

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at 7:00 PM, Via Zoom*, with Councilor Farwell presiding, all members present, to consider the following:

1. Appointment of Tiffanie Ellis-Niles of 31 Overton St., Brockton, MA to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term ending December 2025.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
Tiffanie Ellis-Niles

*Council President Farwell states Mayor Sullivan is in attendance at the Brockton School Committee Meeting and is unable to be present tonight.

*Ms. Niles states she is excited to be a part of the Redevelopment Board.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

2. Reappointment of Richard Bath of 38 Frost Ave., Brockton, MA to the Council on Aging Board of Directors for a three (3) year term ending January 2024.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
Richard Bath

*Richard Bath states it is his pleasure to be on the Board.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

3. Ordered: That the Superintendent of the School Department Michael P. Thomas be authorized to put out an RFP for a five (5) year contract for Food Service Management for the Brockton Public Schools cafeteria meals program. The current Food Service Provider contract expires on June 30, 2021.

Invited: Michael P. Thomas, Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools

*Council President Farwell states that Mr. Thomas is in attendance at the School Committee Meeting and Aldo Petronio is here on his behalf.

*Aldo states Chartwells has been the food service provider for the past 12 years. Great relationship with them. Has been a (3) year contract, with (1) year contract and (2) year renewal. With the option to cancel. Would like a (5) year contract, a (1) year contract with (4), (1) year renewals. With the option to cancel the contract. Makes this cost effective and more streamlined with the (5) year.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Cruise to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

4. Ordered: The City Council reviews a request of waiver of the residency requirements in accordance with the revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton Article III Section 2-100, City of Brockton Ordinance Waiver of Residency in reference to the Procurement Department.

Invited: Michael Morris, Chief Procurement Officer

*Mr. Morris makes a statement of support for Donnette McManus. She is an exceptional and invaluable employee. She has prior municipal contract and procurement experience. She has experienced a very tragic family loss causing a personal hardship. She made every attempt to comply with residency, circumstances prevented it. This request is supported by the Mayor.

*Councilor Asack asks Mr. Morris if when hired was she a Brockton resident?

*Mr. Morris states she was hired as a temp and then went on to a part-time employee then permanent. She was hired in April of 2019.

*Councilor Asack asks why the residency request- is it time?

*Mr. Morris states it is because of a hardship, housing issues, education and support programs that the children are in.

*Councilor Asack asks if there were Brockton Residents who applied for the position?

*Mr. Morris states yes. There might have been 6 applicants.

*Councilor Lally asks how long has it been with out an assistant in that office?

*Mr. Morris states on and off for two years.

*Councilor Lally states he is happy that he has found an employee who is working out so well with-in the department.

*Councilor Eaniri states he supports this.

*Councilor Cardoso asks Mr. Morris how much time was the position advertised?

* Mr. Morris states the standard 2-3 weeks.

*Councilor Cardoso states she wants to prioritize Brockton residents especially minority residents/applicants. We are not advertising these positions properly or giving it enough time. This is an administrative assistant position there has to be qualified candidates in the city.

*Councilor Nicastro states that there are special circumstances with in the ordinance. This would apply to Ms. McManus. The knowledge of procurement is specialized under state law. Having the knowledge is very important. Wishes Ms. McManus all the luck in the world.

*Councilor Rodrigues stated Ms. McManus is an exceptional young lady. Given her experience she was probably the most qualified person for the job. She had every intention of moving to Brockton.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Cruise to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Eaniri. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

5. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the form of 76 car seats

From: The Buckle Up for Life Gift of Safety Partnership Grant

To: The City of Brockton Police Department-Buckle Up for Life Gift of Safety Partnership Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

*Councilor Nicastro stated the police department takes this seriously. Wednesday nights people can go and have their car set checked to make sure it is safe.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Rodrigues to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

6. Ordered: Appropriation of \$40,000

From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Office of Grants and Research-FY2021 Byrne JAG Local Law Enforcement Opportunity Grant Fund

To: Brockton Police Department-FY2021 Byrne JAG Local Law Enforcement Opportunity Grant fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

*Chief Gomes states these are essential tools that are needed. Will outfit our 14 recruits.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

7. Ordered: Appropriation of \$250,000

From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security-SFY 2021 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant

To: Fire Department-SFY2021 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Michael Williams, Chief of Fire

*Chief Williams states this is the fifth year receiving this grant. Helps with the overtime account.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Cruise. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

8. Donation of \$500

From: An Anonymous Source

To: City of Brockton Police Department.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

*Councilor Rodrigues refers to the anonymous donation; is there a way for the Council to know who is donating?

*Chief Gomes states these donations have been entirely for our K-9 program. Local supporters and regional supporters of police K-9 programs. Assists in training, vet bills all essentials needed for the K-9 program which we don't have in our budget.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a roll call vote, 11 in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM