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 **following COVID-19 procedures.** 

In City Council, October 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Monday October 26, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. President Asack presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with eleven members present.

Acceptance of the City Council minutes of October 13, 2020 meeting

Accepted and placed on file

#### **REPORTS**

536 Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of October 19, 2020

Accepted and placed on file

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

537 Of Ryan Burke of 81 Rockford St., Brockton, MA as Trustee of the War Memorial for the City of Brockton for a three-year term.

Referred to Finance Committee

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

From the Director of Information Technology requesting additional funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 to cover unanticipated Communication and Telephone expenses after the centralized consolidation of cellular and GPS accounts.

Accepted and placed on file

From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44, recommending that the City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$150,000 from Unappropriated Estimated Receipts to Information Technology-Telephone (the money will cover unanticipated communication and telephone expenses after the centralized consolidation of cellular and GPS accounts).

Accepted and placed on file

From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the proposed appropriation in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Unappropriated Estimated receipts to Information Technology-Telephone

Accepted and placed on file

From the Chief of Police Department requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) awarded to the City of Brockton as a sub-recipient of the Plymouth County JAG project in the amount of \$68,703.00

# 173. COMMUNICATIONS (CONT'D)

Accepted and placed on file

From the Mayor in accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 44, recommending that the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the amount of \$68,703 from the Plymouth County US Department of Justice-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the Police Department-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund. (The FY20 Plymouth County US Department of Justice JAG will be used to purchase first aid kits for Brockton Police Officers to carry with them and John Scheft Quick Stop Field Guides for officer reference. The grant will also fund overtime used for community policing and outreach efforts as well as the fees to send a number of at-risk Brockton youth to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office Summer Day Camp). There is no required match for these funds.

Accepted and placed on file

From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Ch. 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying the total acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$68,703 from the Plymouth County US Department of Justice-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the Police Department-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund.

Accepted and placed on file

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ordinance: An Ordinance Repealing Section 17-156 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: "Section 17-156 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton is repealed in its entirety." (FAVORABLE) (IN CITY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 13, 2020, PASSED TO A THIRD READING, BY A HAND VOTE).

Ordained by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and nine voting in the affirmative. Councilors Cardoso and Rodrigues voting in the negative.

498 Of Kenol Helas, 13 Enterprise St., #1, Brockton, MA 02301 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": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

499 Of William Wells of 116 Richmond St., Brockton, MA 02301 to the Diversity Commission for a three-year term ending September 2023 in place of Jacob Tagger of 122 Intervale St. Brockton, MA 02302. (FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

500 Of Emiliano LeGrand Chery of 98 Southfield Drive Brockton, MA 02301 as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three years. (FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

From the Mayor, in accordance with the requirements set forth in 963 CMR 2.00, appointing the following members to comprise the School Building Committee for the Huntington School Roof Replacement project: Aldo Petronio, CFO, Brockton Public Schools (Chair and Non-Voting Member), Robert F. Sullivan, Mayor (Non-Voting Member), Mark D'Agostino, Ward 3 School Committee

## 174. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Member (Voting Member), Michael Thomas, Superintendent of Schools (Non-Voting Member), James Plouffe, Interim Superintendent of Buildings (Voting Member), Ossie Jordan, community member with construction experience (Voting Member), Dennis Eaniri, Ward 3 City Councilor (Voting Member), John Lander, Principal of the Huntington School (Non-Voting Member) and Matt Stanton, community member (Voting Member). Pursuant to Section 60 of the City Charter, these appointments are submitted to the City Council for confirmation. (FAVORABLE)

Confirmed by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

526 Ordered: Appropriation of \$150,000

From: Taxation and Estimated Receipts \$120,000 and

Unappropriated Estimated Receipts \$30,000

To: Parks Department-Other Contract Services. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

530 Ordered: Appropriation of \$80,000

From: Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services-FY20 COPS Office Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program grant

To: Police Department-FY20 COPS Office Law Enforcement Mental health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program fund. No match required. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

531 Ordered: Appropriation of \$4,700,000

From: Department of Housing and Urban Development-Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

To: Mayor's Office-Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Fund. There is a required match of \$400,000 that will be used from the CDBG funding. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

532 Ordered: Appropriation of \$8,628

From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS)- FY2021 First Responders Naloxone Grant To: Police Department – FY2021 First Responders Naloxone Grant fund. No match required. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

533 Ordered: Appropriation of \$1,000

From: Southern New England Brotherhood Ride Inc.

To: Police Department

No match required. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays": eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative.

#### **ORDERS**

544 Ordered: Appropriation of \$68,703

### 175. ORDERS (CONT'D)

From: Plymouth County US Department of Justice-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

To: Police Department-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund.

Referred to Finance Committee

545 Ordered: Appropriation of \$150,000 From Unappropriated Estimated Receipts To: Information Technology - Telephone

Referred to Finance Committee

#### LATE FILES

Councilor Cruise motioned to accept a late file and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Reappointment of Kenneth Galligan, of 25 Messina Dr., Brockton to the Traffic Commission pursuant to City of Brockton Ordinance sec. 466, for a term of three (3) years. Prior term ended September 2020.

Referred to Finance Committee

Councilor Monahan motioned to accept a late file and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Resolve: To invite the Mayor to come before the committee of this council to discuss what has taken place to replace Bob Malley as Executive Director of the Parking Authority.

Referred to Finance Committee

### **Councilor's Recognition**

Councilor Cruise informed that the Ordinance Committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:30PM in Council Chambers.

Councilor Farwell asked for a moment of silence for Eugene Franciosi, who was a long-time teacher in Brockton and the former principal at West Middle School.

Councilor Lally informed the Real Estate Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5:30PM in Council Chambers.

Councilor Lally announced that on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 2:30PM, there will be a dedication of Rae Zuckerman Way held at the corner of Elsie Road and Brookfield Drive.

Councilor Eaniri informed that the Accounts Committee will be meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 5:30PM in the G.A.R. room.

Councilor Cruise asked for a moment of silence for former Councilor James Moynihan, whose funeral was today. Councilor Monahan was a councilor during the 1970's representing the entire city.

Councilor Nicastro said that on the city website, is a release by the Mayor urging caution for Halloween. She continued that it is important for parents to read this to see where the Mayor is at and what his concerns and suggestions are.

Councilor Nicastro informed that early voting is taking place at Westgate Mall through Friday with the list of hours on the city website. She continued that Election day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020 with the polls open from 7am to 8PM and two polling places have changed. In Ward 2A, 176.

# **COUNCILOR'S RECOGNITION (CONT'D)**

the Douglas House location has been moved to the Barrett Russell School at 45 Oakdale St. and Ward 4A has been moved from Emmanuel Hose to the Gilmore School at 150 Clinton St.

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.

Recommendations are based on reports from committees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM