

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on **Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the **Council Chamber, City Hall** with Councilor Sullivan presiding. All councilors were present, except Councilor Monahan.

1. ORDER:

Appropriation of \$52,000

From: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MASS
DEP), Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant

To: Refuse Department

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

2. ORDER:

Appropriation of \$318,500.00

From: Fire Dept.-Ambulance Receipts

To: Fire Dept. – Capital-\$312,000, and

From: Fire Dept.-Ambulance Receipts

To: Fire Dept. – Ordinary Maintenance Goods- \$6,500

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

3. ORDER:

Appropriation of \$22,460

From: 2016 Emergency Management Planning (EMPG) Grant

To: City of Brockton Emergency Management 2016 Emergency Management
Planning (EMPG) Grant Fund

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

4. ORDER: That the DPW is authorized to issue one single family home sewer connection to Neuza Barros, for the property located at 473 Howard Street, Brockton, MA.
A motion was made by Councilor Farwell and seconded by Councilor Lally as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

5. ORDER: That the City of Brockton accept the provision of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5 added by Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1995, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilor Barnes and seconded by Councilor Farwell as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

6. ORDER: That the City of Brockton accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C which authorize an increase in the value of the exemption, a decrease in the age limit, an increase in the income limits and an increase in the asset (whole estate) limit and that such changes be effective for exemptions granted

for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Councilor Barnes and seconded by Councilor Farwell as
RECOMMENDED FAVORABLY

7. RESOLVE: That Pastor Frances of Iglesia Pentecostal (199 Crescent Street -Brockton, MA) appear before the Finance Committee to discuss her mission and goal to foster youth safe-driving workshops and initiatives within the City of Brockton and the Commonwealth

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

8. RESOLVE: To have representatives of the Brockton Partnership, an informal group of businesses, come before the City Council, to talk about the reason they have come together and the potential purpose.

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

9. RESOLVE: That the Superintendent of Schools and such other staff as she may designate be invited to the first Finance Committee meeting in October, 2017 to provide an overview of the opening of schools and ongoing issues relating to funding, staffing, and educational equity for Brockton's school population.

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

10. RESOLVE: The Director of Planning and Economic Development appear before a committee of the City Council to discuss the original Urban Renewal Plan, required modifications to the plan, changes in fiscal projections, and specific actions taken to date toward implementation of the plan as submitted and approved by the City Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Farwell and seconded by Councilor Asack as
COMMITTEE VOTED TO TABLE

11. RESOLVE: to invite Ms. Paula Fisher assistant director of the Plymouth County Development Council/Convention and Visitors Bureau to present briefly how Brockton can benefit from a collaboration with this organization, acquire representation and become more involved with the upcoming events for celebrating four hundred years of Plymouth in 2020.

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