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Out of respect for public health and in response to the Governor's declared state of emergency, this meeting will be closed to the public and interested parties can instead access the deliberations via a livestream

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheBrocktonChannels/live>

This meeting is being held in accordance with Governor Charlie Baker's signed open meeting law order dated March 12, 2020 which relieves a public body from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday April 27, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA with councilors accessing this remotely, President Asack presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with eleven members present.

In City Council, April 27, 2020

224 Acceptance of the March 23, 2020 City Council minutes

Accepted and placed on file

225 Acceptance of the April 13, 2020 City Council minutes

Accepted and placed on file.

REPORTS

226 Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of April 22, 2020

Accepted and placed on file

COMMUNICATIONS

227 From the Southeastern Regional School District Treasurer certifying that the amount to be apportioned to the City of Brockton for its share of capital and operating costs of the Southeastern Regional School District for the fiscal period ending July 1, 2020, is \$3,954,521. The assessment is to be paid in four equal quarterly installments due September 1, 2020; December 1, 2020; March 1, 2021; and June 1, 2021.

Accepted and placed on file

228 From the DPW Commissioner, requesting that the City Council authorize the transfer \$55,235.40 from the Highway Division's snow removal fund to the Finance department's equipment rent/lease in order to buy out the electric cars.

Accepted and placed on file

229 From the Mayor, recommending that the City Council provide authorization to transfer monies from the Highway department's snow removal fund to the Finance department's equipment rent/lease line item in the amount of \$55,235.40 for the buy-out of ten electric vehicles.

Accepted and placed on file

230 From the CFO, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the transfer of \$55,235.40 from DPW-Highway Division-Snow Removal to Finance Department Equipment Rent/Lease.

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COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

Accepted and placed on file.

- 231** From the Mayor recommending that the City Council provide authorization to accept an anonymous donation to be used solely by the Police Department in its purchase of a K-9 cruiser and related equipment in the amount of \$46,000.

Accepted and placed on file

- 232** From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the donation in the amount of \$46,000 from Anonymous Donor to the Brockton Police Department

Accepted and placed on file

- 233** From the CFO, requesting the City Council authorize the transfer of \$600 from Consultants to In-State travel, to cover Massachusetts Municipal Association conference from January 2020.

Accepted and placed on file

- 234** From the Mayor, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of monies for the Finance department from Consultant line item to In-State Travel line item in the amount of \$600. This transfer is to pay for January 2020 travel for the CFO to attend the Massachusetts Municipal Association conference.

Accepted and placed on file

- 235** From the CFO, in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the transfer of \$600 from Finance-Purchase of Services to Finance-In-State Travel.

Accepted and placed on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 178** Reappointment of Robert William Bishop, 333 Foundry St., South Easton, MA as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years. (FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Monahan absent.

- 181** Appointment of Steve Lainas of 5 Rock Meadow Dr., Brockton to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term ending April 2023. (FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Monahan absent.

- 222** Appropriation of up to \$650,000 of the Vacant and Abandoned Buildings Registry Account to pay for the demolition of 4 derelict buildings that have been deemed unsafe. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Monahan absent.

- 219** Ordered: Appropriation of \$25,000
From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health-Bureau of Substance Addiction Services
To: City of Brockton- Mayor’s Office (FAVORABLE)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Monahan absent.

- 220** Ordered: Appropriation of \$25,000
 From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health-Bureau of Substance
 Addiction Services
 To: City of Brockton- Mayor’s Office (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Monahan absent.

- 193** Ordered: Appropriation of \$29,177.00
 From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security/Office of Grants and
 Research/Highway Safety Division-FFY20 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program
 (STEP) Grant
 To: Police Department- FFY20 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant
 Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Monahan absent.

- 216** Ordered: Appropriation of additional funds in the amount of \$9,000
 From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance
 Addiction Services FY2020 First Responders Naloxone Grant
 To: City of Brockton Police Department-FY2020 First Responders Naloxone Grant Fund.
 (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Monahan absent.

Councilor Monahan joined.

- 217** Ordered: Transfer of \$400,000
 From: Police Department-Full Time Salaries
 To: Police Department-Overtime. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 215** Ordered: Total grant in the form of 32 child passenger safety seats valued at \$4,934.60
 From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS/OGR/HSD)
 FFY2020 Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Equipment Grant
 To: City of Brockton Police Department-FFY2020 Child Passenger Safety
 (CPS) Equipment Grant Fund. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 218** Ordered: Total proposed transfer of \$47,400.00
 From: Parks Department-Separation Costs
 To: Cemetery Department-Full Time Salaries (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 192** Ordered: Transfer of \$20,000
 From: Public Property- Full time Salaries
 To: Public Property- Overtime (FAVORABLE)

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

- 221** Ordered: That in accordance with Chapter 30B, Section 16, the City Council hereby declare space available for the placement of two automated teller machines (ATMs) on city-owned property. The spaces available for lease are in Brockton City Hall and in the John Adams Parking Garage (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”, eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

ORDERS

- 235** Ordered: total transfer of \$55,235.40
From: DPW-Highway Division Snow Removal
To: Finance Department Equipment Rent/Lease

Referred to Finance

- 236** Ordered: Acceptance of an anonymous donation to be used solely by the Police Department in its purchase of a K-9 cruiser and related equipment in the amount of \$46,000
From: Anonymous Donor
To: The Brockton Police Department

Referred to Finance

- 237** Ordered: Transfer of \$600
From: Finance-Purchase of Services
To: Finance-In State Travel

Referred to Finance

- 238** Resolved: The Mayor, and such department heads as he determines appropriate, be invited to a meeting of the Council to review the city’s continuing response to the COVID-19 disease.

Referred to Finance

LATE FILES

Councilor Lally motioned to accept a late file and was properly seconded. The motion carried.

- 239** Order: To approve the sale of 12 parcels (as described in plots 16-27 Sprague St.) owned by the City of Brockton, for the development of a sports complex as proposed by the Response to Request for Proposals of New Heights Builders.

Referred to Finance

Councilor Mendes motioned to accept a late file and was properly seconded. The motion carried.

- 240** Resolved: Brockton Emergency Management Director Stephen Hooke and Executive Director John McGarry of the Health Department appear before the Council to provide an update and review of the city’s ongoing efforts to protect the health, welfare and safety of our residents related to this COVID-19 disease.

LATE FILES (CONT'D)

Referred to Finance

Councilor's Recognition

President Asack wished Mayor Sullivan a happy 50th birthday from the entire Council.

Councilor Rodrigues wanted to address an issue that will have a long-lasting effect on the City, which is the 2020 Census. The City of Brockton continues to lag behind most municipalities in the State and this is the perfect time for residents to take the time and complete the Census while at home. Councilor Rodrigues implored people to take the time to do this because the City stands to lose millions of dollars in aid. There will be specific funding in the future that will be based solely on the Census numbers.

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 7:30 PM