

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, December 6th, 2021 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Eaniri presiding, Councilor Cardoso, Councilor Farwell and Councilor Monahan absent, to consider the following:

* Meeting starts at 7:04 PM

* Councilor Eaniri states that Council President Farwell is under the weather as well as Councilor Cardoso; Councilor Monahan got called into work and will try to get here if he can.

Public Hearing

1. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out of **Roberta Avenue**, from the end of the 1966 layout, a distance of 502.18 feet, to Harlan Circle, 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, said easement passing by or over lands, now or formerly, of those persons shown on "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part of this taking.

Invited: Patrick Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner

* Mr. Hill states the DPW has no objection to this.

* No one in favor or opposition.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Rodrigues to report FAVORABLE, 2nd 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 **Harlan Terrace**, from Roberta Avenue easterly a distance of 367.38 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, said easement passing by or over lands, now or formerly, of those persons shown on "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part of this taking.

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

Public Hearing Closed

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

* Councilor Thompson states the main concerns from the residents are the drainage and traffic. Spoke to the residents to address these issues separately. There is almost a 0% chance for sidewalks and less than a 1% chance of looking to repave that road. Would like to add an amendment to this order so the residents can have a say; if the city says that the city wants to put in a sidewalk there will be a public hearing.

*Councilor Thompson makes a motion to amend the order, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

* Amendment: A public meeting is required if the city wishes to install sidewalks or repave Sheridan Street.

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

4. Appointment of Peggy Curtis of 153 Dixon Rd. Brockton, MA 02302 to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term, ending in November 2024.

Invited: Peggy Curtis

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

5. Appointment: Appointment of Ruby Clay of 607 Summer St Brockton, MA 02302 to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term, ending November 2024.

Invited: Ruby Clay

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

6. Reappointment: Reappointment of Janet Trask of 121 Longwood Avenue Brockton, MA 02301 to the Diversity Commission for a three-year term, ending in November 2024.

Invited: Janet Trask

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

7. Petition of KG Collective Brockton, LLC, requesting an Adult Use Retail Marijuana License located at 912 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA 02302.

Invited: Attorney Scott Rubin and Applicants

* Attorney Rubin speaks before the committee for KG Collective Brockton LLC. Happy to represent them. Speaks of the location; worked on the traffic in the area to reduce any traffic in the neighborhood. Bright location with colors and inviting for the customers.

- * Councilor Thompson states that he supports KG Collective.
- * Councilor Rodrigues asks about job creation for folks in the community.
- * Attorney Rubin states that there would be about 10-15 employees.

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

8. Ordered: That the Brockton City Council adopts new precinct lines based upon the official United States 2020 Census block level data. These boundaries will take effect on December 31, 2021. Attached maps and legal boundary descriptions as prepared by the Massachusetts Secretary of State's Office.

Invited: Timothy Cruise, City Clerk

Cynthia Scrivani, Director of Elections

Michael Owens, Re-Precincting Community Engagement Director

* City Clerk Cruise states that every 10 years we have to redraw ward and precinct lines. Speaks of the proposed map. No change to the wards. Minor changes in precinct. The 2020 census is based off of 105,000 people; growth of 11%. Precinct lines are based on census tracts. This would need to be approved tonight. Will work with the Elections office to get any changes to the residents that would effect a change in their wards for voting.

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

9. Resolve: To invite Emanuel Gomes, Chief of the Brockton Police Department, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the use by Brockton Police Department of the Noise Ordinance, *Revised Ordinances for the City of Brockton Section 14-50 Noise Control* passed in February of 2021, including without limitation, number of noise complaint calls received with dates and hours of the day, the names of the responding officer(s), and the disposition including number of matters resulting in violation notices issued and/or referred for court action, with this requested information provide to Council members prior to the meeting at which the matter is heard.

Invited: Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Nicastro to report to POSTPONE to the December 20th meeting, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 PM