

In City Council, December 20, 2023

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday December 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers, 2nd. Floor, City Hall. President Nicastro presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM with all eleven members present.

1376. Call of the meeting

Accepted and placed on file

1377. Officer's return of notice

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The matters to be acted upon are:

Communications:

1378. From the Mayor in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 44, recommending that the City Council authorize the transfer of \$9,947,925.

TRANSFER FROM: THE CHAPTER 324 SUPPLEMENTAL RESERVE
\$7,947,925

APPROPRIATE FROM: CERTIFIED FREE CASH
\$2,000,000

UPON CERTIFICATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

TO: THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET

\$9,947,925

This transfer will serve to balance the appropriation, assist in satisfying the FY23 Brockton Public School deficit, and also reduce the tax levy for FY24.

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1379. From the CFO in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of 1990, certifying that the financial resources and revenues of the City of Brockton are and will continue to be adequate to support the total proposed transfer of \$9,947,925, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services.

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This transfer will serve to balance the appropriation, assist in satisfying the FY23 Brockton Public School deficit, and also reduce the tax levy for FY24. Working closely with the Department of Revenue (DOR), we have identified this transfer as a necessary step in closing out the FY23 deficit. Without this step we will not be able to set the FY24 tax rate or send out third quarter tax bills.

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Orders:

1380. Ordered: That the following named sum be and the same is hereby transferred and appropriated as the same was submitted by the Mayor as follows:

Transfer of: \$9,947,925

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Councilor Mendes motioned to move under suspension of rules and was properly seconded. The motion carried by a hand vote.

Mayor Robert F. Sullivan and CFO Troy Clarkson were present and spoke on the matter and were available to answer questions.

Councilors Farwell, D'Agostino, Lally, Mendes, Minichiello, Rodrigues, Thompson, Asack, Tavares, Teixeira, and Nicastro all asked questions and commented on the matter.

Adopted by a roll call vote taken by "yeas" and "nays"; eleven members present and all voting in the affirmative. Councilor Farwell motioned to file for reconsideration with the wish that it not prevail and was properly seconded. reconsideration failed by a hand vote.

All other related matters

Councilor's Recognition

Meeting adjourned at 10:12PM

All council business as listed on the agenda have been emailed to the City Council members in their complete form, with exception of oversized material, such as maps, photos, etc. Recommendations are based on reports from committees.