

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Standing Committee on Finance will meet on *Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, to consider the following:

1. 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: \$1,500,000
From: Overlay Surplus
To: Law Department- Court Judgements
Invited: Megan Bridges, City Solicitor
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Executive Session: To discuss matter relating to active litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

2. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$157,300.
From: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs-FY23 Commonwealth's Municipal Vulnerability Program
To: Planning and Economic Development Department-FY23 Commonwealth's Municipal Vulnerability Program Fund.
(These grant funds will be used to prepare 30% design documents and drawings for nature-based flood control measures along Trout Brook in furtherance of the Trout Brook Urban Renewal Plan. This grant will require a local match of \$54,000.)
Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Chike Odunuwke, City Engineer
Julianne Bass, Fuss & O'Neill
Dean Audet, Fuss & O'Neill

3. WHEREAS, The Brockton City Council granted licenses to individuals and corporations for the retail sales of marijuana, and,

WHEREAS, The licenses were issued pursuant to business plans and official representations made to the council when applicants appeared to participate in the licensing process, and,

WHEREAS, The city has an economic interest in ensuring that licensees are open and actively engaged retail sales;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (1) The City Clerk shall provide a list of all retail marijuana licenses approved by the council with a notation as to which licensees are open and actively engaged in retail sales.

(2) The city's chief legal officer (solicitor) and legislative counsel to the city council be invited to appear at a finance committee meeting to discuss legal options available to the city council relating to those licensees who have failed to open and are simply holding a license.

Invited: Tim Cruise, City Clerk

Megan Bridges, City Solicitor

Shannon Resnick, Legislative Counsel

4. RESOLVE: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mary Waldron of the Downtown Brockton Business Association and Amanda Glennon, Chairwoman of the Brockton Holiday Celebration and Parade, or their designees, be invited to come before the Finance Committee to discuss the Brockton Holiday Celebration and Parade to be held on Saturday, November 26, 2022.

Invited: Mary Waldron

Amanda Glennon, Chairwoman

5. WHEREAS, The Massachusetts legislature enacted Chapter 59, section 5 (C) allowing for residential property tax exemptions for certain properties, and,

WHEREAS, The Department of Revenue published information about this exemption and the types of communities which adopt the exemption, noting:

Large cities or towns with many nonowner-occupied properties like apartment buildings," adopt this program, and,

WHEREAS, The City of Brockton does not currently offer this exemption, and,

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to discuss and evaluate whether this annual exemption would be of benefit to owner-occupied, residential property in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Chair of the Board of Assessors appear before a committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss the residential tax exemption program, how it would affect the amounts collected from owner-occupied properties, and to prepare a written summary of how the city could implement of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5C, with various exemption amounts which could be included in any such program.

Invited: John O'Donnell, Chair of the Board of Assessors