

In City Council, June 15, 2023

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday June 15, 2023, in the Council Chambers, 2nd. Floor, City Hall. President Nicastro presiding. The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00PM. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with ten members present. Councilor Tavares absent.

Public Hearing and Comment period was held regarding the FY2024 Budget.

The following Residents of Brockton commented:

Linda Pizzi
Michelle Henson
Jamal Brathwaite
John Williams
Linda Teixeira Reyes
Jennifer McDonoy
Shana Gilliard

President Nicastro read into record an email from Madaline Carnabuci.

Adjourned: 6:25PM

1033. Call of the meeting

Accepted and placed on file

1034. Officer's return of notice

Accepted and placed on file

The matters to be acted upon are:

1030. City Council approval and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Order for Appropriations as presented or amended.

Amendment #1

Councilor Lally motioned to reduce Office of Immigration Services Department – Personal Services - Other than Overtime account by \$233,795, Personal Services-Overtime account by \$500, Ordinary Maintenance-Goods account by \$18,000, and Other- Purchase of services account by \$100,000 the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$352,295 to \$0 and was properly seconded. Councilors Lally, Mendes, and Farwell commented. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

Councilor Minichiello stepped out.

Amendment #2

Councilor Farwell motioned to reduce Mayor's Department -Other- Cable Access account by \$337,500, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$675,000 to \$337,500 and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Minichiello not present. Councilor Tavares absent.

Councilor Minichiello stepped back in.

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Amendment #3

Councilor Farwell motioned to reduce Health Department- Personal Services - Other than Overtime account by \$830,654.25, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$1,107,539 to \$276,884.75 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell, and Minichiello commented. Councilor Farwell motion for a roll call vote and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. The motion carried by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present six voting in the affirmative. Councilors D’Agostino, Lally, Minichiello, and Thompson in the negative. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #4

Councilor Farwell motioned to reduce Health Department-Personal Services- Overtime account by \$18,750, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$25,000 to \$6,250 and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #5

Councilor Farwell motioned to reduce Cemetery Department-Personal Services- Overtime account by \$50,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$150,000 to \$100,000 and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Amendment #6

Councilor Farwell motioned to reduce DPW Stormwater Department-Ordinary Maintenance-Purchase of Services account by \$152,989.50, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$203,986.00 to \$50,996.50 and was properly seconded. Councilor Farwell, Minichiello, and Rodrigues commented. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Asack not present. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #7

Councilor Farwell motioned to reduce DPW Stormwater Department-Personal Services- Other than overtime account by \$256,875, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$342,500 to \$85,625 and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Asack not present. Councilor Tavares absent.

Councilor Asack Stepped out.

Amendment #8

Councilor Farwell motioned to reduced DPW- Other- Debt Service by 2 Million from \$8,200,800 to \$6,200,800 Councilor Farwell motioned to amend his amendment and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Farwell motioned to reduce DPW Water Department-Other-Desal Fixed Charge account by \$2,000,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$8,700,800 to \$6,700,800 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell and Rodrigues commented. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Asack not present. Councilor Tavares absent.

Councilor Asack stepped back in.

Amendment #9

Councilor Rodrigues motioned to reduce Public Properties Department-Stadium Purchase of Services account by \$60,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$155,000 to \$95,000 and was properly seconded. Councilors Lally and Minichiello commented The motion carried by a hand vote.

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Amendment #10

Councilor Mendes motion to cut DPW Highway Department- Personal Services-Overtime account by \$100,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$300,000 to \$200,000 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell, Rodrigues, Lally, and Nicastro commented. Councilor Lally requested a roll call vote. Fails by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and two voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, D’Agostino, Lally, Minichiello, Nicastro, Rodrigues, Teixeira, and Thompson in the negative. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #11

Councilor Mendes motion to cut Parks and Receptions Department - Personal Services-Overtime account by \$100,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$250,000 to \$150,000 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell, and Nicastro commented. Councilor Thompson requested a roll call vote. Fails by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and Five voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, D’Agostino, Lally, Minichiello, and Thompson in the negative. Councilor Tavares.

Amendment #12

Councilor Mendes motion to cut Pubic Property Department- Personal Services-Overtime account by \$70,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$170,200 to \$100,200 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell commented. Councilor Lally requested a roll call vote. Fails by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and Five voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, D’Agostino, Lally, Minichiello, and Thompson in the negative. Councilor Tavares.

Amendment #13

Councilor D’Agostino motioned to reduce Planning & Economic Department- Other-Purchase of Services account by \$75,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$314,800 to \$239,800 and was properly seconded. Councilors Thompson, Rodrigues, and Farwell commented. CFO Troy Clarkson Commented. The motion carried by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present six in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, Mendes, Minichiello, and Thompson in the negative. Councilor Tavares absent.

Councilor Asack Stepped out

Amendment #14

Councilor D’Agostino motioned to reduce DPW Engineering Department- Personal Services -Other than Overtime account by \$50,000, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$341,550 to \$291,550 and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Asack not present. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #15

Councilor D’Agostino motioned to reduce DPW Sewer Department- Personal Services -Other than Overtime account by \$68,816, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$1,561,324 to \$1,492,508 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell commented. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Asack not present. Councilor Tavares absent.

Councilor Asack stepped back in.

Amendment #16

Councilor D’Agostino motioned to reduce DPW Sewer Department- Personal Services -Other than Overtime account by \$151,697, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$2,766,052 to \$2,614,355 and was properly seconded. Councilor Nicastro requested a roll call vote. Fails by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present and Four voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack, Farwell, Lally, Minichiello, Rodrigues and Thompson in the negative. Councilor Tavares.

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Amendment #17

Councilor D'Agostino motioned to reduce Information Technology Department- Personal Services - Other than Overtime account by \$145,338, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$1,403,530 to \$1,258,192 and was properly seconded. The motion Fails by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #18

Councilor D'Agostino motioned to reduce City Clerk Department- Personal Services -Other than Overtime account by \$38,337, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$607,078 to \$568,741 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell commented. The motion carried by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #19

Councilor Minichiello motioned to reduce Library Department- Personal Services -Other than Overtime account by \$145,338, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$2,552,315 to \$2,406,977 and was properly seconded. Councilors Rodrigues and Lally, and Minichiello commented. The motion Fails by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

Amendment #20

Councilor Teixeira motioned to reduce DPW- Purchase of Services -Other than Overtime account by \$311,760, the appropriation in that account is reduced from \$10,649,816 to \$10,338,056 and was properly seconded. Councilors Farwell and Thompson commented. The motion Fails by a hand vote. Councilor Tavares absent.

Brief Recess

Back in session

The question is on adoption of the FY2024 Budget, as amended. The Budget was reduced by \$4,291,216.75.

Adopted, as amended, by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; ten members present all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Farwell motioned for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. Reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

All other related matters

Councilor's Recognition

Councilor Thompson reminded everyone that Saturday June 24 the Beautification Committee will be having another cleanup day if you would like to join its at 8:30AM at the East Middle school.

President Nicastro reminded everyone the next City Council Meeting will be Monday June 26 at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

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.