

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Asack presiding and all members present to consider the following:

1. Of Noubé Rateau of 14 Madrid Sq., Unit #2, Brockton, MA to the Brockton Community Cable Television Board for a three-year term ending February 2023.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Noubé Rateau

\*Mayor Sullivan speaks of Noubé and his Emmy award winning talent and his roots at the Community Access.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Eaniri to report FAVORABLE, seconded by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

2. Of Paul Studenski, Jr. of 48 Carlisle St., Brockton, MA as an Alternate to the Brockton License Commission for a three-year term ending February 2023.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Paul Studenski

\*Councilor Lally points out there is a scrivener's error; to take out the "Jr."

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Eaniri to report FAVORABLE, seconded by Councilor Thompson. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. Promotion of Matthew Graham to rank of Temporary Sergeant in the Brockton Police Department.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Matthew Graham

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

4. Promotion of Michael Skinner to rank of Permanent Sergeant in the Brockton Police Department.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Michael Skinner

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, seconded by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. Promotion of Sergeant Brenda Perez to rank of Temporary Lieutenant in the Brockton Police Department.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee

Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Sergeant Brenda Perez

\*Chief Gomes states this a great honor and he is very proud of the fact Brenda will be the first female Police Lieutenant on at the Brockton Police Department.

\*Sergeant Perez stated she is honored to be recommended for the promotion as the first female Lieutenant in the city of Brockton and also as a first-generation minority.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Cruise to report FAVORABLE, seconded by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

6. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$144,041.60  
From: Executive Office of Elder Affairs-FY20 Formula Grant  
To: City of Brockton Council on Aging-FY20 Formula Grant Fund  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Janice Fitzgerald, Director, Council on Aging

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, seconded by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. Ordered: 1. That the Mayor of Brockton, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 44 sec. 53A, be and is hereby authorized to accept this grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Housing Choice Initiative 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 City's Department of Planning and Economic Development.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

\*Robert May stated this is the same grant some re-wording; to make improvements to pedestrian ways in Campello. Two-year grant. By an outside contractor.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, seconded by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a hand vote.

8. Ordered: The City Council reviews an extension to the residency requirements in accordance with the revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton Article III Section 2-110, City of Brockton Ordinance Waiver of Residency extension in reference to the Library Department.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Paul Engle, Library Director  
Kelly Gates, Head Adult Services Librarian

\*Mayor Sullivan states what is before the Council is an extension not a full waiver. Due to a health issue there was a delay in finding suitable housing within the City of Brockton. Extension- on or before July, 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Councilor Farwell states we did this for the City Engineer as well.

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

9. Ordered: The City Council reviews an exemption from the residency requirement in accordance with the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton Article III Section 2-110, City of Brockton Ordinance Waiver of Residency in reference to the Board of Health Department

Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Amy Badger, Executive Health Officer  
Mary Drake, Animal Inspector

\*Council President Asack steps down and Councilor Cruise steps in.

\*Councilor Cruise reads a letter from Amy Badger as she is unable to make the meeting.

\*Mayor Sullivan states this is a request for a waiver. Speaks of Mary Drake, how she was terminated due to not moving to Brockton. A job posting was published, there were no applicants. At the time, the then Mayor Rodrigues brought her back to work for the city of Brockton. She does not have intentions to move to the city of Brockton. Due to the fact that no one in the confines of the city of Brockton applied at that time I told her I would bring it before the Council.

\*Councilor Nicastro speaks of Mary's expertise and qualifications and supports her waiver.

\*Councilor Farwell supports the waiver.

\*Councilor Rodrigues speaks to Mary stating reason for the waiver is due to some personal issues preventing the move to the city of Brockton. Mary states that is correct. He supports the waiver.

\*Councilor Lally states residency keeps people who are invested in the city and who know and care about the city is all true but also impedes our ability to hire effectively.

\*Councilor Cardoso asks if Mary is willing to train young people so we do not run into this problem in the future.

\*Councilor Eaniri not a big believer in residency; welcomes Mary back.

\*Mayor Sullivan states he spoke to Mary in regards to her on-call job for the town of Hanson, it does not impede her job here.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, seconded by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a hand vote.

10. Ordered: The City Council reviews an exemption from the residency requirement in accordance with the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton Article III Section 2-110, City of Brockton Ordinance Waiver of Residency in reference to the Finance Department.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan or his designee  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Tiffani Ciasullo, Financial Analyst

\*Mayor Sullivan speaks of Tiffani being a long-time employee starting in 2001. She met the standard by far; living in the city for over seven years. After meeting the criteria, she moved to Bridgewater. She has been promoted and the question is should she have to

move back to the city of Brockton? Mayor Sullivan states he does not feel that it is appropriate.

\*Councilor Farwell states it is not logical to do so. She has already met her requirements living in the city. He wishes her well.

\*Councilor Eaniri commends Tiffani on her work her in the city.

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

11. Order: Regulations governing the operation of hawkers and peddlers within the City of Brockton.

\*Councilor Farwell speaks of regulations on hawkers and peddlers. Would like to offer and amendment prior to section 1.

A. A license issued by the city of Brockton is only valid within Brockton.

B. The holder of a state Hawkers and Peddlers license may not be charged for a city license. (1)

C. The city license shall expire one year from the date of issuance.

D. A copy of the regulations shall be issued to an applicant and another copy signed and returned by the applicant to confirm receipt of the information.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE on the AMENDMENT, seconded by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a hand vote.

\*Council President Asack stated that the Bill Carpenter Garage opened this morning.

\*Mayor Sullivan stated Wednesday night, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 in the Brockton High School Auditorium there will be a Stop the Violence Meeting.

\*Mayor Sullivan speaks of a round table discussion on the Corona Virus as there is a lot of panic right now. Meeting was with Brockton Public Schools, BEMA, Board of Health, Brockton Housing Authority, the VA Medical Center, Brockton Area Transit, Cardinal Spellman High School, Council on Aging, Father Bills Main Spring and the Chief of ER at Signature Hospital. Stated there will be reverse 911 calls to the general public to educate people, making sure they are taking the proper procedures.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 P.M.