

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the George M. Romm Little Theater, Fine Arts Building of Brockton High School with Councilor Eaniri presiding. All councilors were present except Council President Sullivan.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. ORDER: 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.
A motion was made by Councilor Lally and seconded by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
2. ORDER: 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.
A motion was made by Councilor Asack and seconded by Councilor Lally as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
3. ORDER: 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.
A motion was made by Councilor Lally and seconded by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
4. ORDER: 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, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way.
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Lally as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
5. ORDER: 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.
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Beauregard as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
6. ORDER:
 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
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
7. RESOLVE: that the Mayor, Director of Planning and Economic Development, Building Inspector, and the Executive Director of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority be invited to appear before a committee of this Council to review the issues relative to the condition of the 2 properties (City owned parcels at 47

West Elm Street, Assessors Map 091, Route 004, Plot 102 and Map 091, Route 005, Plot 103, West Elm Street), and the process that led to the recommendation to the City Council that the Mayor be given authority to transfer such properties to the BRA.

A motion was made by Councilor Farwell and seconded by Councilor Cruise to POSTPONE TO NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN APRIL.

8. 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.

A motion was made by Councilor Farwell and seconded by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

9. RESOLVE: To invite Senator Michael Brady, to respond to city council enquiries as to the status of the Ganley Building.

A motion was made by Councilor Asack and seconded by Councilor Studenski as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

10. RESOLVE: to invite Lt. Governor Karyn Polito to inform the city council as to the actions the state will take on the Ganley Building now in their possession due to a transaction made in a previous administration to use the property for a higher education collaborative.

A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Asack to POSTPONE.