. City of Brockton, et al case as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City Council.  
The motion has been properly seconded. Roll Call vote taken by 8 YEAS & NAYS (Councilors Asack, Barnes, Dubois, Eaniri, Rodrigues, Stewart, Studenski & Sullivan) Councilors Cruise, Monahan and DeNapoli were absent.  
As chair, I hereby declare that having the discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the public body's bargaining or litigating position.  
POSTPONED TO FINANCE MEETING IN APRIL.
2. APPOINTMENT: David Teixeira, 31 No. Manchester St., Brockton as a member of the Brockton Housing Authority for a five year term ending March 2020.  
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
3. REAPPOINTMENT: Daniel S. Clague, 179 Bellevue Ave., Brockton to the Brockton Council on Aging for a three year term ending March 2018.  
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
4. ORDER:  
Appropriation: \$124,604.01  
From: Executive Office of Elder Affairs- FY2015 Formula Grant  
To: Council on Aging-Elder Affairs Grant Fund.  
(This grant is to be used for salaries, including overtime, energy, department equipment and repair, printing, office supplies and registration, memberships and subscriptions).  
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
5. ORDER:  
Appropriation: \$600.00  
From: The Massachusetts Association of Council on Aging-FY2015 Keep Moving Walking Program Grant  
To: Council on Aging Grant Fund  
(This grant is to improve the lives of people over the age of 50 by promoting physical activity to help prevent and postpone chronic disease, build healthy bodies and minds and keep individuals socially connected).  
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

6. ORDER: Appropriation of funds up \$4,000,000 in excess of amounts already appropriated for DPW-Highway-Snow Removal for the purpose of FY2015 snow removal. As it stands, this winters snow fall amount has been excessively high. The present snow removal budget of almost \$2,358,000 has been depleted. The deficit was already in excess of about \$2,300,000 before the end of February with about one month of winter storm months remaining.  
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
7. ORDER: That the City Council Attorney is directed to explore and implement any and all legal strategies and filings to maintain and uphold the City Charter and City Ordinances as they relate to the effluent contract the Mayor signed without Council order or approval.  
POSTPONED TO THE FIRST FINANCE MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, 2015.
8. ORDER: That the City hereby names the municipal building located at 60 Crescent Street as the “Paul V. Studenski Municipal Building”.  
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
9. RESOLVE: that the Superintendent of Schools be invited to appear before a Committee of this Council to provide an update relative to the Brockton School System.  
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
10. RESOLVE: That the Mayor, Chief of Police, Chief Financial Officer and the City’s Building Superintendent come before Finance Committee to discuss the position of Code Enforcement Office (in conjunction with the Police Department) and provide the Committee with an update on when this vital position will be reinstated and operational on a daily-basis.  
POSTPONED TO THE FIRST FINANCE MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, 2015.
11. RESOLVE: that the Mayor be requested to appropriate money for a study of the Brockton Police Department Staffing Span of Control and to provide recommendations for reducing supervisory positions within the department and increasing patrol officers.  
POSTPONED TO THE FIRST FINANCE MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 6, 2015.
12. RESOLVE: that the Mayor, City Solicitor, and the Chief Financial Officer be invited to appear before a Committee of this Council to review the legal and financial implications of the City’s contract with Aquaria.  
POSTPONED TO THE SECOND FINANCE MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 21, 2015.
13. RESOLVE: That the Mayor and the City Solicitor be invited to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the existing contractual agreement with Aquaria and how to ensure communication from Aquaria to the City and the City Council given the difficulty the City Council has encountered in having an Aquaria representative appear before the Council.  
POSTPONED TO THE SECOND FINANCE MEETING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 21, 2015.