

FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Standing Committee on Finance will meet on **Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street**, to consider the following:

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the September 5, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.
2. Appointment of Jack D. Colombo of 22 Hazard Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the City of Brockton Cultural Council as a member for a three (3) year term, September 2026.
Invited: Jack D. Colombo
3. Appointment of Police Officer Joseph Cummings of 14 Cassidy Place Bridgewater, MA 02324 as a Special Police Officer.
Invited: Joseph Cummings
4. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending Article III, Division 2, Section 2-127 – Pay Plan to establish pay plan provisions for the positions of DPW Financial Business Manager and Grant Writer.
Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner
5. 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 \$341,700.00
FROM: THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH \$341,700.00
TO: THE POLICE DEPARTMENT- FY 24 JAIL ARREST DIVERSION PROGRAM \$341,700.00
Invited: Brenda Perez, Chief of Police
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
6. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$11,418.35 for the prior year unpaid bills.

FROM:

LIBRARY - PURCHASE OF SERVICE – PUBLIC SAFETY	\$2,086.07
LIBRARY -OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES	\$400.00
LIBRARY - BUILDING/ GROUND REPAIR/ MAINT	\$4,450.00
LIBRARY - BOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$461.18
LIBRARY - BOOKS/PERIODICALS	\$4,021.10

TO:

BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$2,086.07
KUUMBA PUBLISHING	\$400.00
YANKEE SPRINKLER COMPANY	\$4,450.00
PLAYAWAY	\$461.18

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\$4,021.10

Invited: Paul Engle, Library Director
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

- 7. Ordered: That the City Council dedicate the City owned land more commonly known as 0 Petronelli Way, Brockton, Massachusetts, being identified as Parcel 109-057 and being the same premises identified in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 41854, Page 253, containing approximately 4,157 square feet, more or less, and Parcel 109-055 and being the same premises identified in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 54222, Page 204, containing approximately 3,472 square feet, more or less, to be dedicated as a public park under the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.

Invited: Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Parks
John O'Donnell, Chairman Board of Assessors

- 8. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$74.80 from Cemetery-Electricity to Constellation. In order to cover attached bill.

Invited: Timothy Carpenter, Superintendent of Cemeteries
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

- 9. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$1,496,630.
From: U.S Department of Transportation – Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant

To: The City of Brockton

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner
Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development
Captain Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner

- 10. Ordered: That the City Council accept the Draft ADA Transition Plan and undergo a 30-day public comment period. Comment period to start after the adoption of this order.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan
James Plouffe, ADA Coordinator

- 11. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

APPROPRIATION OF: \$458,409.82	
FROM: UNAPPROPRIATED ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$438,409.82
AND	
FROM: BOARD OF HEALTH-OVERTIME	\$20,000
TO: PUBLIC PROPERTY- PERSONAL SERVICES OTHER	
THEN OVERTIME	\$438,409.82
PUBLIC PROPERTY-OVERTIME	\$20,000

Invited: Dr. Eno Mondesir, Executive Health Officer
James Plouffe, Building Superintendent
Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

12. Resolve: WHEREAS, there are continuing efforts to improve the business development opportunities in the city, and,
WHEREAS, in many areas, including the Downtown District, the issues of safety and security, and challenges presented by homeless persons are present;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:
Legislative Counsel Shannon Resnick, City Solicitor Megan Bridges or designee, Director of Social Services Jazmine Bradsher, and Police Chief Brenda Perez be invited to a meeting of the council to address ongoing programs and services related to these issues, as well as federal court decisions affecting the city's efforts.

Invited: Shannon Resnick, Legislative Counsel
Megan Bridges, City Solicitor
Jazmine Bradsher, Director of Social Services
Brenda Perez, Chief of Police

13. 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

14. Resolve: That the City Council request all members of the Brockton School Committee appear at a meeting of the council for the purpose of an inquiry into the recent announcement of a fourteen million-dollar (\$14,000,000) deficit because of overspending of appropriations and other revenues in Fiscal Year 2023.

Invited: Mayor Robert F. Sullivan, Chair of the School Committee
Kathleen Ehlers, Ward One School Committee Member & Vice Chair
Cynthia Rivas Mendes, Ward Two School Committee Member

Jared Homer, Ward Three School Committee Member
Tony Rodrigues, Ward Four School Committee Member
Judy Sullivan, Ward Five School Committee Member
Joyce Asack, Ward Six School Committee Member
Timothy Sullivan, Ward Seven School Committee Member

15. Resolve: WHEREAS, As requested and voted by the Brockton School Committee, appropriations were approved for the operation of the public schools for Fiscal Year 2023, and,
WHEREAS, Spending in excess of the appropriations occurred, the exact amount not yet confirmed and,
WHEREAS, The overspending has broad implications for other departments in the city and for future municipal budgets, and,
WHEREAS, To accurately identify all outstanding issues, it would be prudent to examine both Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 school department appropriations, including specific categories where funds were allotted but overspending occurred;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

The City Solicitor, acting through an outside vendor with no prior relationships with the City of Brockton, conduct an audit of the appropriations for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 provided to the Brockton Public Schools. If sufficient funds do not exist within the Law Department for this purpose, the Solicitor shall request a supplemental appropriation from the mayor and city council for said purpose.

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

Executive Session: To discuss matter relating to active litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. M.G.L.c. 30A, Sec. 21(3).