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A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday January 27, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA Councilor Asack presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM with 9 members present. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

Councilor Cruise asked for a moment of silence for three great public servants that recently passed. There were Judge Paul Murphy, a 14-year State Representative for Brockton, long time businessman and former Chairman of Conservation Commission John Boyajian and Former State representative Jack Buckley, father of John Buckley, Register of Deeds.

President Asack introduced Mayor Sullivan to give an update of his recent trip to Washington D.C. and other city matters.

Mayor Sullivan started by reminding all that Tuesday from 6:00-8:00PM at the Brockton High School Auditorium, he will be hosting a Community Engagement meeting. There will be reserved seating in the front for the Councilors and School Committee. Mayor Sullivan will be joined on stage by Acting Superintendent Michael Thomas, Council President Asack and School Committee Vice Chair Mark D'Agostino.

Mayor Sullivan thanks President Asack for standing in as mayor in his absence. Last week, he was at the National Mayor's conference along with several mayors from Massachusetts. While there, there were several forums on a number of topics including police policy, homelessness and the opioid addiction issue. He also met with the Ambassador of Cape Verde. All of the Massachusetts mayors went to residence of the French Ambassador and met with a representative from Keolis, that manages the commuter rail, where he expressed concerns related to the three stops in Brockton needing to be better.

Mayor Sullivan thanked President Asack, Councilor Cruise and Councilor Farwell for accompanying him on Saturday to East Walpole to see a development project.

Mayor Sullivan addressed the Shaw's Center. He stated that Councilor Rodrigues, as mayor, agreed to rent out the Shaw's center to private entities, use by the School Department for training sessions and the Chamber of Commerce. When the mayor took office, he told the School Department and Chamber of Commerce they would not use the facility going forward. He instructed the Building Superintendent to inspect the property, who came back with some grave concerns. He next had Fire Chief Williams review the property who wrote the Mayor a letter stating the facility should not be used until certain repairs were made. These related to the sprinkler system, fire suppression in the kitchen, fire extinguishers and smoke alarms. Some minor repairs were done and the Chief revised his letter. The Mayor stated he is going to honor the agreement made by Councilor Rodrigues for three groups in March to use the facility, with the use of a mandated fire watch and police detail. After this, the Mayor plans to come before the Council with a master plan of how to finance and make this facility a show place for the City.

Mayor Sullivan thanked Councilors Lally, Thompson and President Asack for going with him to the State House today to testify to a joint committee regarding the former Christo's Restaurant property.

**44** Acceptance of the minutes of the January 13, 2020 City Council meeting

Accepted and placed on file.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**45** Reappointment of Spencer Benoit as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

**46** Reappointment of Alicia Fernandes as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton

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**APPOINTMENTS (CONT'D)**

for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 47** Reappointment of Jonathan Drane as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 48** Reappointment of Michael Gomes as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 49** Reappointment of Darnell Campbell as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 50** Reappointment of Adilson Andrade as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 51** Reappointment of Daniel J. Vaughn as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 52** Reappointment of Jason Mosley as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 53** Reappointment of Kevin A. Smith as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

- 54** Reappointment of Julie Myshrall as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a One-year term ending January 2021.

Referred to Finance

**REPORTS**

- 55** Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of January 21, 2020

Accepted and placed on file.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- 56** From the Acting Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to FFY 2019 US Department of Justice/Bulletproof Vest Program Grant in the amount of \$14,015.80. (the grant funds will be used for the reimbursement of 50% of cost of bulletproof vests for Brockton police officers' whose vests need to be replaced). No match required.

Accepted and placed on file.

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**COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)**

- 57** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$14,015.80 from US Department of Justice-FY2019 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant to Brockton Police Department-FY2019 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant Fund. (the grant funds will be used for the reimbursement of 50% of cost of bulletproof vests for Brockton police officers' whose vests need to be replaced). No match required.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 58** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$14,015.80 from US Department of Justice-FY2019 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant to Brockton Police Department-FY2019 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 59** From the IT Director requesting a total transfer of \$20,000 from Information Technology-Full-Time Salaries \$20,000 to Information Technology-Overtime \$18,000 and, to Information Technology-Out of State Travel \$2,000

Accepted and placed on file.

- 60** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the total transfer of \$20,000 from Information Technology-Full-Time Salaries \$20,000 to Information Technology-Overtime \$18,000 and, to Information Technology-Out of State Travel \$2,000

Accepted and placed on file.

- 61** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed transfer of \$20,000 from Information Technology-Full-Time Salaries \$20,000 to Information Technology-Overtime \$18,000 and, to Information Technology-Out of State Travel \$2,000

Accepted and placed on file.

- 62** From the Acting Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the FY2020 Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Program from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the amount of \$275,000 (the grant funds are provided for the Brockton Police to use to pay overtime wages for patrol shift replacement; shift overruns, detective investigations; restraining order service, community policing activities, etc). No match required.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 63** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$275,000 From Executive Office of Public Safety and Security-FY2018 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant to Brockton Police Department-FY2018 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant Fund. (the grant funds are provided for the Brockton Police to use to pay overtime wages for patrol shift replacement; shift overruns, detective investigations; restraining order service, community policing activities, etc). No match required.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 64** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$275,000

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**COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)**

From Executive Office of Public Safety and Security-FY2018 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant to Brockton Police Department-FY2018 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant Fund.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 65** From the Director of Brockton Public Library requesting that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$12,030 from Mass Humanities Grant to Brockton Public Library. The grant funds will support honoraria for 3 panel discussions, rental of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment American Bar Associations Traveling Exhibit "We did it for you" script & workshop, outdoor interpretive signs highlighting Brockton are residents involved in the Suffrage Movement, promotional flyers and posters and a contract project director. Cost share for this grant will be met with staff salaries (a percent of time working on this project), a portion of the project director salary, supplies, rentals and promotional materials which will be paid for using State Aid for Public Libraries.

Accepted and placed on file.

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Accepted and placed on file.

- 67** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$12,030 from Mass Humanities Grant to Brockton Public Library.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 68** From the City Assessor, requesting the amendment of the current agreement between the City of Brockton and 127 Center Corner, LLC that was adopted by the Council on September 9, 2019 and signed by the Mayor on September 10, 2019, to state the current base value is \$423,800. The agreement currently states in Section 4, Subsection A the base value is \$297,475.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 69** From the Director of Veteran's services requesting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$25,195.69 from Veterans Services Purchase of Services-Other Services to Veterans Services-Personal Services-Full Time Salaries. In order to fund the part time outreach activities, position to full time.

Accepted and placed on file.

- 70** From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the total transfer of \$25,195.69 from Veterans Services Purchase of Services-Other Services to Veterans Services-Personal Services-Full Time Salaries. In order to fund the part time outreach activities, position to full time.

Accepted and placed on file.

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**COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)**

- 71** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed transfer of \$25,195.69 from Veterans Services Purchase of Services-Other Services to Veterans Services-Personal Services-Full Time Salaries. In order to fund the part time outreach activities, position to full time.

Accepted and placed on file.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 38** Ordered: Acceptance of grant for \$600,000  
From: Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs-Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) Grant Funds,  
To: Brockton Mayor's Office-Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program (COAP) Grant Funds. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

- 39** Ordered: Acceptance of grant for \$250,000  
From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security SFY2020 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing grant  
To: Brockton Fire Department – SFY2020 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

- 40** Ordered: that sum of \$5,457,233 is appropriated to pay various capital costs as set forth, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto: to Cemetery Department-\$650,000, Fire Department-\$1,260,000, Information Technology Total-\$448,000, Water Department Total-\$1,126,233 and Parks and Recreation Total-\$1,973,000 (FAVORABLE)

Passed to a third reading by a hand vote.

- 43** Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$4,855  
From: Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MASSDOT)-Safe Routes to School, Signs and Lines Grant  
To: Brockton School Department-Safe Routes to School, Signs and Lines Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

- 41** Ordered: 1. That the Mayor of Brockton, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 44, rec. 53A, be and is hereby authorized to accept grants from the Commonwealth's MassWorks Program; and 2. That the Mayor of Brockton be and is hereby authorized to expend and take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Department of Planning and Economic Development; and 3. That this order shall take effect upon passage. (Grant in the amount of \$229,000) (FAVORABLE)

Councilor Nicastro stated that due to scrivener's errors on this submission, she spoke with the Mayor and he would like the opportunity to make these corrections. Councilor Nicastro made a motion to table this item and was properly seconded. Item was tabled by a hand vote.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)**

Councilor Eaniri made a motion to take items #30-32 collectively and was properly seconded. Motioned carried by a hand vote.

- 30** Order: Rules and Regulations governing motor vehicles for hire under Chapter 159A for the carrying of passengers. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

- 31** Order: Assessors to act as agents of City Council in matter of apportionment of betterments. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

- 32** Order: Clerk to give notice of hearings before Council. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

- 34** Order: Pawnbrokers are to deliver a list of purchased/pawned articles to the Chief of Police. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Monahan and Rodrigues absent.

**ORDERS**

- 72** Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Article III, Section 2-186 of the revised City Ordinances of the City of Brockton. Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: Sec. 2-186 of Chapter II is hereby amended. (relative to Assistant City Solicitor)

Referred to Ordinance

- 74** Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$14,015.80  
From: US Department of Justice-FY2019 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant  
To: Brockton Police Department-FY2019 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant Fund.

Referred to Finance

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From: Information Technology-Full-Time Salaries \$20,000  
To: Information Technology-Overtime \$18,000 and,  
To: Information Technology-Out of State Travel \$2,000

Referred to Finance

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From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security-FY2018 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant  
To: Brockton Police Department-FY2018 Municipal Police Services Staffing Grant Fund.

Referred to Finance

- 77** Ordered: The Acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$12,030  
From: Mass Humanities Grant  
To: Brockton Public Library.

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**ORDERS (CONT'D)**

Referred to Finance

- 78** Ordered: That the City Council hereby amend the Tax Increment Exemption Agreement between the City of Brockton and 127 Center Corner, LLC to read in Section 4, Subsection A; the base value \$423,800.

Referred to Finance

- 79** Ordered: Total transfer of \$25,195.69  
From: Veterans Services Purchase of services-other services  
To: Veterans Services-Personal Services-Full Time Salaries.

Referred to Finance

**Councilor's Recognition**

President Asack said that the Frederick Douglas Neighborhood Association is working on a display for City Hall for Black History month that will be unveiled February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM. The public is invited.

President Asack reminded all Councilors that if sponsoring an item to make sure to contact the Clerk's office or the item will not be added to the agenda.

Councilor Cardoso stated that on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM there will be the grand opening of the Community Center at North Middle School.

Councilor Nicastro said that she attended the Annual Trade Show for Massachusetts Municipal Association last weekend at the Hynes Convention Center and that it was very worthwhile to attend. She also attended the Brockton Symphony Orchestra performance at the Congregational Church on Pleasant St. on Sunday that was fabulous. There will be two more concerts this season and she encourages all to attend.

All items on agenda are available in their entirety for review in the City Clerk's Office for all interested parties.

All council business as listed on the agenda have been emailed to the City Council members in their complete form, with exception of oversized material, such as maps, photos, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29PM.