

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Eaniri presiding. All councilors were present except Councilors DeNapoli.

1. APPOINTMENT: Officer David Santos of the Brockton Police Department as a Weigher of Trucks in the City of Brockton.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

2. ORDER: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance of a donation of 2 retired DIAL-A-BAT minibuses
From: Brockton Area Transit Authority
To: City of Brockton Police Department
The only stipulation is that the Brockton Police Department pays the cost of the leased tires; a total of \$800.00 for both vehicles. The department will do this from its FY16 budget.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

3. ORDER:
Appropriation: of \$500.00
From: Spectra Energy Foundation
To: City of Brockton Fire Department Spectra Energy Foundation Grant Fund.
(the intended use for these funds is towards the purchase of one laptop computer to be used in the field for hazardous materials responses, code enforcement and fire prevention activities).
This is a non-matching grant with no cost to the city.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

4. ORDER:
Appropriation: of \$300.00
From: HarborOne Bank
To: City of Brockton Fire Department
(the intended use is in the area of youth, education and prevention).
This is a donation with no cost to the City.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

5. ORDER:
Appropriation: of \$571,152
From: McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act of FY2016
To: Non-Net School Spending Budget.
(This act provides funds to reimburse some costs of the mandated transportation associated with homeless students and provide additional buses to serve all eligible students)
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

6. ORDER:
Appropriation: of \$15,000
From: Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners State Plan for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Program entitled "Serving Tweens and Teens"
To: Brockton Library Department: Library Services Technology Act Direct Grant Program Fund. (These funds will be disbursed by the MBL in the amount of \$7,500 for the fiscal year 2016 and an additional \$7,500 for fiscal year 2017. These funds are for the STEM program, which works to support and improve science and technology education. There is no match requirement)
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY
7. ORDER:
Appropriation: of \$40,000.00
From: Overlay Surplus – FY 2008
To: DPW Highway Department- Ordinary Maintenance
(To provide purchase and installation of holiday decorations and lights for the new lights on Main Street and for City Hall Plaza)
PASSED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON 10/13/15.
8. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$6,395,631
From: FY2016 Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of Water Enterprise Fund
To: DPW-Water Enterprise: Desal Fixed Charge \$6,395,631.00
(This appropriation will allow the Water Department to pay the FY2016)
POSTPONED TO THE SECOND FINANCE MEETING BEING HELD IN NOVEMBER.
9. RESOLVE: That the City Council hereby requests that Brian Moriary and Cindy Pendergast or a representative of Neighborworks, a Southern, MA program, comes before a committee of this council to report and lay out the plan for this organization.
COMMITTEE HAS VOTED TO THIS TO BE TABLED
10. RESOLVE: that the Mayor and City Solicitor be invited to appear before a Committee of this Council to report on what is being done to have the Commonwealth return to the City the Ganley Building Property and if nothing is being done, to discuss commencing efforts to have the Commonwealth return this Property to the City.
POSTPONED TO THE LAST FINANCE MEETING BEING HELD IN DECEMBER.
11. RESOLVE: That the City Council hereby requests that a representative and/or Representatives of Aquaria appear before the Finance Committee to address questions pertaining to the Desalinization water contract.
POSTPONED TO THE SECOND FINANCE MEETING BEING HELD IN NOVEMBER.