

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Farwell presiding, Councilor Cardoso absent, to consider the following:

\* Councilor Monahan requests a moment of silence for Hank Tartaglia who passed away this week.

1. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the appropriation up to an amount of \$34,590,793 from ... Unappropriated Estimated Receipts-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) disbursement for purposes of COVID response, mitigation, and prevention activities. These funds are to be expended at the sole discretion of the Mayor without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Shannon Resnick, Legislative Counsel

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report to POSTPONE to the October 18<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

2. 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 \$282,379.13 from Executive Office of Public Safety and Security /State 911 Department- FY22 State 911 Department Training Grant to ..... City of Brockton Police Department -FY22 State 911 Department Training 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 yearly grant for training of emergency telecommunicators and patrol officers who work in dispatch.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, 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 \$1,000,000...

From: Department of Public Health  
To: Board of Health-FY22 Department of Public Health  
Grant Fund \$500,000 And Board of Health-FY23 Department of Public Health  
Grant Fund \$500,000

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer

\* Mr. Clarkson states that this funding from the Department of Public Health will allow the city to employ those outreach coordinators, nurses and other staff to be able to address the ongoing needs for the next two years.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Monahan to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Thompson. 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 appropriation of \$4,503,179.20...
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| From: Stabilization Fund  | \$2,912,029.39 |
| ARPA Fund   | \$1,591,149.81 |
| To: Fire-FY20 Personal Services Other Than Overtime Retroactive Payment | \$457,335.82   |
| Fire -FY20 Overtime Retroactive Payment                                 | \$25,211.37    |
| Fire- FY21 Personal Services Other Than Overtime Retroactive Payment    | \$1,313,816.82 |
| Fire -FY21 Overtime Retroactive Payment                                 | \$67,209.56    |
| Fire- FY22 Personal Services Other Than Overtime Retroactive Payment    | \$2,619,060.10 |
| Fire -FY22 Overtime Retroactive Payment                                 | \$20,545.53    |
- For purposes of funding Local 144 contract. This appropriation provides funding for three (3) years (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022), of a three (3) year contract.  
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\* Mr. Clarkson states this represents the total settlement for the fire union for a 3-year term that concludes June 30<sup>th</sup> of next year. Stating this is a fiscally responsible agreement.

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

5. Resolve: To invite Ms. Cynthia Hogan Scrivani, Executive Director of the Elections Commission, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the September 14<sup>th</sup> preliminary election including without limitations, personnel and mechanical issues and how to address them before the November 2<sup>nd</sup> general election.

Invited: Cynthia Scrivani, Executive Director of Elections  
Joseph E. Moses Jr., Elections Board Member  
Jane M. Parker, Elections Board Member  
Tanya E. Tillman, Elections Board Member  
Fredrick M. McDermott, Elections Board Member

\* Councilor Nicastro asks for an overview on the preliminary election day.

- \* Ms. Scrivani states a warden at the Kennedy School called out sick. Stated she was at 2 other polling locations getting their machines up and running; while there she got a call from the Mayor that the Kennedy was not open. Ms. Scrivani stated she went there to address the situation. Another polling location at Campello High Rise did not open on time because the ballot box was not there. Stated she will be updating the manual to assist the poll workers.
- \* Councilor Nicastro asks about the stipend for poll workers.
- \* Ms. Scrivani states that inspectors are paid \$150 per day, the wardens and clerks make \$200 a day. It is a very long day, up to 15 hours. Talks about the training she does with the poll workers.
- \* Councilor Mendes states that some of the posted information should be in other languages as well. Councilor Mendes also would like to go to the training class. Also, would like to have more marketing for the elections.
- \* Councilor Rodrigues asks if there are enough resources, money wise to run more of a promotional election in the city.
- \* Ms. Scrivani states they have been level funded for years.
- \* Councilor Rodrigues stated maybe we can do some promotional signage with the information regarding the elections in some of the main areas in the city.
- \* Councilor Thompson stated that the voting process was a bit different this time. Reviewed the poll pad process with Ms. Scrivani.
- \* Councilor Eaniri asked if we still have the “vote today” signs.
- \* Ms. Scrivani stated they do have some and do put them out at the polling locations.
- \* Councilor Asack highlighted the good from the preliminary; did see the “vote today” signs, also the robo-call is a great idea. Also mentions the digital billboards can be used as well free of charge. Asked about raising the daily rate for the poll workers.
- \* Council President states this is pending in Ordinance.
- \* Councilor Nicastro asked if there will be a sample ballot on the website.
- \* Ms. Scrivani states yes, there will be one on the site tomorrow.
- \* Council President Farwell asks Mr. McDermott if he would agree that the four board members are in charge of making sure the election is properly run.
- \* Mr. McDermott states yes.
- \* Council President Farwell asks Mr. McDermott, Do we have stand by wardens or poll workers, unassigned?
- \* Mr. McDermott states it is a good idea.
- \* Ms. Scrivani states we do usually have a list of “stand-by” poll workers, due to Covid, the list has gotten shorter.
- \* Mr. McDermott suggests a video training if there are problems along the way they can refer to the video. Hard to train in an hour, 2 hours would be great, but it is more time for them.

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 9:09 PM