

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Farwell presiding, Councilor Nicastro absent, to consider the following:

* Council President Farwell states that Councilor Nicastro is ill tonight and will not be able to make it tonight.

1. Appointment of Pourita Das of 6 Ray Avenue Brockton, MA 02301 to the Planning Board for a five-year term, ending October 2026.

Invited: Pourita Das

*Mayor Sullivan states he is excited to introduce Pourita Das; she is an architect here in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and a Brockton resident.

* Councilor Thompson asks Ms. Das if she would need to recuse herself if her employer came before the Planning Board to present a certain project in Brockton?

* Ms. Das states she would follow the procedure of the Planning Board and would recuse herself.

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

2. Appointment of Matthew Stanton of 160 Tribou Street Brockton, MA 02301 to the War Memorial Board of Trustees for a three-year term, ending October 2024.

Invited: Matthew Stanton

*Mayor Sullivan states he proudly puts Mr. Stanton before you tonight as a non-veteran member.

* Mr. Stanton states it would be an honor to serve on the board.

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

3. Appointment of Sarah Yunits of 65 Longview Road, Brockton, MA 02301 to the War Memorial Board of Trustees for a three-year term, ending October 2024.

Invited: Sarah Yunits

* Mayor Sullivan states Ms. Yunits will bring a skill set that is long overdue.

* Ms. Yunits states her Grandfather's portrait hangs in the War Memorial building and she looks forward to the opportunity to do more.

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

4. Appointment of Brian Madden of 15 Madrid Square #5 Brockton, MA 02031 to the War Memorial Board of Trustees for a three-year term, ending October 2024.
Invited: Brian Madden

*Mayor Sullivan states Mr. Madden would be his recommendation as a veteran member that would fill the capacity of 3 veterans and 1 non-veteran.

* Mr. Madden states he is a proud veteran of the United States Navy. His Grandfather has a stone outside the War Memorial and it would be an honor to serve on this board.

* Councilor Asack states it is an honor to have you serve on this board.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. 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 of the donation in the amount of \$3,000 from.....BROCKTON ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH to..... MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

* Mayor Sullivan stated he met with Pastor Steve Warner from the church regarding the condition of the flags that fly outside of City Hall with all of the nationalities; he wanted to make a gift so we could acquire replacements of the flags as well as some flags that the city does not currently own.

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

*Councilor Asack makes a public Thank you to Brockton Assembly of God Church; states this is really generous of them and really a great thing for the church to do.

6. 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

* Mayor Sullivan states before you tonight is the ARPA Money. There are federal parameters of what the ARPA money can be spent on. Right now, we are

brainstorming to try to see if some citizens in the city might have some ideas that we haven't thought of, I also ask all of you to opine on that as well.

*Council President Farwell asks Mr. Clarkson, if correct, that the administration, you and the Mayor still take the position that this is a grant that we have to accept and upon acceptance it can be expended?

* Mr. Clarkson states yes.

* Council President Farwell states there have already been appropriations from ARPA to settle contracts; we haven't accepted the appropriation yet. Where are we?

* Mr. Clarkson stated great question. The requests for the use of ARPA funds to fund the contracts are not further appropriating but simply moving that money that exists in a fund to be able to fund those contracts.

* Council President Farwell asks Legislative Counsel Shannon Resnick to speak on the matter.

* Attorney Resnick stated the ARPA legislation is hundreds of pages, it doesn't reference ARPA as a grant. This is large pool of money and we don't have an example to go back on. Will review the data and can give more of an analysis to the City Council.

* Councilor Rodrigues speaks of a establishing a revolving account.

* Mr. Clarkson stated he has not thought of that idea.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Rodrigues to report to POSTPONE to the 1st meeting in November, 2nd 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 appropriation of \$332,421.50
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| FROM: STABILIZATION FUND | \$237,921.50 |
| TO: CEMETERY DEPARTMENT- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$18,200 |
| CEMETERY DEPARTMENT-OVERTIME | \$1,806 |
| DPW-HIGHWAY- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$80,080 |
| DPW-HIGHWAY-OVERTIME | \$5,686 |
| DPW MAINTENANCE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$7,280 |
| DPW-MAINTENANCE-OVERTIME | \$383 |
| DPW-REFUSE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$29,120 |
| DPW-REFUSE-OVERTIME | \$2,170 |
| LIBRARY DEPARTMENT-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$7,280 |
| LIBRARY DEPARTMENT-OVERTIME | \$300 |
| PARKING AUTHORITY- FULL TIME SALARIES | \$21,840 |
| PARKING AUTHORITY- PART-TIME SALARIES | \$8,872.50 |
| PARKING AUTHORITY-OVERTIME | \$477 |
| PARKS & RECREATION-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$32,760 |

PARKS & RECREATION-OVERTIME	\$6,215
PUBLIC PROPERTY-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$14,560
PUBLIC PROPERTY-OVERTIME	\$892
And	
FROM: ARPA FUND	\$94,500
TO: CEMETERY DEPARTMENT -SIGNING BONUS	\$7,500
DPW-HIGHWAY- SIGNING BONUS	\$33,000
DPW-MAINTENANCE- SIGNING BONUS	\$3,000
DPW-REFUSE-SIGNING BONUS	\$12,000
LIBRARY-SIGNING BONUS	\$3,000
PARKING AUTHORITY-SIGNING BONUS	\$16,500
PARKS & RECREATION-SIGNING BONUS	\$13,500
PUBLIC PROPERTY-SIGNING BONUS	\$6,000

For the purposes of funding the Laborer's 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

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

8. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$236,862
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| FROM: STABILIZATION FUND | \$172,362 |
| TO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER ENTERPRISE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$101,920 |
| DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER ENTERPRISE-OVERTIME | \$9,825 |
| DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SEWER ENTERPRISE-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME | \$54,600 |
| DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SEWER ENTERPRISE-OVERTIME | \$6,017 |

and

FROM: ARPA FUND	\$64,500
TO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER ENTERPRISE SIGNING BONUS	\$42,000
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SEWER ENTERPRISE-SIGNING BONUS	\$22,500

for purposes of funding the Public Employees' Local Union 1162, Water & Sewer 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

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Lally to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Monahan. 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 appropriation of \$119,150.87
 FROM: STABILIZATION FUND
 TO: BOARD OF HEALTH- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN
 OVERTIME \$51,688.06
 BOARD OF HEALTH- OVERTIME \$1,315.00
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION-
 PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME \$9,236.15
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION-
 OVERTIME \$300.00
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER ENTERPRISE- \$18,701.07
 PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME
 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-
 PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME \$9,236.39
 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-
 OVERTIME \$34.00
 PUBLIC PROPERTY- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN
 OVERTIME \$28,119.20
 PUBLIC PROPERTY- OVERTIME \$521.00
 for purposes of funding the Brockton Association of Engineers, Technicians and
 Inspectors 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

* Councilor Asack stepped down for this item*

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

10. Ordered: in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44,
 recommending that the City Council authorize the appropriation of \$215,267.48
 FROM: STABILIZATION FUND
 TO: ASSESSOR'S OFFICE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN
 OVERTIME \$7,279.96
 AUDITOR'S OFFICE-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN
 OVERTIME \$14,559.96
 AUDITOR'S OFFICE- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE \$36.40
 CITY CLERK'S OFFICE-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER
 THAN OVERTIME \$10,919.94
 CITY COUNCIL'S OFFICE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN
 OVERTIME \$10,920.60
 COUNCIL ON AGING- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN
 OVERTIME \$7,279.70
 COUNCIL ON AGING- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE \$36.40
 DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-

PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,639.85
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
DPW- ADMINISTRATION- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,639.91
DPW- ADMINISTRATION- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$7,279.70
DPW REFUSE ENTERPRISE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,640.02
DPW SEWER ENTERPRISE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,639.89
DPW WATER ENTERPRISE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$18,200.09
DPW WATER ENTERPRISE- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
DPW ENGINEERING - PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,639.89
DPW ENGINEERING- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
ELECTIONS COMMISSION- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$10,919.70
FINANCE DEPARTMENT- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,640.02
FIRE DEPARTMENT- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$10,920.24
FIRE DEPARTMENT- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
BOARD OF HEALTH- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,640.02
BOARD OF HEALTH- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$10,919.49
LAW OFFICE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,640.13
LAW OFFICE- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
PARKS & RECREATION- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,639.87
PARKS & RECREATION- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
POLICE DEPARTMENT- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$18,199.49
POLICE DEPARTMENT- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,640.09
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$36.40
PUBLIC PROPERTY- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$10,919.76
TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$18,199.94

TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE- EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE	\$72.80
TREASURER’S OFFICE- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$18,199.74
VETERAN’S OFFICE-PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER THAN OVERTIME	\$3,639.91

for purposes of funding the Brockton City Hall Administrative Services Association 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

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

11. 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 Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) COVID-Safe Cooling Strategies Grant to.....Emergency Management Agency-Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) COVID-Safe Cooling Strategies Grant Fund.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Stephan Hooke, Director of Brockton Emergency Management

* Mr. Hooke states this a grant to provide Covid safe cooling strategies; air conditioning and fans, also some equipment for the cooling centers in the summer time. Also, utilities assistance. This is called “Keep it cool Brockton”.

