

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Farwell presiding, Councilor Monahan absent, to consider the following:

1. Re-appointment of Philip Griffin of 19 Emory St. Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority for a five-year term, ending September 2026.

Invited: Philip Griffin

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

2. Ordered: That the City Council approves the request of Dr. Eno Mondesir for an exemption from Article III, Sec. 2-100 of the Revised Ordinance, such request being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan

Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer

\* Mayor Sullivan asks for a favorable recommendation for this waiver and supports this request.

\* Councilor Nicastro asks what is the reason for the waiver request?

\* Dr. Mondesir explains that Covid has been an enormous hardship, putting in many hours without manpower. Also based on family circumstances haven't been able to make any change.

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

3. Ordered: That pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 4, the City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement, inclusive of attached Development Agreement, with the Town of Avon for treatment of wastewater and sale of water.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Megan Bridges, City Solicitor

Patrick Hill, Interim Commissioner of DPW

Attorney David Frenette

\* Mayor Sullivan states this has been going on since the late Mayor Carpenter.

\* Solicitor Bridges speaks regarding the IMA.

\* Councilor Nicastro asks the Mayor if this IMA is financially fair to the city of Brockton?

\* Mayor Sullivan states, yes without hesitation.

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

4. 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 \$8,810.13 from.... Brockton Council on Aging /Triad to .... Brockton Police Department -Project Lifesaver Fund.  
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Michelle St. James, Grant Coordinator Brockton Police Department  
Janice Fitzgerald, Director of Council on Aging

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

5. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$10,671.36 from..... Massachusetts Commonwealth Security Trust Fund (CSTF) FY22 Grant to ..... Brockton Police Department – Massachusetts Commonwealth Security Trust Fund (CSTF) FY22 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 funds radios for patrol officers.

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

6. Ordered: in accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the grant award in the amount of \$8,750 from Massachusetts department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS)- FY2022 First Responders Naloxone Grant to.....City of Brockton Police Department- FY2022 First Responders Naloxone Grant Fund.  
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Michelle St. James, Grant Coordinator, Brockton Police Department

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

7. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, Recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$37,066.88 from Finance-Purchase of Services to True Green Capital.  
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

8. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$2,033.66  
From: Veterans Services- Humanistic Supplies  
To: Veterans Services-Full-Time Salaries \$1,531.40  
Veterans Services-Admin Incentive \$500.00  
Veterans Services- Stipend \$1.31  
Veterans Services- Educational Incentive \$ .95  
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
David Farrell, Director of Veterans' Services

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

9. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of \$61.00 From.... Stop and Shop Bags4MyCause Program to.... Veterans Services.  
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
David Farrell, Director of Veterans' Services

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

10. Ordered: That the City, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40 SS 15A, hereby accepts as surplus that portion of the Keith Field property comprising of 47, 170 square feet as depicted, measured, and identified as area of potential excess land in the conceptual soccer field layout plan prepared by Beals and Thomas, Inc., and presented to the School Committee on May 18, 2021 (and attached hereto). The School Committee will maintain control of the remaining land. Be it further ordered that the surplus property is available for disposition to the most advantageous proposer after soliciting requests for proposals. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to dispose of said property.  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Megan Bridges, City Solicitor  
Michael Thomas, Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools

\* Council President Farwell states that School Committee members Timothy Sullivan and Joyce Asack are present as well as CFO of Brockton Schools, Aldo Petronio.

- \* Mayor Sullivan states that Peter Mello, the School's Attorney is present as well.
- \* Superintendent Michael Thomas stated that the architect, David LaPointe is also here tonight.

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

11. Ordered: That the sum of \$1,500,000 is hereby appropriated to lend funds for the **“Downtown Brockton Restaurant Infrastructure Fund”** loan program. Funds are to be loaned to property owners investing in the economic development activity of Brockton Downtown for installation of restaurant infrastructure, by providing funds to the Brockton Redevelopment Authority to make said loans and for the payment of all costs incidentals and related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the City Chief Financial Officer, City Treasurer with approval of the Mayor authorize said amount under pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1945, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, including but not limited to the HUD Section 108 Program of the United States of America, and that the Mayor, Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer are authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable to carry out this transaction. This certification conditional because the CDBG funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City of Brockton which would repay the loan is subject to the discretion of the U.S. Congress.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Martin Brophy, Treasurer  
Robert Jenkins, Executive Director of Brockton Redevelopment Authority

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

- \* Councilor Cardoso motions to take # 16 out of order, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

16. Resolve: Be it resolved that the Mayor of Brockton, The CFO, The School Superintendent be invited to the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss the American Rescue Plan Funding dispersed to Brockton. Be it also resolved that members of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence to be invited to discuss the importance of prioritizing and supporting community based violence prevent and intervention programs through this funding.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Michael Thomas, Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools  
Ruth Zakarin, Massachusetts Coalition, to prevent Gun Violence

- \* Ruth Zakarin and Angela Fontes speak regarding the Massachusetts Coalition on gun violence and ARPA.

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

12. 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  
Shannon Resnick, Legislative Counsel

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

13. Resolve: That the Superintendent of Cemeteries (acting), Chief Financial Officer, and interim DPW Commissioner be invited to a meeting of the Council to provide an overview of the outstanding issues relative to flooding, as well as projected financial implications for any mitigations.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Cemeteries  
Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner  
Melissa Buckley, Brockton Resident

\* Brockton resident Melissa Buckley speaks of the flooding issues on her property.

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

14. Resolve: Be it Resolved, that the Chief of Police and the Director of the Traffic Commission for the City of Brockton appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss the ongoing problems caused by unlicensed motor vehicles, mopeds, minibikes and ATVs to the safety of the people of Brockton.

Invited: Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police  
Captain Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commission

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

15. Resolve: To have a representative of STV Engineering appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to make a presentation concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan update for the City of Brockton.

Invited: Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner  
Dustin Kerksieck, Project Manager STV

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

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