

In City Council January 10, 2022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Brockton City Council will be held on Monday, January 10, 2021 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fl., City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the December 27, 2021 City Council meeting.
2. Acceptance of the Minutes of the January 3, 2022 Inauguration Ceremony.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

4. 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.
5. From the Mayor informing the City Council that Eugene Marrow is stepping down from License Commission effective November 1, 2021.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
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ORDERS:

12. 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 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.
13. 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.)
14. 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

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### **Councilor's Recognition**

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.