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FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, November 2nd, 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. Appointment 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.
Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
Ryan Burke

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

2. 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.
Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
Kenneth Galligan

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

3. Ordered: Appropriation of \$68,703
From: Plymouth County US Department of Justice-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
To: Police Department-FY20 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund.
Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

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

4. Ordered: Appropriation of \$150,000
From Unappropriated Estimated Receipts
To: Information Technology – Telephone
Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Bill Santos, Director of Technology

*Troy Clarkson states consolidation of telephone budget into the IT budget; the transfer amount is an accurate amount representing the cell phone costs.

*Councilor Farwell asks why not take the money from the departments that appropriated the money for this? Troy states that the money was taken from the

departments and put into the IT budget; but there was not enough to cover the full cost.

*Councilor Cruise- Does this include school department? Troy Clarkson states no.

*Councilor Cruise- Who oversees the cell phones/policy? Troy Clarkson states policies are handled through the Mayor's office and Human Resources, IT monitors the cell phones and the department heads say who gets a cell phone as well as their permissions.

*Mayor Sullivan states that IT monitors the usage/plan.

*Bill Santos states the bills are monitored to make sure there is no abuse or overages.

*Councilor Thompson asks how the billing/plan works. Troy Clarkson states IT and the Mayor's office is working on consolidating the plans.

*Councilor Nicastro how many cell phones is covered within the appropriated amount and who negotiates the plan? Bill Santos states that once a year the sales rep comes in to review the plan.

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

5. Ordered: that sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated to pay costs of replacing water transmission main piping and valves, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L, c. 44, ss 8 (5) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. All or any portion of this borrowing may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust"). Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, ss 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. Further Ordered: That the City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under M.G.L. c. 44A any and all bonds or notes of the City authorized by this vote, and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Martin Brophy, Treasurer

Lawrence Rowley, Commissioner of DPW

*Troy Clarkson states he apologizes he was not here last week. Would like to offer a clarification that this in no way limits the legislative authority of the council. Should you approve this and the DPW Commissioner elects to use the money that is in the water enterprise budget for a different purpose, most certainly we will come back to you and seek permission to do so.

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

6. 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.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

*Mayor Sullivan states the hiring process is ongoing. There has been no lapse; Kerry Richards works closely with the Executive Assistant of the Parking Authority, Paula daily. Signing of payrolls and expenses is handled through the Mayors office. Staff at the Parking Authority are dedicated. Also stated that he is working with the Law Department on some different ideas, cost containing measures. Makes sense to have the Parking Authority back in City Hall; a two-man office, which is currently an offsite office costing about \$59,000/ year for the space.

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

7. Whereas, the Cannabis Control Commission is considering regulations relating to the home delivery of marijuana products, Ordered: (1) The city council, by formal vote, opposes the current, proposed regulations. (2) The city council authorizes and directs the city solicitor to communicate to the Cannabis Control Commission a request that any regulations be postponed for six (6) months to allow the city to study the impact of home delivery by outside vendors on local licensees, the impact on the city's public safety services, or to request any other appropriate relief.

*Councilor Farwell states the time period to send anything to the Cannabis Control Commission has passed and moves to table this item.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM