

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Standing Committee on Finance met on *Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 PM* in the *Council Chambers, Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street*, with Councilor Lally presiding, eight members present, Councilors Nicaastro, Rodrigues and Tavares absent, to consider the following:

*Acting President Lally stated that Council President Nicaastro is out of state, Councilor Rodrigues is away with a work commitment, and Mayor Sullivan could not attend the meeting tonight due to prior obligations.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the August 14, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

Accepted and Placed on File

2. Appointment of Stephen R. Kelley of 45 Stonehill Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Elections Commission as a Commissioner for a four (4) year term, ending August 2027.
Invited: Stephen R. Kelley

*Stephen Kelley addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Thompson to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

3. Appointment of George Depina of 176 Bourne Street, Brockton, MA 02302 to the position of Chief of Inspections for the City of Brockton for a five (5) year term, ending July 2028.
Invited: George Depina

*George Depina addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

*Councilors Thompson and D'Agostino asked questions to and commented in favor of the appointment of George Depina.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

4. Appointment of Taylor P. Harris of 38 Cathy Lane Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Housing Authority as a Commissioner for a five (5) year term ending August 2028.
Invited: Taylor P. Harris

*Taylor Harris addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

5. Reappointment of Kenneth Galligan of 25 Messina Drive Brockton, MA 02301 to the Traffic Commission as a Commissioner for a three (3) year term, ending July 2026.
Invited: Kenneth Galligan

*Kenneth Galligan addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded.

*On the motion, Councilors Minichiello and Thompson commented in favor of the appointment and thanked Mr. Galligan for his numerous years on the Commission.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

6. Reappointment of Tanya Tillman of 1092 N Main Street Unit 4 Brockton, MA 02301 to the Elections Commission as a Commissioner for a four (4) year term, ending July 2027.
Invited: Tanya Tillman

*Comments from Councilor Farwell.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Farwell to report TABLED and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a roll call vote taken by “yeas” and “nays”; eight members present, and six voting in the affirmative. Councilors Asack and Thompson voting in the negative.

7. Reappointment of Ulisses M. Varela of 81 Kennelworth Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Parks & Recreation Commission as a Commissioner for a five (5) year term, ending July 2028.
Invited: Ulisses M. Varela

*Ulisses Varela addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

8. Ordered: Moved that the City Council vote to authorize the Mayor to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set forth on the document entitled "An Act Relative To The Police Cadet Program In The City Of Brockton", which amends the state Civil Service rules that govern police department hiring by establishing a new preference for Brockton Police Cadets; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Mayor approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Mayor is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POLICE CADET PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, any person who has completed not less than two years of service as a police cadet in the police department of the city of Brockton under the provisions of section twenty-one A of chapter one hundred and forty-seven of the General Laws may, subject to a program established by the Mayor of the city and approval by the personnel administrator of the state division of personnel administration and the Massachusetts Police Training Committee, be appointed to fill a vacancy in a position in the lowest grade in the police force of said city without certification from an eligible list prepared under the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws; provided, however, that such person either is on a police entrance eligible list prepared under said chapter or passes a qualifying examination to be given by said personnel administrator. Such program shall include provisions for recruitment of applicants for appointment as police cadets in said city and for appointment from an eligible list prepared after a competitive examination administered under the supervision of the appointing authority of the city of Brockton.

SECTION 2. If any federal or state, administrative or court order requires the listing of candidates on separate groups, each group to be listed according to the law of the commonwealth, then this act shall be subject to such listing.

SECTION 3. Not more than thirty-three and one-third per cent of the total number of appointments to the regular police force of the city of Brockton in any calendar year shall be made under the provisions of this act. The appointing authority of the city of Brockton shall report in writing to the personnel administrator in said division of personnel administration any appointment made under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. The provisions of section sixty-one of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws shall apply to appointments made under this act. A person appointed to the regular police force of the city of Brockton under the provisions of this act shall, after satisfactory completion of the probationary period, be deemed to be permanently appointed to said police force and subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Invited: Sandi Charton, Director of HR
Brenda Perez, Chief of Police

*Chief Perez introduced and explained the petition to the Council. She then introduced Lt. Schlieman, Supervisor of the Cadet Program who also spoke on the item and was there to answer any questions.

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

*Questions and comments from Councilor Minichiello addressed to Acting Council President Lally and Clerk Cruise who responded.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor D'Agostino to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded.

*On the motion, questions and comments from Councilor Farwell addressed to Chief Perez who responded.

Motion was carried by a hand vote.

9. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00

FROM: NORTH EASTON SAVINGS BANK -	\$1,000.00
EASTERN BANK-	\$1,500.00
TO: THE BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT-	\$2,500.00

The donation will be used for the First Responders Community Jamboree.

Invited: Brenda Perez, Police Chief

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Chief Perez introduced and explained the grant to the Council.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

10. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the form of sixty-eight cases of water totaling approximately \$1,404.00.

From: Christopher Carney, C. Carney Environmental

To: Fire Department

Invited: Brian Nardelli, Fire Chief

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*Chief Nardelli introduced and explained the grant to the Council.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

11. Ordered: That the City of Brockton hereby accepts a Recoverable Grant in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand (\$125,000) Dollars through MassDevelopment's Site Readiness Grant Funds to be used to improve site readiness on property located in the vicinity of the Good Samaritan Medical Center, 824 Oak Street, Brockton MA (the "Site"), for the potential development of a new Life Science Center.

It is further Ordered that, if any City-owned portion of the Site is sold, conveyed, gifted, demised, ground leased, or otherwise transferred, or refinanced, and as a result of said transaction, the City receives funds that exceed the aggregate amount necessary for repayment of existing monetary liens, mortgage loans, and other debt on the project and

all of the costs incurred by them in the acquisition, development, ownership, and sale of the Site or of the portion of the Site, then the City shall reimburse Mass Development the full amount of the net proceeds up to the amount of the Recoverable Grant that has been disbursed and has not already been repaid to MassDevelopment. The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said Recoverable Grant, including the expenditure thereof.

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

*Mr. May introduced and explained the grant to the Council and responded to questions and comments that the Council may have had.

*Questions and comments from Councilors D'Agostino, Thompson and Minichiello.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Asack to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

12. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the Tax Increment Exemption Agreement (TIE) between the City and CMK Development Partners, for the property located at 157 Centre St.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

John O'Donnell, Chairman - Board of Assessors

Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

Jonathan DePina, 157 Centre Street LLC

Wilton Ribeiro, 157 Centre Street LLC

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the TIE Agreement to the Council and responded to questions and comments the Council may have had. He noted that Mr. DePina and Ribeiro could not attend the meeting, but a colleague of theirs, Kerry Jordan, will present in their place.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Thompson and Farwell answered by CFO Clarkson and Kerry Jordan.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Thompson to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

*Councilor Teixeira stepped out.

13. Ordered: In accordance with General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the Tax Increment Exemption Agreement (TIE) between the City of Brockton and Ringside Properties LLC, for the property located at 40 Petronelli Way.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

John O'Donnell, Chairman - Board of Assessors

Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer
Joseph Goncalves, Ringside Properties, LLC

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the TIE Agreement to the Council and responded to questions and comments the Council may have had. He noted that Mr. Goncalves is in attendance as well to answer questions.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Thompson and Minichiello answered by CFO Clarkson and Joseph Goncalves.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Thompson to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

14. Resolve: To invite Mr. Matt Stanton, chair of the Mayor's Brockton Beautification Committee, to appear before the Finance Committee to discuss the Committee's work, including an upcoming Fall Cleanup Challenge, and other related issues.

Invited: Matt Stanton, Chair of the Beautification Committee

*Councilor Teixeira stepped back in.

*Mr. Stanton provided an overview of the Brockton Beautification Committee and spoke about the upcoming Fall Cleanup Challenge on September 23, 2023.

*Questions and comments from Councilor Thompson.

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Thompson to report FAVORABLE and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

Councilor's Recognition

*Councilor Farwell announced the Public Safety Committee meeting on September 6, 2023 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

*Councilor Minichiello announced the Economic Development Committee meeting on September 7, 2023 at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers.

*Councilor Asack wished all BPS families a happy and healthy school year and good luck on the first day of school.

Adjourned: 8:17 PM