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**CITY OF BROCKTON  
WATER COMMISSION  
Minutes  
April 9, 2018**

**Present:** Ossie Jordan, Chairman/Commissioner  
Bernie Hassan, Commissioner  
Jim Bragg, Commissioner  
Dan Murphy, Commissioner  
Brian Creedon, Water Systems Manager  
April Troxell, Secretary

**Absent:** Harland Osgood, Commissioner  
Larry Rowley, DPW Commissioner

**Attending:** David Driscoll; Hajjar Management  
Ben Chudak; BRG Group  
Anne Beauregard, Councilor Ward 5

Chairman, Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Mr. Creedon noted that Commissioner Osgood and DPW Commissioner Rowley will not be attending. Chairman Jordan asked for the approval of the March 20, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Murphy moved for discussion of the minutes. Commissioner Murphy noted that page two paragraph #7 minor corrections were needed. Chairman, Jordan called for a vote on the amended minutes with the minor changes and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Jordan asked Mr. Creedon if there was anything to report on water mains and staffing. Mr. Creedon reported that hydrant flushing was unable to be performed in 2017 due to lack water. The Water Department will be starting hydrant flushing Monday, April 16, 2018. Notices will be in the Brockton Enterprise and on the City's web site. Commissioner Hassan noted that with today's social media there should be a better way to notify the public. He asked if Brockton has a Facebook page notifications can be put on. Commissioner Murphy suggested that all the City Councilors put the flushing notices on their social pages to keep the constituents in their wards notified. Anne Beauregard said that she would suggest it at the meeting on April 9, 2018 to all the Councilors.

Commissioner Bragg asked if we are diverting at this time and what is the timeline on putting in the screen at Furnace Pond. Mr. Creedon said that herring are delayed due to weather. They are running in the North River and in Middleboro at this time. Mr. Creedon stated that the new screen is to be in by June 2018.

Chairman Jordan asked Mr. Creedon to discuss the flows. He stated that he has distributed both the April and March flows and last year's March flows and the usage seems to be lower due to the Veteran's Hospital no longer using the public water supply to do the laundry at the Brockton facility. The City's water usage is down around 9 million gallons per day. The V.A stopped taking large volume in October 2017. Whitman usage remains 8-9% average of our total. Hanson and Halifax have redone their wells and water tanks. They only uses Brockton as an emergency water source.

Chairman Jordan invited 69 N. Montello Street represented by Mr. Ben Chudak to present a proposal to the Water Commission. Mr. Chudak is requesting that the four story brick building be redeveloped into 35 (thirty five) residential units, consisting of thirty five bedrooms. Requesting 2,625 (two thousand six hundred and twenty five) gallons of water per day requested. Per Mr. Chudak plans are in with the Planning Board at City hall. **Commissioner Hassan moved to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and voted was unanimously at 10:30 a.m...** To approve the proposal for reconnection of 69 N. Montello St. and it was unanimously approved @ Mr. Creedon will issue the connection permit with the rules and regulations set by the commission. Mr. Chudak was notified by Mr. Creedon that he will be put on temporary water until a certificate of fitness is issues from the Board of Health.

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Chairman Jordan invited 133 Colonial Bell Drive represented by Mr. David Driscoll to present a proposal to the Water Commission on behalf of Hajjar Management Company. Location at 133 -135 Colonial Bell Drive currently has 1 (one) domestic service which feeds two addresses. Mr. Driscoll stated that an additional service is being requested for 135 Colonel Bell Drive for pressure issues. Commissioner Hassan agrees that where there is two addresses an additional line proposal for a second domestic service to be installed at 135 Colonial Bell Drive can be installed. **Commissioner Bragg moved to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Hassan. Commissioner Murphy voted against the connected as it is contrary to established policy, motion was voted to approve at 10: 50 a.m...** Mr. Creedon will issue the connection permit with the rules and regulations set by the commission. Mr. Driscoll was notified that a premium assessment fee must be paid to the City of Brockton prior to the tapping of the city water supply.

Mr. Creedon informed the board that the permit for the Brockton Water Commission hearing dated for April 26, 2018 permit was granted for the Arnone Theatre from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m... The Commission was also informed that Mr. Condon was unable to make the meeting today due to a prior commitment. Per Mr. Creedon, Mr. Condon does not feel that the rate increase scheduled for January 1, 2019 of 2.5 % is sufficient. With the decrease in high volume users at present revenues are expected to be down. Mr. Creedon reviewed the outstanding debts owed by the water division as in Mr. Condon's email. Commissioner Murphy would like an explanation on the debt and how the Enterprise Funds are budgeted, cuts, and reviewed by everyone but the Water Commission. Commissioner Murphy asked how the commission can be asked to set water rates when they do not set a budget. The Commissioners asked that John Condon, Chief Financial Officer be present at the meeting.

**Special meeting to take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 10:00.** – In preparation for rate hearing meeting.

Chairman Jordan and Commissioner Murphy have asked that Mr. Creedon please bring the full ordinance pertaining to service connection and separations of services to the May meeting for a full discussion. Chairman Jordan also stated he would like to review the ordinance at the May meeting in detail.

The Commission agreed that we are in the Normal Phase of the Drought Management Plan with no water restriction.

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m...**

**Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hassan and passed unanimously.  
The meeting adjourned at 11:45 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted**

April M. Troxell

**Certified by:**

Brian M. Creedon,  
Water Systems Manager  
Clerk of the Commission