

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on Monday, *February 4th, 2019 at 7:00 PM* at the *Arnone School in the auditorium, 135 Belmont St.*, to consider the following with President Rodrigues presiding and all Councilors present.

1. Appropriation: of the total grant in the amount of \$7,109.69  
From: The Board of Health-Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Grant  
To: City of Brockton Board of Health-Massachusetts Association of Health Boards Grant Fund  
Invited: Louis Tartaglia, Jr., Executive Director, Board of Health  
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

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

2. Appropriation: of \$80,000  
From: Stabilization Fund  
To: Fire Department/ Personal Services Non OT  
Invited: William Carpenter, Honorable Mayor  
Bill Hill, Union President, Local 144  
Karen Preval, Budget Director, Finance

Comments by Chief Williams

(This funds a 1% raise in hazardous duty pay. Purchased 27 kits, armored vests with FIRE on front, helmet with goggles and medical equipment attached. In the event that there is an active shooting, the Firefighters can enter the building while the event is ongoing rather than wait until they are brought outside.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Are all firefighters trained in this capacity?)

Comments by Chief Williams

(Yes they are. Equipment is carried on the apparatus at all times. Right now there are 3 for each company and we are adding a 4<sup>th</sup>.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(These funds are not for the kits; this is for Personnel, correct? We are increasing your hazard pay for 6 months that ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.)

Comments by Chief Williams

(Yes that is correct.)

Comments by John Condon

(This is a permanent addition to the contract, executed by side letter.)

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

3. Ordered: That the sum of \$7,800,000 is appropriated to pay costs of making improvements to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facilities, including the payment of all planning and engineering costs, and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44 and/ or M.G.L. c.29C, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the City unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in M.G.L. c. 29C, §1; that the Treasurer with approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the ("Trust")) established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and /or a security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environment Protection ("DEP") with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with DEP, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project. FURTHER ORDERED: Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c. §20 of the General Laws, Thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by like amount. FURTHER ORDERED: That the City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under M.G.L. c. 44A of the General Laws and all bonds or notes of the City authorized by this vote, and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require. Each order must be published at least 10 days prior to final passage and requires at least a two-thirds vote of all members of the Council. For each order, a certificate from you as the Chief Financial Officer is required by Section 5 of Chapter 324 of Acts of 1990 and should be filled prior to adoption of the loan order. If you do not give the required certificate or if you are unable to make the certification without expressing qualifications or contingencies, the loan order may only be passed by the City Council if the absence of such certification or qualified or contingent nature of such certification is expressly noted in such order. If any funds are to be advanced for these purposes and reimbursed from the bond proceeds, please note the requirements of M.G.L. c. 44ss 20A and the guidelines issued by the Director of the Bureau of Accounts.

Invited: Lawrence Rowley, Commissioner, DPW  
David Norton, Contract Administrator, Water/ Sewer  
Karen Preval, Budget Director

#### Comments by John Condon

(There is a \$7.8 Million borrowing being requested in order to spend money to invest in the wastewater treatment plant so we can comply with the new discharge permit that was issued a couple of years ago to be in compliance by 2022. That is

where this money is going towards. Borrowing the money under two different authorities; Chapter 44 and Chapter 29C.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Should the rate structure be addressed then approve the loan order? If the rates remain the same, can the sewer enterprise account handle \$400,000?)

Comments by John Condon

(Over the life of the bonds it cannot.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(You recommend the loan order notwithstanding the fact we haven't addressed sewer rates yet?)

Comments by John Condon

(That is right. My certification says to do it in fiscal 2020. You could decide to do it midyear and that postpones the impact on the rate there.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(Will part of the improvements be taking the apart the incinerator?)

Comments by John Condon

(That is not in this project, but will be brought to City council for funding at some point.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(We are still trucking the sludge out, 6 or 7 days a week?)

Comments by Dave Norton

(For the most part we are at 6 days a week but sometimes we need a 7<sup>th</sup> day to catch up if truckers had issues during the week.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(How are we paying for that expense?)

Comments by Dave Norton

(It is in the Sewer budget.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro

(How long is that contract for?)

Comments by Dave Norton

(Two more years.)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(There must be certain days when they can't truck it out, do you store it?)

Comments by Dave Norton

(Yes, we built a shelter. If it is raining we would rather not ship it because it will gain moisture which is weight, so we try to keep it dry.)

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM