# FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>*, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street, to consider the following with Councilor Sullivan presiding and all 10 members present.

\*President Sullivan mentioned Mayor Rodrigues is here tonight. Brockton City Hall is 125 years old and will celebrate with a Gala that will place take on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 12 AM. Ticket price is \$50.00. Semi Formal- Black-tie optional attire. Also 3 new colleagues here; Ward 5 Councilor to be Jeffery Thompson, and two Councilors at Large, Rita Mendes and Tina Cardosa.

#### **AMENDED- 11/13/19**

#### **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 **Farnham Street**, extending from the end of the 1965 layout, northerly, a distance of about 438 feet, more or les, and for the purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way.

Invited: Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Lawrence Rowley:

(We have no objections for this request.)

Comments by Councilor Lally:

(Thanks Commissioner Rowley. All this is is making it into a public street, doesn't come with money attached, people who live on these private ways pay the same taxes as everyone else and making sure that they get the same treatment.)

\*Public Hearing Open:

(Audience Member is in favor-did not state name. Also Raymond Therrien of 12 Belding Circle is in favor. Darren Shanks of 22 Haskell Street wanted to make sure this is just to make sure the street will get paved? Councilor Lally said he could not make promises regarding the paving, but he is happy to give his cell phone number and speak to Mr. Shanks.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. 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 **Belding Circle**, extending from Farnham Street westerly to Belding Circle Extension, a distance of 590 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: Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Lawrence Rowley:

(We have no objections for this request.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. 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 **Belding Circle Extension**, extending from Belding Circle northwesterly 253.79 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: Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Lawrence Rowley:

(We have no objections for this request.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. 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 **Haskell Street**, extending from Hovenden Avenue, northerly to Belding Circle, a distance of about 663 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: Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Lawrence Rowley:

(We have no objections for this request.)

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. 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 **Leahy Road**, extending from North Quincy Street, easterly, to Roslyn Road, a distance of about 1,335 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: Lawrence Rowley, DPW Commissioner

Comments by Lawrence Rowley:

(We have no objections for this request.)

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

6. Appointment of Lucia Cerci of 33 Dover St., Unit 130, Brockton to the Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of David Zaff ending March 2020.

Invited: Lucia Cerci

Comments by Lucia Cerci:

(Makes her statement before the Council.)

\*Amend Ms. Cerci's address from 33 Dover St., Unit 130 to 212 W. Chestnut Brockton; as this was a scrivener's error.

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

7. Order: That sections twenty-six B to twenty-six E, inclusive of chapter one hundred and eleven of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. c. 111 §§26B-26E) be and hereby is accepted by the City of Brockton in accordance with section twenty-six A of chapter one hundred and eleven of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. c. 111 §26A)

Invited: Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor

Mary Brophy M.D., Chairperson, Board of Health Commission Megan Bridges, Assistant City Solicitor

\*President Sullivan wanted to recognize and thank the colleagues and government from the School Committee- Attorney and Vice Chairman of the School Committee Tom Minichiello, School Committee member Mark D'Agostino, School Committee woman Judy Sullivan, and Superintendent of Schools Mike Thomas for being here.

#### Comments by Councilor McGarry:

(Concerned; are we dictating in our home rule petition that it will be lead by an MD with some sort of public health experience as the MGL indicates?)

Comments by Megan Bridges:

(Outlines the proposal- acceptances of MGL only sections 26B-E, also filed was a special act relative to deviations of certain conditions of the statute as well as comprehensive ordinances that revitalize and revamp the Board of Health within the City of Brockton. What is in front you right now is the acceptance of the statute. If accepted what will happen is the current three member Board of Health would be abolished be replaced with a nine member Health Advisory Commission with a Commissioner of Public Health.

State Law specifically sets out the qualifications for the Commissioner of the Public Health. The City of Brockton Board of Health functions like a town Board of Health. A lot of cities that have the same population like Brockton have migrated toward this Commission for Health and Human Services.

What is in front of you tonight is the acceptance of the general laws abolishing the Board of Health and then embarking on the process of designing the department as the city sees fit. The way the statute reads is the Commissioner who runs the

department would need to be a medical doctor with also a degree in public health and administration and then years of experience on top of that. The deviation that is proposed that is not in front of you right now but is the special act that was already filed combines those qualifications; you can be either an MD or have a degree in public health or public administration with the years of experience.)

### Comments by Councilor Farwell:

(If we accept the provisions of this statute is it necessary to do a home rule petition? Or could we not establish rules and regulations and procedures by ordinance?)

# Comments by Megan Bridges:

(You could establish the rules and regulations via ordinance and you could not deviate from the statutory requirements. You don't need the home rule petition you don't need the special act; all that was put in place because that's the route that Newton and Worcester took. If you don't take that route the statute prescribes very specifically the qualifications who can run the department that person has to be a MD, have a degree in medicine, they don't have to practice medicine and have a degree in public health or public administration with the years of experience.)

#### Comments by Councilor Farwell:

(Our health operation cries out for modernization and efficiency. Grouping all together under the umbrella of a commissioner that shrinks down the Mayor's span of control so that he or she can always deal with that one person that has their finger on the pulse of what is going on in the city rather than fragment the effort.)

## Comments by Mary Brophy, M.D.:

(Board of Health touches everyone; inspects your food, handles your water, handles your waste, deals with infection control, outbreaks, emergency management it is a department that is stretched to the limits with the resources that it has. We have one public health nurse for the entire city. Also without an animal inspector for a long period of time, due to the qualifications, we cannot find a qualified person in the city of Brockton. Refers to the Blue Print for Excellence (Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health) that was published this year for Massachusetts- Investment to be made in this moving forward in the state of Massachusetts that we should think about using shared resources that we should develop plans that are efficient for our own use and moving towards reaching things that are needed; credentialing, having high level credentials to be able to take on a job and running public health. Concerns of mine and my fellow colleagues on the Board of Health in the City of Brockton are the citizens are protected. Someone without a health background would do an injustice to Brockton. What type of person do we need? What type of people do we need to serve under them, how do we reorganize the board to be an effective board moving forward.

### Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Mr.Tartaglia's job is in the department head union. If accepted this would take negotiations with the Union?)

### Comments by Megan Bridges:

(Believes the design would create a job that would be non-unionized; the Commissioner of Public Health and the person who would be the department head who would replace Mr. Tartaglia; would report to the Commissioner.)

### Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Question to the Mayor- what do you think this job would pay and it would certainly have residency as an issue in the city of Brockton.)

# Comments by Mayor Moises Rodrigues:

(One of the things we were trying to do in the city- we are not eliminating the Health Department- we are augmenting what we are doing in terms of Health and Human Services within the city. We are tweaking this to move us from a small town mentality into a city. There are millions of dollars that we are losing out in terms of grants that we cannot go after because we do not have a department set up that goes after funding that coordinates all that. Human Services is being run out of the Mayor's office and it shouldn't be. Looking at this as it becoming like the DPW; with a commissioner and all the other departments that come under it. Health Department, Elder Affairs, Veteran's Services, Human Services, Weights and Measures and under that you have the Advisory Boards that advise those departments. We do need to find the funding for the position that oversees these departments. We lose the Executive Director of the Board of Health and the Mayor who sits in that office has no say in who that person will be. If something happened within that department the first person who will be called would be the Mayor. But that Mayor has no say who sits at that spot. We are trying to modernize the department and the services. Trying to coordinate and organize that the Mayor is not the point of all these issues that we have some interdepartmental work being done between departments having somebody on top that could coordinate these efforts for us. As far as what the position would pay; sees it somewhere between what the DPW Commissioner and the Superintendent of Building is getting paid. Need to take the initial step in order for us to go anywhere.)

#### Councilor McGarry:

(Speaks of the Blue Print for Excellence (Special Commission on Local and Regional Public Health) that it would be helpful in being the leader in the South Shore in the sharing and coordinating of education sharing of resources especially in time of crisis.)

