

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Standing Committee on Finance will meet on *Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, to consider the following:

1. Ordered: That the City Council approves the acceptance of the Local Option increasing the Retirement Board members stipend from \$3,000 to \$4,500 in accordance with Section 34 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2011, M.G.L., Chapter 32 §20(6).

Invited: Jeanne Martineau, Executive Director, Brockton Retirement Board
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

2. Ordered: That the City Council approves the acceptance of a 2% COLA increase in the maximum base amount upon which the COLA is calculated for the Brockton Retirement pension payments for FY23 retroactive to July 1, 2022.

Invited: Jeanne Martineau, Executive Director, Brockton Retirement Board
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

3. 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: \$1,000,000

FROM: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY-PURCHASE OF SERVICES

TO: STABILIZATION FUND

Invited: Patrick Hill, Commissioner of DPW
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

4. 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.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Martin Brophy, Treasurer/Collector
Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Aldo Petronio, Chief Financial Officer of Schools

5. 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	AMOUNT
Owner: M Trust, 1782 Main Street	\$5,550,000.00

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

Invited: Megan Bridges, City Solicitor
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

6. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Brockton, and area restauranters, to come before the Council to provide an update and discuss their vision of the Sycamore Grove project being proposed by the City of Brockton.

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Joseph R. Angelo, Owner, Joe Angelo's
Chrismin Charlotte, Owner, Bamboo
Manuel Dasilva, Owner, Preto's Island Cuisine
Manuel Rodrigues, Co-Owner, Cristal
Tony Rodrigues, Co-Owner, Cristal

7. Resolve: WHEREAS, the City of Brockton was required to, and the City Council did adopt on December 22, 2019 the stormwater control ordinances (Revised Ordinances section 23-131) to comply with the Stormwater Program of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System promulgated by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection; and WHEREAS, the purpose of said Ordinances is to "... effect proper management of Stormwater runoff and its control facilities, in a prudent manner; to Comply with state and federal environmental regulations."; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinances provide, at sections 23-132 and -135, for the imposition of a Stormwater Utility Fee to fund Stormwater services and payable into a special dedicated fund.;

WHEREAS, said fee is intended, as stated in Sec.23-135, to be "...operated in the manner the existing sewer and water utilities are operated"; and

WHEREAS, since the City began billing property owners for said Stormwater Utility Fees, there have been repeated problems with the billings including inaccuracies and duplicate billings, and how the bills are calculated, as well as the need to clarify the amounts being raised.

NOW Therefore, be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite the Commissioner of Public Works, Patrick Hill, the Treasurer/Collector, Martin Brophy, and CFO Troy Carlson to appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss billing issues and such other related issues as may arise.

By separate resolve, the members of the Stormwater Authority will be invited to discuss the uses of the funds raised and other related issues.

Invited: Robert Sullivan, Mayor
Patrick Hill, Commissioner of DPW
Martin Brophy, Treasurer/Collector
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

8. Resolve: Be it resolved to invite the members of the Stormwater Authority and its chair, City Engineer Chike Odunukwe, to appear before a committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss the work and operations of the Stormwater Authority and such other related matters as the Council deems relevant.

Invited: Robert Sullivan, Mayor
Patrick Hill, Commissioner of DPW
Chike Odunukwe, City Engineer