

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the standing committee on Finance was held on Monday evening October 30, 2023 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with eight members present. With Councilor Nicasastro presiding, Councilors Minichiello, Rodrigues and Tavares absent.

*Representative Mendes introduced Ines Figueroa, winner of the Latino Excellence Award from the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, and explained what Ms. Figueroa has done for the City of Brockton. She then presented the award to Ms. Figueroa.

*Ms. Figueroa thanked Representative Mendes and spoke to the Council about what she does every day.

*Councilor Nicasastro told the members of the Council that both Councilors Minichiello and Rodrigues would not be in attendance tonight.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting.

*Accepted and placed on file.

2. Appointment of Dr. Larry Green of 937 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, ending October 2026.

Invited: Dr. Larry Green

*Councilor Nicasastro told the members of the Council that Dr. Green is ill and will not be in attendance tonight.

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

3. Appointment of Anne McCormack of 25 Mayotte Circle, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as an alternate member for a three (3) year term, ending October 2026.

Invited: Anne McCormack

*Ms. McCormack 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.

4. Appointment of Gerald D. Koelsch of 35 Taft Avenue, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as an alternate member for a three (3) year term, ending October 2026.

Invited: Gerald D. Koelsch

*Mr. Koelsch addressed the Council and thanked them for this opportunity.

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

5. Appointment of Janet Trask of 121 Longwood Ave, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Commission on Human Rights, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for a three (3) year Term, ending October 2026.

Invited: Janet Trask

*Ms. Trask 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.

6. Re-appointment of David Andrews of 124 Clifton Avenue, Brockton MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, ending October 2026.

Invited: David Andrews

*Motion by Councilor Asack to postpone this item.

*On the motion, comments from Councilor Farwell.

*Councilor Asack withdrew the motion.

*Comments from Councilor Lally.

Motion by Councilor Lally to postpone this item to the end of the meeting and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. Ordered: The City Council hereby rescinds to Tax Increment Exemption Agreement (TIE) between the City and CMK Development Partners approved March 13,2023 for the property at 137 Main Street.

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

John O'Donnell, Chairman - Board of Assessors

Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the item and was there to answer any questions that the Councilors may have had.

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

8. 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: \$288,205.86

FROM: POLICE- FY23 FULL TIME SALARIES \$288,205.86

TO: POLICE - FY24 PERSONAL SERVICES OVERTIME \$288,205.86

RETROACTIVE PAYMENT

for purposes of funding the Brockton Police Patrolmen's Association contract.

This appropriation provides funding for one (1) year (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023), of a three (3) year contract.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the item and was there to answer any questions that the Councilors may have had.

*Motion by Councilor Lally to report favorable.

*On the motion, comments from Councilor Farwell.

*Councilor Lally withdrew the motion.

Motion by Councilor Farwell to amend the order to strike the word “appropriated” and replace it with the word “transferred” and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

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

Motion by Councilor Thompson to take item #13 out of order and hear it at this time and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

13. Resolve: BE IT RESOLVED, that Mary Waldron of the Downtown Brockton Business Association and Amanda Glennon, Chairwoman of the Brockton Holiday Celebration and Parade, or their designees, be invited to come before the Finance Committee to discuss the Brockton Holiday Celebration and Parade to be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023.

Invited: Mary Waldron or designee

Amanda Glennon or designee

*Ms. Waldron and Ms. Glennon introduced and explained the resolve to the Councilors and was there to answer any question that they may have had.

*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.

9. RESOLVE: WHEREAS, The updated property valuations for real property in the city have been certified and also published on the city’s website; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Assessors and representative(s) from the vendor paid by the city to review and establish updated property values for FY 2024, be invited to a meeting of the Finance Committee of the City Council in November to fully discuss the methodology and data elements applied to this annual process.

Invited: John O’Donnell, Chairman Board of Assessors

Vendor Representative TBD

*Mr. O'Donnell introduced two vendors from Tyler Technologies, Bill Connor and Karl Marshall.

*Comments and explanations from Mr. Marshall and Mr. Connor who were there to answer questions and comments from the Councilors.

*Questions and comments from Councilors Farwell and Thompson.

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

10. Resolve: Be it resolved by the Brockton City Council to invite the Chief Financial Officer Troy Clarkson to provide information and a detailed review on the City's and School Department's FY23 final expenditures and FY24 year to date expenditures.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the item and was there to answer any questions that the Councilors may have had.

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

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

11. Resolve: WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2024, beginning on July 1, 2023, there are vacant but funded positions within city government, including the school department, and,

WHEREAS, It is prudent to identify those positions which will not be filled for several months because of recruitment, background checks, required training programs and other related factors, and,

WHEREAS, The deficit caused by overspending of school appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023 creates a need to identify financial resources to address outstanding obligations;

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Chief Financial Officer attend a meeting of the City Council to discuss the potential transfer of funds currently allocated to vacant positions. Such funds to be transferred to a "School Deficit Reserve Fund," or fund by similar title.

Example: Police Department, multiple entry-level vacant positions which are fully funded from July 1, 2023, but which will likely not be filled until after January 1, 2024, because of background checks, physical and mental testing, criminal record checks and available police training academy classes. Such unused funds provide at least six (6) months of potential revenue to be assigned to the school department deficit.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the item and was there to answer any questions that the Councilors may have had.

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

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

12. Resolve: To have Nathalie Jean, the Executive Director of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority appear before the Finance Committee of the Brockton City Council to introduce herself and update the City Council on the BRA and the Executive Director's plans moving forward.

Invited: Nathalie Jean, Executive Director of the BRA

*Councilor Asack stated that Ms. Jean would not be in attendance due to prior commitments.

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

6. Re-appointment of David Andrews of 124 Clifton Avenue, Brockton MA 02301 to the Council on Aging as a member for a three (3) year term, ending October 2026.

Invited: David Andrews

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

Councilor's Recognition

*Councilor Nicastro stated that there will not be a Finance Committee meeting next Monday, November 6, 2023. The next meeting of the Council will be Monday, November 13, 2023 at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

*Councilor Nicastro stated that November 7, 2023 is Election Day and urges all registered voters to vote. She mentions that early voting is being done this week.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:54PM