#### Comments by President Sullivan:

(To Megan Bridges- Relative to the legal ramifications- if this is accepted by this current body, the adoption is ratified its; lawful, the next administration and the next legislative body will have to make a decision to go on home rule with the State House both vetted on the House Council and Senate Council side come back either favorable or unfavorable. Or this body can bypass that and strictly do and

ordinance three readings procedural and adopt it that way. The two different avenues that the next City Council can follow.)

Comments by Megan Bridges:

(A strict adherence to the statute and the qualifications set out in the statute for the Commissioner. The ordinance may or may not be necessary- if the next administration chooses to adhere to a strict reading and interpretation to the statute then the ordinances would be required in order to provide additional modernization to the department, but wouldn't necessarily be required. The other route would be to follow Newton and Worcester deviate from their qualifications and go the route with the ordinances and that modernization or progressiveness.)

Comments by President Sullivan:

(Would like to publically thank Mayor Rodrigues and the solicitor's office spent hours and hours on this and has met with me as the President and other councilors on this and I agree with you Mayor. Also would like to thank Dr. Brophy.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Comparing this to the DPW department, but the DPW Commissioner is the department head. The individuals running the departments under him are not department heads.)

Comments by Megan Bridges:

(DPW is divided into different divisions, not departments.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(We are talking about hiring somebody to be at the top and to really run a huge part of the city government, having department heads under them.)

Comments by Megan Bridges:

(A single individual running huge parts of the city, I think that might be inaccurate- there would be six or seven department heads underneath this individual.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Newton and Worcester actually deviated from the acceptance of the state law?) Comments by Megan Bridges:

(Yes, they did it by Special Act.)

\*On the motion- Councilor Cruise is voting no tonight- doesn't mean he is against it just feels there are a lot of questions that are unanswered a lot having to do with cost.

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

8. Order: The City accepts the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Invited: Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(Refers to packet of information for discussion of agenda items 8, 9 & 10. These items in the aggregate are a vehicle for the city to create a stabilization fund to act as the vessel for all of the receipts for both the medical and the upcoming marijuana facilities.

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(If we don't do anything, they just go into the general fund?)

Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(That is correct, deposited into the general fund and become free cash.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Under the statute if we put this in, does the cannabis law require any particular places for these to be used? Are we required to use them for anything special?)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(No.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell:

(We will have to amend this item in, so it says beginning fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. Strike the date and change it to 2020.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell:

(To President Sullivan- As the incoming Mayor are you comfortable with doing this in advance of not getting involved with the budget and knowing where finances are going to be?)

Comments by President Sullivan:

(All I can say is my role doesn't start until January  $6^{th}$ , the current Mayor is okay with this.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(On the motion- are we voting on a percentage, that 25%? Or a specific percentage?)

Comments by President Sullivan:

(The way it is written, it is not.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(If we are to pass this as worded, is it left up to the CFO, is it left up to the sitting Mayor or left up to the Council? How much of that goes into the stabilization fund?)

Comments by President Sullivan:

(It would be up to the current Mayor in conjunction to the CFO.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Not sure if the Mayor or Solicitor Nessralla can answer this: the way this motion is written, we are not specifically designating a percentage we are saying that anywhere from 100 percent of those fees down to 25 percent. I believe the motion should include a specific percentage. Personally don't think a vote out of this body that leaves vagaries such as that, leaves a 75% window for any mayor. I would ask that motion be withdrawn and we make this a specific percentage.)

Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(I would draw your attention to the subsequent orders agenda item #'s 9 & 10, if you see I would suggest the language as prepared by the solicitor's office gives you the flexibility that you be supportive of creating the stabilization fund the language in item eight is from the statute, the statute actually requires not less than 25 percent and in nine and ten we deal with the specifics.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(So all we are doing in this one is creating the stabilization fund, correct? Then I take my request back.)

Comments by President Sullivan:

(I don't concur with that. I think each one is specific. Attorney Nessralla- any opinions on this?)

Comments by Philip Nessralla:

(I think it is correct we are creating the stabilization fund at a later time the Council makes a determination on what the percentage will be over and a bove 25%.)

