

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Farwell presiding, all members present to consider the following:

1. Appointment of Mary James of 996 Court St. Brockton, MA 02302 as an alternate for the Council on Aging for a three (3) year term, ending July 2024.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan

Mary James

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

2. Petition to place a Non-Binding referendum question on the November 2, 2021 City Election Ballot.

Invited: Megan Bridges, City Solicitor

Cynthia Scrivani, Executive Director of Elections

\* Council President Farwell states that he received a call about having speakers related to this item. He stated this is not a public hearing and there has been 7 weeks to have questions asked.

\* Councilor Cardoso asks what our vote means today as well as what the referendum means?

\* Solicitor Bridges states the law is straight forward and at this juncture a city council vote would be mute because it is 90 days before the election.

\* Ms. Scrivani states that she informed them that if the Council does not approve, then they would need to get roughly 6,000 signatures before September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Cardoso to report to TABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$156,250 from the Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services-Prevention in Early Childhood Grant to the Mayor's Office-Early Childhood Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Koren Capiello, Director of Social Services

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

4. Ordered: That the Mayor be authorized to enter into contract for WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT between the City of Brockton and Veolia Water North America – Northeast, LLC (summary and terms sheet attached hereto). The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Treatment Facilities Operation, maintenance, and management Agreement (the "Agreement") is made in connection with the City of Brockton's

(the “City”) Request for Proposals dated August 2020 (the RFP”). And further the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the contract.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner

\* Mayor Sullivan states the current contract we could stay with for the next 20 years, but chose not to. Thanks to Councilor Nicastro who served on the committee along with Dave Norton, Patrick Hill, Mike Morris and Troy Clarkson. Put out an RFP, will save \$4000,000.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Nicastro. Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$500,000 from the Executive Office of Health & Human Services -FY22 Safe & Successful Youth Initiative Grant to Police Department FY22 Safe & Success Youth Initiative Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Michelle St. James, Grant Coordinator Brockton Police Department

\* Ms. St. James states this is a reoccurring grant.

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

6. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$50,000 from the Executive Office of Health & Human Services- FY22 Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Program Grant to Police Department FY22 Massachusetts Jail/Arrest Diversion Program Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Michelle St. James, Grant Coordinator Brockton Police Department

\* Ms. St. James states this is a reoccurring grant.

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

7. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$11,255.54 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security FY 2019

Byrne/ Justice Assistance Grant to Police Department FY2019 Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Michelle St. James, Grant Coordinator Brockton Police Department

\* Ms. St. James states this is a new grant.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Nicastro. Motion carried by a hand vote.

8. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the HDIP Tax Increment Exemption Agreement (TIE) between the City and 46 Montello, LLC., for the property located at 46 Montello St.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development  
Geoffrey Anantole, South Shore Property Management, LLC

\* Councilor Thompson makes a motion to AMEND, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Lally. Motion carried by a hand vote.

“Motion to Amend the TIE Agreement from the agreement submitted to the clerk's office on 6/11/2021 to the amended agreement submitted to the clerk's office on 8/2/2021.”

\* Mayor Sullivan speaks in regards to the TIE.

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

9. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$70,000 from the MassDevelopment Site Readiness Grant Award to the Department of Planning and Economic Development – MassDevelopment’s Site Readiness Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

\* Mr. May speaks of a grant to repair a site in downtown.

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

10. Resolve: To have Dr. Richard Herman, appear before a committee of the City Council to update the community and the City Council of the Continuing efforts of the City of Brockton concerning the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

Invited: Dr. Richard Herman

\* Dr. Herman gives an update on Covid in the community.

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

\* Councilor Lally motions to take item # 12 out of order, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

12. Resolve: BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Solicitor, Chief of Police, and Fire Chief for the City of Brockton come before the Finance Committee to discuss state law and the process of hiring, promotion and application of civil service for employment in the Brockton Police and Fire Departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the individuals be invited to discuss diversity practices for hiring and promotions in the Brockton Police and Fire Department.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan

Megan Bridges, City Solicitor

Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

Brian Nardelli, Chief of Fire

William Hill, Local 144 IAFF

Lieutenant Bryan Maker, President, Superior Officers Union

Officer Derek Salamone, President, Brockton Police Patrolman Association

\* Councilor Cardoso asks Chief Nardelli and Chief Gomes about the hiring processes.

\* Chief Nardelli states he is in the process of hiring 12 firefighters. Receives a list of candidates that have taken the civil services test. An advantage with civil service, it protects the city. City jobs, for city kids; residency preference. Had a career day, promoted to 321 different groups. Encouraging Brockton kids to take the test.

\* Chief Gomes states the promotional exams are study based and very competitive. Spending 1,000 hours to get promoted. Civil Services exam, then placed in rank, Brockton historically has honored the civil service scores. Out of 11 new officers 8 are minorities.

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

11. Resolve: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Health Officer of the Board of Health, City Solicitor, Chief of Police, Designee of the License Commission, and Fire Chief for the City of Brockton come before the Finance Committee to discuss code enforcement measures and processes in the City.

Invited: Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer

Megan Bridges, City Solicitor

Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Brian Nardelli, Chief of Fire

- \* Councilor Cardoso asks who is involved in code enforcement, paper trails, software etc.
- \* Chief Nardelli speaks about code enforcement within the Fire Department.
- \* Chief Gomes speaks about code enforcement within the Police Department.
- \* Dr. Mondesir speaks about code enforcement within the Board of Health.
- \* Mayor Sullivan speaks of new software called Tolemi. Utilized with IT department to streamline the process.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Thompson to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Cardoso. Motion carried by a hand vote.

13. Resolved, that the Mayor, Director of the Board of Health, and Chief Financial Officer come before the Finance Committee to discuss establishment of a Health Department consistent with the City's adoption of M.G.L. c. 111§26A-E, and to inform the Council of any planning and financial considerations for implementation of said Health Department.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer  
Megan Bridges, City Solicitor

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Cardoso to report to POSTPONE to the next Finance Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Thompson. Motion carried by a hand vote.

14. Resolve: BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph Cardinal of National Grid (or its designees), the Commissioner for the Department of Public Works, and the Mayor of the City of Brockton come before the Finance Committee to discuss recent power outages and solutions for improvements, response, and reducing service interruptions in the City of Brockton, specifically in response to outages occurring in Wards 4, 5 and 6.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Patrick Hill, Interim Commissioner of DPW  
Stephan Hooke, Director of Brockton Emergency Management  
Joe Cardinal, National Grid

\* Joe Cardinal speaks of the solutions and improvements with power outages within the city of Brockton.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 PM

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheBrocktonChannels/live>