

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Nicasastro presiding, Councilor Lally absent, to consider the following:

Public Hearing:

1. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Deanna Road**, extending from Sinclair Road to Southfield Drive, 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 a plan entitled “**SOUTHFIELD, SECTION I, BROCKTON, MASS.**, Developed by: Braintree Homes, Inc., Scale: 1’ = 100’, June 15, 1961 ”, drawn by Bradford Saivetz & Associates, Inc., Consulting Civil Engineers, Quincy, Mass., recorded at Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as plan 91 of 1962 in Plan Book 12, Page 465, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

The land taken is more fully described as follows:

All the land within the limits of a private way known as **Deanna Road**, supposed to belong to parties unknown, being a strip of land 50.00 feet in width, extending from Sinclair Road, easterly and northerly, a distance of about 2,195 feet, more or less, to Southfield Drive, as shown on the previously 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.**

Invited: Patrick Hill, Commissioner of DPW

*Comments from Commissioner Hill in favor of the laying out and acceptance of Deanna Road. No one in opposition.

Having considered the same, report recommended as FAVORABLE BY A HAND VOTE.

2. Ordered: That the common necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Brockton require the laying out and acceptance of **Dondi Road**, extending from Grinnell Road, northerly, to Southfield Drive, 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 a plan entitled “**SOUTHFIELD, SECTION I,**

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The land taken is more fully described as follows:

All the land within the limits of a private way known as **Dondi Road**, supposed to belong to parties unknown, being a strip of land 50.00 feet in width, extending from Grinnell Road, northerly, a distance of about 853 feet, more or less, to Southfield Drive, as shown on the previously 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.**

Invited: Patrick Hill, Commissioner of DPW

*Comments from Commissioner Hill in favor of the laying out and acceptance of Dondi Road. No one in opposition.

Having considered the same, report recommended as FAVORABLE BY A HAND VOTE.

Public Hearing Closed

- 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: \$239,000

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| FROM: AUDITORS PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OVERTIME | \$239,000 |
| TO: AUDITING MAIL PURCHASE OF SERVICES | \$127,000 |
| AUDITING PURCHASE OF SERVICES | \$110,000 |
| AUDITING PERSONAL SERVICES OVERTIME | \$2,000 |

In order to cover unanticipated expenses for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Invited: Karen Preval, City Auditor

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*City Auditor, Karen Preval, explained the reason for the transfers to the Council and answered any questions they had.

*Questions and comments from Councilors D'Agostino, Farwell and Nicastro.

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

- 4 Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

appropriation of \$100,000

From: CERTIFIED FREE CASH \$100,000
To: PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 40R SMART GROWTH
FUND \$100,000

Invited: Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Director of Planning and Economic Development, Rob May, explained the reason for the transfers to the Council and answered any questions they had.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Asack and Nicastro.

*Mr. May stated that there would be a public meeting in regard the Campello Planning Process at South Middle School on June 28, 2023 at 6pm.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Minichiello to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor D'Agostino. Motion carried by a hand vote.

- 5 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: \$1,300.00

FROM: FINANCE – OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES \$1,300.00
TO: FINANCE- OUT OF STATE TRAVEL \$1,300.00

In order to cover unanticipated expenses for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson explained the reason for the transfers.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Tavares. Motion carried by a hand vote.

- 6 Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00

From: North Easton Savings Bank

To: The Brockton Police Department

(The donation is for the First Responder Community Jamboree.

Invited: Brenda Perez, Police Chief

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Chief Perez was not able to make tonight's meeting; Captain Williamson attended the meeting in her place.

*Captain Williamson explained what the funds will be used for.

*Comments and questions from Councilor Nicastro.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Rodrigues to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

- 7 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: \$10,000.00

FROM: BOARD OF HEALTH-PERSONAL SERVICES NON-OVERTIME \$10,000.00
TO: BOARD OF HEALTH-OVERTIME \$10,000.00

In order to cover unanticipated expenses for the remainder of the Fiscal Year.

Invited: Dr. Eno Mondesir, Board of Health, Executive Health Officer
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Dr. Eno Mondesir was not in attendance.

*CFO Clarkson explained the reason for the transfers.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Nicastro, Farwell, Tavares, and Rodrigues.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Tavares. Motion carried by a hand vote.

- 8 Ordered: That the City Council dedicate the following percentage, which may not be less than twenty-five percent (25%), of the local option excise on retail marijuana sales revenues collected under M.G.L., Ch. 64N § 3 to the Community Impact Stabilization Fund established under M.G.L., CH. 40 § 5B effective for FY2024 beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

The following is yearly funded distribution generated from retail marijuana:

- Up to 25% of Total: to hire and retain public safety personnel
- Up to 20% of Total: for DPW infrastructure (i.e. Roads, Water and Sewer)
- Up to 15% of Total: to retain Teachers and Classroom support
- Up to 15% Total: for Youth programs and employment (summer jobs)
- Up to 10 of total: for Parks improvement and Recreational facilities
- Up to 10% of Total: for Social Services support (drug education and intervention)
- Up to 5% of total: for Senior Citizen support and the COA

If the percentage (%) of the totals in these line items are not used in a Fiscal Year, the remainder of the line item shall remain in the Stabilization account and added to the totals in the subsequent year.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Comments from Councilor Nicastro to invite Legislative Counsel Shannon Resnick to answer any questions that the Councilors may have.

*Attorney Resnick and CFO Clarkson explained the order and answered any questions that the Council had.

*Comments and questions from Councilors D’Agostino, Thompson, Farwell, Rodrigues, Minichiello, and Tavares.

*Motion by Councilor Farwell to amend to strike the words “the following percentage, which may not be less than twenty-five percent (25%)” and add “100%” in its place, second by Councilor Rodrigues. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Rodrigues to report FAVORABLE AS AMENDED, 2nd by Councilor Thompson. Motion carried by a hand vote.

- 9 Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite representatives from Wildlands Trust and Old Colony Planning Council to provide an update on the D.W. Field Park Initiative and summarize results of the community survey recently conducted.

Invited: Karen Grey, Wildlands Trust Executive Director
Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks

*Karen Grey, President and Executive Director of Wildlands Trust, Rachel Bruce, Director of Special Projects at Wildlands Trust, Mary Waldron, Executive Director of Old Colony Planning Council, and Joanne Zygmunt, Senior Planner of Old Colony Planning Council provided an update on the D.W. Field Park Initiative and summarized results of the community survey recently conducted. They answered questions and responded to comments from the Council.

*Comments and questions from Councilors Asack, Tavares, Minichiello, Mendes, Teixeira and Nicastro.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor Thompson. Motion carried by a hand vote.

- 10 Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite Mayor Robert Sullivan and the Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson to provide information and a detailed review on the City’s debt position.

Invited: Robert Sullivan, Mayor
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Martin Brophy, Treasurer/Collector

*CFO Clarkson and Martin Brophy provided a detailed review on the City’s debt position and answered any questions that the Council had.

*Questions and comments from Councilors D’Agostino, Thompson and Farwell.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Thompson to report FAVORABLE, 2nd by Councilor D'Agostino. Motion carried by a hand vote.

- 11 Resolve: Be it resolved to have Sgt. Edward Cruikshank, chairman of the Brockton Fireworks Taskforce appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to discuss planned activities this summer.

Invited: Sgt. Edward Cruikshank

*Councilor Nicastro stated that Sgt. Cruikshank would not be in attendance, and he requested a postponement.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report POSTPONED TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, 2nd by Councilor Thompson. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Councilor's Recognition

*Councilor Asack stated that there will be an Ordinance Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

*Councilor Farwell stated that he filed an ordinance to repeal the Stormwater Authority Ordinance and to create a new entity as it is a serious issue in the city. Councilor Farwell stated that this current ordinance is a detriment to Economic Development per Rob May. He states that there is a technical working group working to get a report to the Ordinance Committee as soon as possible.

Adjourned: 9:29PM