

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Eaniri presiding. All councilors were present except.

1. ORDER: That the City Council rescind order 76 as adopted by the council on March 9, 2015, for the purpose of accepting and expending a \$339,000 40 R Smart Growth Incentive Dividend for various planning purposes. Accordingly, requesting that the City Council establish a Revolving Fund for the intended purpose in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44 Section 53E ½.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

2. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the establishment of a 40R Smart Grant Incentive Revolving Fund for said receipts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for purposes of engaging professional consulting services to prepare a city wide comprehensive plan, downtown redevelopment plan, downtown district improvement plan, Campello District Redevelopment Plan and to help fund the management by the Brockton Redevelopment Authority of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Home Program. Expenditure from the revolving fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Planning and Economic Development and shall be limited to \$350,000 in FY15.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

3. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$3,500
From: National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
Department of Health and Human Services Grant Fund
To: City of Brockton Board of Health.
These grant monies are for the purpose of building the level of volunteers for local Medical Reserve Corps.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

4. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$3,000.00
From: The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency HMEP Grant
To: Brockton Emergency Management Agency HMEP Grant Fund. (the Brockton Emergency Management Agency (BEMA) intends to use these grant funds to purchase a Panasonic Tough Pad Computer).
No match is required.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

5. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$1,015,440
From: Available Funds- Brockton's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal Year 2015
To: Highway Transportation Project Funds FY15 (Chapter 90 Projects)
(to provide additional funding for the purpose of the design and construction costs necessary for approved projects). This request is based on an increase in the in the Chapter 90 apportionment for FY15 from \$2,030,878 to \$3,046,318. Further requesting that the order and authorization designate the DPW Commissioner to carry out the work to be performed under the conditions of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract Form.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

6. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$12,000
From: Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
(EOPSS)/Highway Safety Division FY2015 Traffic Enforcement Grant
To: City of Brockton Police Department-EOPSS FY15 Traffic Enforcement Grant
Fund.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
7. ORDER:
Transfer: \$15,000
From: Fire Department Ambulance Receipts
To: Fire Department Purchase of Services.
(to be used for the payment to Perform Software Support for the period of July 1,
2015 to June 30, 2016). This provides for support services to the Computer
Aided
Dispatching (CAD) program currently in use at Fire Alarm.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
8. ORDER:
Transfer: \$90,000.00
From: Fire Department Ambulance Receipts
To: Fire Department Capital Projects
(for 911 Next Generation mandated system upgrade of the Secondary PSAP for
purchase of three Fire Alarm Operator positions). This will allow for receipt of
all
transferred 911 calls from the soon to be upgraded 911 Generation System at the
Police Station relating to Fire and EMS incidents with all available necessary
information.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
9. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the
City Council authorizes an amendment to the previously authorized Fiscal Year 2015
Abandoned Building Revolving Fund, allowing expenditures, made on the authority and
direction of the Brockton Building Commissioner, to be increased from no more than \$75,000, to no
more than \$250,000.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
10. ORDER: That the City Council of the City of Brockton hereby approves and directs the
holding of an election on May 12, 2015 for its residents to vote on whether to permit the
operation of a gaming establishment at the site of the Brockton Fairgrounds notwithstanding
that a new positive determination of suitability may not yet have been issued to Mass Gaming
& Entertainment, LLC and its related qualifiers by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission by
such date.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

11. ORDER: That the City of Brockton Government Study Committee is hereby established to be comprised of seven (7) citizens of the City, 3 of whom are to be appointed by the Mayor and 4 of whom are to be appointed by the City Council President. Each committee member shall be a registered voter and to the extent possible, possess expertise or knowledge relevant to the work of such Government Study Committee (GSC). The GSC is charged with exploring, by whatever means it deems appropriate, all aspects of local government organization and structure, the strengths and weaknesses in Brockton's current form of government and areas for improvement, alternative models of government, and recommend changes in such organization and structure, including, but not limited to, the terms of office, and the method of selection of officials, consistent with the needs of the City, and designed to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of government services.
AMENDED FAILED BY ROLL CALL TAKEN BY 3 YEAS (COUNCILORS ASACK, BARNES & STEWART) 8 NAYS (COUNCILORS CRUISE, DENAPOLI, DUBOIS, EANIRI, MONAHAN, RODRIGUES, STUDENSKI, AND SULLIVAN) OVERALL RECOMMENDED UNFAVORABLY.
AMENDED: #1 DELETE the word "AND" in front of method of selection of officials.
#2 DELETE committee recommend changes in form of government and shall present government in draft charter proposal in part of this report inserting in place the following recommendations shall be non binding.
#3 STRIKE By whatever means it deem appropriate.
12. ORDER: That in accordance with Chapter 23, Section 30 (f) (6) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton, the City Council approves the Brockton Water Commission recommended a 30% increase, -a 15% water rate increase effective July 1, 2015 and another 15% increase effective July 1, 2016. The increase will address the current needs of the Water Division including but not limited to Capital Projects, EPA/DEP Mandates and Aquaria Contract Services as well as personal services.
POSTPONED APRIL 21, 2015 TO THE FIRST FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY.
13. 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 APRIL 21, 2015 TO THE SECOND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY.
14. RESOLVE: that the Director of the Council on Aging be invited to appear before a Committee of the Council to provide an update relative to the Brockton Council on Aging and the aging population in the City of Brockton.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
15. RESOLVE: that a representative of Stonehill College be invited to appear before a Committee of this Council to review the relationship of between the City and the College relative to provision of City services.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
16. RESOLVE: that the City Solicitor be invited to appear before a Committee of this Council to Review the issue of compliance with Sec. 2-301 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

17. 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 APRIL 21, 2015 TO THE SECOND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY.
18. 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 APRIL 21, 2015 TO THE SECOND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN MAY.
19. 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.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY