

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:02 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, Councilor Nicaastro presiding, Councilor Mendes absent, to consider the following:

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

Accepted and Placed on File

2. Acceptance of the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

Accepted and Placed on File

3. Acceptance of the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

Accepted and Placed on File

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the June 14, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

Accepted and Placed on File

5. Acceptance of the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

Accepted and Placed on File

6. Appointment of Jackie Joseph of 147 Centre Street Apt. 608, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Cultural Council as a member for a three (3) year term, ending June 2026.

Invited: Jackie Joseph

\*Mayor Sullivan commented in favor of the appointment of Jackie Joseph.

\*Councilor Thompson noted that Ms. Joseph was not in attendance.

Councilor Thompson motioned to postpone this order to later in the meeting to allow Ms. Joseph time to arrive and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. Appointment of Lily Green of 142 Woodard Avenue, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Conservation Commission as a commissioner for a three (3) year term, ending June 2026.

Invited: Lily Green

\*Mayor Sullivan commented in favor of the appointment of Lily Green.

\*Lily Green addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

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

\*Councilor Nicastro noted that Ms. Joseph had arrived, and took item #6 at this time.

6. Appointment of Jackie Joseph of 147 Centre Street Apt. 608, Brockton MA to the City of Brockton Cultural Council as a member for a three (3) year term, ending June 2026.

Invited: Jackie Joseph

\*Jackie Joseph addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

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

8. 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 \$500,000

FROM: THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH – BUREAU OF SUBSTANCE ADDICTION SERVICES \$500,000

TO: THE CITY OF BROCKTON- MAYOR’S OFFICE \$500,000

This is for a two-year period which will cover FY24 July 1,2023 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 in the amount of 250,000. As well as July,1 2024 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 in the amount of 250,000.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\*Mayor Sullivan introduced and explained the transfer to the Council.

\*Comments and questions from Councilor Farwell.

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

9. Ordered: That the Council authorize an appropriation of \$151,407 to Mayor Personal Services to support the addition of two positions to address the need for Immigration Services within the Mayor’s office.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\*Mayor Sullivan introduced and explained the appropriation to the Council and responded to questions and comments that the Council may have had.

\*Questions and comments from Councilors Tavares, Lally, D’Agostino, Farwell and Rodrigues.

Councilor Farwell motioned to amend the order to strike “\$151,407” and insert in its place “\$106,917”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Tavares.

\*On the motion, Councilors Minichiello, Thompson, Nicastro and Tavares commented.

\*Councilors Asack and Thompson stepped out.

\*On the motion, Councilor Lally commented.

\*Councilors Asack and Thompson stepped back in.

\*On the motion, Councilors Farwell and D'Agostino commented. CFO Clarkson answered questions Councilors may have had.

\*Councilor Teixeira stepped out.

\*On the motion, Councilor Minichiello commented.

\*Councilor Teixeira stepped back in.

\*On the motion, Councilors Rodrigues and Asack commented.

Motion to amend carried by a hand vote.

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

\*Councilor Minichiello stepped out.

10. 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 restaurateurs, 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, Tamboo

Manuel Dasilva, Owner, Preto's Island Cuisine

Manuel Rodrigues, Co-Owner, Cristal

Tony Rodrigues, Co-Owner, Cristal

\*Mayor Sullivan told the Council that ARPA Project Manager, Dan Pallotta, was also here to answer questions that the Council may have had.

\*Director of Planning and Economic Development, Rob May, and Dan Pallotta provided an overview of where they are in the process of the Sycamore Grove project. They answered questions and responded to comments periodically.

\*Councilor Lally stepped out.

\*Comments from Councilor Asack.

\*Councilor Lally stepped back in.

\*Comments and questions from Councilors Farwell and Rodrigues.

\*Councilor Minichiello stepped back in.

\*Comments and questions from Councilor Teixeira.

\*Comments from Joseph R. Angelo, Owner of Joe Angelo's.

\*Comments and questions from Councilors Thompson and Tavares.

\*Councilor Thompson stepped out.

\*Comments from Chrismin Charlotte, Owner of Tamboo.

\*Comments and questions from Councilor Asack.

\*Councilor Thompson stepped in.

\*Comments from Manuel Da Silva, Owner of Preto's Island Cuisine.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Thompson. 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

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor D'Agostino to report POSTPONED TO THE NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN AUGUST, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Asack. Motion carried by a hand vote.

\*Councilor D'Agostino stepped out.

12. Resolve: WHEREAS, Many Brockton Public School students walk to, and from school, and,

WHEREAS, Pedestrians use sidewalks and roadways for travel, and,

WHEREAS, Councilors receive periodic inquiries and complaints from residents regarding intersection, pedestrian and student safety, and,

WHEREAS, It is critically important to update and renew goals and objectives for the safety of residents through the efforts of our Traffic Commission and Department of Public Works (DPW);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Traffic Commissioner and the DPW Commissioner be invited to a meeting of the council to discuss the feasibility and implementation of a city-wide study to update regulatory signage, crosswalk markings, areas lacking sidewalks, and such other issues as may relate to the safety of school children and pedestrians.

Invited: Capt. Mark Porcaro, Brockton Police Department  
Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner

\*Comments from Councilor Farwell.

\*Councilor Lally stepped out.

\*Comments from Councilor Asack.

\*Councilor Thompson stepped out.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report POSTPONED TO A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Rodrigues.

\*On the motion, Councilor Nicastro, Commissioner Hill and Captain Porcaro commented.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

## **Councilor's Recognition**

\*Councilor Asack stated that there will be an Ordinance Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 6pm in the Council Chambers. She stated that the meeting is solely on the zoning items that were referred to the Ordinance Committee and that another meeting will follow at a later date.

\*Councilor Farwell stated that there are 113 motorbikes in the city that are terrorizing motorists. He urges the Councilors to look at the Brockton Police Department staffing as there is trouble filling vacancies. He also urges them to file resolves to get this situated and resolved.

\*Councilors D'Agostino and Lally stepped back in.

Adjourned: 9:18 PM