

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday evening April 10, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM with eight members present. Councilors Asack, Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

Councilor Farwell states that he is acting president as President Nicastro could not attend the meeting.

889. Acceptance of the Minutes of the March 27, 2023 City Council meeting.

Accepted and placed on file

APPOINTMENTS:

Councilor Lally motioned to move under suspension of rules and take items 2-10 collectively and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

890. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Charles J. Cassiani, Jr of 197 Winter St, Whitman MA 02382.

891. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Andrew Cesarini of 320 West St, Brockton MA 02301.

892. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Michael Damiano of 29 Ari's Way Milford MA 01757.

893. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Alfred Gazerro of 719 Union St, East Bridgewater, MA 02333.

894. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: William Healy of 73 Vernon St, Middleboro MA 02346.

895. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Daniel Leonard of 22 Highland Ave, West Bridgewater MA 02379.

896. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Peter Skelly of 29 Mayflower Ridge Dr, Wareham, MA 02571.

897. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Robert Smith of 21 E J Medeiros Way, West Bridgewater MA 02379.

898. Appointment of the following as Special Police Officer to the City of Brockton Police Department: Scott D. Uhlman of 142 Cashman Rd, Brockton MA 02301.

Confirmed by a roll call vote take by "yeas" and "nays"; eight members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, Minichiello and Nicastro absent. Councilor Lally motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

899. Appointment of Frederick M. McDermott of 976 Ash Street Brockton, MA 02301 to the Elections Commission as a Commissioner for a four (4) year term, ending March 2027.

Referred to Finance

900. Reappointment of Toni L. Goncalves of 154 Fairview Ave, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Planning Board as a member for a five (5) year term, ending March 2028.

Referred to Finance

270. (APPOINTMENTS CONT.)

901. Reappointment of Cindy Ethier-Kostka of 50 Centre Street #311, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Cemetery Board of Trustees as a member for a five (5) year term, ending March 2028.

Referred to Finance

902. Reappointment of Matthieu C. Delisme of 14 Clifford Ave, Brockton MA 02301 to the City of Brockton Library Board of Trustees as a member for a three (3) year term, ending March 2026.

Referred to Finance

903. Appointment of Shareefah K. Mapp of 45 Hillberg Ave, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Conservation Commission as a commissioner for a three (3) year term, ending March 2026.

Referred to Finance

904. Appointment of Fabienne Myra Zephyr of 17 Cambo Street, Brockton MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, ending March 2026.

Referred to Finance

905. Appointment of the following candidate to the City of Brockton Beautification Committee as members for a one (1) year term, ending March 2024: Kelly M. Hanlon of 96 Westfield Drive, Brockton MA

Referred to Finance

906. Appointment of the following candidate to the City of Brockton Beautification Committee as members for a one (1) year term, ending March 2024: Linda R. Pietrantonio of 55 John Berman Drive, Brockton, MA.

Referred to Finance

907. Appointment of the following candidate to the City of Brockton Beautification Committee as members for a one (1) year term, ending March 2024: Shareefah K. Mapp of 45 Hillberg Ave, Brockton MA.

Referred to Finance

908. Appointment of the following candidate to the City of Brockton Beautification Committee as members for a one (1) year term, ending March 2024: Shelly A. Jackson of 29 Keswick Rd, Brockton MA.

Referred to Finance

Councilor Asack stepped in.

HEARINGS:

Petition of Joao A. Pereira, JP Auto Repair, of 300 Pleasant Street Apt. #2, Brockton, MA 02301, for a Motor Vehicle Repair Mechanical License and Motor Vehicle Repair Body License located at 77 North Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Joao Pereira appeared in favor of the petition and was there to answer any questions.

Hearing held.

Councilors Thompson and Lally commented.

271. (HEARINGS CONT.)

Councilor Thompson motioned to amend the MVR body license to include the stipulation that prevents the work to be done with the license until they get proper equipment and Fire Department approval and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Granted as amended by a hand vote. Councilor Minichiello and Nicastro absent.

REPORTS:

Councilor Minichiello stepped in.

909. Of the Finance Committee for its meeting of April 3, 2023.

Accepted and placed on file

COMMUNICATIONS:

910. From the Mayor appointing the following as Special Police Officers to the City of Brockton Police Department:

Charles J. Cassiani, Jr of 197 Winter St, Whitman MA 02382
Andrew Cesarini of 320 West St, Brockton MA 02301
Michael Damiano of 29 Ari's Way Milford MA 01757
Alfred Gazerro of 719 Union St, East Bridgewater, MA 02333
William Healy of 73 Vernon St, Middleboro MA 02346
Daniel Leonard of 22 Highland Ave, West Bridgewater MA 02379
Peter Skelly of 29 Mayflower Ridge Dr, Wareham, MA 02571
Robert Smith of 21 E J Medeiros Way, West Bridgewater MA 02379
Scott D. Uhlman of 142 Cashman Rd, Brockton MA 02301

Accepted and placed on file

911. From the Mayor appointing Frederick M. McDermott of 976 Ash Street Brockton, MA 02301 to the Elections Commission as a Commissioner for a four (4) year term, ending March 2027.

Accepted and placed on file

912. From the Mayor reappointing Toni L. Goncalves of 154 Fairview Ave, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Planning Board as a member for a five (5) year term, ending March 2028.

Accepted and placed on file

913. From the Mayor reappointing Cindy Ethier-Kostka of 50 Centre Street #311, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Cemetery Board of Trustees as a member for a five (5) year term, ending March 2028.

Accepted and placed on file

914. From the Mayor reappointing Matthieu C. Delisme of 14 Clifford Ave, Brockton MA 02301 to the City of Brockton Library Board of Trustees as a member for a three (3) year term, ending March 2026.

Accepted and placed on file

272. (COMMUNICATIONS CONT.)

915. From the Mayor appointing Shareefah K. Mapp of 45 Hillberg Ave, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Conservation Commission as a commissioner for a three (3) year term, ending March 2026.

Accepted and placed on file

916. From the Mayor appointing Fabienne Myra Zephyr of 17 Cambo Street, Brockton MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, ending March 2026.

Accepted and placed on file

917. From the Mayor appointing the following candidates to the City of Brockton Beautification Committee as members for a one (1) year term, ending March 2024:

Kelly M. Hanlon of 96 Westfield Drive, Brockton MA
Linda R. Pietrantonio of 55 John Berman Drive, Brockton, MA
Shareefah K. Mapp of 45 Hillberg Ave, Brockton MA
Shelly A. Jackson of 29 Keswick Rd, Brockton MA

Accepted and placed on file

918. From the Fire Chief recommending the promotion of Electrician James F. Donovan to Working Foreman Signal Maintainer in the Brockton Fire Department. This promotion is per MOA Local 144 and the City of Brockton. Mr. Donovan is the number one candidate for this position.

Accepted and placed on file

919. From the Mayor recommending the promotion of Electrician James F. Donovan to Working Foreman Signal Maintainer in the Brockton Fire Department. This promotion is per MOA Local 144 and the City of Brockton. Mr. Donovan is the number one candidate for this position.

Accepted and placed on file

920. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the total appropriation of \$5,550,000 using the attached form of order with language as recommended by Attorney Richard A. Manley, Jr. of Locke Lord, LLP, the City's bond counsel, in order to provide funding through borrowing said amount, for the purpose of acquiring a parcel or parcels of land located at 1782 Main Street in Brockton.

Accepted and placed on file

921. 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 proposed appropriation of and borrowing authorization for \$5,550,000 for the purpose of acquiring a parcel or parcels of land located at 1782 Main Street in Brockton, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This acquisition is for school transportation purposes. The principal and interest payments will be made with non-net school funds.

Accepted and placed on file

Brief Recess.

273. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS)

Back in session.

Councilor Mendes stepped out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

817. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Article II, Section 28 Compensation to provide the City Council President an additional Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$2,500.00) per annum in compensation, commencing January 1, 2024. (FAVORABLE) (PASSED TO A THIRD READING BY A HAND VOTE.)

Councilor Rodrigues commented. Ordination failed by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; nine members present and two voting in the affirmative. Councilors D’Agostino, Lally, Minichiello, Rodrigues, Tavares, Teixeira and Thompson voting in the negative. Councilors Mendes stepped out. Councilor Nicastro absent.

Councilor Mendes stepped in.

534. Ordinance: Chapter II, Article 3, Division 8 “Superintendent of Public Buildings” of the Ordinances of the City of Brockton is hereby amended establishing an Inspectional Services Department (ISD) within the Building Department. (FAVORABLE AS AMENDED) (PASSED TO A THIRD READING AS AMENDED BY A HAND VOTE.)

Ordained as amended by a roll call vote take by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

535. Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 2-127 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton as follows:

Article III, Section 127 of the Ordinances of the City of Brockton is hereby amended by inserting the following:

CATEGORY	Position	Min	2	3	4
PR-2	<i>Deputy Commissioner of Buildings</i>	<i>\$106,917</i>	<i>\$110,125</i>	<i>\$113,428</i>	<i>\$116,831</i>
PR-3	<i>Chief of Inspections</i>	<i>\$83,130</i>	<i>\$87,287</i>	<i>\$91,651</i>	<i>\$96,233</i>

(FAVORABLE AS AMENDED) (PASSED TO A THIRD READING AS AMENDED BY A HAND VOTE.)

Ordained as amended by a roll call vote take by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

863. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the grant (Congressionally Directed Spending) in the amount of \$3,000,000.

From: U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)- FY23 Community Project Funding Grant

To: The Finance Department- FY23 Community Project Funding Grant Fund (The grant (Congressionally Directed Spending) funds will be used to upgrade the Lawrence R. Cosgrove Memorial Pool.) (FAVORABLE) (POSTPONED FROM CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 27,2023)

Councilors Rodrigues and Minichiello commented. Adopted by a roll call vote take by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

274. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)

687. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Budd Avenue**, extending from Sheridan Street, easterly 1,166.67 feet, more or less, to Adams Street, and for that purpose it is necessary to take an easement for **Highway Purposes and lay out as a public street or way of said City of Brockton, said easement passing by or over** lands of those persons shown on “EXHIBIT A”, attached hereto and parties unknown. Said layout of said street, being 50.00 feet in width is shown more particularly on the following described plan:

1. Land Court Plan **27625A (Sheets 1 and 2)** entitled “Plan of Land in Brockton, Bradford Saivetz, C.E.”, dated November 1, 1955, April 5, 1957, and June 13, 1957.

The land taken is more fully described as follows:

All the land within the limits of a private way known as **Budd Avenue**, supposed to belong to parties unknown, being a strip of land 50.00 feet in width, extending from Sheridan Street, easterly, a distance of about 1,166.67 feet, more or less, to Adams Street, as shown on the here-in described plan and to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description. And we have considered and estimated the damages sustained by all persons who have not waived damages in their several estates as follows:

NO AWARDS. Exhibit A, Layout and Acceptance and all other attachments are all located in the Clerk’s Office for viewing. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote take by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

881. Ordered: That the following petition be approved and submitted to the Great and General Court for approval under Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2, as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of section twenty-six B of chapter one hundred and eleven of the General Laws to the contrary, the city of Brockton may appoint a commissioner of public health who has control over the health and human services department, and who shall either: (1) be the holder of a graduate degree in medicine, public health, public administration or a related field with a least two years full time administrative experience in the organization, management or delivery of public health or health care services, or (2) have an equivalent combination of education and experience in health or health care. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote take by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

883. 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 \$36,126.11

From: Human Resources- Employee Benefits- Contractual Union Costs

To: Public Property - Personal Services Other Than Overtime

for purposes of funding the Brockton Building and Construction Trades contract. This provides funding for the first year of a three (3) year contract (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025). (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote take by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

275. (UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.)

884. 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 \$50,000

From: Human Resources- Employee Benefits- Contractual Union Costs

To: DPW- Water Enterprise	\$5,000
DPW- Sewer Enterprise	\$5,000
Library	\$5,000
Cemetery	\$5,000
DPW- Highway	\$5,000
DPW- Maintenance	\$5,000
DPW- Refuse Enterprise	\$5,000
Parking Authority	\$5,000
Parks and Recreation	\$5,000
Public Property	\$5,000

for purposes of funding the Public Employees' Local Union 1162, Water & Sewer contract, Laborer's Local Union 1162 contract, and Library SEIU, Local 888 Union's contract without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services. This provides funding for the first year of a three (3) year contract (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025). (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote take by "yeas" and "nays"; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

885. Ordered: That in accordance with G.L.c. 44, §53A, the City hereby accepts, as a gift from the Estate of Francis X. McDonnell, by and through its attorney, John F. Creedon, Esq. and submitted to the City Council by Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, subject under the said statute for approval by the City Council of Brockton as follows:

1. The sum of (\$350,000.00) three hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be used by the City of Brockton Parks and Recreation Commission under the direction of the Mayor for (a) improvements to the DW Field Park, inclusive of the Golf Course; and (b) to acquire and place a park bench bearing a plaque with the name and in memory of the said Francis X. McDonnell, Golf Professional. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a roll call vote take by "yeas" and "nays"; ten members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Nicastro absent.

833. Resolve: **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Members of the Brockton School Committee, Superintendent of Schools Michael Thomas, Mayor of Brockton Robert Sullivan, Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer for the School Department Aldo Petronio, or their designees, be invited to come before the Finance Committee to update the committee on the previous discussion of athletic facilities in the community, funding, and the need for development of fields and upgrades for recreational uses in the City. (FAVORABLE)

Adopted by a hand vote.

276. (ORDINANCES)

ORDINANCES:

922. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Article IV, Division 4 – City Clerk and Article IV, Division 2 – City Auditor. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brockton, Article IV, Division 2, Section 2-268 shall be amended to strike the words “and the standing committee on finance” so that the City Auditor shall only be the clerk of the standing committee on accounts.

Be it further ordained to insert a new subsection to Article IV, Division 4 as follows: The city clerk shall, in addition to his other duties, act as clerk of the standing committee on finance.

Referred to Ordinance

923. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Part II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Brockton, Article III, Division 8 “Superintendent of Public Buildings” is hereby amended by changing the title of Superintendent of Public Buildings to be titled the “Commissioner of Buildings”.

Be it further ordained that use of “Superintendent of Public Buildings” in Division 2. Sec. 2-127 Play Plan shall now be titled the “Commissioner of Buildings”.

Referred to Ordinance

ORDERS:

924. Ordered: That sum of \$5,550,000 is appropriated to pay costs of acquiring a parcel or parcels of land located at 1782 Main Street in Brockton, by eminent domain or otherwise, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, including renovations and all furnishings and equipment necessary, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

Further Ordered: That the City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with The Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under M.G.L. c. 44A any and all bonds or notes of the City authorized by this vote, and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts may require.

Referred to Finance

LATE FILES

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

928. Ordered: That the City of Brockton does hereby take in fee in accordance with M.G.L. ch.79 and/or other applicable law, the following described parcel of land, to wit:

1782 Main Street Parcel ID:119-002: for further reference see Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 19133, Page 29

We have considered and estimated the damages sustained by all persons who have not waived damages in their several estates and hereby determine and award the same as follows, to be paid from the bond amounts previously authorized by the City Council for purchase or taking of property for public safety and general municipal purposes.

PROPERTY/OWNER
1782 Main Street

AMOUNT

Owner: M Trust

\$5,550,000.00

Said taking shall include all trees, soil, or fixtures thereon.

277. (LATE FILES CONT.)

Referred to Finance

COMMUNICATIONS

929. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the proposed land taking located at the following described parcel of land:

Property/Owner	Amount
1782 Main Street	\$5,550,000.00

Parcel ID: 119-002
Owner: M. Trust

For further reference see Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 19133, Page 29.

Accepted and Placed on File

930. From the CFO in accordance with the Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to the proposed land taking located at the following parcel of land:

Property/Owner	Amount
1782 Main Street	\$5,550,000.00

Parcel ID: 119-002
Owner: M. Trust

without detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

For further reference see Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 19133, Page 29.

