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In City Council January 10, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brockton City Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, 2nd. Fl., City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with all eleven members present.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the December 27, 2021 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file

2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the January 3, 2022 Inauguration Ceremony.

Accepted and placed on file

APPOINTMENTS:

3. Appointment of Henry G. Soones of 5 Kenneth Ave Brockton, MA 02302 to the Council on Aging for a three (3) year term, ending January 2025.

Referred to Finance

COMMUNICATIONS:

4. From the Mayor Appointing Henry G. Soones of 5 Kenneth Ave Brockton, MA 02302 to the Council on Aging for a three (3) year term, ending January 2025.

Accepted and placed on file

5. From David Teixeira informing the City Council that he is resigning his position on the Board of Commissioners of the Brockton Housing Authority effective December 31, 2021.

Accepted and placed on file

6. From the Mayor informing the City Council that Eugene Marrow is stepping down from License Commission effective November 1, 2021.

Accepted and placed on file

7. From the Mayor informing the City Council that effective 4:30PM January 4, 2022, Captain Steven Williamson has been appointed as Acting Police Chief for the City of Brockton pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, section 61A.

Accepted and placed on file

8. From the Mayor 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 \$25,000 from.... MASSDEVELOPMENT – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT to..... DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND. These grant funds will be used to assist the City study and develop a Business Improvement District (BID) and Plan for downtown Brockton.

Accepted and placed on file

5. (COMMUNICATION CONT.)

9. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the grant funds in the amount of \$25,000 from.... MASSDEVELOPMENT – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT to..... DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file

10. From the Chief of Police requesting authorization to expend grant monies related to the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) awarded to the City of Brockton as a sub-recipient of the Plymouth County JAG project in the amount of \$74,800.00.

Accepted and placed on file

11. From the Mayor 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 \$74,800 from.... U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) - 2021 BJA FY 21 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) to..... BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT – 2021 BJA FY 21 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUND. These grant funds will be used to conduct community policing overtime, send youth to the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office Summer Day Camp, and purchase Axon Taser non-lethal weapons, batteries, cartridges, and holsters to properly equip patrol officers. There is no match required for this grant.

Accepted and placed on file

12. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the grant funds in the amount of \$74,800 from from.... U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) - 2021 BJA FY 21 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) to..... BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT – 2021 BJA FY 21 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUND without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file

ORDERS:

13. Ordinance: WHEREAS, The City Council adopted a tax rate in December, 2021, with a factor of 1.75 providing some relief to property owners of residential dwellings; and, WHEREAS, The increase in value of homes within the City was significant, resulting in higher property valuations; and, WHEREAS, There remains significant financial strain on homeowners as a result of increased valuations and property taxes, the COVID-19 virus, as well as income and jobs lost as a result of the COVID pandemic; and WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer shall be invited to an Ordinance Committee meeting to: (1) prepare a report for the Council to identify the amount of revenue uncollected if the City shall apply a one-time two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250.00) credit granted to an individual owner occupant of a dwelling; (2) report on the number of residential account the proposed credit would apply; and (3) certify whether ARPA funds may be used to compensate the water and sewer enterprise accounts to provide this financial relief to homeowners in the City of Brockton. In consideration thereof, the following Ordinance is introduced for consideration by

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the Council:

ORDINANCE: Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows: That the City Council adopt the following Amendment to Chapter 23, Water, Sewers and Sewerage Disposal, Section 25, Fees and Charges:

Insert the following to Section 23-25 "Fees and Charges"

(c) One-Time Credit for Last Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022

(i) For each water/sewer account for an individual who is the owner and occupant of a dwelling on a permanent, full-time basis, a one-time credit of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be given for the invoice tendered for the last quarter of fiscal year 2022. This one-time credit shall apply to water and sewer accounts established prior to January 1, 2022, and where consumption of water and sewer usage occurred.

(ii) If the amount due from the last quarter of fiscal year 2022 is below \$250.00, the one-time credit shall be for the amount due on the last quarter of fiscal year 2022 invoice and no excess credit shall be applied to the account.

Referred to Ordinance

14. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.

From: MassDevelopment – Technical Assistance Grant

To: Department of Planning and Economic Development – Technical Assistance Grant Fund

(These grant funds will be used to assist the City study and develop a Business Improvement District (BID) and Plan for downtown Brockton.)

Referred to Finance

15. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$74,800.

From: U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – 2021 BJA FY21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

To: Brockton Police Department - 2021 BJA FY21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund

(These grant funds will be used to conduct community policing overtime, send youth to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office Summer Day Camp, and purchase Axon Taser non-lethal weapons, batteries, cartridges, and holsters to properly equip patrol officers. There is no match required for this grant.)

Referred to Finance

LATE FILES

Councilor Minichiello motion to introduce a late file and was properly seconded. The motioned carried by a hand vote.

COMMUNICATION:

16. From the Fire Chief requesting acceptance and expend a total of Two hundred Fifty thousand dollars and 00 cents (\$250,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The Fire Department intends to use the Grant Funds for overtime necessary to maintain staffing levels.

Accepted and placed on file

17. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the acceptance and expenditure of the

7. (LATE FILES CONT.)

grant award in the amount of \$250,000 from.... EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY'S OFFICE OF GRANTS AND RESEARCH (OGR) – MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING GRANT to..... BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT - MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING GRANT FUND. These grant funds will be used for overtime necessary to maintain staffing levels.

Accepted and placed on file

18. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the grant funds in the amount of \$250,000 from.... EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY'S OFFICE OF GRANTS AND RESEARCH (OGR) – MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING GRANT to..... BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SAFETY STAFFING GRANT FUND without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

Accepted and placed on file

ORDER:

19. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$250,000.
From: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR) – Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant
To: Brockton Fire Department- Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant Fund
(These grant funds will be used for overtime necessary to maintain staffing levels.)

Referred to Finance

Councilor D'Agostino motion to introduce a late file and was properly seconded. The motioned carried by a hand vote.

COMMUNICATION:

20. From the Fire Chief requesting a transfer to eight hundred thousand (\$800,000.00) from Education Incentive to supplement overtime spending to maintain all companies through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022.

Accepted and placed on file

21. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$800,000 from.... BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – PERSONAL SERVICES -OTHER THAN OVERTIME to.... BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – PERSONAL SERVICES- OVERTIME. This transfer is necessary to supplement overtime spending due to vacations, increased members on injury leave, vacant positions, and a new collective bargaining agreement.

Accepted and placed on file

8. (LATE FILES CONT.)

22. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the total proposed transfer of \$800,000 from.... BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – PERSONAL SERVICES -OTHER THAN OVERTIME to.... BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – PERSONAL SERVICES- OVERTIME without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. The Fire Department has experienced significant personnel impacts due to the pandemic. This transfer from full-time salaries to overtime is to ensure that shifts are adequately covered during times of need.

Accepted and placed on file

ORDER:

23. 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: \$800,000
From: Brockton Fire Department – Personal Services- Other Than Overtime
To: Brockton Fire Department – Personal Services- Overtime
This transfer is necessary to supplement overtime spending due to vacations, increased members on injury leave, vacant positions, and a new collective bargaining agreement.

Referred to Finance

Councilor's Recognition

Councilor Asack stated that the Mayor's office is donating to non-profit organizations and churches with ARPA Funds. The application is on the City's website and encourages these non-profits and churches to apply.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12PM

All council business as listed on the agenda have been emailed to the City Council members in their complete form, with exception of oversized material, such as maps, photos, etc. Recommendations are based on reports from committees.