

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, August 17th, 2020 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, to consider the following with President Asack presiding, all Councilors present.

*Council President asks for a moment of silence for Barbara Schinnick who passed away on August, 6th.

*Mayor Sullivan and Chief Gomes speak to the complaints of house parties happening within the city. Chief Gomes speaks on actions that will take place.

1. Reappointment of David Lynch of 30 Quincy St. Brockton, MA 02302 as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a three-year term.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee
David Lynch

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

2. Ordered: Appropriation of up to \$12,131,213.26
From: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts-Plymouth County CARES disbursement for purposes of mitigating impacts of COVID-19 on city and school operations. Funds to be expended and reimbursed from Plymouth County for the purposes outlined in "Plymouth County CARES Community Update."
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

3. Ordered: Total Transfer of \$30,704
From: Parking Authority Reserve account
To: Parking Authority – Personal Services Other Than Overtime-Part Time Salaries.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Malley, Executive Director Parking Authority

*Troy Clarkson states funds are for 2 part-time employees at the Carpenter Garage.

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

4. Ordered: Total Transfer of \$50,000
From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Massachusetts Census (CCCGP) Division-
2020 Census Municipal Grant
To: Mayor's Office- 2020 Census Municipal Grant Fund
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Mayor Sullivan speaks in regards to the \$50,000 grant and what it will be used for; city-wide mailer, banners, signage, flyers in 4 different languages. This advertising will help the efforts with Census.

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

5. Ordered: That the City Council authorize the proposed HDIP Tax Increment Exemption between the City of Brockton and One Nine Residencies, LLC for the property located at 19 Main St.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Robert Jenkins, Executive Director of Brockton Redevelopment Authority

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

6. Ordered: That the City Council authorize the proposed HDIP Tax Increment Exemption between the City of Brockton and 28 Petronelli LLC for the property located at 28 Petronelli Way.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Ted Carman, President, Concord Square Planning & Development, Inc.

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

7. Ordinance: Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows:
That the City Council amend Chapter 27 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton to create a new zoning overlay district for certain parcels on North Pearl Street.
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee
Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Attorney James Burke
Jim Lambert, Wood Partners
Paul Ware, Resident Representative

* Resident representative Paul Ware speaks on behalf of his fellow neighbors in the Brockton Heights area. Residents are unanimously opposed to this. Feels this has been rushed. Following are concerns of the residents: *Notification Process *Technical Review * Parking * Traffic * Plan to talk to residents * Size and Scope * Noise & nuisance *

* Jim Lambert from Wood Partners speaks about the project. Speaks of team; Mike Bennett- architect, Phil Cordeiro- civil engineer, Bart Lipinski- landscape architect, Jeffery Dirk- traffic consultant, Jim Burke- legal counsel.

*196 Luxury apartments, (2) 4 story buildings with 2 open space courtyards, 100% market rate, no affordable housing- rents at \$1,900 for a 1 bedroom and \$2,300 for a 2 bedroom, 259 parking spaces with 40 private garage spaces, full amenities.

*Councilor Farwell asks Mr. Lambert how he prepared for the logistics for a zoning change as well as notifying residents.

*Mr. Lambert states- prepare plans as we have shown tonight, to share with folks in the city, make the application, notifications on zoning change would come from the city, due to covid we put together a website that listed the information on the project, sent out letters to the abutters within 500 feet notifying them about the project and listed the website with all information. As well the information on the planning website.

*Councilor Nicastro requests that a copy of the PowerPoint be distributed to the Councilors with the next day or so. Would like to see a development agreement.

*Council President Asack asks Mr. May what can go in a C-5 zone without having to come to Council?

*Mr. May states that C-5 is a limited with what can go in, it supports office, medical development, doctor office, professional buildings, with a special permit a hotel or restaurant.

*Councilor Cruise compliments the developer; being one of the top-notch developers that has come into the city. Has been amazed at the people that have come together, the passion has led me to change my thinking on this. I think this is a great project but I am going to have to vote with the neighbors as they put me in this office. Their passion and the number of people, made me realize, they love their neighborhood. Thank you to all the Councilors. Tonight is just a recommendation.

Roll call vote was taken; 8 in the negative and 3 affirmative. Motion to report UNFAVORABLE back to the City Council.

8. Resolved as follows: That the City of Brockton shall conduct a study to better understand the availability and quantity of excess water and sewer capacity of the City of Brockton, that the City of Brockton explore the prospective income to the City by providing water and sewer to surrounding communities, that the City of Brockton shall study the status of Intermunicipal Agreements and ways to cultivate purchasers of City water and sewer, that the City of Brockton shall also study the financial feasibility of purchasing the Aquaria Water LLC desalination plant and selling this extra water capacity to surrounding communities, that the Study be conducted by a Committee consisting of the City of Brockton's DPW Commissioner, Chief Financial Officer, the Law Department and select City Councilors, that the Committee shall submit a full and final report to the full City Council within 120 days of the approval of this resolve.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan or his designee

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Lawrence Rowley, Commissioner of D.P.W.

Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Motion made by Councilor Thompson to amend the resolve, 2nd by Councilor Lally.

Motion by Councilor Thompson to amend to "study group, to forgo the requirement for a report in 120 days, can be done as facts present themselves the study group can meet to inform the City Councilors at Large with some of the issues that arise from water and sewer capacity and the Aquaria desalination plant.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 PM