

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Cruise presiding. All councilors were present except Councilor Monahan.

1. ORDER: That the City Council approves a request for an exemption from Article III, Sec. 2-110 of the Revised Ordinance.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Studenski as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

2. ORDINANCE: An Ordinance Amending Chapter II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton by Amending Division II, the Employee Classification Plan.
A motion was made by Councilor Asack second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY to send back to Ordinance.

3. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$142,000.00
FROM: Un-appropriated Estimated Receipts - Ordinary Revenue FY2017
TO: Police Department - Overtime, to provide additional funding in the police overtime budget to ensure continuity of services in the months of August and September.
A motion was made by Councilor Eaniri second by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED UNFAVORABLY

4. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$183,000
From: UNAPPROPRIATED ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINARY REVENUE FY2017
To: POLICE DEPARTMENT - PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME
to provide funding for two additional Emergency Telephone Dispatchers.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Studenski as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY as amended reduce by \$53,000.00 to \$130,000.00.

5. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$60,000.00
From: UNAPPROPRIATED ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINARY REVENUE FY2017
To: BOARD of HEALTH- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME,
to provide funding for a vacant position of a sanitary inspector currently unfunded in the FY2017 budget.
A motion was made by Councilor Eaniri second by Councilor Beauregard as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

6. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$12,000
From: UNAPPROPRIATED ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINARY REVENUE FY2017
To: TRAFFIC COMMISSION - ORDINARY MAINTENANCE SERVICES
to provide funding for the consulting engineering studies of several intersections.
This was requested by the commission in its budget request, but not funded in the Mayor's Budget.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

7. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$18,000.00
From: UNAPPROPRIATED ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINARY REVENUE FY2017
To: COUNCIL ON AGING- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME,
to provide funding for an additional part-time staff position in FY2017.
A motion was made by Councilor Rodrigues second by Councilor Barnes to POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT MEETING.
8. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$50,000
FROM: UNAPPROPRIATED ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINARY REVENUE FY2017
\$50,000
TO: DPW ENGINEERING-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME-
\$37,000 and
DPW MAINTENANCE - PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME-
\$13,000,
to provide additional funding for the newly hired city engineer, and to correct a calculation error on the salary chart for the Maintenance Division.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY as amended reduce by \$25,000.00 to \$25,000.00.
9. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$75,000
From: UNAPPROPRIATED ESTIMATED RECEIPTS ORDINARY REVENUE FY2017
To: DPW WATER COMMISSION - WATER ENTERPRISE FUND -DESALINATION CHARGES to provide additional funding for up to 15 days of purchase of desalinated water during the summer at the full contractual amount. The funds will allow the city to exercise a sustained, full test of the system.
A motion was made by Councilor Eaniri second by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
10. ORDER:
Transfer:
FROM: AMBULANCE RECEIPTS \$10,000
TO: FIRE DEPARTMENT- OM SERVICES-TELEPHONE \$10,000
These funds will be used to pay for the monthly payment of air cards for use in laptops and tablets for all apparatus and ambulances for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. These air cards allow for a constant flow of information between Fire Alarm and the responding apparatus and ambulances during dispatch and while on scene at accidents.
A motion was made by Councilor Studenski second by Councilor Sullivan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
11. ORDER: That the City Council approves the First Addendum to the November 10, 2014 Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Abington and authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documents to effectuate the same.
A motion was made by Councilor Barnes second by Councilor Eaniri 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 the Animal Control Revolving Fund, not to exceed \$5,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2017 for the sole purpose of receiving deposits for the spaying or neutering of animals with expenditures restricted to the care of animals, such expenditures to be at the direction of the Director of Animal Control.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Eaniri to POSTPONE TO THE AUGUST FINANCE MEETING.

13. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment the K9 Unit Revolving Fund for FY17, for the sole purpose of helping to fund the cost in connection with the K9 Unit of the Brockton Police Department. The K9 Unit Revolving Fund shall receive the receipts of the sale of canines born to the existing K9 Unit. Expenditures from the K9 Unit Revolving Fund shall be made at the direction of the Chief of Police, provided that not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) may be so expended from the K9 Unit Revolving Fund during FY17.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Eaniri to POSTPONE TO THE AUGUST FINANCE MEETING.
14. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-establishment approves the re-authorization of the Police Department-Closed Cases Revolving Fund for FY2017, for the sole purpose of spending by the Police Chief for ordinary maintenance expenses of the police department. The Police Department Closed Cases Revolving Fund shall receive monies in police possession from closed cases. Expenditures from the Police Department-Closed Cases Revolving Fund shall be made at the direction of the Police Chief provided that not more than \$35,000 may be so expended from the fund during FY 17.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Eaniri to POSTPONE TO THE AUGUST FINANCE MEETING.
15. ORDER: The City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the amount of \$1, 276,000 from THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSWORKS PROGRAM to CITY OF BROCKTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT MASSWORKS PROGRAM GRANT FUND. (to fund roadway reconstruction and streetscape improvements along Centre Street) There is no required match.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Sullivan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
16. ORDER: The City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the amount of \$30,000 from THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY COMPACT PROGRAM to CITY OF BROCKTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY COMPACT PROGRAM FUND, in order to plan the first step in securing funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for critical building and rehabilitation project.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Studenski as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
17. ORDER: The City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the amount of \$40,000 from THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION-DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES GRANT to CITY OF BROCKTON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES GRANT FUND. (for inventorying horizontal infrastructure through the purchase of GIS hardware and support of field work.) There is an in-kind match of \$4,012 for this grant.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Studenski as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

18. ORDER: Loan Order \$900,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs of developing a municipal and schools facilities master plan, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, the City, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under the pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, &7(21) and &7(22) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore. Further 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. (THE CFO'S CERTIFICATION IS A CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION -PROVIDED THAT THE CITY WILL APPROPRIATE ITS PRESENT UNUSED TAX LEVY CAPACITY WHICH CURRENTLY EXCEEDS \$3 MILLION, TO PAY THE ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE COSTS WHEN IT COMES DUE.)

A motion was made by Councilor Eaniri second by Councilor Studenski as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

19. ORDER: Loan Order \$6,600,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs designing and constructing sewer mains and related appurtenances, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the City, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under the pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, &7(1) and/or &8(15), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore. Any borrowing pursuant to this order may be undertaken through the facilities of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust"), and to that end, any appropriate official off the City is authorized to enter into one or more loan and security agreements with the Trust and one or more project regulatory agreements with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, as may be required in connection with any financing though the Trust. Further 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. (THE CFO'S CERTIFICATION IS A CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION provided that the City Council be willing to periodically increase rates so that the sewer enterprise fund remains fully self-sufficient.)

A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Barnes as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

20. ORDER: Loan Order \$1,100,000.00 is appropriated to pay costs designing and making sewer flow metering improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the City, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under the pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, &7(1) and/or &8(15), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore. Any borrowing pursuant to this order may be undertaken through the facilities of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust"), and to that end, any appropriate official off the City is authorized to enter into one or more loan and security agreements with the Trust and one or more project regulatory agreements with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, as may be required in connection with any financing though the Trust. Further 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. (THE CFO'S CERTIFICATION IS A CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION, provided that the city council is willing to periodically increase rates so that the sewer enterprise fund remains fully self-sufficient.)

A motion was made by Councilor Barnes second by Councilor Sullivan as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

21. ORDER: Loan Order \$4,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs of making energy efficiency improvements to the City's street lighting system, including associated design and engineering services, the conversion of standard lighting devices to LED devices, fixture upgrades and the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the City, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, &7(3B), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore. Further 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 Sullivan second by Councilor Barnes as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
22. RESOLVE: That the Mayor or his designee, the Collector-Treasurer, and the City Solicitor or his designee be invited to appear before a committee of the City Council to update Council members on the status of the Whitman dispute and efforts to obtain payment.
A motion was made by Councilor Studenski second by Councilor Asack as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
23. RESOLVE: That the City's Mayor and Solicitor come before the Finance Committee to provide a status update and to discuss re-acquiring the real property located at 226 Main Street (commonly known as "the Ganley Building") that was conveyed by the City [for nominal consideration] to the Commonwealth for purposes of using the property as a College Collaborative.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Asack to POSTPONE TO THE SEPTEMBER FINANCE MEETING.
24. RESOLVE: That the record owner of 121 Main Street, the Mayor, Superintendent of Buildings, City Solicitor, a representative of the 21st. Century Corp., and Gary Leonard be invited to appear before a Committee of this Council to discuss the demolition of the building, the cost to the City, recouping the cost, and plans for the redevelopment of the property.
A motion was made by Councilor Barnes second by Councilor Sullivan as COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO TABLE.
25. RESOVLE: To have members of the staff of Brockton 21st Century Corp along with Mayor Carpenter inform the City Council on current projects taking place to promote further economic development, new business, maintaining business and other outstanding issues being faced by this organization.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Eaniri to POSTPONE TO THE NEXT FINANCE MEETING.
26. RESOLVE: That the Brockton Water Systems Manager, a representative of the Brockton Water Commission, a representative of the Central Plymouth County Water District Commission, Mr. Alex Mansfield and Ms. Pine DuBois of the Jones River Watershed Association be invited to a meeting of the City Council to discuss issues affecting the quality and quantity of the city's water resources. (The address of Jones River Jones River Watershed Association is 55 Landing Rd Kingston, MA 02364.)
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Sullivan to POSTPONE TO THE SEPTEMBER FINANCE MEETING.
27. RESOLVE: To have Matthew Zahler of Trinity Financial Corp and any other individual from this company to update the City Council as to the development of a parking garage at the Enterprise Block and any information regarding a restaurant inside this establishment.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Sullivan to POSTPONE TO THE SEPTEMBER FINANCE MEETING.

28. RESOLVE: That the Chairman of the Board of Assessors report to the City Council on the process and steps followed in assessing the value of homes in the City.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Sullivan to POSTPONE TO THE SEPTEMBER FINANCE MEETING.

29. RESOLVE: That the Plymouth Registrar of Deeds be requested to appear before a Committee of this Council to provide information on the current status of foreclosures within the City.
A motion was made by Councilor Studenski second by Councilor Rodrigues as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY