

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Farwell and Councilor Monahan absent.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Alexandra's Way**, extending from West Chestnut Street, southerly, a distance of 765.71 feet, more or less, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton.

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

President Rodrigues received a call from both Lawrence Rowley and Rob May who are unable to make the meeting. Patrick Hill in place of Lawrence Rowley.

Comments by Patrick Hill

(DPW does not have any objections.)

Comments by Patricia Jacobson of 26 Alexandra's Way

(One of the Trustees of the newly formed Chestnut Woods Homeowner's Association; an over 55 community and is in favor of this.)

Comments by Joao Pinheiro of 46 Alexandra's Way

(Also in favor.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Eaniri to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

2. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Rachael's Way**, extending from Alexandra's Way, southwesterly and southeasterly, a distance of 647.28 feet, more or less, to Alexandra's Way, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton.

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Patrick Hill

(DPW does not have any objections.)

Comments by Patricia Jacobson of 24 Alexandra's Way

(In favor.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Sullivan to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Eaniri. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Cottage Grove Avenue**, extending from the end of the 1967 layout at Woodard Avenue, southerly, a distance of about 322.27 feet, more or less, and for

that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Patrick Hill  
(DPW does not have any objections.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Eaniri to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

4. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Cypress Drive**, extending from Rockland Street, easterly and northerly, a distance of about 1,402 feet, more or less, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton.

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Patrick Hill  
(DPW does not have any objections.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Derenoncourt. Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Rock Meadow Drive**, extending from Rockland Street easterly, a distance of about 1,200 feet, more or less, and from Rock Meadow Drive northerly, a distance of about 310 feet, more or less, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton.

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Councilor Sullivan resides at 4 Rock Meadow Drive and requested to remove himself from this matter.

Comments by Patrick Hill  
(DPW does not have any objections.)

Comments by John O'Donnell of 30 Rock Meadow Drive  
(In favor.)

Comments by Philp Nessralla of 36 Rock Meadow Drive  
(In favor.)

Comments by Donald MacDougall of 44 Rock Meadow Drive  
(Opposed.)

Comments by Petri Turner of 47 Rock Meadow Drive  
(Opposed.)

Comments by Juan Torres of 55 Rock Meadow Drive  
(Opposed.)

Comments by Patricia Monteith of 29 Rock Meadow Drive  
(Opposed.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(This is for street repairs and snow removal which as tax payers they deserve.)

Comments by Councilor Lally

(If we go forward and make the street public nothing changes; the city is not obligated to plow private ways or pave private ways. The easement covers the width of the road and space for sidewalks. Paying the same taxes as everyone else, this allows the same treatment.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Eaniri. Motion carried by a hand vote.

6. Appointment Of Katherine M. Asiaf, 5 Tarkin Hill Lane, Bridgewater, MA as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years.  
Invited: Katherine M. Asiaf

Comments by Katherine M. Asiaf

(Constable for close to 40 years; runs a Constable office with Husband.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Derenoncourt. Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. Transfer of \$125,000  
From Treasurers Debt-Interest Short Term Notes  
To Treasurers-Medicare Tax.  
Invited: Martin Brophy, Treasurer  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Comments by Martin Brophy

(Transfer to ensure the city has enough in the budget to pay the city's portion of the Medicare tax.)

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

8. Ordered: A copy of all legal documents executed between the city and the Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation related to the transfer of control for these properties to the city, and the outstanding promissory note signed by the corporation, be provided to the City Council. (1) A summary of all outstanding contractual agreements, outstanding invoices for services or goods, or any other liability which was the responsibility of the Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation and which now may be incurred by the city be provided to the City Council. (2) If payments from public funds have been made for charges formerly required of the corporation, such information shall be provided to the City Council. (3) Documents and information requested shall be provided within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order.  
Invited: Michael Gallerani, Executive Director, Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation  
Dan Evans, President, Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation  
Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Mary Lynn Peters-Chu, City Auditor  
James Casieri, Building Superintendent

Councilor Farwell suggested Mr. Clarkson present his power point presentation and excuse everyone else until Councilors are able to go through the information packets given tonight in order to be prepared with questions and comments.

Councilor Beauregard stated that she agrees with Councilor Farwell but since invitees are here we could have them speak.

President Rodrigues agreed and mentioned it could be postponed; but since they are here to let them speak.

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Who is paying the electricity?)

Comments by James Casieri

(We are. We have paid the bills that have come our way since we took over.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Are there contracts (cleaning service, elevator repair etc.) that we now have to pick up because they were signed by B21?)

Comments by James Casieri

(We are not honoring those contracts as they were not made with the city.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Did we get an insurance settlement from theft of items or damage caused by the people who broke in?)

Comments by Troy Clarkson

(Aware there was an insurance settlement of six figures or greater.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Can Mr. Warren answer that question? Was there an insurance settlement with B21, did they get the proceeds from an insurance policy and if so where are the proceeds.)

Comments by Troy Clarkson

(I believe they did. Information from the Executive Director was that they had incurred costs that exceeded the amount of the insurance settlement. I won't except that without due diligence.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Something isn't right. We will have to have multiple meetings on this. What does the lease say about making payments for electricity? There has to be a lease between EMC and the city of Brockton.)

Comments by Troy Clarkson

(Referring to the lease; responsibility of the team, meaning the ROX.)

Comments by Councilor Beauregard

(Upset Mr. Gallerani not present tonight.)

Comments by Councilor Asack

(Mr. Gallerani works one day a week and is the only one who has access to the finances and insurance. Why isn't he here tonight? He works for the city one day a week; what is he giving us for the one day a week?)

Comments by Attorney Warren

(To clarify his payment is not coming from Brockton, it comes out of B21's budget.)

Comments by Councilor Asack

(That is the problem; it is technically the city's money.)

Comments by Attorney Warren

(Mr. Gallerani is working one day a week on Friday's. He had responsibilities related to his other employment which prevented him from coming tonight. He spends most of his time working on Friday's to see this transition through to gather all the information that

has been requested of him. We are doing an audit with an outside company to show the transparency that has been going on. The agreement with EMC is a license not a lease. The relationship between B21 and the city was a ground lease. Extremely unique. It was a struggle working with EMC; constant fights for money, total disrespect and lack of maintenance.)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(In terms of insurance; want to make sure we have all we need relative to certificates of insurance.)

Comments by Troy Clarkson

(Have not seen them as of today; doesn't mean that they have not provided them. With all the offices involved.)

Comments by President Rodrigues

(To Mr. Evans- Please share with Mr. Gallerani that we expect Mr. Gallerani to show up to the next meeting.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell

(Would like to motion to postpone until next meeting in July.)

Comments by President Rodrigues

(That would be July 15<sup>th</sup>.)

Comments by Councilor Sullivan

(For the record, a high possibility that after June 30<sup>th</sup> Mr. Gallerani might not be employed by B21.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Farwell to POSTPONE UNTIL JULY FINANCE MEETING, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Sullivan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

9. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$77,603

From: U.S. Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs-2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

To: Brockton Police Department-2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
John Crowley, Chief of Police

Comments by John Crowley

(Justice Assistance Grant; \$21,000 for over-time, \$8,900 for consultants and \$47,703 for equipment.)

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

10. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$80,433.00

From: U.S. Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs-2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

To: Brockton Police Department-2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG).

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
John Crowley, Chief of Police

Comments by John Crowley

(Additional Justice Assistance Grant from 2017; \$20,100 for community policing efforts over-time, \$9,000 for Consultants and Contracts, \$51,333 towards equipment.)

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:41PM