Comments by President Sullivan:

(It would not be this body. Why would we ratify this now as opposed to when a new council comes in, because the drop-dead dates is still July 1 2020.)

Comments by Philip Nessralla:

(I think it is more appropriate to do this when the new body comes in.) \*Councilor Farwell withdraws his motion.

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

9. Order: To see if the city will dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of the local option excise on retail marijuana sales revenues collected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N, §3 to the Community Impact Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto. Invited: Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

- \*Motion by Councilor Lally to take items 9 & 10 collectively, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.
- 10. Order: to see if the city will dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of the community impact fees collected under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64N and related Host Community Agreements to the Community Impact Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2020 beginning on July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

Invited: Philip Nessralla, City Solicitor

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Office

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Lally to report to TABLE items 9 & 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a hand vote.

11. 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

### Comments by Dan Evans:

(The 18 & 19 audits were completed. Copies were made to handout. Michael Gallerani is no longer with us. Have original copies of the invoices.)

### Comments by Councilor Farwell:

Brent Warren, Attorney, B21

(To Mr. Clarkson- Have you had a chance to look over the information and if he found any anomalies anything that jumped out at you?)

### Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(From the audit? No.)

#### Comments by Councilor Farwell:

(From the bills that were paid for services rendered; for example several different \$3,000 payments for maintenance and cleaning, who verified that the services were actually performed?)

#### Comments by Attorney Brent Warren:

(As far as how that process went it was under the purview of Mr. Gallerani to hire and pay them for their services. Mr. Evans nor myself would not have any direct knowledge to that other that what was presented to the board at the meetings. Relying on the fact that our auditor was looking in to this knowing the scrutiny we were facing before the City Council that there was nothing out of the ordinary for work performed.)

#### Comments by Councilor Farwell:

(To the Solicitor- my feeling is to table this and maybe you and I can get together because I still do not believe that all of the public money was spent properly and will take time to look into that.)

### Comments by Philip Nessralla:

(I think that is a prudent suggestion, we both agree there were a lot of minutiae as well as substantive issues that have to be looked at. Attorney Warren has been extremely helpful in assisting and providing information.)

\*Councilor Farwell moves to Table-Council President Sullivan interjects to stop. Comments by President Sullivan:

(As President of the Council, if the thought process is to begin discussions offline I would like to appoint as president a couple of members of the council to work with the solicitor and then with the next legislative coming in whoever the president is I would ask he or she to the same. I think that is the only way to do it in a proper manner to just have one point person working the solicitor and there is 11 I think something could get lost. Almost like an official subcommittee working on a specific agenda matter.)

## Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(As a request could it not be tabled, just postponed? So that if by the end of the year any of these questions could be answered.)

\*On the motion Councilor Cruise wanted to thank Mr. Evans and Attorney Warren for their efforts and cooperation and this board is a volunteer board and has been a wonderful board. President Sullivan also thanks Mr. Evans and Attorney Warren.

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Cruise to report to POSTPONE UNTIL THE SECOND FINN COMM MEETING IN DECEMBER, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

12. Ordered: A Resolution To File And Accept Grants With And From The Commonwealth Of Massachusetts, Executive Office Of Energy And Environmental Affairs For The Parkland Acquisitions And Renovations To John L. O'Donnell Playground.

Invited: Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks

## Comments by Timothy Carpenter:

(This a park grant for the O'Donnell Playground, state agreed to fund the project and this is the next step in the process excepting the funds it is a two year grant opportunity; first year design second year construction.)

# Comments by Councilor Beauregard:

(Will you be having a community meeting on this?)

#### Comments by Timothy Carpenter:

(We do have a preliminary plan and we would like to have a community meeting to present that plan.)

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

13. Ordered: Appropriation of \$2,258,845

From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts-For FY20 of the General Fund

(Increase in Chapter 70 Aid)

To: Net School Spending, and Further Appropriate \$1,178,496

From: Net School Spending To: Non Net School Spending

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Aldo Petronio, Chief Budget Officer, Brockton Public Schools Michael Thomas, Acting Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools

### Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(Provided an overall view to what our funding plan is to address the deficit in the non net school spending. There is a funding gap in the non net school spending essentially school transportation for six million one hundred seventy eight thousand and four hundred and ninety three dollars. Funding that gap through the following means: transfer within the operating budget for four and a half million. An appropriation from available funds, that is because you have not yet set the tax rate and our revenues exceed the spending for this fiscal year there are funds available to appropriate and one of the several suggested funding items before you tonight is \$500,000 dollars to go toward that non net spending and then this specific item a transfer of one million one hundred and seventy eight thousand four hundred and ninety three dollars from the additional chapter 70 aid to address the balance of that. I would suggest an amendment where it says further appropriate one one seven eight four nine six, the word transfer may provide more clarity than further appropriate. This particular item, the Commonwealth describes an additional Chapter 70 aid is two million two hundred fifty eight thousand eight hundred and forty five dollars, asking from that additional state aid you are taking a portion of that and appropriating it to the non net school spending to address a portion of this funding deficit. In item # 14, that is where you have a request to transfer money within the operating budget for four and a half million. To further clarify there is no proposal on the table to transfer money from the health insurance trust fund. We are instituting with the support of the Mayor and with the advice of our health insurance consultant a premium holiday which means our employees whose insurance is paid through the trust fund will not pay their health insurance premiums for the month of December. The impact on that will be that our budgeted amount in the Human Resources Department, the budgeted line that includes nearly fifty four million dollars in funding we will not be required to spend money from that account and place it into the trust fund in December thereby freeing up that money to transfer within the budget.

Comments by President Sullivan:

(CFO mentioned we may want to amend to say "transfer" rather than further appropriate.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Looking at two different appropriations here. Should be split. Two different orders.)

Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(Will defer to the Council, but this is saying the extra 2.2 million dollars, suggestion is that it be appropriated to the net school then transfer an amount from there in the amount of one one seven four nine six to non net.)

\*President Sullivan called a two minute recess

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Make a motion to split the question. \*Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Lally\* The first question would be an appropriation of two million two hundred fifty eight thousand eight hundred forty five from unappropriated estimated receipts FY20 of the general fund to net school spending is the First one. Second question will be to transfer from net school spending one million one hundred seventy eight thousand four hundred ninety six.)

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

14. Ordered: Transfer of \$4,500,000

From: Health Insurance Employee Benefits

To: Non Net School Spending

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Aldo Petronio, Chief Budget Officer, Brockton Public Schools Michael Thomas, Acting Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools

# Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(Speaks about Premium Holiday; where neither the City nor the employee pays for the month due to the performance of the fund.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(Need an interdepartmental transfer letter from the department head backing this up. Need by next Monday.)

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

15. Ordered: Appropriation of \$790,000

From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts-for FY20 of the General Fund

To: Various Departments

Invited: Honorable Mayor Moises Rodrigues
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Steven Williamson, Acting Chief of Police
Dave Farrell, Director Veteran's Services

Thomas DeChellis, Supervisor Animal Control

#### Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(Speaks of the available funds to appropriate before the tax rate is set and how the funds will be appropriated.)

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

16. Ordered: That the City Council rescind the following appropriation if \$150,000 that was in City Council and approved on July 22, 2019,

From: Available Funds-Free Cash To: School Department \$150,000

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Aldo Petronio, Chief Budget Officer, Brockton Public Schools Michael Thomas, Acting Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools

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

17. Resolve: to invite a representative from the Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts, to present to the city council proposals currently being reviewed in this state legislative session in the Joint Judiciary Committee the HOMES ACT and CEC Bill.

Invited: Laura F. Camara, Attorney, Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts LLC Brian O'Connor, Esq., Program Manager, Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts LLC

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

18. Resolve: To invite Mr. Robert Jenkins, in his capacity as Executive Director of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority ("BRA"), to present to the City Council updated information on the BRA's construction of the Municipal Parking Garage including the construction schedule, budget, and currently expected completion date, and any other related information.

Invited: Robert Jenkins, Executive Director Brockton Redevelopment Authority Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

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

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 PM