

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Sullivan presiding. All councilors were present.

1. **APPOINTMENT:** of Marline Amedee of 47 Herrod Ave., Brockton to the Brockton Cultural Council for a six year term.
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Rodrigues as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

2. **APPOINTMENT:** of Frederick McDermott of 976 Ash Street, Brockton, MA to the Board of Elections Commission to replace William J. Pribusauskas for a four year term.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan and seconded by Councilor Lally as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

3. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of David Lynch, 30 Quincy St., Brockton, as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of 3 (three) years.
A motion was made by Councilor Studenski and seconded by Councilor Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

4. **ORDER:**
 Appropriation of \$338,500
 From Available Funds-Vacant and Abandoned Building Fund
 To Public Property-Purchase of Services (Demolition)
 For purposes of contributing to the anticipated cost of demolishing 47 West Elm Street.
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Studenski as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY WITH OPINION FROM LEGAL COUNSEL PRIOR TO NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

5. **ORDER:**
 Appropriation of \$250,000
 From Personal Services other than Overtime
 To: Police Personal Services Overtime
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Eaniri as COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO TABLE.

6. **ORDER:**
 Appropriation of \$28,566
 From: Personal Services-Overtime Time- \$3,500,
 Personal Services- Part Time - \$12,000,
 Parking Authority Reserves- \$13,066
 To: OM Services Electricity- \$3,500 and Snow Removal \$25,066
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Beauregard as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

7. ORDER:

Appropriation: of \$21,299.30

From: Ambulance Receipts

To: Fire Department-Other Contract Services (in order to dispatch Fire and EMS responders from Fire Stations and contracted ambulance sites).

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

8. ORDER:

Appropriation of \$75,000

From: Treasurer's Debt-Interest Short Term Notes

To: Treasurer's- Medicare Tax in order to cover the expected shortfall due to budget cuts and unanticipated overtime through the remainder of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Beauregard as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

9. ORDER:

Transfer: of: \$8,000

From: Board of Health-Personal Services other than Overtime

To: Board of Health-Purchase of Services.

A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Beauregard as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

10. ORDER: That the sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs of developing a parking garage, and for making street and traffic improvements within the Development District approved by the City and being undertaken in conjunction with Trinity Financial, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40Q (the District Improvement Financing statute), M.G.L. c. 44 and/or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City, although such bonds or notes shall be payable in the first instance from property tax revenue expected to be derived from new development within the Development District. The amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this order shall be expended in addition to all amounts received by the City from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and from Trinity Financial to pay costs of the project. Ordered: That the City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds or notes of the City authorized by this vote, and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require.

A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY AS AMENDED. Ordered further: Pursuant to The Downtown Urban Renewal Plan adopted the City Council in 2016, The Brockton Redevelopment Authority, acting by and through its executive director, shall approve all plans, all expenditures of public funds, and shall maintain all records related to the construction of the parking garage project. The authority shall ensure compliance with all applicable state and federal laws relating to public construction projects.

11. **ORDER:** Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan and seconded by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
12. **ORDER:** That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for fiscal year 2018 for the re-authorization of the Parking Authority Revolving Fund to receive revenues from Parking Violations Fines up to and including the amount of \$250,000
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
13. **ORDER:** That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2018 from the cash receipts from Comcast, such expenditures not to exceed \$750,000.00.
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
14. **ORDER:** That the City hereby accepts as a grant and gift from Jeffre Jay Donahue, Jr., of four dog houses pursuant to M.G.L., Ch.44, Section 53A ½ to be donated to four residents of the City as deemed necessary by the Brockton Animal Control Department. The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such gift.
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Lally as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
15. **ORDER:** That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2018 for the sole purpose of funding the creation and maintenance of the Abandoned Building Registry as well as the closing and boarding up of vacant and abandoned buildings, provided that no more than \$250,000 may so be expended for the fund during FY 2018.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell and seconded by Councilor Cruise as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
16. **ORDER:** That the City Council authorizes the re-establishment of a revolving fund for fiscal year 2018 for the sole purpose of helping to fund the cost in connection with the demolition of buildings in the City of Brockton.
A motion was made by Councilor Cruise and seconded by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
17. **RESOLVE:** to invite Ms. Lynn Smith the organizer for the June 11, 2017 event “Campello 100 Years Ago” to inform the residents and the city council about this community event celebrating the history of the south side of Brockton.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard and seconded by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

18. RESOLVE: To invite Ms. Sara Morris the Coordinator of the newly created Downtown Center for Community Engagement Office and allow her to present information on the services provided through the Center that are available to volunteer based organizations in the city and to discuss their community gardening program to the city council.

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