

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the standing committee on Finance was held on Monday evening November 20, 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 Nicastro presiding, Councilors Minichiello, Teixeira and Thompson absent.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the October 30, 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

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

3. 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

\*Mr. Andrews 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.

\*Motion by Councilor Lally to take item #11 out of order and hear it at this time and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

11. Resolve: WHEREAS, A Community Needs Assessment was conducted by the UMASS Boston - Gerontology Institute focusing on the City of Brockton and its senior populations; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Mrs. Janice Fitzgerald, Director of the Council of Aging, and a representative from UMASS Boston be invited to the second Finance Committee meeting in November to presents results and comments of importance relating to the needs assessment survey.

Invited: Janice Fitzgerald, Director of the Council on Aging

Caitlin E. Coyle, PhD, Director of the Center for Social & Demographic Research on Aging

\*Director Fitzgerald introduced Dr. Coyle and gave an introduction of the presentation they were about to give. She notes that Outreach Coordinator, Lauren Conrad, and COA Board Members, Jeanne Fuller Jones and David Andrews, were in attendance tonight.

\*Dr. Coyle presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council, and Director Fitzgerald followed up with more information.

\*Questions and comments from Councilors D'Agostino, Farwell and Lally.

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

4. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of a donation in the amount of \$5,000

From: Hawkeye Fence

To: The Department of Public Works Highway Division

The donation will be used to build a fence around the Marvelous Marvin Hagler Statue.

Invited: Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

5. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$80,000.

From: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection- FY23 MassDEP FY24 RDP Grant

To: Department of Public Works Refuse Division- FY24 MassDEP FY24 RDP Grant Fund

This grant will be used on outreach and education materials to address curbside recycling contamination issues. Purchase/Lease additional security cameras to monitor dumping on public property. Purchase segregated storage container for storing fire-damaged rechargeable batteries received from BFD at Recycle Depot until they are approved for shipping facility. Repair or replace Paint Swap Shed at Recycle Depot, and purchase equipment for kitchen scrap composting for sale to interested residents at a subsidized rate.

Invited: Patrick Hill, DPW Commissioner

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

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

\*On the motion, questions and comments by Councilor Farwell answered by Commissioner Hill.

Motion carried by a hand vote.

6. Ordered: That the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$800,000 from the Comcast Revolving Fund for FY2024, in order to complete renovations and audio/visual improvements at the Brockton High School Auditorium more commonly known as the Nelson Auditorium.

Invited: Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\*Comments from Councilor Rodrigues

Having considered the same, motion by Councilor Rodrigues to report POSTPONED TO A FUTURE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING and was properly seconded. Motion carried by a hand vote.

7. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$17,196,926.76

From: Plymouth County

To: Unappropriated Estimated Receipts- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund

Invited: Mayor Robert Sullivan

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\*CFO Clarkson introduced and explained the order to the Council and noted that both Dan Pallotta and Paul Umamo were in attendance should anyone have any questions.

\*Motion by Councilor Farwell to report favorable.

\*On the motion, comments from Councilor Rodrigues.

\*Councilor Farwell withdrew the motion.

\*Comments from Mr. Pallotta.

\*Questions and comments from Councilors Lally and D'Agostino.

\*Councilor Nicastro notes that while Mayor Sullivan was an invited guest, he couldn't be in attendance. She tells the Council that he is happy to come in and discuss matters relevant to this item at another date.

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

\*President Nicastro notes that there are Plymouth County representatives in attendance and invites them to speak on the order. Commissioners Valanzola and Hanley addressed the Council and thanked them for all they have done with these funds that have been presented.

\*Plymouth County Treasurer, Thomas O'Brien, presented a check to the Police Department, accepted by Chief Perez, for a grant awarded by Plymouth County.

\*Treasurer O'Brien then presented the \$17,196,926.76 check to the City Council as well as new Plymouth County flags.

\*Councilor Minichiello stepped in.

8. Ordered: Whereas, On March 27, 2023 the City of Brockton has entered into a Tax Increment Exception (TIE) agreement with 380 Quincy Street LLC for property located at 380 Quincy Street; and,

Whereas, Paragraph D Assignment, of Section 6 – Miscellaneous prohibits the assignment or transfer of the TIE agreement without the written consent of the Municipality, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld; and,

Whereas, 380 Quincy Street LLC has agreed to sell their interest in the subject property to Quincy St LLC; and,

Whereas, 380 Quincy Street LLC has petitioned the City of Brockton to consent to the assignment of the TIE agreement to Quincy St LLC.

Now, therefore, be it ordered by the City Council that the City of Brockton grants its consent to the assignment of the TIE agreement to Quincy St LLC.

Invited: John O'Donnell, Chairman Board of Assessors

Mayor Robert Sullivan

Rob May, Director of Planning and Economic Development

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\*CFO Clarkson introduces and explains the item to the Council.

\*President Nicaastro states that Mr. May could not be in attendance.

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

9. Ordered: In accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$14,179.36.  
FROM: TRAFFIC COMMISSION PURCHASE OF SERVICE- ENGINEERING  
\$5,670.00

TO: CDM SMITH \$5,670.00

FROM: TRAFFIC COMMISSION PURCHASE OF SERVICE- PUBLIC SAFETY  
\$2,059.64

TO: CITY OF BROCKTON- TAX COLLECTORS \$2,059.64

FROM: TRAFFIC COMMISSION GOOD AND SERVICES- TRAFFIC LINES AND  
SIGNS \$6,449.72

TO: K5 CORPORATION

Invited: Capt. Mark Porcaro, Traffic Commissioner

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer

\*CFO Clarkson introduces and explains the item to the Council.

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

10. 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

\*Executive Director Jean introduced herself and updated the Council on the BRA and the Executive Director's plans moving forward.

\*Questions and comments from Councilor Asack,

\*Councilor Farwell raises a point of order.

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\*Councilor Farwell raises a point of order.

\*Questions and comments from Councilors Nicastro, Lally, Farwell and Asack.

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

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

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

\*President Nicastro asks for a moment of silence for Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter who passed away November 19, 2023 and then spoke a few words about her in her remembrance.

Adjourned: 9:34PM