

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chamber with Councilor Eaniri presiding. All councilors were present except Councilors DeNapoli and Councilor Stewart.

1. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$553,978
From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of FY2016 (Tax Levy New Growth)
To: various departments
(This appropriation is needed in order to provide funding for the labor costs to be incurred in FY16 for the two proposed collective bargaining agreements between the City and the Brockton City Employees Union.)
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

2. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$108,355
From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of FY2016 (Tax Levy New Growth)
To: Various Departments
(In order to provide funding for the labor costs, including retroactive costs, of a collective bargaining agreement between the City and its Department Heads Union Employees Local 888 unit of SEIU, for the three year period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.)
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

3. ORDER:
Appropriation: \$416,816
From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of FY2016 (Tax Levy New Growth)
To: Various Departments
(This appropriation is needed in order to provide funding for the labor costs to be incurred in FY16 for the two proposed collective bargaining agreements between the City and the Brockton City Hall Administrative Services Association. The first is for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.)
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

4. ORDER: That sum of \$2,800,000 is appropriated to pay costs of various energy conservation improvements to City buildings, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, such improvements to be made in accordance with an Energy Services Agreement between the City and Ameresco, Inc.,
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

5. ORDER: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes a revolving fund for fiscal year 2016, for the purpose of funding overtime expenditures in the Fire Department to be paid from reimbursements to the city from third parties for authorized overtime. The Fire Department Reimbursable Overtime Revolving Fund shall receive the receipts of payments from reimbursements for overtime expenditures from various sources for such purposes as Hazardous Material Team Response and Training, 911 Emergency Dispatch Training, and training for the Plymouth County Technical Response Team. The expenditures from the fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Fire Chief, provided that not more than \$50,000 may be so expended during fiscal year 2016. The Fire Chief shall comply with the reporting requirements of M.G.L., Ch. 44, Section 53 ½.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

6. 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)

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

7. ORDER;

Appropriation: \$500,000

From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of the Water Enterprise Fund (rate increase)

To: Water Enterprise Fund:

PS Overtime \$200,000

OM Goods/Supplies \$100,000

EPA Mandate \$50,000

Expense Reimbursement

to the General Fund \$150,000

(In order to restore certain cuts made to the Water Enterprise budget, paid for by the anticipated extra revenue)

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

8. ORDER: That according to the requirements of Massachusetts Department of Revenue Bulletin 2015-07B, requesting the City Council authorize the amortization of the FY2015 snow and ice removal deficit of \$2,459,730.62 in not more than three equal installments beginning in FY2016.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

9. ORDER: That the DPW Commissioner is authorized to issue one industrial sewer connection at 353 Howard Street (parcel ID 182-043, plot 40-1) for the property owned by John Lyons (Air Distribution Company).

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

10. ORDER: That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into the Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Brockton, Town of West Bridgewater, and the new Family Dollar Store.

RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

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.
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

12. RESOLVE: That the Brockton City Council calls upon our elected officials in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives to oppose the TPP and any similar trade deals if they fail to restructure the misguided and failed policies of the past
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY