

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, December 20th, 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:

*Council President Farwell states that Councilor Cardoso will not be able to make it tonight for the meeting.

1. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the total proposed approval of \$7,587.96.
From: Finance Department – Purchase of Services
To: Public Consulting Group, Inc.
(This will be used to pay an invoice dated April 28, 2021)
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Mr. Clarkson states that this vendor provides services to the city in helping with some Medicaid reimbursements. He continues to explain that the vendor never sent this bill to the city, and that he is in front of council because it is a prior year's bill.

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

2. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$150,000.
From: Office of Justice Programs (OJP) – 2021 BJA FY21 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Grant Award
To: Brockton Police Department- 2021 BJA FY21 The Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Grant Award Fund
(These grant funds will be used to re-introduce the Project Lifesaver program into the Brockton Police Department. Locative bracelets and accessories will be purchased to be distributed to individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities, corresponding receivers will be purchased for the Police Station, Project Lifesaver Train the Trainer training will be provided to eight officers all sworn staff and cadets can then be trained in the program, and overtime for bi-monthly battery checks which will also serve as family check-ins and resource referral opportunities will be funded.)
Invited: Emanuel Gomes, Chief of Police
Michelle St. James, Grant Coordinator, BPD
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Michelle St. James begins by explaining that this grant is to restart a previously successful program that has laid dormant due to lack of funds in the past; this grant will be useful to get the program the equipment it needs.

*Councilor Nicastro asks for an example about how the Police Department will be using the program. Ms. St. James responds that she will be working with the Council on Aging,

Brockton Housing Authority, the hospitals and the schools to find those who will benefit from the program and get them the resources that they may need.

*Ms. St. James makes the argument that these free of charge bracelets could potentially cut the time in which officers may be searching for a missing individual as long as they continue to wear it.

*Councilor Nicastro recommends working alongside Old Colony Elder Services amongst every other organization previously stated as it may be beneficial to them as well; Ms. St. James agrees.

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

3. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance of a donation for 28.20 Acres of Vacant Land, Map C4 Lots 12 and 26 Off School St. Pembroke, MA owned by Richard M. Clemence. The value of this land is \$725,000.

Invited: Megan Bridges, City Solicitor

Pat Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner

*Council President Farwell states that Assistant Solicitor Donegan is taking questions in place of City Solicitor Bridges. Assistant Solicitor Donegan states that Interim DPW Commissioner, Patrick Hill, will be best at taking questions and invites Mr. Hill to do so.

*Mr. Hill states that the properties are considered a source water protection area to protect the source at Silver Lake.

*Council Asack asks if Mr. Clemence has any ties to the city; Mr. Hill's answer is that to the best of his knowledge, no, Mr. Clemence does not. Councilor Asack questions if there is some sort of exchange or benefit for the owner to which Mr. Hill replies that he believes that there is more than likely some sort of a benefit to him, but he is not sure what that may be.

*Council President Farwell states that Mr. Clemence had called him personally to speak on the donation and he referred him to the Solicitor's office. He continues to clarify that there is nothing that needs to be exchanged for this land.

*Councilor Thompson asks what the city's intention with the land is to which Mr. Hill answers that he has no intentions at the moment to do anything with the land.

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

4. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$68,000.

From: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection – Recycling Dividends Program Grant

To: Department of Public Works- Recycling Dividends Program Grant Fund

(The grant funds will be used to provide payments for municipalities that have implemented specific programs and policies proven to maximize reuse, recycling and waste production and incentives to improve their recycling program. There is no required match for this grant.)

Invited: Pat Hill, Interim DPW Commissioner
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Mr. Hill states that this is an annual performance-based grant that is done through a point system. The worth of the points are determined by the amount of people the city services. The City of Brockton received seventeen points at \$4,000 per point which totals \$68,000.

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

5. Petition of James Murphy for a license to Solicit and Canvass on behalf of C C-Teknologies, a Solar and Energy Storage provider.

Invited: James Murphy

*Council President Farwell invites James Murphy to come forward and speak about the nature of his business.

*Mr. Murphy states that he is looking to offer solar and battery backup at the best possible price on behalf of his Avon based company C C-Teknologies.

*Councilor Nicastro questions if Mr. Murphy will be doing this himself or if he has employees to which he states that he, himself will be going door-to-door. She follows up and questions where he will be doing so, to which he replies that he will be branching out across the entire city.

*Council Asack questions if this is Mr. Murphy's first time before the council for a license for solar, and follows up with a question about the door-to-door salesmen and if they will be properly identified; his answer is yes to both.

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 PM

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