

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Cruise presiding. All councilors were present.

1. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$9,000.00.
From: Un-appropriated Estimated Receipts- Ordinary Revenue FY2017
To: Council on Aging Personal Services Other Than Overtime.
(To allow the hiring of a full time staff assistant for the final three quarters of the Fiscal Year.)
A motion was made by Councilor Rodrigues second by Councilor Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
2. 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 Asack as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
3. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$75,000
From: appropriated 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 Sullivan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY AS AMENDED. To amend the forgoing order by adding at the end there of: The CFO shall request a waiver by Aquaria of the said amount of \$75,000.00 but a negative response shall on no way effect this appropriation. All other language of said order shall remain as stated therein.
4. ORDER: That pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. ch. 44, sec. 53A, the City Council hereby authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the donation from CDM Smith made to the Department of Public Works. The list of donated items is going to be discarded by CDM Smith.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Sullivan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
5. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$25,000.
From: The Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development Commonwealth Community Compact Grant Program.
To: City of Brockton Planning and Economic Development-Commonwealth Community Compact Grant Fund.
A motion was made by Councilor Monahan second by Councilor Barnes as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
6. ORDER: That pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 44, sec. 53A, the City Council hereby authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the donation of \$8,668.98 from Brophy and Phillips to: City of Brockton-Planning and Economic Development Department to replace the existing swing set and slide/climbing equipment at the Ashfield School.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Bill Carpenter
A motion was made by Councilor Lally second by Councilor Barnes as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.

7. 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 Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
8. 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 Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
9. 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 Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
10. RESOLVE: That the Brockton City Council opposes lifting the cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools.
A motion was made by Councilor Beauregard second by Councilor Monahan as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY.
11. RESOLVE: That the City's CFO and Treasurer appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the practice and procedure of credit-card authorization and usage by certain City employees.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Eaniri as RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY to move to Accounts Committee.
12. RESOLVE: The Mayor or his designee, the Police Chief and Fire Chief or their designees, the Chairman of the License Commission or his designee, the Executive Director of the Board of Health, and the Superintendent of Buildings be invited to appear before a committee of the City Council to discuss ongoing code enforcement activities, available staffing, as well as specific objectives for the next fiscal year.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell second by Councilor Lally to Postpone until first meeting in November.
13. RESOLVE: That the Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, City Solicitor, Board of Health Director, and other relative City employees, appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the recent actions taken by the City to vacate "Tent City" on privately-owned property.
A motion was made by Councilor Sullivan second by Councilor Monahan to Postpone until first meeting in October.
14. 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 Monahan to Postpone until first meeting in October.