

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, March 18th* 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 with President Rodrigues absent.

1. Appointment of Daniel LaBranche of 32 Dupont Circle of Brockton, MA to the Brockton Community Access Board of Directors for a term of three years.

Invited: Daniel LaBranche

Comments by Daniel LaBranche

(Would like to service BCA on a higher level, has worked for BCA for many years.)

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

2. Appropriation in the amount of \$400,000

From: Full Time Salaries

To: Police Overtime

Invited: Honorable Mayor, William Carpenter

John Crowley, Chief of Police

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(How much money has been spent to date in this fiscal year relative to overtime for the police?)

Comments by John Crowley

(Approximately 86 %.)

*The above has been AMENDED from “APPROPRIATION” TO “TRANSFER” due to a scrivener’s error. Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Cruise to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Derenoncourt. Motion carried by a hand vote.

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

3. Ordered: That the Brockton City Council, acting on behalf of the City of Brockton, for consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), does hereby grant an easement to Massachusetts Electric Company, a Massachusetts Corporation, having its principal office at 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451, for purposes of unrestricted, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, year round ingress and egress by persons, equipment or vehicles of various loads from the public way to access Grantee’s electric facilities, whether now existing or hereafter installed, located on certain real property abutting the Grantor’s Land, which abutting real property is know as 0 West Elm Street, Brockton, Massachusetts, and identified as Brockton Assessor Parcel ID 091-004 to provide electric service to said abutting real property and others. And further that the City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute the “Grant of Easement” and to make other actions necessary to carry out the terms, purposes and conditions of the same.

Invited: Bob Malley, Executive Director, Parking Authority

Geoffrey Anatole, South Shore Property Management

Comments by Bob Malley

(Lot 3B, we will be leasing the lot for the property to be built on 47 West Elm Street.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Will it be fenced in properly? The public will not be able to get near the transformer pad?)

Comments by Geoffrey Anatole

(Yes, National Grid requires it.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Is that part of the agreement?)

Comments by Geoffrey Anatole

(We can put in writing.)

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

4. Resolve: to invite Captain John Hallisey, the chair of the Traffic Commission to discuss with the city council the situation with illegally parked cars on residential streets and as to why during the latest snow storm that enough was not done to address this issue and why when contacting the police and the non-emergency number residents were told that at times supervisors were not available.

Invited: John Hallisey, Captain, Traffic Commission

John Crowley, Chief of Police

Comments by John Hallisey

(On the situation with cars parked in violation in the snow emergency, necessary action was accomplished to assure that all residents of Brockton had safe and adequate Police and Fire and ambulance access; by citations, moving vehicles and tows. The entire Police Department, snow detail and both shifts 4-12 and 12-8 did an outstanding job that night.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Received many calls from residents regarding cars illegally parked during snow emergency. Called to speak with a Supervisor and did not get to speak to one.)

Comments by John Hallisey

(If it is safe to get a Fire truck/ Police car down a street then that would be a last priority. Would need to get some of the narrower streets first. Towing can take up to 30 minutes to get a car, we are not going to get everyone car out. We have increased by 400% since 2016.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Would like to get in front of it before hand so that people would be afraid to park because the tickets add up.)

Comments by Farwell

(Respectively, if we want to tow every illegally parked car, which takes time, we can be proactive in ticketing but if you want to try to tow every car that is parked illegally during a snowstorm then we better be prepared to spend a couple million dollars in overtime.)

Comments by Councilor Asack

(Who deals with the See Click Fix?)

Comments by John Hallisey

(Captain Porcaro handles them, if it is a shift problem he tries to do it right then, if it is time sensitive I would prefer for them to call the station. For snow emergencies call the station.)

Comments by Councilor Monahan

(Don't you also have the plow drivers call in when there is an issue?)

Comments by John Hallisey

(It is the Highway Foreman, we work together with them.)

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

5. Resolve: to invite Matthew Dyer, representative Urban and Community Forestry, again to inform the public about the "free trees" program that will begin in the spring.

Invited: Matthew Dyer, Urban and Community Forestry

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Department of Conservation and Recreation has put up 1,400 trees and are ready to put up 600 more this summer. Have workshops on pruning and taking care of your trees.)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(Disappointed they have not expanded the geographic area.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(There are 40 trees to choose from and will help you plant. Hopefully they will expand the areas.)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM