

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, *January 7th, 2019 at 7:00 PM* at the *Arnone School in the auditorium, 135 Belmont St.*, to consider the following with Councilor Eaniri presiding. Ten members present, Councilor Derenoncourt absent.

1. Appointment of Tanya Tillman of 1092 North Main Street, Brockton, to the Elections Commission for a term of 4 years.

Invited: Tanya Tillman

Cynthia Scrivani, Executive Director, Elections

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

2. Appointment of Jane Parker of 46 Linnea Ave, Brockton, to the Elections Commission for a term of 4 years.

Invited: Jane Parker

Cynthia Scrivani, Executive Director, Elections

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

3. Appointment of Eugene S. Marrow of 128 Healey Terrace, Brockton, as an alternate to the Brockton License Commission for a term of 3 years.

Invited: Eugene S. Marrow

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

4. Appointment of Donald Dobbins of 21 Hemlock Street, Brockton, as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of 3 years.

Invited: Donald Dobbins

Comments by President Eaniri

(Information was given to me that the gentleman has withdrawn his name from this position.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Sullivan to TABLE, 2nd by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby Appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Total Appropriation of \$165,000

From: Stabilization Fund \$165,000

To: Law Department/Property Purchase for the acquisition of the 34 Cottage Street property. (It is intended that this property will be for the benefit of the Council on Aging)

Invited: Honorable Mayor, William Carpenter

Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor

Janice Fitzgerald, Director of Council on Aging

Comments by President Eaniri

(Asked Mayor to give synopsis of the Shaw's Center tour that took place, no Q & A)

Comments by Mayor Carpenter

(The City did take possession of the Shaw's Center/Campanelli Stadium. Paperwork was received on 12/31/18 that the loan agreement with the city was defaulted. An email was received from Mr. Casieri with a short-term list of preventative maintenance. Most of which can be performed by the City. Mr. Casieri will provide an analysis in a few weeks with recommendations. The City Council is invited to take a tour with Mr. Casieri.)

Comments by Mayor Carpenter

(Council on Aging has been seeking to expand the Mary Cruise Kennedy Center's capacity in order to provide programs and services. Building Committee of COA requested that the city acquire the property of 34 Cottage Street for the purpose of parking. Immediate need for additional parking in the area as neither the Courthouse nor the YMCA have sufficient parking. The property is within one block of the COA. State Legislation has been working on seeking funding for the COA.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(What is it going to cost to knock the building down?)

Comments by Mayor Carpenter

(Mr. Casieri estimated \$40,000 plus or minus \$10,000 depending on hazardous materials.)

Comments by Cruise

(Any thoughts on having the Parking Authority having them run the lot?)

Comments by Mayor Carpenter

(All of their parking is paid parking, might create a dilemma, we are willing to examine this issue fully with the Parking Authority.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(How many spaces will be put in?)

Comments by Mayor Carpenter

(Estimate is 16-18 spaces)

Comments by Councilor Cruise

(How much money is in the Stabilization Fund?)

Comments by Karen Preval

(As of December 12, 2018 we had \$4.7 million)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Has this been voted on?)

Comments by Janice Fitzgerald

(No it has not.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Is the parking for people at the COA or another entity to park there?)

Comments by Carl Landerholm

(Strictly COA.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Under 30B to acquire property-Law Department has chosen not to follow 30B at this point and if the Council appropriates money you will then declare this a totally unique property and reduce amount of advertising or not advertise. In the case of a proposed acquisition the governmental body determines in writing that advertising will not benefit

the governmental body's interest. This has to be done 30 days before the governmental body executes a binding agreement to acquire the property. The owner and the Mayor executed an agreement back in November.)

Comments by Philip Nessralla

(They did not execute a binding agreement. The Mayor executed an agreement; this is an exception in that agreement allowing the city to withdraw in the event this governed body chooses not to purchase the agreement.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Who negotiated the price with the seller?)

Comments by Philip Nessralla

(The price was listed and negotiated through Steven Donahue. Tried to bring him down and the seller wanted to make a profit. Did not feel the \$15,000 was worth losing the asset. With the uniqueness of the property and the location, it was valuable to the city.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Evaluating the agreement that has been fully executed by both parties noticed that the agreement does not reflect the correct seller as well as missing page.)

Comments by Philip Nessralla

(Correct, that was the information provided to me at the time by the broker. Pages were intentionally deleted.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Concerned; do not have accurate information or complete information.)

Comments by Philip Nestralla

(The agreement is to acquire a piece of property for a set price.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Good location. Not convinced only property for parking or getting enough spaces for what you're spending and would like to see analysis.)

Comments by Philip Nessralla

(Didn't have other analysis. Was informed of this property and location and agreed it would be a value to the city to acquire in relation to the geographical position. Time was of the essence.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Would like to postpone to January 22nd Finance Committee Meeting and all Councilors be given an opportunity to create any questions they may have for the solicitor or the Council on Aging.)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(Needs to be a modification to the document.)

Comments by Philip Nestralla

(I agree with you. That would have been discovered at the title examination and we will amend that.)

Comments by Farwell

(Requesting information on proposed budget total on all costs.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Sullivan to POSTPONE to 2nd Finance Meeting in January, 2nd by Councilor Beauregard.

6. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer in the amount of \$131,900

From: Ambulance Receipts

To: Fire Dept- Purchase of Services

(In order to purchase EMS coats, a vehicle for Fire Department Signal Division, to replace the aging dispatch computers in fire alarm, mobile computers, two-way radios, portable radios, to maintain connection to Comcast between Fire Alarm and EMS stations and to improve portable radio programming upgrades.)

Invited: Michael Williams, Chief of Fire
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by Chief Williams
(Annual time to use Ambulance Receipt funds.)

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

7. Ordered: that the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Total transfer of \$40,000

From: Fire Dept-Purchases of Services

To: Fire Dept-Overtime

(In order to pay for Active Shooter Response Training and Equipment that happened in November.)

Invited: Michael Williams, Chief of Fire
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

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

8. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby Appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of the total grant funds in the amount of \$1,750.00

From: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

To: City of Brockton- Emergency Management Agency-FY18-19

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Fund.

This funding will be used to purchase office equipment and supplies to assist with emergency planning. No Match required.

Invited: Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance
Stephen Hooke, Director Brockton Emergency Management Agency

Comments by Stephen Hooke
(Standard HMEP grant for office supplies for planning purposes.)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues
(Is this a standard amount or do you ask for that amount?)

Comments by Stephen Hooke
(It is a set amount set by the state that varies year to year depending on how much money they get from the Federal Government.)

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

9. Ordered: That the following named sum be and same is hereby Appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of the total grant funds in the amount of \$20,460

From: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
To: City of Brockton- Emergency Management Agency-FY18
Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG) Fund.
This funding will be used to purchase a new 2019 Ford F250 or equivalent.
(There is a match required on the amount of \$19,536.50.)
From: Stabilization Fund \$19,536.50
To: Emergency Management-FY18 Planning Grant (EMPG) Fund.
Invited: Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance
Stephen Hooke, Director Brockton Emergency Management Agency

Comments by Stephen Hooke
(Agency has 3 vehicles 2 of the 3 are out of commission and will not pass inspection.
The one working vehicle is not conducive for emergency situations.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell
(Would like to make two different motions, one on the appropriation and one on the transfer.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE on the Appropriation of \$20,460, 2nd by Councilor Sullivan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE on the transfer of \$19,536.50, 2nd by Councilor Beauregard. Motion carried by a hand vote.

10. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant in the amount of \$52,000
From: Massachusetts Environmental protection (MassDep) – Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant
To: Department of Public Works- Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant Program.
This Grant will be used to defray the cost of purchasing 96 gallon wheeled containers for the new curbside single stream recycling program.
No match required.
Invited: Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance
Lawrence Rowley, Commissioner of DPW or his designee

Comments by Lawrence Rowley
(This is a no match grant. We will use this money towards the purchase of the new recycle containers.)

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

11. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditures of the total grant in the amount of \$3,360.02
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security/Office of Grants and Research/ Highway Safety Division-FY19 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program
To: City of Brockton Police Department-FY19 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program Fund.
These Grants will be used to pay police overtime to conduct traffic shifts during the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over (DSOGPO) Mobilization running from Dec.13-31, 2018 if there

is not 8 hours of overtime traffic patrol during the DSOGPO mobilization, the grant program's equipment for FY19 will be forfeited. No match required.

Invited: John Crowley, Chief of Police or his designee
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

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

12. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant in the amount of \$3,497.40 in the form of 18 car seats.

From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS/OGR/HSD) FFY2019 Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Equipment Grant

To: City of Brockton Police Department-FFY2019 Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Equipment Grant

These grant funds will be used to purchase car seats valued up to the amount of \$3,497.40. There will be no money exchange between the EOPSS and the City of Brockton Police Dept. No match required.

Invited: John Crowley, Chief of Police or his designee
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

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

13. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby Appropriated as the sum was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of \$75,000

From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Department of Conservation and Recreation

To: City of Brockton-Parks Department

(In order to improve the Danny Goodwin Playground)

Invited: Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

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

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(Asked to take items 14 & 15 collectively.)

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

14. Ordered: That the named sum be and the same is hereby Appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of \$150,000

From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Department of Conservation and recreation

To: City of Brockton- Parks Department

(In order to improve the Harold D. Bent Playground)

Invited: Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

15. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby Appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of \$75,000

From: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts- Department of Conservation and Recreation

To: City of Brockton- Parks Department

(In order to improve the Lyndon C. Nelson Playground)

Invited: Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks

Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Requested that Mr. Carpenter come back before the Council to update on budget and plan for all three parks.)

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:30PM