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

12. 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 MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS (MBLC)-LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) DIRECT GRANT to..... MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS (MBLC)-LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) DIRECT GRANT FUND.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Paul Engle, Library Director

* Mr. Engle states that this grant is to fund a mobile planetarium.

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

13. 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 \$15,000 from MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS (MBLC)-LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) DIRECT GRANT to..... MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS (MBLC)-LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT (LSTA) DIRECT GRANT FUND.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Paul Engle, Library Director

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

14. Ordered: That the City of Brockton does hereby take in fee in accordance with M. G.L. Ch. 79 and/or other applicable law, the following described parcels of land, to wit: 596 Summer Street For further reference see Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 54317, Page 257; Map 117, Route 243 Plot 44. We have considered and estimated the damages sustained by all persons who have not waived damages in their several estates and hereby determine and award the same as follows, to be paid from the bond amounts previously authorized by the City Council for purchase or taking of property for public safety and general municipal purposes.

PROPERTY/OWNER	AMOUNT
596 Summer Street	
Owner: Five Ninety Six Summer Street Realty, LLC	\$3,998,460.00

Said taking shall include all trees, soil or fixtures thereon.

Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan
Michael Thomas, Superintendent of Brockton Public Schools/ or designee
Megan Bridges, City Solicitor
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

* Mayor Sullivan states this is the former May Institute and asks for your support on this. This is the right location.

* Superintendent Thomas speaks regarding the Keith Building and needs an upgrade. This new location is a real benefit.

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

15. Ordered: WHEREAS, Pending before the Ordinance Committee of the City Council are proposed, major zoning changes for certain parcels of land in the area of Beaumont Avenue, Quincy Street, Christo's Way, and the property formerly occupied by, or contiguous to, Christo's Restaurant and function facility, and, WHEREAS, If approved, these zoning changes would have a profound effect on the

inventory of commercial parcels of property in the city, as well as traffic, school populations, and other effects on residents in this area.

ORDERED:

- The zoning changes filed during the meeting of September 27, 2021, and numbered thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33) on the revised agenda, shall be the subject of a public hearing at the East Middle School held by the Finance Committee of the City Council. Committee members wishing to hear public comment may attend.
- The city council shall request and receive the most recent traffic count data from the Old Colony Planning Council for the intersections of Quincy and Centre Street and Quincy and Crescent Street.
- The city council shall request and receive information from the Brockton Public Schools as to the impact R-3, multi-family zoning may have on school populations in the school buildings which would accommodate additional students.
- The city council shall request and receive copies of all documents from the planning department, or any vendor which was compensated for studying the proposed zoning changes, where residents or businesses within a one (1) mile area were solicited and returned positive or negative comments about zoning changes.
- The city council shall request and receive from the planning department all copies of email, letters, notes, or other documents from any source sent to, or received by that department regarding the proposed zoning changes.
- The city council shall request and receive information from the chief of the fire department as to the technical, fire prevention requirements for R-3, multi-family, three (3) story residential buildings.

Invited: Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Timothy Cruise, Clerk to City Council

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

16. Resolve: To invite a representative of Brockton Community Access (BCA), to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the television coverage of the September 14th preliminary election.

Invited: Carl Pride, Executive Director of BCA

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Rodrigues to report to POSTPONE to the 1st meeting in November, 2nd by Councilor Eaniri. Motion carried by a hand vote.

17. Resolve: To Invite representatives of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority, The Old Colony Planning Council and the City of Brockton Office of Planning and Economic Development to appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council.

Further resolved to have these representatives discuss how the City is dealing with attracting new businesses, keeping existing businesses and reaching out to

prospective business owners, particularly in the minority community, to explain and promote all programs that are available to assist in the growth of their endeavors.

Invited: Robert May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Robert Jenkins, Director of Brockton Redevelopment Authority

Mary Waldron, Executive Director, Old Colony Planning Council

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM