

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM** at the War Memorial Building, 156 West Elm Street, Brockton, MA to consider the following with Councilor Eaniri presiding. Ten members present, Councilor Cruise absent.

1. **APPOINTMENT:** Of Ilias Potsis of 92 Margery Rd., Brockton, to the Brockton Parking Authority to serve unexpired term of Charles Hickey, expiring October 2019.

Invited to attend:

Ilias Potsis

Comments by Ilias Potsis

(Thanked everyone and was open to answer any questions from the City Council. Stated he has been a resident since 1969 and moved to Brockton when he was 12. He moved between Greece and Brockton three times and always came back here. He stated that he now wants to participate and get involved in city government and give back to the City.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Sullivan to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

2. **APPROPRIATION:**

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$218,549.68

From: The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security/State 911 Dept-FY19
State 911 Training Grant and EMD/Regulatory Compliance Grant

To: City of Brockton Police Dept-FY19 State 911 Training Grant and
EMD/Regulatory Compliance Grant Fund.

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
John Crowley, Chief, Police or his designee

Comments by Councilor Eaniri

(Stated Chief Crowley could not be present but Captain Hallisey would be present as his designee.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Stated that this is an annual grant.)

Comments by Captain Hallisey

(Stated that this grant is for mandated training for all dispatchers.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$315,586

From: The Executive Office of the Public Safety and Security/State 911 Dept-
FY19 Public Safety Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communication
Center Support and Incentive Grant

To: City of Brockton Police Dept-FY19 Public Safety Answering Point and
Regional Emergency Communication Center Support and Incentive Grant Fund.

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

John Crowley, Chief, Police or his designee

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by
Councilor Sullivan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

4. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$20,000.00

From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance
Addiction Services (BSAS)- FY2019 First Responders Naloxone Grant

To: City of Brockton Police Department-FY2019 First Responders Naloxone
Grant Program Fund.

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

John Crowley, Chief, Police or his designee

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Sullivan to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by
Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$331,062

From: Executive Office of Health and Human Service's-FY19 Safe and
Successful Youth Initiative Grant

To: City of Brockton Police Dept-FY19 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative
Grant Fund.

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

John Crowley, Chief, Police or his designee

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Wanted to let the public know that this funding is for street outreach, case
management, behavioral health, and educational services for a targeted group of

young men ages 17-24. Participating agencies include the Brockton Police Department, YMCA, and BAWIB.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Nicaastro to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Beauregard. Motion carried by a hand vote.

6. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$30,000

From: Massachusetts Trial Court-Office of the Commissioner of Probation-FY2018 Diverting Juveniles and Emerging Adults From Criminal Justice System Involvement Grant

To: City of Brockton Police Dept-FY2018 Diverting Juveniles and Emerging Adults from Criminal Justice System Involvement Fund.

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
John Crowley, Chief, Police or his designee

Comments from Councilor Sullivan

(Asked CFO John Condon if there were any matches on the grant.)

Comments from John Condon

(This particular grant has no match required.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Beauregard to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$10,529

From: Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners-FY19 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant

To: City of Brockton Public Library-FY19 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Direct Grant Fund.

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Engle, Director, Library

Comments from Paul Engle

(The program is called Brockton Kids Can Code and elementary grade school kids who will be learning how to code on iPads and open source software from Apple.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Sullivan to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

8. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$4,967.21

From: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) 2017 SHSP Grant

To: City of Brockton-Emergency Management Agency (EMA) 2017 SHSP Grant Fund

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

Stephen Hooke, Jr., Director, Brockton Emergency Management

Comment from Stephen Hooke

(This is an annual grant, community support emergency response team.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

9. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$47,000

From: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) MVP Mass Vulnerability preparedness Grant

To: City of Brockton-Emergency Management Agency (EMA) MVP Mass Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Fund, in order to plan for climate change resiliency and implementing priority projects.

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

Stephen Hooke, Jr., Director, Brockton Emergency Management

Comments from Councilor Beauregard

(Asked Mr. Hooke if he would be able to give info about weather conditions such as hurricanes and tropical storms through community access.)

Comments from Stephen Hooke

(Hooke responded yes; maybe not exactly ready at the moment but there are four cameras set up for streaming.)

Comments from Councilor Rodrigues

(Asked Mr. Hooke how Brockton compares to other communities in terms of grant funding, in this case emergency management funding.)

Comments from Stephen Hooke

(Most funding comes from Federal grants that trickle down to the State level and this one is based on population. Hooke stated Brockton is 2nd tier from the top. He always applies for the max amount of grant funding. In this case it was a competitive grant and only 80 other communities received it.)

Comments from Councilor Nicastro

(Thanked Mr. Hooke for the work he's done on a limited budget.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Beauregard to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

10. APPROPRIATION:

Of the total grant award in the amount of \$6,186,098

From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of the FY19 General Fund

To: Net School Spending

Invited to attend:

John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

Aldo E. Petronio, Chief Budget Officer, Brockton Public Schools

Comments from Aldo Petronio

(At the time the budget is set the Governor gives his appropriation for what to give communities and since then the House and Senate weighs in their input during the Conference Committee and decides final budget. From what the Governor proposed and where it ended there has been an additional approximately three million dollars in Ch. 70 Funding. Also approximately 2.9 million dollars in Relief Funding (Brockton Kids Campaign). Brockton and ten other communities received this additional aid this year. Those two numbers and final amounts for formula used for charter schools makes it \$6,186,098.)

Comments from Councilor Eaniri

(Stated that we made out this year.)

Comments from Councilor Asack

(Happy to have received the additional funding. Asked Aldo the source for the extra money.)

Comments from Aldo Petronio

(Additional funding came from Chapter 70 Funds, Charter School Reimbursements, and transitional relief. The transitional relief was due to the fact that the new formula the State used cut out 4500 students from the low income category which doesn't work for urban centers like Brockton.)

Comments from Councilor Asack

(Stated that students went to the State House and participated in trying to get this additional funding and that their voices were heard.)

Comments from Councilor Farwell

(Thanked Senator Brady, State Representatives Cronin, Cassidy, and Dubois. Also thanked all of the school committee members, the Mayor, parents, Superintendent and her staff on keeping the pressure on to resolve this issue.)

Comments from Aldo Petronio

(Stated that the Superintendent could not be present because it is the first day of school and the school committee always has a meeting the same day but they had a very successful opening.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.