

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Farwell presiding, to consider the following:

\* Councilor Lally makes a motion to take item # 15 out of order, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

15. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of: \$1,955,356.19	
From: Stabilization Fund	\$1,356,621.87
To: Police- FY20 Personal Services Other Than Overtime Retroactive Payment	\$167,002.40
Police-FY20 Overtime Retroactive Payment	\$12,719.77
Police- FY21 Personal Services Other Than Overtime Retroactive Payment	\$345,770.27
Police-FY21 Overtime Retroactive Payment	\$12,500.60
Police- FY22 Personal Services Other Than Overtime	\$799,070.77
Police-FY22 Overtime	\$19,558.06
and	
From: ARPA Fund	\$598,734.32
To: Police- FY20 Personal Services Other Than Overtime Retroactive Payment	\$7,556.09
Police- FY21 Personal Services Other Than Overtime Retroactive Payment	\$100,250.94
Police- FY22 Personal Services Other Than Overtime	\$355,927.29
Police- COVID Bonus	\$135,000

for purposes of funding the Brockton Police Supervisors' Union 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 these amounts fund the 3-year contract.

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

**Public Hearing**

1. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out of Sunset Avenue, extending from Bouve Avenue, easterly a distance of 337.29 feet, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a Public Street or way of said City of Brockton.

Invited: Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner

\* Mr. Hill states DPW does not have any objections.

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

2. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out of Berkley Street, from Rutland Square northerly to Market Street, a distance of 354.79 feet, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway Purposes and lay out as a public Street or way of said City of Brockton.

Invited: Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner

\* Mr. Hill states the DPW does not have any objections.

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

3. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of Sheridan Street, extending from the end of the 1944 layout, northerly, a distance of about 1,355 feet, more or less, to Kathleen Road, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for Highway purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton.

Invited: Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner

\* Mr. Hill states the DPW does not have any objections.

\* Councilor Thompson asks Mr. Hill to explain to the residents the difference between a public and a private way.

\* Mr. Hill states this gives a way to use funding to pave the city streets when the street is public.

\* Councilor Thompson asks if there are any plans to put a sidewalk on Sheridan Street?

\* Mr. Hill states not at this time.

\* Councilor Thompson speaks to the residents that are present representing Sheridan Street.

\* Residents from Sheridan Street are upset with the speeding and traffic on Sheridan Street. Resident's name is Barbara Madar.

\* Lauren Conway, resident of Sheridan Street. States that the street floods terribly. Concerned that with sidewalks she would lose her front yard. The speeding is also a big issue.

\* Councilor Lally states making your road public there is not a significant change. Your road would be able to be paved. Talked about the traffic commission for the speeding issue. If you have issues with the drainage making your street public, you are then eligible to have the infrastructure repairs.

\* Councilor Rodrigues states he respects the wishes of the residents of Sheridan Street.

- \* Other residents in opposition come before the council. Marica Deal in opposition.
- \* Councilor Thompson makes a motion to postpone this item.

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

**Public Hearing Closed**

4. Appointment of Paula C. Kokoros-Odierno of 57 Reservoir St., Brockton, MA 02301 to Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Member for a three-year term, ending October 2024.

Invited: Paula C. Kokoros-Odierno

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

5. Appoitment of Iolando Spinola of 23 Noyes Ave, Brockton, MA 02301 to Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Member for a three-year term, ending October 2024.

Invited: Iolando Spinola

\* Mr. Spinola states he grew up in Brockton and would like to make an impact with experience he has.

\* Councilor Asack asks if he speaks any other languages?

\* Mr. Spinola states yes, Cape Verdean Creole.

\* Councilor Farwell states his question is regarding the ZBA, what experience have you had at a zoning meeting?

\* Mr. Spinola states yes, at the capacity of observing.

\* Councilor Farwell states he can't support this vote. Need understanding of ordinances and zoning.

\* Councilor Rodrigues states he wants to make sure if we are willing to open this can of worms than we need to close it. This can be learned in a week working with the Chairman of the Board.

\*Councilor Cardoso states she sat on the Zoning Board and learned from the Chair.

\* Mayor Sullivan thanks Mr. Spinola. States he is a planner and has the time to commit to this board and believes he has the skill.

\* Councilor Nicastro gives helpful information to Mr. Spinola.

\* Councilor Farwell responding to Councilor Rodrigues, makes no apology asking the questions he asked regarding this appointment.

\* Councilor Asack thanks Mr. Spinola again, and compliments him for answering the questions that were asked of him.

\* Councilor Monahan states that Mr. Spinola will do a great job and thanks him for volunteering.

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 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 that the Mayor has the right to spend the money, that is how I read it. What is before you tonight is how we can spend the money and who can spend it.

\* Mr. Clarkson states the guidance from the department of revenue is treating this like a federal grant.

\* Councilor Mendes requests we amend the language in the order.

\* 2-minute recess requested by Council President Farwell

\* Attorney Resnick reviews what is on the table now and explains the amendment.

\* Councilor Mendes withdraws her motion and makes a motion to amend the order including the \$500,000, motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Thompson.

\* On the motion, Councilor Asack asks what other cities have done?

\* Attorney Resnick states what she has looked at, other cities left it with the Mayor.

\* Councilor Monahan asks if \$750,000 would be better?

\* Councilor Mendes withdraws her motion and amends it to reflect the \$750,000.

\* Mayor Sullivan states that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Finance Meeting of each month will be an ARPA recap.

#### AMENDMENT:

In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, Sec. 53A, recommending that the City Council accept the grant amount up to \$34,590,793 from Unappropriated Estimated Receipts-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for purposes of, including but not limited to, COVID response, mitigation, and prevention activities, said funds shall be held in a special revenue fund called the "ARPA Fund". Any appropriation from the ARPA Grant in excess of \$750,000 shall be subject to City Council approval.

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

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

7. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:  
Transfer of: \$2,000,000  
From: Retirement Fund- Contributory Pensions  
To: Stabilization Fund  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Jeanne Martineau, Executive Director of Brockton Retirement

\* Mayor Sullivan states he is happy Mr. Condon is here to speak on this matter, filling in for Ms. Martineau.

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

8. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:  
Transfer of: \$20,000,000  
From: Retirement Fund- Contributory Pensions  
To: Pension Stabilization Fund (7251)  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Jeanne Martineau, Executive Director of Brockton Retirement

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

9. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:  
Appropriation of: \$85,000  
From: Massachusetts Department of Public Health- Legislative Earmark Funding Grant  
To: The Mayor's Office- Legislative Earmark Funding Grant Fund  
(These grant funds will be used to support the Champion Program. There is no matched required.)  
Invited: Honorable Mayor Robert Sullivan  
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

10. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$20,000...  
From: In Good Health  
To: Brockton Police Department

(The donation will be used for K-9 related items as needed for the Brockton Police Department.)

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

\* Chief Gomes states this donation will be used for a comfort dog to help with children in the schools who might have some psychological issues or with PTSD. These dogs are specifically selected for their kindness and obedience.

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

11. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$100...  
From: Quincy Credit Union  
To: Brockton Police Department  
(The donation will be used for K-9 related items as needed for the Brockton Police Department.)  
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer  
Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

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

12. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows: Appropriation of: \$50,000  
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) – FY22 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant  
To: Brockton Police Department- FY22 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant Fund (\$36,456.67 of these grant funds will be used to fund overtime shifts during five enforcement campaigns: Winter Impaired Driving (DSOGPO) in December 2021, Distracted Driving in April 2022, Click It or Ticket (CIOT) in May 2022, Summer Speed in June 2022, and Summer Impaired Driving (DSOGPO) in August and September 2022. \$6,028.26 will be used for the Bike Unit to conduct bike rodeos, \$6,028.27 will be used for overtime shifts for pedestrian and bike safety enforcement, \$1,186.80 will be used to purchase 750 bicycle lights for youth and \$300 will be used to print 750 resource cards to be distributed during the bike rodeo.)  
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 Monahan. Motion carried by a hand vote.

13. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Appropriation of: \$15,449.50

From: U.S. Department of Justice- FY21 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant

To: Brockton Police Department- FY21 Bulletproof Vest Program Grant Fund

(These grant funds are used for the reimbursement of 50% of the cost of bulletproof vests for Brockton police officers' whose vests need to be replaced in the upcoming cycle.)

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

14. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$23...

From: Joao Monteiro

To: Brockton Police Department

(The donation will be used for K-9 related items as needed for the Brockton Police Department.)

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

Joao Monteiro

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

16. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$18,750. From: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency- Hazard Mitigation Grant To: Department of Public Works – Hazard Mitigation Grant Fund (The grant funds will be used to update the Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. There is a 25% required in-kind match.)

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner

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

17. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows: Appropriation of: \$250,000 From: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – EPA Cleanup Grant To: Department of Planning and Economic Development – EPA Cleanup Grant Fund (The grant funds will be used to remediate the environmental concerns at the Corcoran Building at 308 Montello Street. This grant requires a \$50,000 match. Funds from the MassDevelopment Brownfield Grant award will be used as a source for this match.)

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

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

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

Invited: Carl Pride, Executive Director of BCA

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 10:01 PM