

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The standing Committee on Finance will meet on **Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00PM** at the **Arnone School in the auditorium, 135 Belmont St.**, to consider the following with Councilor Sullivan presiding. Nine members present, Councilor Monahan and Councilor Derenoncourt absent.

1. APPOINTMENT: of Mario Lopes Alves, 23 Smith Ave., Brockton, MA as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years
Invited: Mario Lopes

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

2. APPOINTMENT: of Lohan S.O. Moreira, 11 Bellevue Ave., Apt. #1W, Brockton, MA as Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years.
Invited: Lohan S. O. Moreira

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

3. APPOINTMENT: of Debroah Hodges-Pabon of 21 Field St., Brockton MA to the Brockton Cultural Council for a 6 year term.
Invited: Debroah Hodges-Pabon

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

4. REAPPOINTMENT: of James C. Doucette, 260 Torrey St., Brockton, MA as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years.
Invited: James C. Doucette

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

5. APPROPRIATION: of \$24,507.10
From: Unappropriated Estimated receipts of the General Fund FY19
To: Fema Reimbursement \$18,315.32
FY17 State 911 Grant \$4,785.02
FY18 911 Training \$774.30
School Roof Repairs \$632.46
Invited: John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
John Crowley, Chief, Police
Michael F. Williams, Chief, Fire
Kathleen Smith, Superintendent, Brockton Public Schools

Comments by John Condon

(If there are deficits and funds on the balance sheet, the DOR likes to have them eliminated before approval of the tax rate. Some of the deficits which are from years past won't get cleared the reimbursement appropriation.)

Comments by Councilor Asack

(Which school for the roof repairs?)

Comments by John Condon

(Not sure, this was an older project.)

Comments by Aldo Petronio

(Roof repairs were done at the High School, Davis and Raymond Schools.)

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

6. APPROPRIATION: of \$700,000

From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts of the General Fund FY19

To: Stabilization Fund

Invited: John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

Comments by John Condon

(Recommends taking the additional money and put it into the Stabilization Fund, money will be there for years if we want to use it later.)

Comments by Timothy Cruise

(The \$700,000 is better than we anticipated?)

Comments by John Condon

(Better than budgeted yes, a 50/50 mix between taxation and new growth.)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(What is the current balance on the Stabilization Fund?)

Comments by John Condon

(Current balance is \$3.2 or \$3.3million.)

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

7. ORDERED: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of additional grant funds in the amount of \$50,000.

From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health-Legislative Earmark funding Grant

To: City of Brockton Police Department-Legislative Earmark Funding Grant Fund.

Invited: John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer

John Crowley, Chief, Police

Comments by John Condon

(This is an earmark for the funding of the Champion Plan.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(What are we using the money for?)

Comments by John Condon

(Staffing for the Champion Plan.)

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

8. ORDERED: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of additional grant funds in the amount of \$39,350.50
From: US Department of Justice- FY2018 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant
To: The City of Brockton Police Department-FY2018 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant Fund.
Invited: John A. Condon, Chief Financial Officer
John Crowley, Chief, Police

Comments by John Condon

(This is a reimbursement grant; there is no match because the grant match was already appropriated last year.)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues

(What is the cost per bulletproof vest and does every officer get one?)

Comments by Chief Crowley

(Do not have an exact number. Vests are good for 5 years and everyone does get one.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(If you put on a few pounds, they get snug?)

Comments by Chief Crowley

(They will come and re-fit you.)

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

9. RESOLVE: to invite Larry Rowley the head of the department of public works and a representative from traffic to discuss with the city council the situation with the snow removal, parking on streets and other concerns that arise during the winter months.
Invited: Larry Rowley, Commissioner, Department of Public Works
John Hallisey, Captain, Police

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(How are you going to get more enforcement on the snow ban/emergencies?)

Comments by Captin Hallisey

(Warnings will be issued 2 or 3 times before December 1st, then ticketing, then during snow emergencies, ticket and tow.)

Comments by Commissioner Rowley

(Cards will be placed on cars in high impact areas the weekend after Thanksgiving in four different languages in regards to snow emergencies and winter bans. Information is also placed in the water bills, on the web and on the digital board.)

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

10. RESOLVE: to invite Larry Rowley the head of the department of public works for the city to inform the city council and the public with an update on the new street lights.

Invited: Larry Rowley, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Comments by Sullivan

(Relative to the street lights all calls are getting addressed by the DPW office.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Are the 8,000 lights done?)

Comments by Commissioner Rowley

(The project started 1 year ago and finished October 1st this year. Some were missed on the audit about 100-200 left. All schools have been done. Should see a 60% savings. They have a 10 year life span. Very little maintenance.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(If we want new lights installed it cost more than if the pole was already there?)

Comments by Commissioner Rowley

(If there is no pole there at all, then yes.)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(City of Brockton acquired the Cobra light not the pole, which is owned by the utility company. If there is an existing pole without a Cobra light, then the pole # can be called in and it will be fixed.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Thank you, all the lights for Peterson Ave were done. Have a few more requests for lights.)

Comments by Commissioner Rowley

(Hope whoever requests a new light to be installed that they look at it first because some do not warrant new lights but you can't put a price tag on public safety.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Do we pay for new lights if they go out?)

Comments by Commissioner Rowley

(No, we call the maintenance contact and they will be replaced.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(Just so the public knows the service comes once a week, unfortunately they can't get a one day turn around.)

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

11. RESOLVE: to invite the city solicitor or a representative from the law department to inform the city council and the public as to the new contract with Comcast or if the new contract has not been signed, information as to where we as a community stand on this issue.

Invited: Phillip C. Nessralla, Solicitor

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Beauregard to POSTPONE to the 2nd Finance Committee Meeting in November, 2nd by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:41 PM

