

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met *Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Lally presiding, to consider the following:

1. Reappointment of Daniel Campbell, 16 Belcher Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301 as a Constable in the City of Brockton for a term of three (3) years.

Invited: Daniel Campbell

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Minichiello to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. 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 \$500,000.  
From: Executive Office of Health and Human Services- FY23 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant

To: Brockton Police Department – FY23 Safe and Successful Youth Initiative Grant Fund

(These grant funds will be used for street outreach, case management, behavioral health, and tiered employment services for a targeted group of individuals aged 17-24 between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. There is no match required for this grant.)

Invited: Brenda Perez, Police Chief

Steve Williamson, Captain

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\*Councilor Nicastro states that in this agreement, it was written that the program may provide stipends or financial support to clients for participation in educational services, and asks if that is something that is currently being done. Captain Williamson tells her that he is unaware, but will get the information to her as soon as possible.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Nicastro. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. WHEREAS, The City of Brockton has formally adopted a Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate Honorary positions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Poet Laureate, Phillip Hasouris, and Youth Poet Laureate Hannah Baptiste, be invited to address the Finance Committee of the City Council with a selection of poetry and to outline future events for the Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate.

Invited: Phillip Hasouris  
Hannah Baptiste

\*Councilor Farwell states that it is so important to have a Poet Laureate and a Youth Poet Laureate in the City of Brockton. He goes on to say that there was tremendous competition to decide on these positions.

\*Councilor Farwell presents a citation on behalf of the entire City Council to Youth Poet Laureate Hannah Baptiste.

\*Ms. Baptiste and Mr. Hasouris read their poems to the councilors.

\*Ms. Baptiste states that she wants to represent the diverse youth in the city and show them that their experiences are valid and that their voices are needed in this world. She states that she plans to do this through hosting writing workshops and art showcases to showcase talent. She states that she is currently planning events at the Brockton Public Library.

\*Mr. Hasouris thanks Brockton Public Library director Paul Engle and Councilor Farwell for all their support. He goes on to state all of his plans to celebrate the city through poetry and art. He highlights the numerous events and performances that will be taking place in the city.

\*Councilor Farwell states that the future of the city and country is pretty bright. He thanks both Mr. Hasouris and Ms. Baptiste for their work and their time.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

4. RESOLVE: Resolved to have Cynthia Pendergast of NeighborWorks Housing Solutions, or her designee, appear before the Standing Committee on Finance of the Brockton City Council. Ms. Pendergast will give a brief overview of the services currently offered to the residents of Brockton by NeighborWorks Housing Solutions and introduce a new down payment assistance opportunity specifically for first time home buyers who are residents of Brockton.

Invited: Cynthia Pendergast

\*Ms. Pendergast could not be in attendance this evening.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report POSTPONED, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor D'Agostino. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25pm