

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday May 20th, at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, to consider the following with President Rodrigues presiding. Nine members present; Councilor Monahan and Councilor Nicastro absent.

1. Total Appropriation: of \$660,000
From: Stabilization Fund
To: Non-Net School Spending
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Aldo Petronio, Chief Budget Officer

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

2. Total Appropriation of \$20,000
From: Public Property-Purchase of Services
To: Public Property-Overtime.
Invited: James Caseri, Superintendent of Buildings
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Asack to take items #10 & 11 out of order, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. Total Appropriation of: \$250,000
From: DPW-Snow Removal
To: Planning and Economic Development \$250,000 (UNFAVORABLE)
Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Having considered the same, MOTION made by Councilor Eaniri to AMEND APPROPRIATION FROM \$250,000 TO \$100,000, 2nd by Councilor Sullivan. Roll Call Vote Taken; Councilor Asack, Councilor Beauregard, Councilor Deroncourt, Councilor Eaniri, Councilor Farwell, Councilor Lally, Councilor Rodrigues and Councilor Sullivan all AFFIRMATIVE and Councilor Cruise NEGATIVE.

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

4. Ordered: that the Brockton City Council, acting on behalf of the City of Brockton, does hereby grant a perpetual right and easement to Massachusetts Electric Company. Said land being located as Lot 46 on City of Brockton Assessor's Map No. 32. (331 Oak St., off Colantha Ave.)

Invited: Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks

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

(Request from Councilor Eaniri to hear from National Grid in regards to recent events with manhole explosion. President Rodrigues agreed to have Joe Cardinal, Peter Ng and Mark Dombrowski representing National Grid speak in regards to recent manhole explosions in the city. President Rodrigues would like the group to come back in 6-7 weeks to give an update.)

5. Approval of the payment of \$21,739.08
From: Finance-Purchase of Services
To: Nugen Capital
for the billing period of December 2016 through January 2017.
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

6. Order: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-authorization of Comcast Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2020, from the cash receipts from Comcast Franchise fees, in excess of \$675,000, pursuant to the cable license contract, and further, that the expenditures from this fund shall not exceed \$750,000.00 without further appropriation, during fiscal year 2020.
Invited: Honorable Mayor, William Carpenter
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

(President Rodrigues was informed by the Mayor that he feels Mr. Clarkson can provide information needed for this Order.)

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

7. Ordered: Annual Budget for FY20
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Cruise to POSTPONE until June 3rd Budget Hearing, 2nd by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

8. Ordered: That the Brockton City Council, acting on behalf of the City of Brockton, does hereby grant an easement to Massachusetts Electric Company. Said "Underground System" is located in, through, under, over, across and upon a certain parcel of land situated on the easterly side of L Street, being more particularly shown as "Parcel "A" 11,003 sq ft." on a Plan of Land recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 23, Page 638. (121 Main St. and 28 High St.)

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Bob Malley, Executive Director Parking

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

9. Ordered: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-authorization of Parking Authority Revolving Fund to receive revenues from Parking Violations Fines up to and including the amount of \$250,000, said funds to be expended by the Parking Authority to pay expenses of parking regulation enforcement and repair and maintenance of lots, facilities and equipment, and capital projects, but expenditures for capital projects shall require the written approval both of the Parking Authority Board of Directors and the Mayor for Fiscal Year 2020. Amounts in excess of \$250,000 shall be credited to the General Fund.

Invited: Bob Malley, Executive Director Parking
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

10. Ordered: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-authorization of the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund for the purpose of maintaining the Abandoned Building Registry, as well as the closing, boarding up and care of vacant and abandoned buildings. Expenditures from the Vacant and Abandoned buildings revolving fund shall be made on the authority and direction of the Brockton Building Commissioner, provided that not more than two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) may be so expended without further appropriation from the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Revolving Fund during FY20.

Invited: James Casieri, Superintendent of Buildings
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

11. Ordered: That pursuant to the Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the City Council authorizes the re-authorization of the Demolition Revolving Fund for FY2020 for the sole purpose of helping to fund the cost in connection with the demolition of buildings in the City of Brockton. Expenditures from the Demolition Revolving Fund shall be made at the direction of Building Superintendent, with the written approval of the Mayor, provided that not more than \$110,000 may be so expended from the Demolition Revolving Fund during FY2020.

Invited: James Casieri, Superintendent of Buildings
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

12. In compliance with the provisions of the Election Laws, notice is hereby given that the City Preliminary will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 and that the City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at various designated polling places.

Invited: Cynthia Scrivani, Executive Director, Elections

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

13. Resolved: That the Superintendent of Schools and such other staff as she may designate, be invited to a Finance Committee Meeting in May, 2019, to provide an updated overview of funding, staffing, and educational equity issues for Brockton's school population.

Invited: Kathleen Smith, Superintendent of Brockton Schools

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Cruise to take item #13 out of order, 2nd by Councilor Eaniri. Motion carried by a hand vote.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:52 PM