Accepted and placed on file

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

926. Ordered: In compliance with the provisions of the Election Laws, notice is hereby given that the City Preliminary will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 and that the City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in the following designated Polling Places:

Ward One	Precinct A	Housing Authority Community Room, Hawley Street
Ward One	Precinct B	West Junior High School Building, West Street
Ward One	Precinct C	Hancock School, Pearl Street
Ward One	Precinct D	Hancock School, Pearl Street
Ward Two	Precinct A	Barrett Russell School, 45 Oakdale St
Ward Two	Precinct B	Manning Towers, 45 Goddard Road
Ward Two	Precinct C	Brockton Public Library, Main Branch, 304 Main St
Ward Two	Precinct D	War Memorial Building, 156 West Elm Street
Ward Three	Precinct A	South Junior High School Building, Keith Avenue
Ward Three	Precinct B	South Junior High School Building, Keith Avenue
Ward Three	Precinct C	John F. Kennedy School Building, Ash Street
Ward Three	Precinct D	West Side Library, 540 Forest Avenue
Ward Four	Precinct A	Gilmore School, 150 Clinton Street
Ward Four	Precinct B	Gilmore School, 150 Clinton Street
Ward Four	Precinct C	Davis Elementary School, 380 Plain Street
Ward Four	Precinct D	Campello High Rise Apartments, 1380 Main Street
Ward Five	Precinct A	East Side Library, 54 Kingman Street

278. (LATE FILES CONT.)

Ward Five	Precinct B	East Junior High School Building, Centre Street
Ward Five	Precinct C	Downey School, 55 Electric Avenue
Ward Five	Precinct D	Caffrey Towers, 755 Crescent Street
Ward Six	Precinct A	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Six	Precinct B	Ashfield School Gymnasium, 225 Coe Road
Ward Six	Precinct C	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Six	Precinct D	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Seven	Precinct A	North Junior High School Building, Oak Street
Ward Seven	Precinct B	Belair Street High Rise, 105 Belair Street
Ward Seven	Precinct C	Sullivan Towers, 140 Colonel Bell Drive
Ward Seven	Precinct D	Raymond School, 125 Oak Street

The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M., and will be closed at 8:00 P.M.

Said voters will then in their respective polling places give in their votes each on one piece of paper to the Warden for the election of candidates for the following named office, viz: Mayor, Councillor At Large, Ward Councillors, and School Committee.

Referred to Finance

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

927. Ordered: Section 25B: Early voting; application for early voting ballots; early voting period, sites and lists; counting of early voting ballots

(c)(1) The select board, board of selectmen, town council or city council of each city and town may vote to authorize early in-person voting for any other city or town preliminary or election not included in subsection(b). Such vote may only be taken after a request from not less than 50 percent of the registrars of the city or town recommending in-person early voting; provided, however, that such vote shall occur not less than 5 business days prior to the proposed beginning of early voting.

(2) As part of the vote to allow early in-person voting under this subsection; a city or town shall set the early voting period to begin not sooner than 17 days before the preliminary or election and end not later than 2 days preceding the preliminary or election.

(3) Early voting under this subsection shall be conducted during the usual business hours of each city or town clerk unless different hours are set as part of the vote to allow early in-person voting, including any weekend hours.

The Election Commissioners voted unanimously to have in-person early voting. The Commissioners respectfully request the council put it to a vote. According to mass general laws the council now has to vote on it.

Referred to Finance

Councilor's Recognition

Councilor Rodrigues states that the President of Cape Verde came to Brockton early this month and sends thank you to the City of Brockton. Councilor Rodrigues gives kudos to Brockton High School teachers and students. He gives special recognition to the café, JROTC and concert choir. This event gave a sense of pride to the city.

Councilor Farwell congratulates Councilor Teixeira on the birth of his newborn son.

Councilor D'Agostino states that the City of Brockton is seeking input from the residents in the Campello area. They are holding many workshops to provide the residents with an opportunity to have their voices heard about their neighborhood and community. Councilors D'Agostino and Nicastro will answer any questions constituents may have, as well as the Planning Department.

279. (COUNCILOR'S RECOGNITION CONT.)

Councilor Farwell congratulates Councilors Lally, Mendes, Asack and the Mayor on their efforts paying off in keeping Stop and Shop open.

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.