

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, May 17th, 2021 at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Farwell presiding, 8 members present, Councilor Cardoso and Councilor Rodrigues absent, to consider the following:

* Councilor Asack asks for a moment of silence for the tragic heartbreaking loss of Rafael Andrade and Tiago DePina who lost their lives at DW Fields Park. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family and friends, as well as the good Samaritans and first responders who were at the scene as well as their young friend who survived.

* Council President Farwell states that Councilor Cardoso and Councilor Rodrigues will not be present this evening.

1. Appointment of Jacqueline Murphy of 138 Torrey Street, Brockton, MA to the Diversity Commission for a three (3) year term ending April 2024.

Invited: Jacqueline Murphy

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

2. Appointment of David Sylvestre of 363 Ash St., Brockton to the War Memorial Board of Trustees for a three year term ending May 2024.

Invited: David Sylvestre

* Council President states there is a scrivener's error, this is a reappointment. We will have the Clerk's office correct this.

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

3. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the amount of \$250,000
From: the Massachusetts Department of Public Health-Bureau of Substance Addiction Services

To: City of Brockton-Mayor's Office.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Koren Capiello, Director of Social Services

* Mr. Clarkson states this is a new grant but for on-going services.

* Councilor Nicastro asks what this pays for what kind of services come out of the Mayor's office?

* Mr. Clarkson states that there are a variety of prevention activities, Narcan education, getting people access to treatment or counseling services.

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

4. Ordered: Total transfer of \$30,000
From: Human Resources-Separation Costs
To: Emergency Management-Full Time Salaries \$14,000
Auditing-Telephone \$12,300
Auditing-Personal Services Other Than Overtime \$3,700
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Stephan Hooke, Brockton Emergency Management Agency
AnnMarie Raymond, Interim Auditor

* Mr. Clarkson states that for BEMA a salary adjustment, due to the tremendous amount of work during the pandemic was authorized for the Director. For the Auditing department, they pay for the landlines for the city, which the cost has increased due to systems being upgraded. The \$3,700 is to complete the filling of an additional position that was approved by the Mayor for an additional payroll clerk in the Auditing Department.

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

5. Ordered: Total transfer of \$400,000.00
From: DPW-Highway - Snow Removal
To: DPW- Highway-Capital
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Larry Rowley, Commissioner of DPW

* Mr. Rowley states that this money would purchase a back hoe with a plow, which the highway department does not have, also to purchase a new sweeper. The sweepers we have are 14 years and 8 years old. Do not want to keep putting money into the 14-year-old machine.

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

6. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of additional grant monies in the amount of \$460,623.82
From: the Executive Office of Health and Human Service's -FY21 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant
To: City of Brockton Police Department- FY21 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant Fund
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police
Michelle St. James, Grant Coordinator, Brockton Police Department

* Michelle St. James states this is for a targeted population of opportunity youth, getting them stabilized, keeping them safe and trying to get them into the workforce or education as appropriate.

* Councilor Nicaastro asks how many this serves?

* Michelle St. James states that we have a reference pool of 80, selected by the police department. Currently we have 54.

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

7. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the amount of \$40,000
From: Massdevelopment's TDI Challenge Grant
To: City of Brockton Planning and Economic Development
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

* Mr. May states with these funds, through the Mayor's office, pull together a task force to look at how we can support parklets and other pedestrian activities thorough the city.

* Councilor Thompson asks what is a Parklet?

* Mr. May states that a parklet is a parking lot turned it into a park or public space.

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

8. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of the total grant award in the amount of \$222,064
From: the Department of Public Health-Office of Local and Regional Health-Centers of Disease Control Grant
To: City of Brockton Board of Health –Centers of Disease Control Grant.
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer

* Mr. Clarkson states these grants are direct aid form the Commonwealth through the department of Public Health specific to Covid related activities in the city. This is apart from and over and above the Cares Act funding that we received through Plymouth County, this is direct funding through the Commonwealth.

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

9. Ordered: Acceptance and expenditure of additional grant monies in the amount of \$52,320

From: the Department of Public Health-Office of Local and Regional Health

To: City of Brockton Board of Health

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer

* Mr. Clarkson states same as the previous item.

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

10. Resolve: To invite Brockton Library Director, Mr. Paul Engle to provide an overview of our libraries during covid and all the amazing programs and activities taking place this year.

Invited: Paul Engle, Library Director

* Councilor Asack asks when the Library will open and how residents can find out about programs at the Libraries.

* Mr. Engle states the Library had to learn how to transform on-line. Speaks of the presenters and programs that were able to get due to Zoom. Through Cares Act able to purchase technology to help to present through the web. As far as opening, the plan is to go back as in-person by an appointment basis. Running outside programs through August.

* Councilor Asack asks how is this info getting to the public?

* Mr. Engle states through the Library's website, also through the BCA, they do a public service announcement, word of mouth, Facebook, Instagram.

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

* Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 PM