

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, to consider the following with President Asack presiding, nine members present with Councilor Monahan absent.

*Honorable Mayor Sullivan speaks before the Council with updates. Speaks of one on one meeting with Senator Brady and Senate President Karen Spilka regarding Brockton and how to create synergy and continue a relationship with the funding. Named Captain Gomes the Acting Chief. Thanked Captain Williamson for his dedication. Chief Gomes and the Mayor met with DA Tim Cruz and Rick Savigano to talk about making Brockton a safer place as well as unsolved murders in the city. Spoke to Department Heads and would like to have all department doors open as it is welcoming.

*Chief Gomes speaks and answers questions from Councilors regarding a traffic enforcement unit, public safety, Community police and gives an update on the two officers injured in a recent car accident.

*Motion was made by Councilor Rodrigues to read items # 1-10 collectively, 2nd by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

1. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Spencer Benoit as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Spencer Benoit, Special Police Officer
2. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Alicia Fernandes as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Alicia Fernandes, Special Police Officer
3. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Jonathan Drane as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Jonathan Drane, Special Police Officer
4. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Michael Gomes as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Michael Gomes, Special Police Officer
5. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Darnell Campbell as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Darnell Campbell, Special Police Officer

6. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Adilson Andrade as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Adilson Andrade, Special Police Officer
7. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Daniel J. Vaughn as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Daniel J. Vaughn, Special Police Officer
8. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Jason Mosley as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Jason Mosley, Special Police Officer
9. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Kevin A. Smith as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Kevin A. Smith, Special Police Officer
10. **REAPPOINTMENT:** of Julie Myshrall as a Special Police Officer of the City of Brockton for a one year term ending January 2021.
Invited: Frank Vardaro, Lieutenant, School Police
Julie Myshrall, Special Police Officer

Having considered the same, Motion by Councilor Cruise to report FAVORABLE on Items 1-10, 2nd by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

11. **ORDER:**

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.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Steven Williamson, Interim Chief, Brockton Police Department

Comments by Captain Williamson:

(Grant to fund 50% of cost for new vests for new officers or officers who have vests over 5 years old.)

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

12. ORDER:

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.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Steven Williamson, Interim Chief, Brockton Police Department

Comments by Captain Williamson:
(Grant used for staff patrol shifts, walking beats, overtime.)

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

13. ORDER:

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

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Bill Santos, Director of Technology

Comments by Bill Santos:
(Last year an employee was deployed to the Army Reserve, he is back and the work he was involved in needs to be done after hours to pull equipment out of service and replenish it with newer equipment. Behind in the work and requesting that part of the full time pay that was not used in his absence be moved to overtime to complete the work. The \$2,000 is for the Munis administrator to go out of state to a Munis show.)

Comments by Councilor Farwell:
(Not personal to Mr. Santos or the Mayor's administration. Transfer has brought interesting issues. Refers to the Ordinance section 2-327. States Mr. Santos' correct title is Assistant Data Processing Manager and is in the Union and did not want to take the Director's job. Refers to salaries of each position. Asking for overtime is inappropriate; having a department head in the Union scheduling himself for overtime and he is approving it. Would like the Council to know what is going on and should not happen in the city of Brockton.)

Comments by Mayor Sullivan:
(States he will indeed look into this. Spoke to the CFO and will look into this and report back to you all. Mr. Santos has done an excellent job with his work and the city.)

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

14. ORDER:

The Acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$12,030

From: Mass Humanities Grant

To: Brockton Public Library.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Paul Engle, Director, Brockton Public Library

Comments by Paul Engle:

(Grant in conjunction with another award from the Barbara Lee Foundation and State Aid will fund 40 events throughout the year celebrating the Centennial of the woman suffrage movement. Called The Vote a Divided Movement that Brings us Together. Events will be panel discussions to book displays to sign exhibits and things of that nature.)

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

15. ORDER:

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.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Comments by Mayor Sullivan:

(This TIE was previously passed through at \$297,475.00 and submitted to the State and was kicked back questioning how we came up with the figure. Which was the assessed value minus the value of demolition cost which came to the \$297,475.00. State informed us you cannot subtract a demolition cost you have to go the real assessed value.)

Comments by Councilor Cruise:

(The percentages will still stay the same on the TIE?)

Comments by Troy Clarkson:

(The agreement will stay the same. The increment will be reduced so amount the city is giving up will be reduced slightly because the base value is increased.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro:

(Noticed what we are amending was never signed or dated by the applicants and requested a copy of the fully executed contract. In order to make a decision before next week's meeting.)

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

16. ORDER:

Total transfer of \$25,195.69

From: Veterans Services Purchase of services-other services

To: Veterans Services-Personal Services-Full Time Salaries.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

David Farrell, Veteran's Services Officer

Comments by David Farrell:

(Transfer to fund from part-time to full-time. An assistant who will assume all the responsibilities of outreach that had been outsourced to the VA in the last three years.)

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

17. ORDER:

Acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$200,000

From: Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)-40R
Smart Growth Incentive

To: City of Brockton Planning and Economic Development-40R Smart Growth
Activities.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert F. Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Rob May, Director of Planning and Economics Development

Comments by Mayor Sullivan:

(Spoke of meeting with Councilor Nicastro, Councilor Eaniri and Rob May about this issue. Under the 40R standard the municipality gets \$200,000, we've already gotten that. Through Rob May's office trying to figure out how to expend said money; Councilor Nicastro had some great ideas and it was echoed by Councilor Eaniri.)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro:

(Decided to table this order, we all decided at the Mayor's suggestion that we split the \$200,000 and 50% will go to the Department of Economic Development and Planning to do some work in the transit village and Campello. The remaining \$100,000 will be held by the city in escrow anticipating some mitigation and to address issues that come up as the Thatcher Street project is developed. Which will be happening in the next 12-18 months.)

Comments by Councilor Rodrigues:
(Why is this being tabled if we have a plan for the funds?)

Comments by Councilor Nicastro:
(Tabeling this order which says \$200,000 to the Planning and Economic Development Department and resubmitting paperwork that reflects what was just discussed.)

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.